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# S.D. Proposal Could Really Cost Speeders

Some May Lose Licenses Under Bill

By The Associated Press

RAPID CITY, — South Dakota drivers already pay fines for speeding, but the worst repeat offenders might soon face the loss of their drivers' licenses.

Rep. Steve Hickey, R-Sioux Falls, said he has prepared a bill to add speeding tickets to the system that gives drivers points on their records for moving violations. Too many points result in a suspended license.

The current point system covers reckless driving, running a stop sign or stop light, improper passing and just about every other moving violation, but it does not give points for speeding.

"It is an obvious exclusion in the law that makes no sense," Hickey told the Rapid City Journal.

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The proposal would be a return to the points assessed in 1985 before speeding was excluded from the points system.

Under the points system, a license is suspended if a driver accumulates 15 points in 12 months, or 22 points in 24 months.

While a drunken driving conviction gets a driver 10 points, and attempting to elude a police officer gets six points, Hickey's bill would impose up to three points per speeding violation.

Drivers could get three points if they exceeded the speed limit by more than 20 mph on an interstate highway or more than 10 mph on any other road. Exceeding the limit by 16-20 mph on an interstate or 6-10 mph on other roads would bring two points, while speeding up to 5 mph over the limit on non-interstates would bring one point.

Hickey said the proposal would help discourage the worst repeat of-

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## Powerball Ticket Price Set To Double

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Powerball lottery organizers are betting that bigger jackpots will entice more people to play, but gamblers are going to have to dig deeper into their wallets to try their luck.

Tickets for the multistate game are doubling in price to \$2 beginning Jan. 15. While the odds of winning one of the game's giant jackpots also are improving, those in charge of the lottery are gambling that people are willing to pay more for the hope of becoming a millionaire in a down economy.

"With the price of everything else going up, there's not much you can get for a dollar anymore," said 28-year-old Ryan Raker, of Des Moines, Iowa, who buys a ticket once a

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month. He says he'll probably play less frequently now. Lotteries have long sold regular people on the hope of becoming rich quickly by simply picking a lucky combination of numbers. Some play loved ones' birthdays or anniversaries in the hope that fate may point them in the direction of a jackpot. Selling that hope is easy; less so is predicting consumers' sensitivity to price changes.



Tom and Jo Anne Stanage have been selected as the 2011 Citizens of the Year for Yankton. Tom is the executive director at Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health Services, Inc., and Jo Anne is a nurse at the Yankton Medical Clinic. A reception honoring the couple will be announced at a later date.

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# For Stanages, Home Is Where The Commitment Is

BY NATHAN JOHNSON  
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When Dr. Tom Stanage prepared to embark on his professional career, he and his wife, Jo Anne, had a big decision to make. Would they go from Chapel Hill, N.C., where Tom was finishing up his internship, to a job opportunity in Wilmington, N.C., or would the couple move back to the Yankton area where he could start up an autism program?

Luckily for Yankton, the couple chose the latter. "The other opportunity was probably more lucrative, but we had holes in our hearts (because we missed our family and Yankton)," said Jo Anne, who grew up in Milbank before making Yankton her home.

For their good works, the Stanages have been named Yankton's 2011 Citizens of the Year by a committee composed of various local civic organizations. The *Press & Dakotan* is one of the sponsors of the Citizen of the Year award.

Tom is executive director of Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health Services, Inc., (L&CBHS) and president of the board of directors for Yankton Area Mental Wellness, Inc. He also serves on the Council of Substance Abuse Directors, the Council of Mental Health Centers, the Yankton County Historical Society, the Yankton Housing and Redevelopment Commission, the South Dakota Board of Psychology, the Governor's Behavioral Health Task Force, The (Senior Citizens) Center board and the Children's Mental Health Advisory Board.

Jo Anne is a licensed practical nurse at the Yankton Medical Clinic. She is taking classes to become a registered nurse and is a former member of the Yankton Area Arts board. She is also an artist who enjoys quilting and working with beads and glass.

Together, they make a team that supports each other and forms a core for their closely-knit family of two daughters, their husbands and five grandchildren.

"I certainly couldn't do what I do without Jo Anne,"

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## YHS Student Gets A Day With Vikings

BY JEREMY HOECK  
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A simple phone call turned into a rare, and eye-opening, opportunity for Nick Robinson.

The Yankton High School junior and first-year member of the *Woksape*, the student newspaper, got to spend one Sunday afternoon in mid-December with his favorite NFL team — the Minnesota Vikings.

It wasn't as a fan, however. Robinson was instead shadowing the team's media and communications staff, helping "run" stats to media members and photographers, and assisting in post-game press conferences.

"It was a pretty rough game, but it was still awesome," said Robinson, of the Dec. 18 game between the Vikings and New Orleans Saints — a 42-20 Saints win — at the Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minn.

Robinson, the sports editor for the *Woksape*, was presented the opportunity after a conversation with the paper's advisor, Teri Mandel.

Mandel graduated from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa, with Jeff Anderson, the director of corporate communications for the Vikings.

"Nick and I just sat down to talk about what he wanted to do, what his plans for the



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Yankton High School junior Nick Robinson recently had the chance to work with the media relations department of the Minnesota Vikings during their game against the New Orleans Saints. "It was a pretty rough game, but it was still awesome," Robinson said.

future are," Mandel said. "He wanted to get into some sort of sportswriting or public relations, so I said, 'I have a friend who does exactly that.'"

The resulting phone conversation with Anderson gave Robinson a better idea of the experience he would need for such a career, he said.

And then there was the invitation.

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### Washington State

## Gunman Is Loose In National Park After Fatal Sunday Shooting

BY MIKE BAKER  
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MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK, Wash. — A Mount Rainier National Park ranger was fatally shot following a New Year's Day traffic stop, and the 368-square-mile park in Washington state was closed as dozens of officers searched for the armed gunman over snowy and rugged terrain.

Pierce County Sheriff's spokesman Ed Troyer said late Sunday afternoon Benjamin Colton Barnes, a 24-year-old believed to have survivalist skills, was a "strong person of interest" in the slaying of Margaret Anderson. A parks spokesman said Barnes was an Iraq war veteran. Authorities recovered his vehicle, which had weapons and body armor inside, Troyer said.

Barnes was also a suspect in the early Sunday morning shooting of four people at a house party south of Seattle, police said.

Authorities believed the gunman was still in the woods, with weapons. They asked people to stay away from the park, and for those already inside to leave.

"We do have a very hot and dangerous situation," Troyer said.

Troyer said authorities were following tracks in the snow they believe are from the gunman, and crews planned to bring an airplane through the area with heat-seeking capabilities.

"We believe we have a good track on him, but he's way ahead of us," Troyer said.

Kevin Bacher, a spokeswoman for the park, said about 125 people were still at the visitor's center Sunday night along with five law enforcement officers protecting the facility. He said crews had considered removing them in armored vehicles, but decided not to take any risk.

The park would remain closed Monday, officials announced late Sunday.

Jason Simpson, 29, of Kent, said his parents were still trapped at the visitor's center after traveling to the mountain for a day hike. His parents were able to make a call explaining their situation, and Simpson drove to the park entrance to wait.

"It's very distressing," Simpson said. Sgt. Cindi West, King County Sheriff's spokesperson, said late Sunday that

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