

'No Criminal Activity' In Girl's Death

PIERRE (AP) — The FBI has found no criminal activity during its investigation into the November dog-attack death of an 8-year-old girl on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. FBI spokesman Kyle Loven said Monday that the inquiry into Jayla Rodriguez's death is closed. Tribal police have said that Jayla was killed by a pack of dogs while sledding on Nov. 18. Jayla's death certificate described her death as an accident. Danielle Griffith, Jayla's mother, says she's "not happy" with the finding. Griffith says her daughter shouldn't have been outside alone when it was dark and says she wants to know why Jayla was by herself. Loven says the FBI is typically called into investigations on reservations when there's been a death.

Juvenile Justice Overhaul Advances

PIERRE (AP) — The South Dakota Senate has approved a proposal that attempts to shift juvenile offenders toward community-based services and significantly decrease the number committed to the care of the state Department of Corrections. The chamber voted unanimously Monday to send the measure to the state House, where it will be heard in committee. Republican Sen. Alan Solano is the main sponsor of the measure, which is also a key legislative priority of Gov. Dennis Daugaard for the 2015 session. Solano says the proposal would reduce the number of South Dakota juveniles in state-sponsored care while holding adolescent offenders more accountable. Daugaard is recommending about \$3.2 million for the next budget cycle as part of the proposal. Much of that is aimed at expanding access to community services, especially in rural counties.

Suspects In Kimball Standoff Indicted

PIERRE (AP) — A grand jury has indicted a father and son on charges stemming from a standoff near Kimball in which a South Dakota Highway Patrol trooper suffered gunshot wounds and another was fired upon. South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley says 42-year-old Donald London was indicted on two counts of attempted first-degree murder and three counts of aggravated assault on law enforcement officer. He faces up to 50 years in prison if convicted. Meanwhile, 66-year-old Michael London, of Chamberlain, was indicted on two counts of aiding and abetting aggravated assault on law enforcement officer. Authorities say the standoff began when the men threatened officers. An investigation found that over 100 rounds were fired from within the home that was the scene of the Jan. 7 incident. It's unclear whether the men have attorneys.

Iowa Branstad Hospitalized Overnight

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad will spend the night at a hospital with flu-like symptoms after being rushed there when he fell ill at an event Monday morning, a spokesman said. Branstad, 68, was alert and comfortable Monday afternoon, said spokesman Jimmy Centers. Branstad was staying overnight at Iowa Methodist Medical Center out of an "abundance of caution." Branstad's Tuesday public appearances have been canceled. The governor was taken by ambulance to the hospital after he required assistance at a ribbon-cutting event for a new research center at DuPont Pioneer in the Des Moines suburb of Johnston. State Sen. Brad Zaun, R-Urbandale, who was in the front row, said Branstad began to struggle with his speech and lose his balance. He was offered a chair before being helped to lie on the floor.

Nebraska

Open Bar Bill Faces Hurdles

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press



Larson

LINCOLN, Neb. — A bill to eliminate bar closing times in Nebraska drew stiff opposition Monday from cities as well as advocates who fight against drunken driving and binge drinking. No one testified in favor of the bill during a hearing of the Legislature's General Affairs Committee. Sen. Tyson Larson of O'Neill said he introduced the bill so businesses could decide for themselves. Larson said he doubted most bars would remain open 24 hours a day, but he wanted to give them the option for holidays such as New Year's Eve or special events. "The marketplace could and should dictate when establishments close for the day," he said in testimony to the General Affairs Committee. "... I believe in personal responsibility and not over-regulating our businesses." Nebraska imposes a 1 a.m. closing

time for bars but gives local governments the option to extend theirs to 2 a.m. with a supermajority vote of a city council, village board or county board. Omaha and Lincoln have allowed bars to close at 2 a.m. since 2010. The bill would also apply to public commons areas designated as entertainment districts, such as Lincoln's Railyard entertainment district, and to retail alcohol sales. Nebraska's border states generally let bars stay open until 2 a.m., although most bars in Missouri have to close at 1:30 a.m. Opponents included the city of Lincoln, the League of Nebraska Municipalities and Project Extra Mile, which works to stop underage drinking. Lincoln City Councilman Roy Christensen spoke against the bill on the city's behalf, saying it would place additional

strain on the city's police department during hours when its staffing levels were lowest. Christensen said city officials were also concerned that the bill would undermine the Railyard's family-friendly atmosphere. "We're concerned we would lose local control," Christensen said. "We really believe this is a one-size-fits-nobody solution." Reggie Bollinger, a recovering alcoholic from Lincoln, told lawmakers that Nebraska's requirements are already liberal, and the bar closing times gave him a "forced respite" from alcohol when he used to drink. "It's been a time where I've been unable to purchase alcohol, which has benefited me," he said. "It has given me the opportunity to sober up when I'm in the middle of a drinking binge. It's given me the opportunity to think and consider my decisions. If you take that window away, for a person like me, that's scary."

