

## Neb. High Court Vacates Life Sentences

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The Nebraska Supreme Court has vacated the sentences of three men ordered imprisoned for life without parole when they were juveniles, citing a 2012 U.S. Supreme Court ruling striking down such sentences. The rulings Friday came in the cases of Douglas Mantich, who was sentenced for his role in a 1993 gang-related shooting death in Omaha, and Eric Ramirez and Juan Castaneda, sentenced for their roles in a 2008 Omaha shooting spree that left two dead and one injured. The three were teenagers when the crimes were committed. While the state Supreme Court upheld the convictions of the three on Friday, it found the U.S. Supreme Court has determined that teenagers cannot be locked up for life without the chance of parole.

## Panel Approves Bill On State Bank Tax

PIERRE (AP) — A South Dakota House committee has unanimously approved Gov. Dennis Daugaard's plan to stabilize state income from its tax on bank income. The state's bank franchise tax is based on the portion of a bank's property, payroll and receipts attributable to South Dakota. State Revenue Secretary Andy Gerlach says the current formula does not take into account modern banking practices because different parts of a transaction can take part in different states. The bill would calculate South Dakota's share of bank receipts on where a customer is located, rather than where the bank activity takes place. Gerlach says without the change, state bank tax revenue would fall to about \$4 million a year. He says the change will stabilize receipts at \$8 million to \$10 million a year.

## Neb. Sex Offender Pleads Not Guilty

BEATRICE, Neb. (AP) — A convicted sex offender has pleaded not guilty to allegations that he sexually assaulted a 6-year-old girl in southeast Nebraska. The *Beatrice Daily Sun* says 49-year-old Harold Johnson entered the pleas Thursday in Gage County District Court. A pretrial conference is scheduled for April 17. Court records say Johnson faces three felony counts that prosecutors say stem from incidents in Odell after his release from prison in June 2012. The girl told her mother and then authorities that Johnson had touched her inappropriately on more than one occasion. The Nebraska Sex Offender Registry says Johnson, who lives in Lincoln, was convicted in May 1995 of sexually assaulting a child.

## Cargill Adds 'Textured Beef' Wording

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Cargill has added wording to its ground beef package labels to say whether they include the product that's been called "pink slime." The *Lincoln Journal Star* says the company announced in November that it would be adding the labeling. Cargill says bulk packages and some ground beef chubs bear labels that say, "Contains Finely Textured Beef." Another company that makes the product, Beef Products Inc., sued ABC news in September 2012 after ABC aired a story that used the phrase "pink slime." The company says ABC's story misled consumers into believing the product is unhealthy and unsafe. The company says it lost business and had to close plants in Texas, Kansas and Iowa. It kept open a Nebraska plant. Beef Products Inc. is based in South Dakota.

## Body Found Near Railroad Tracks IDed

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Police have released the name of a man whose body was found near railroad tracks in Lincoln. He was identified Thursday as 36-year-old Tim Lanham, of Ravenna. A Burlington Northern Santa Fe train crew found his body Wednesday morning. Police say he'd been hit by a train but not the train carrying the crew that found the body. An autopsy was done Thursday. It's unclear when Lanham died or the circumstances of his death.

# Propane Shortage Reservation Crisis

BY BLAKE NICHOLSON  
Associated Press

FORT YATES, N.D. (AP) — A nationwide propane shortage is hitting an American Indian reservation that straddles the border of North and South Dakota particularly hard, causing tribal officials to warn that the thousands of low-income residents who live there are running out of ways to heat their ramshackle homes. The Standing Rock Reservation is on the wind-swept Northern Plains where there is little to block the icy gales that whip in from the northwest and create wind chills as low as 50 below. Many residents live in mobile homes, some with ill-fitting doors, others with boards tacked up where the windows should be, or deteriorating roofs that leak much-needed warmth.

The propane crisis escalated this week when Debbie Dogskin, 61, died while house-sitting for a friend in a run-down mobile home with an empty propane tank. "We think she just fell asleep and died," said her mother, Sara Dogskin, tears trickling from the corners of her eyes as she stared out the dining room window of her house just a few blocks from where her daughter died early Tuesday. Preliminary autopsy results released Friday did not identify a cause of death, but Sioux County Sheriff Frank Landeis said he believes Dogskin froze to death because it was as cold inside the

home as out that morning — 1 degree below zero. Dogskin's family said she had taken off some of her clothes, a symptom of the altered state of mind of someone in the advanced stages of hypothermia. Toxicology reports were expected in six to eight weeks. As the Dogskin family prepared for a memorial service, authorities investigated why there was no propane to heat the home. Her mother said Dogskin, who was known for helping others, likely felt a sense of responsibility to stay in the freezing home and keep watch over it for her friend. "She should have come back," Sara Dogskin said. "But my daughter, she would never say no."

