

Activist Added As Defendant In Robo-Call Suit

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A Republican activist thought to be behind a controversial series of political robo-calls has been added as a defendant in a Minnehaha County lawsuit.

The *Argus Leader* reports that 31-year-old Daniel Willard will be forced to testify under oath in the case through a deposition.

Willard has been charged criminally in Lake County in connection with two of the calls.

The Rushmore Political Action Committee and Dan Lederman initially filed the lawsuit against 100 unnamed defendants and Veterans Against Unethical Politicians and Republican Values Voters.

Joel Arends, Lederman's attorney, says Willard will have to reveal who was funding the calls.

Willard's lawyer, R. Shawn Tornow, says some of the information sought by the plaintiffs' attorneys is too broad and "they're engaged in an unproductive fishing expedition."

Man Wanted In Calif. Faces Neb. Charge

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A 41-year-old man wanted on a California warrant has been arrested in Nebraska, accused of possessing more than 80 pounds of marijuana.

The Nebraska State Patrol says a state trooper pulled over a pickup on a traffic violation just before 2:30 a.m. Friday along Interstate 80 in Lincoln.

The patrol says a check of the man's driver's license showed that he was wanted on a warrant alleging drug possession in Sonoma County, Calif., so the man was arrested. The patrol says an inventory of his truck turned up a bottle of hydrocodone tablets and 40 packages of pot.

The man was identified as Shane Barrett, of Willits, Calif. A Lancaster County jailer said Barrett remains in custody. Online court records don't list the name of his lawyer.

Owners Of Schoolhouse Unhappy With Help

RAPID CITY (AP) — The owners of an old sandstone one-room schoolhouse in South Dakota that is named after one of the state's most notorious criminals say the building has attracted unwanted admirers.

The school is one of the final remnants of Crook City. It's known as the Sitts Schoolhouse because escaped convict George Sitts made the building his hideout before killing two lawmen.

Sitts was the only man executed by electric chair in South Dakota.

The owners of the schoolhouse, Michael and Donna Auer, tell the *Rapid City Journal* they want to repair the building, but don't want government organizations involved.

The Auers are upset that a member of the Society of Black Hills Pioneers who reportedly offered to help with repairs applied for a grant from the Deadwood Historic Preservation Committee.

Airline Deal Could Open New Routes In Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Airport officials in South Dakota's largest city say the planned merger of American Airlines and US Airways might create some new destinations.

Sioux Falls Regional Airport executive director Dan Letellier says he doesn't anticipate changes to the schedule in the near future, but the airport would like to see a daily flight to US Airways' hubs in Phoenix, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

Letellier tells the *Argus Leader* it should take the company a year before it begins consolidating operations and flight schedules.

Says Letellier, "They need to receive government approval, then begin on working on new union contracts that consolidate seniority lists and work rules and pay."

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MENUS

Menus listed below are for the week of February 18. Menus are subject to change without notice. All meals are served with milk.

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| Yankton Elementary Schools
Monday — NO SCHOOL
Tuesday — Oven Fried Chicken
Wednesday — Tavern
Thursday — Nacho Chips
Friday — Italian Dunker W/ Sauce | YHS C Line Menu
Monday — NO SCHOOL
Tuesday — Chicken Fajita
Wednesday — Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Thursday — Fiestada Pizza
Friday — BBQ Chicken Sandwich |
| Yankton Middle School
Monday — NO SCHOOL
Tuesday — Chicken Littles
Wednesday — French Toast Sticks
Thursday — Spaghetti
Friday — Grilled Cheese Sandwich | Sacred Heart Schools
Monday — NO SCHOOL
Tuesday — Chicken Leg
Wednesday — Chili Cheese Dog
Thursday — Chicken Noodle Soup
Friday — Cheese Pizza |
| YHS A Line Menu
Monday — NO SCHOOL
Tuesday — Beef Sticks
Wednesday — Popcorn Chicken
Thursday — Turkey Hoagie
Friday — Italian Dunker W/ Sauce | The Center — Yankton
Monday — Chicken Fried Steak
Tuesday — Lasagna
Wednesday — Baked Chicken
Thursday — BBQ Ribs
Friday — Baked Potato Bar |
| YHS B Line Menu
Monday — NO SCHOOL
Tuesday — Mac & Chees Casserole
Wednesday — Baked Potato Bar
Thursday — Potato Soup
Friday — Fish Sandwich | Tabor Senior Citizens Center
Monday —
Tuesday — Baked Ham
Wednesday — Hamburger
Thursday — Roast Beef
Friday — |

Panel Approves Longer Abortion Wait

BY CHET BROKAW
Associated Press

PIERRE — A bill that could require some women seeking abortions to wait longer after first seeing a doctor was approved Friday by a South Dakota House committee after supporters said women need time to reflect and seek counseling before ending a pregnancy.

