

Police ID Sioux Falls Man Killed By Car

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Police have identified a Sioux Falls man who was killed when he was hit by a car in the eastern part of town. Police say 43-year-old Gary Peter Herll died from injuries at a local hospital after he was struck by the vehicle Friday morning. Police say the investigation is ongoing and no charges have been filed against the driver.

Omaha Man To Be Tried In Death Case

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The case against a Nebraska man accused of killing his girlfriend's father and cutting up the body will move forward. A judge decided Monday that there was enough evidence for a trial in John Moniz's case, KETV reported. He is charged with first-degree murder, possessing stolen property and failing to register as a sex offender. Prosecutors said Moniz, 35, killed 52-year-old Delbert Freemont Jr., whose torso and legs were found Dec. 9 in a Washington County ravine just north of Omaha. Authorities found significant blood spatters on the ceiling and walls of Freemont's home, and tests confirmed the blood belonged to Freemont. Moniz and his girlfriend had been living with Freemont until shortly before his death. Moniz is being held without bond. His attorney did not immediately respond to a message Monday afternoon. Another man is charged with being an accessory after the killing. Moniz and his girlfriend moved in with that man around Thanksgiving. Defense attorneys argued during Monday's hearing that the killing wasn't premeditated, but prosecutors said evidence about other injuries to the victim suggest the killing was planned. When Moniz was arrested on Dec. 20, authorities say he was driving a stolen vehicle.

Neb. E-Cig Retailers Endorse Minors Ban

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska retailers who specialize in e-cigarettes are supporting a bill that would ban minors from using their products. The bill drew support Monday from store owners in Omaha and Lincoln and the Nebraska Grocery Industry Association. Tim Bowen, the owner of Plumes, an Omaha e-cigarette store, says e-cigarettes helped him beat his addiction to cigarettes. Bowen says his store already prohibits sales to minors, but his clerks catch about four a week trying to buy products. David Holmquist of the American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network says research has yet to show whether e-cigarettes pose health risks. Holmquist also raised concerns that e-cigarettes could reverse years of work by advocates to make cigarettes socially unappealing. E-cigarettes heat liquid and nicotine into a flavored, smokeless vapor.

Suspect Identified In Aberdeen Shooting

ABERDEEN (AP) — Aberdeen police have identified a man arrested after a weekend shooting that wounded a woman. The American News reports that Diego Mendez is scheduled to appear in court on Monday afternoon on charges of aggravated assault and reckless discharge of a firearm. The shooting happened outdoors in the area of South Main Street about 2 a.m. Saturday. Police said the woman was taken to a hospital with a neck injury that was not life-threatening.

Casinos

SD May Ban Some Players

BY CHET BROKAW
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PIERRE — South Dakota gambling regulators are seeking to strengthen a state law that allows cheaters or other disreputable players to be banned from Deadwood casinos. The South Dakota Gaming Commission already has authority to ban players from entering casinos based on cheating or other misconduct, but such bans have been difficult to enforce because there is no penalty for banned players who re-enter casinos, commission Executive Director Larry Eliason said. The commission is asking the Legislature to pass a bill making it a Class 1 misdemeanor carrying a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a \$2,000

fine to enter a casino after being placed on the list of people excluded from casinos. The law already allows the commission to exclude people convicted of felonies and those who would damage public trust in the gaming industry. The bill would add language allowing exclusion of someone who would damage "public confidence that gambling is conducted honestly." Six people are now on the exclusion list, but it's been a while since anyone has been added because there's no penalty for players who ignore it, Eliason said. People placed on the exclusion list can appeal and request a hearing with the commission. "This would allow the casino to call the police and have the person arrested," Eliason said. "It's just to give

the casino and the commission a tool to help police the industry." Mike Rodman, director of the Deadwood Gaming Association, said casino operators are supporting the commission's proposal. "It puts teeth in the exclusion list," Rodman said. Eliason said the commission has authority over casino owners and employees because they are licensed, but it needs some authority to enforce bans on players who do something jeopardizing the integrity of games. The six on the current exclusion list include someone who stole keys to a casino's slot machines and a person who stole money from another player. Another case involved someone who helped an underage player get into a poker tournament, Eliason said.

South Dakota

Common Core Opponent Assails Program

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — The state Board of Education heard from a citizen Monday that the national Common Core standards being used in South Dakota's public schools are "a sham and a lie" meant to transform "a free America" to "world socialism (and) communism." The board allowed Florence Thompson of Caputa 15 minutes to speak at the end of its meeting. She gave yellow folders to board members. The folders each contained a written copy of her testimony and 11 other articles by various authors across the country. "Common Core has been called a Trojan horse. As the state Board of Education you have a sacred obligation to future generations to look inside

this Trojan horse and see with clear eyes what is really there," Thompson told them. Board members appeared to listen to her remarks, but the only response she received was silence. Her appearance marked the third consecutive state board meeting at which Common Core opponents spoke. The board adopted Common Core in 2010 after a public hearing and isn't reversing course. The first achievement tests based on Common Core will be conducted this year. After the meeting Monday, Thompson said opponents would try to get the Legislature to overturn Common Core this winter. Sen. Phil Jensen, R-Rapid City, said last week he would sponsor repeal legislation.