Propane — a by-product of natural gas processing and petroleum refining — has been in short supply in the U.S. since late last year after farmers burned up more than usual to dry out a late wet harvest. Compounding that, less propane has been arriving from Canada because of higher demand there, and the deadly cold winter in the U.S. has increased demand and driven up prices here. A gallon of propane is about \$3.90 per gallon in the U.S. this week, down about 12 cents over the week but up about \$1.59 from last year at the same time, according to U.S. Energy Information Administration data released Wednesday. Ken Snider, who drives a propane truck for Cenex out of Selfridge, said the price on the reservation

this winter peaked at \$4.65 a gallon. The shortage has been particularly problematic on the 3,600-square-mile reservation, which has no natural gas lines and where using electricity to heat homes can be too expensive for many impoverished families, according to Tribal Chairman Dave Archambault II. As many as 5,000 homes on the reservation rely on propane. Andrew Littlemoon Jr., 57, said he worries about maintaining a propane supply through the end of the winter. The disabled military veteran is unable to work. He and his wife rely on tribal aid and do what they can to conserve fuel in their small, poorly insulated rental house. "We're using electric heaters, plus when we cook on the propane stove, we use that to help heat up the house," he said.

Many reservation families are on fixed incomes and can no longer afford propane. "As far as supply goes, we haven't had any problems," said Snider, the propane truck driver. "The normal person — how do you afford the price? I filled a guy's 1,000-gallon tank, and \$2,475 is what it cost him, and the tank wasn't even empty." The tribe has opened six shelters across the reservation, and the Red Cross provided cots, blankets and food. The shelters have not been heavily used so far, in large part because the tribe has provided propane through a program that helps the needy

pay to heat their homes. But that money is limited. Budget cuts mean the tribe received \$1.5 million from the federal government this winter, down from \$2.5 million last winter. "We do have resources, but when you have a lot of people below 20 percent (propane in their tanks), you get a big, long list," Archambault said. "And it's a temporary fix, a Band-Aid."

Chase Iron Eyes, an attorney and American Indian advocate who grew up on Standing Rock, hopes he has a solution. He has launched a fundraising program dubbed "Heating the Rez" through www.indiegogo.com. His initial goal is to raise \$50,000 to fund a pilot project to outfit 20 homes with heat stoves that burn pellets made from natural materials that can be found on the reservation, such as wood, cherry pits and grasses. "If we can start a shift away from market dependence, from prices we can't control, that's the long-term solution," he said. "We need a strategy to grow, produce and manufacture our own heating sources."

The situation was bad enough without a death to augment it, Iron Eyes said. "I haven't been that shaken up in a long time," he said. "That circumstances had come to a point where as humans, not as Indians but as humans, we allowed somebody to meet their death in preventable circumstances ... I consider it to be a human right. Everyone has a right to a warm house."

# Vote On Raw Milk Rules Delayed

BY NORA HERTEL  
Associated Press

PIERRE (AP) — A South Dakota Senate committee delayed a vote Friday on a bill that would relax regulations on raw milk to give the two opposing sides in the debate two weeks to put together a compromise measure. After hours of discussion, the Health and Human Services Committee voted 5-2 to push back until Feb. 19 the decision on the bill, which would repeal the rules imposed in December by the state Department of Agriculture and replace them with less stringent standards. Raw milk producers and their customers said the Department of Agriculture's rules will force producers to spend too much money to comply with unnecessarily strict standards. But advocates say the measure is necessary to protect public health.

Raw milk is not pasteurized, a process that involves heating milk to destroy bacteria and protect shelf life. It can only be sold directly from the producer to the consumer in South Dakota. The proposed rules require tests on fewer types of bacteria in the milk as compared to the current standards. The bill would allow levels of coliform bacteria five times as high as those in existing rules. It would also allow for the sale of cream made from raw milk. Trever Gilkerson, the owner of Jerseydale Farms, said he supports the revised rules. He said his operation's milk was recently investigated under the current regulations for a strain of the pathogen listeria that was later deemed harmless. He said he lost business because of the way the Agriculture Department handled the testing and notified the public. Gilkerson's operation produces 90 percent commercial milk and 10 percent raw milk. The rules that govern raw milk sales have been in place since Dec. 11 of last year. The Agriculture Department put the new rules into effect after holding three public hearings. "These rules were rammed down the

throats of South Dakotans," said Sen. Phil Jensen, R-Rapid City, who has been drinking raw milk for the past three years. Jensen's wife, Janet Jensen, also testified in favor of the measure, saying that raw milk provides important nutrients for cancer survivors. Nisa Kurr said raw milk helped her health problems as well, and now she runs Joy Farms in Caputa. She said in the three years she's operated the farm, the rules have become stricter and stricter. "This bill is awesome," Kurr said. "It affects my dream of being a small farmer in South Dakota, where I'm from."