South Dakota already has the nation's longest waiting period at three days. The Judiciary Committee vote 9-2 to approve a measure providing that Saturdays, Sundays and holidays would not count in calculating that three-day wait.

The bill would change provisions of a 2011 law that established the three-day waiting period and required women to undergo counseling at pregnancy help centers, which discourage abortions, before they can terminate a pregnancy. Planned Parenthood, which operates the only abortion clinic in the state in Sioux Falls, challenged the law in court, but recently withdrew its appeal of the three-day wait. The counseling requirement, imposed to determine whether a woman is being coerced into getting an abortion, is still being challenged in federal court, where a judge has temporarily blocked it from taking effect.

The measure's main sponsor, Rep. Jon Hansen, R-Dell Rapids, said the law needs to be changed in case the counseling requirement eventually takes effect. Counselors often are not available in pregnancy counseling centers on weekends and holidays, he said.

"The exclusion of weekends and holidays is crucial to ensuring a pregnant mother is able to obtain counseling," Hanson said.

Opponents countered that extending the

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ALISHA SIDOR

three-day wait could cause hardships for some women and even prevent some from getting abortions. Women who live far from the state's only abortion clinic could have to make two or three separate trips to Sioux Falls to get an abortion, and the exclusion of weekends and holidays would make it more difficult for them to get off work and travel, they said.

Alisha Sidor, director of NARAL Pro-Choice South Dakota, said the bill could force some women to delay abortions for weeks as they juggle trips to the abortion clinic with their jobs and other responsibilities. The bill "effectively would ban abortions for many, if not all, women in South Dakota," she said.

"Reject the demeaning implication that women cannot make responsible decisions about their reproductive health without government interference," Sidor said.

Rep. Karen Stoli, D-Sioux Falls, a pastor, said she opposes the bill because it assumes counselors at pregnancy help centers cannot work on weekends.

"It's very unreasonable to suggest a counselor cannot be made available on a weekend or holiday when such a serious decision is being made," Stoli said.

But Brittany Weston of Yankton said the counseling requirement is important because

she never would have had an abortion at age 22 if she had been able to talk to someone first. She said the father of her baby coerced her into getting an abortion, and the abortion clinic staff did not help her.

"They took something away from me I will never get back, my child and my soul," Weston said.

Tiffany Campbell, an official of the American Civil Liberties Union of South Dakota, cried as she testified against the bill, describing how she was pregnant with twin boys but had to have one aborted to save the other. She said there's no reason to make women wait three days to get an abortion, and the bill would extend that time and increase the stress on women.

"Forcing a woman who needs an abortion to delay her procedure for non-medical reasons is callous, cruel and dangerous," Campbell told lawmakers.

Rep. Peggy Gibson, D-Huron, said the bill is part of an ongoing attempt to prevent safe and legal abortions in South Dakota. She said it will lead to another lawsuit designed to test the limits of what states can do to restrict abortion.

But Hansen said the bill aims to protect women and unborn children.

"The true intent of this bill is to look to the best interest of pregnant mothers in this state to ensure that they are fully informed when they make their decision, their irrevocable decision to terminate the life of a whole, separate and unique living human being," Hansen said.

Hansen withdrew another measure that would have prevented someone from suing a doctor who failed to let them know a fetus had a physical or mental disability.

Neb. Counties Fighting Wrongful Death Suit

BY MARGERY A. BECK
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — County officials in western Nebraska have asked a federal court to dismiss a lawsuit in the death of a 47-year-old woman in the Box Butte County jail.

Lori Heiting, of Hay Springs, died Dec. 4, 2010, after she was found unresponsive in her cell. She had been arrested near Chadron in Dawes County the day before on suspicion of driving under the influence, and transferred to the neighboring county.

Jennifer Young, Heiting's daughter and representative of her mother's estate, filed a lawsuit last month in Box Butte County District Court against Dawes and Box Butte counties and several unnamed county officials. The lawsuit was moved to

federal court on Feb. 1.