Thompson, who said she is a retired school psychologist, wanted to be a legislator. She ran in a five-way primary in June 2012 for the two Republican nominations to the House of Representatives from district 30. She finished fifth, while Republicans Mike Verchio of Hill City and Lance Russell of Custer were re-elected. Last week, the state Senate failed to pass legislation that would have created a panel to evaluate Common Core and deliver a report to the Legislature and the governor by Dec. 1, 2015. The bill's sponsor, Sen. Ernie Otten, R-Tea, said the evaluation was a way for all sides to present information about Common Core. The vote was 18-16 in favor, but the bill needed a two-thirds majority of 24 ayes because it

contained an appropriation for the panel's expenses. Thompson, speaking to a reporter Monday, said the panel was a ruse intended to endorse Common Core. Otten, a first-term legislator, was one of the Senate's most conservative members last year. Thompson said his allegiance can't be trusted now because he's been appointed chairman of the Senate Taxation Committee for the 2014 session. Asked what would have been necessary to support Otten's bill, Thompson said "50-50," that is, half of the membership would have to be from the Common Core opposition, she said. Most of the 25-member board, as established in the legislation, was to be appointed by the governor.

Car Talk

Old Car Has Trouble With Its Get-Up-And-Go

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Dear Tom and Ray:
I have a 1979 Jeep CJ-7 with a 5-liter V-8 engine. The ignition switch is the type commonly used in vehicles of this vintage, and it's located on the steering column. It has an "accessory-only" position; an ignition-on, "run" position; and a spring-loaded, "crank" position, which activates the starter motor as long as you hold the key there. When I go to start the engine, I turn the ignition switch to the "crank" position, and the starter motor cranks normally. But the engine will not start until after I release the key and it springs back to the ignition-on, "run" position. I wired a remote starter switch directly into the starter solenoid and tried starting the car with that. And as long as the ignition switch was in the "run" position, I could make the starter motor crank and the engine fire up normally while the starter motor was still turning. Any ideas? — Michael

TOM: We couldn't remember, so we also took a moment to thank the automotive deities for that small blessing. **RAY:** The first thing I'd suspect and test would be a bad ignition switch in the steering column. **TOM:** What you want to do is test that "crank" position. When the key is in the crank position, both the starter motor and the coil are supposed to get power. **RAY:** The starter motor, obviously, gets power to crank the engine and get it turning. And the coil gets power to fire the spark plugs, so that once the engine starts turning, it will "catch" and keep running on its own. You're obviously getting juice to the starter motor in the "crank" position, but maybe not to the coil. **TOM:** You can find out with a test light. You obviously have some basic skills, since you hooked up a remote starter without setting your car on fire... yet. So hook up the light between the negative terminal of the battery and the positive (ignition) side of the coil. Then turn the key to "crank." My guess is that nothing will light up. **RAY:** That suggests that the ignition switch is bad. So your next step would be to try

a new switch. But, as you know and undoubtedly toss and turn at night thinking about, changing the ignition switch in the CJ-7 is a pain in the rear differential. **TOM:** So try a new switch without installing it first. You should be able to reach under the steering column, unplug the wires that go into the existing switch and then plug those wires into your new switch, which you'll leave dangling from the wires for now. **RAY:** Then use a screwdriver to turn the new switch and see what happens. If it works, you can then remove the steering wheel and all that, and install the new switch permanently. **TOM:** Or just leave it dangling. I think that's a nice

touch on a '79 CJ. Good luck, Michael. It's NEVER cheaper in the long run to buy a new car. Want proof? Order Tom and Ray's pamphlet "How to Buy a Great Used Car: Secrets Only Your Mechanic Knows." Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Used Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Get more Click and Clack in their new book, "Ask Click and Clack: Answers from Car Talk." Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or email them by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com. © 2014, Tom and Ray Magliozzi and Doug Berman

American Life In Poetry

Apple Blossoms Break Through The Winter

BY TED KOOSER
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This year's brutal winter surely calls for a poem such as today's selection, a peek at the inner workings of spring. Susan Kelly-DeWitt lives and teaches in Sacramento.

APPLE BLOSSOMS

One evening in winter when nothing has been enough, when the days are too short, the nights too long and cheerless, the secret and docile buds of the apple blossoms begin their quick ascent to light. Night after interminable night the sugars pucker and swell into green slips, green silks. And just as you find yourself at the end of winter's long, cold rope, the blossoms open like pink thimbles and that black dollop of shine called bumblebee stumbles in.

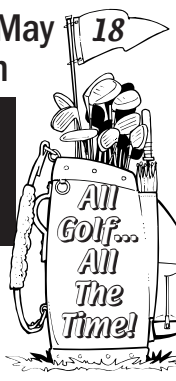
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