Senators Called On To Preserve Cigar Bar Status Quo

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Cigar aficionados are calling on Nebraska lawmakers to exclude cigar bars from the state's smoking ban. Advocates argued in a legislative hearing Monday that a recent court ruling robbed cigar shops of the exception they deserve. The statewide ban has excluded cigar bars, hotel guest rooms and tobacco-only retailers since 2009. In August, the Nebraska Supreme Court ruled that the allowances for cigar bars and tobacco-only retailers amounted to unconstitutional special legislation. Supporters call cigar smoking a hobby, not an addiction, and tout cigar bars as community gathering places. Sen. Tyson Larson of O'Neill, who introduced the bill, says patrons and employees in cigar bars choose the smoky settings and asked the committee to return to the status quo. A representative for the American Cancer Society testified in opposition.

Fed Balanced-Budget Bill Advances In Pierre

BY JAMES NORD
Associated Press

PIERRE — Some South Dakota lawmakers are so concerned about the mounting U.S. deficit that they're advancing a measure to join other states' calls for a convention to amend the U.S. Constitution to require a balanced federal budget. The House State Affairs Committee voted 9-3 Monday to send the proposal to the chamber's floor. The proposal's sponsor, Republican Rep. Jim Stalzer, said an amendment is necessary because federal lawmakers have been unable to address the country's growing debt. "I think most people would agree that our federal government is pretty much out of control," he told the committee. "It will take some time to balance the budget, but it can be done, and it's not rocket science." Right now, 24 states — 10 short of the 34 necessary to trigger a convention — have passed resolutions supporting a balanced-budget amendment, according to nonprofit advocacy group Balanced Budget Forever. South Dakota lawmakers in recent years have pushed similar resolutions, but have failed to secure

the necessary support. Thirty-eight states would have to approve the change for the amendment to become effective. The vote came after Ohio Gov. John Kasich stumped for a balanced budget amendment at a legislative reception in Pierre last week. But opponents argued the amendment process could backfire and be used to rewrite many parts of the Constitution, an outcome typically called a "runaway convention." Stalzer said the bill addresses those fears by restricting a South Dakota convention representative from approving any unauthorized amendments. It would also require convention delegates from the state to take an oath affirming they wouldn't support a rogue amendment, and the measure would allow up to a \$5,000 civil fine if a delegate violated the oath. Rita Houglum, representing the South Dakota Eagle Forum, a conservative group, questioned whether the state would have the authority to enforce those safeguards. "It might not be as orderly as we're led to believe," she said.

American Life In Poetry Indomitable Spirit

BY TED KOOSER
U.S. Poet Laureate

We describe people we admire by throwing around words like "indomitable spirit," but here's an example and a proof by Don Welch, a Nebraska poet.

SHUFFLING OUT TOWARD MORNING

After an hour in the infusion lab,
Taxol dripping into her,
fighting her cancer;
after sitting nauseous
next to a man
vomiting into a Pepsi cup,
she rose, palming the wall,
stooping only to pick up
a pen a doctor had dropped,
giving it back to the doctor
who had slipped it poorly
into his coat.

American Life in Poetry is made possible by The Poetry Foundation (www.poetryfoundation.org), publisher of Poetry magazine. It is also supported by the Department of English at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Poem copyright ©2013 by Don Welch, whose most recent book of poems is *Gnomes*, (Stephen F. Austin Univ. Press, 2013). Poem reprinted by permission of Don Welch. Introduction copyright © 2015 by The Poetry Foundation. The introduction's author, Ted Kooser, served as United States Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress from 2004-2006. We do not accept unsolicited manuscripts.