But State Agriculture Secretary Lucas Lentsch said the department's rules should be kept in place to set standards for purity and wholesomeness. "This debate should not be about food freedom," Lentsch said. "Do not mistake existing rules for restrictions on food choice." He said the new levels for acceptable amounts of bacteria set out in Jensen's bill are not prudent.

## Click & Clack

# Stick With Recommended Oil Filters

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI  
King Features Syndicate, Inc.

**Dear Tom and Ray:** I found a larger oil filter for my car with the same exact specs, except for the length. The larger one is about 1.5 inches longer. With the extra size and more oil capacity, is there any reason not to use the larger one? My car usually takes a Purolator PSL14670. The bigger one is a PSL30001. Thanks. — Larry

**RAY:** I don't really recommend it, Larry.

**TOM:** We do that for some customers' cars at the garage, at their request. There's never anything wrong with the filter that comes with the car; it's designed to do the job. But with a larger filter, where everything else is equal, you'll filter a little more oil per minute, and some people think that helps the engine over time.

**RAY:** You'll increase your oil capacity by a very small amount, so you'll have to add more oil when you refill the crankcase. But if you pay attention to the "Full" mark on the dipstick, that's not a problem.

**TOM:** But there are two potential dangers I can think of. One is that your new, larger oil filter does not filter to the

same specifications as the OEM part (Original Equipment Manufacturer ... the part that came with the car). A lot of filters look the same, but just because it looks the same and screws onto your engine block, that doesn't mean it'll do what the manufacturer requires it to do.

**RAY:** The other danger is that on some cars, the filter is in a place where if you make it longer, it can get hit by road debris. That's a potential disaster. If something on the road were to strike the filter and tear it open, you'd lose all your oil in a matter of seconds, and your engine likely would be toast.

**TOM:** So if you're uncertain about any of these things, we suggest that you stick with the manufacturer's recommendation for the oil filter. That's 100 percent adequate, and is guaranteed to do the job.

**RAY:** But if you're a hobbyist or tinkerer or it's Saturday and you already cleaned the barbecue grill twice, and you know what you're doing, you

can try this, Larry. **TOM:** You might want to wait until the car is out of warranty first, though. Just in case.

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## MILITARY

**KARA L. KIELTY**  
Air Force Airman 1st Class Kara L. Kielty graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and

studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Kielty is the daughter of Todd Kielty of Omaha and Linda Honeycutt of Bloomfield. She is a 2010 graduate of Millard South High School, Omaha.

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## MENUS

Menus listed below are for the week of Feb 10, 2014. Menus are subject to change without notice. All meals are served with milk.

### Yankton Elementary Schools

Monday — Popcorn Chicken  
Tuesday — French Toast  
Wednesday — Teriyaki Chicken  
Thursday — Nachos  
Friday — Shrimp Poppers

### Yankton Middle School

Monday — Nachos  
Tuesday — Chicken Burger  
Wednesday — Shrimp Poppers  
Thursday — Turkey Hoagie  
Friday — Italian Dunker

### YHS A Line Menu

Monday — Chicken Strips  
Tuesday — Cheese Enchiladas  
Wednesday — Spaghetti  
Thursday — Roast Turkey  
Friday — Shrimp Poppers

### YHS B Line Menu

Monday — Pizza Pocket  
Tuesday — Beef Stroganoff  
Wednesday — Egg Roll  
Thursday — Potato Soup  
Friday — Ham/Cheese Croissant

### YHS C Line Menu

Monday — Tavern  
Tuesday — French Dip  
Wednesday — Footlong  
Thursday — Cold Sub Sandwich  
Friday — Chicken Littles

### Sacred Heart Schools

Monday — Meatloaf  
Tuesday — Goulash  
Wednesday — Hotdog  
Thursday — Pepperoni Pizza  
Friday — N/A

### The Center/Yankton

Monday — Sloppy Joe  
Tuesday — Beef Tips  
Wednesday — Chick. Enchilada  
Thursday — Swedish Meatballs  
Friday — Hot Beef Sandwich

### Tabor Senior Citizens Center

Monday — N/A  
Tuesday — Roast Beef  
Wednesday — Chicken/Dressing  
Thursday — Swiss Steak  
Friday — N/A

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