The lawsuit says that before Heiting was jailed, she was taken by the arresting officer to a Chadron hospital, where a doctor diagnosed her with high blood pressure and chronic back pain and gave her medication for both. Heiting was then taken to the Dawes County jail, and transferred 45 miles south to the Box Butte County jail in Alliance.

While at the second jail, Heiting complained of illness and chest pains, the lawsuit says, but was ignored by jail personnel. Sometime on Dec. 4, an ambulance was called and Heiting was taken to a local hospital, where she died.

"Box Butte County agents and employees left Heiting unchecked for extended periods of time even though they knew, or should have known, she was complaining of and suffering

from symptoms indicating a possible serious medical illness or condition," the lawsuit says.

The lawsuit also says Young and her attorney have repeatedly been denied access to Heiting's autopsy report, even after the Box Butte County attorney gave written consent in February 2011. The lawsuit says the county attorney rescinded the consent two weeks after giving it.

Young's lawsuit claims the counties' negligence led to Heiting's death and that they violated Heiting's constitutional rights to due process and equal protection. It also asks the court to order the counties to provide her with the autopsy report and other documents and records pertaining to Heiting's death.

On Thursday, an attorney for the counties, Vincent Valentino of Lincoln, filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit, saying Young missed the two-year deadline to

file and that the counties are protected from such lawsuits by sovereign immunity.

The counties also are fighting attempts to turn over the autopsy report and other documents, saying "nothing prevented plaintiff from conducting an independent autopsy," Valentino wrote.

Valentino said Friday that he could not comment on the case beyond what is detailed in his court filings.

A reply brief by Young's attorney, Amy Patras of Chadron, did not appear on online court records by midday Friday. Patras did not immediately return a message left Friday seeking comment.

The lawsuit requests a jury trial and seeks unspecified amount for punitive and other damages, funeral costs and attorneys' fees.

Car Talk

Something Running Even When Car Is Off

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
King Features Syndicate

Dear Tom and Ray:

I finally figured out what the sound is in my garage. Something on my 2009 Toyota Corolla is running when the car is turned off! I have heard it at various times of the day and night, and also when the car has been parked for hours. There is a noise coming from the driver's-side rear — behind the tire. It sounds like a fan. It runs for four to five minutes at a time, then shuts off. I called Toyota; they have no idea what it is and want me to bring it in. After taking it several times, I really don't want to give up the use of my car AGAIN. And it might not turn on until everyone has gone home for the night. Have any ideas? P.S. The car runs fine. —Elaina

TOM: Well, first we have to chide you for hanging around your car hours after you've shut it off, Elaina. What are you, some kind of Corolla stalker?

RAY: It's probably the evaporative emissions system pump, Elaina.

TOM: Before we were concerned about pollution and smog and asthma and not being able to breathe and all that, all gas caps had pinholes in them.

RAY: That allowed air to enter the tank as the gasoline was drawn out. Otherwise, the gas tank would crumple in on itself, like a baggie that you sucked the air out of. But, of course, the hole

in the gas cap not only let air in, it also let gasoline vapors out, and that created — well, Los Angeles.

TOM: So, an evaporative emissions recycling system is now used on every car. It allows air to get into the tank but stops gasoline vapors from escaping. Instead it stores the vapors in a charcoal canister, and then purges them and sends them to the engine to be combusted when the car is started again.

RAY: What you're hearing is the evaporative emissions pump pressurizing the system. It does that automatically to check the system for leaks. If it discovers a

leak, it'll eventually turn on your Check Engine light.

TOM: I'm guessing you have a sticky valve or some sort of small leak in the system. It should be covered under your emissions warranty.

RAY: So you can go back to your dealership and point them in the direction of the evaporative emissions pump, and ask them to check it out.

TOM: Or, alternatively, stop loitering in your garage, leave the car alone and don't worry about it until the Check Engine light comes on. Good luck, Elaina.

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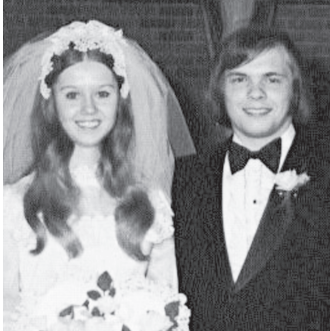
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Dauna Peters and John Ogden were married Feb. 17, 1973.

They have two children: Jonna Supurgeci, Yankton; Tricia Coulson Aberdeen.

The couple has four grandchildren.