Teen Is Charging Parents Too Much For Small Repair

BY RAY MAGLIOZZI
King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Dear Car Talk:
My 15-year-old son replaced the bulb for my rear turn signal on my 2011 Buick Enclave. He researched it on the Internet, completed it in a timely manner and cleaned up after himself. He wants to be paid \$35 for this work. His father, an economist, thinks he needs to justify this fee. I think this is a good question for you. And by the way, what would you charge to replace this bulb?

— Anne

Well, we have two prices, Anne. If it's a regular customer of ours, we'll do it for nothing; it's just a service we provide to our regulars. They can stop in and get little things like that taken care of. We figure we'll have a chance to make it up when we gouge them for a transmission rebuild someday. I guess your son doesn't see you as a potential long-term customer, Anne!

If someone comes in and they're not a regular customer, we'd probably charge \$35 or \$40. The bulb itself probably is five or six bucks, and it's a 10-minute job for someone who's done it a thousand times. But we have to pay for rent, tools, salaries and benefits, not to mention the bad coffee in the waiting room. But your kid is a freelancer. He has no expenses. He probably used your tools. And your Internet service to do the research. So his rate should be lower. And he's charging you for his education, too. You're paying him to learn how to do this. Remind him that in about



Ray MAGLIOZZI

three years, he may be looking to you to contribute a very large sum toward his educational expenses. So he may want to cut you a "good customer" break this time. Tell him you'll give him 20 bucks. And mention that if he doesn't moan and groan too much, you'll also throw in his continued free room and board for now. And Internet.

Wait! Don't buy another car without the mechanic's checklist that's included in Car Talk's pamphlet "How to Buy a

Great Used Car: Secrets Only Your Mechanic Knows." It will help you get a good used car and avoid the clunkers. Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Used Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Got a question about cars? Write to Car Talk in care of this newspaper, or email by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

©2015 BY RAY MAGLIOZZI AND DOUG BERMAN

Health insurance made easy.

Find affordable health plans from Wellmark. Let me help you find the right one for you.

CALL ME TODAY 605-665-9393.

An Authorized Independent Agent For Wellmark South Dakota



Linda Behl
311 Walnut
Yankton, SD
605-665-9393

Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Dakota is an Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. ©2012 Wellmark, Inc. W-3022 10/14

LOWER HEATING COSTS \$\$\$
With a high efficient Carrier furnace
Carrier turn to the experts
FREE Estimates
Larry's HEATING & COOLING
920 Broadway • 665-9461 • www.larrysheatingandcooling.com

YOUR NEWS! THE PRESS & DAKOTAN

New Dermatology Clinics in Vermillion!

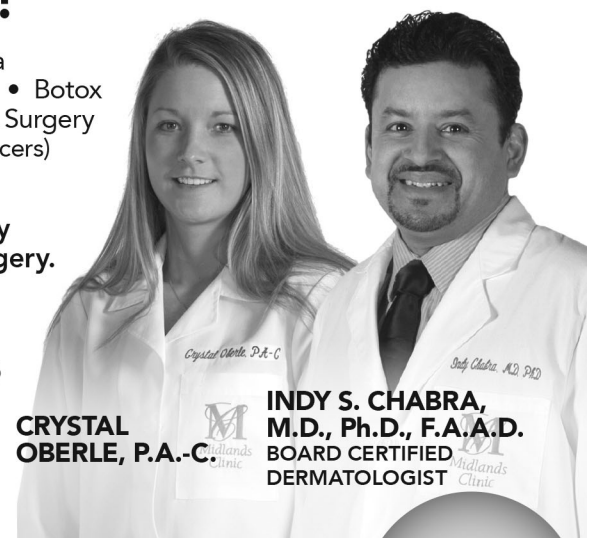
EXPERT SKIN FOR YOU!

Skin Cancer • Acne • Psoriasis • Eczema • Rosacea
Warts & Moles • Skin-checks • Hair & Nail Problems • Botox
Accutane • Fillers • Lasers • Chemical Peels • Skin Surgery
Mohs Surgery (best treatment for many types of skin cancers)

Dr. Chabra is a board-certified dermatologist, a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology and a Fellow of the American Society of Mohs Surgery.



Olson Medical Clinic
1330 East Main Street 605-624-5666
Sanford Vermillion Medical Center
20 South Plum Street 605-624-2611
SE HABLA ESPAÑOL



INDY S. CHABRA, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.A.D. BOARD CERTIFIED DERMATOLOGIST

Please call to schedule your appointment with Dr. Chabra. No referral needed, unless you have Medicaid.

ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS!