

Youth Coach Faces 5 Sex-Assault Charges

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The organizer of a youth football league in Omaha has been arrested on suspicion of sexually assaulting a girl. A police report cited by WOVT-TV says the 63-year-old man faces five counts of first-degree sexual assault. He's being held Saturday in the Douglas County jail. Police say a girl told her mother the man touched her inappropriately multiple times since 2005. The suspect has led the private football program for the past 41 years. The league is open to children ages 7 to 14. Online court records available Saturday didn't list the case or name the man's attorney. Numbers listed for him weren't in service Saturday.

Ex-Pastor Sentenced To Life Dies In Prison

PIERRE (AP) — A former Wolsey pastor sentenced to life in prison for murdering his wife has died. Officials say 66-year-old William Guthrie died Saturday at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls. Prison officials did not immediately release details about the inmate's death. Guthrie was sentenced in 2000 to life in prison without parole for a murder conviction. He was convicted by a jury in the May 1999 death of his wife of 30 years, Sharon Guthrie. She drowned in a bathtub at the couple's home after an overdose of sleeping pills. Her husband was accused of putting the prescription pills in her chocolate milk.

Street Dedicated In Honor Of Fallen Soldier

BELLEVUE, Neb. (AP) — A Bellevue street has been dedicated to the memory of a soldier killed in Iraq in 2007. A dedication ceremony was held Sunday honoring Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey Chaney. His family was given a replica of the "PO1 Jeff Chaney USN" street sign going up in his memory. The 35-year-old Chaney was killed in July 2007 as he was trying to dismantle a roadside bomb. Chaney was from Omaha. He graduated from Bellevue West High School in 1990.

S.D. Man Pleads Guilty To Assaulting Mother

RAPID CITY (AP) — A Fort Thompson man accused of hitting and kicking his mother has pleaded guilty in federal court to assault with a deadly weapon. The *Rapid City Journal* reports that 32-year-old Phillip St. John is accused of assaulting his mother in April at her home in Stephen. Authorities say St. John allegedly hit the victim twice in the face with a closed fist and kicked her in the head and chest. Authorities say he also put his foot on her throat. Sentencing is set for Sept. 26. St John faces up to 10 years in prison.

Ex-Coach To Keep Liquor License After DUI

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A former Lincoln high school basketball coach can keep the liquor license for his sports bar despite a recent DUI case. The *Lincoln Journal Star* reports the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission decided this past week that John Larsen could continue serving alcohol at the establishment. The commission could have suspended, canceled or revoked the license. Larsen was charged after he was involved in a crash near his home on March 3, hours after his girls basketball team lost in the first round of the state tournament. Larsen pleaded no contest to first-offense drunken driven and was given probation. Larsen was fired as Lincoln Southeast High School's girls basketball and football coach after his arrest.

Plastics Firm Expanding With 20 New Jobs

MADISON (AP) — A Madison plastics company says it's planning an expansion that will create 20 new jobs. Integra Plastics makes custom-sized plastic sheeting used for packaging, pond liners, silage and hay covers and oil field pit liners. The company incorporated in Madison in 1991. Integra Plastics President Mick Green tells the *Daily Republic* that the company has developed a great relationship with the community. Lake Area Improvement Corporation President Linda Salmonson says the new jobs will have a positive economic impact on the community and region. Integra Plastics will also expand into Brandon for a new line of products in the near future. That location is expected to employ 14 people.

Farmers Scrutinize Debt Debate

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK
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WASHINGTON — Farm groups are rushing to save government subsidies they've long received.

President Barack Obama and lawmakers have targeted \$30 billion or more in agriculture spending cuts as they try to negotiate a deficit-reduction deal.

Farmers say they know they will have to take a hit. But they fear too many cuts will send booming crop prices into a dive, raising the potential for another 1980s-era farm crisis.

Budget negotiators are looking at three pots of agriculture money:

—direct payments, which are subsidies that farmers get regardless of what they grow.

—crop insurance, which helps farmers in the event of losses.

—conservation money, which pays farmers to protect environmentally sensitive land.

As happens every five years when Congress renews a farm bill, lobbyists and lawmakers from farming states are fighting to save their piece of the pie. Now it's just happening a little earlier, and largely out of public view, as Washington tries to find a way to raise the nation's debt limit and cut spending before the government defaults on some payments Aug. 2.

A new farm bill isn't due until next year but could be pushed up if lawmakers are forced to find immediate savings. A budget deal could dictate the terms of the cuts or leave it up to the congressional agriculture committees.

The chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Rep. Frank Lucas, R-Okla., says he hopes negotiators will tell lawmakers exactly how much they want cut from the farm budget and let the agriculture committees hash out the details.

Negotiators are looking at reductions of \$30 billion to \$35 billion over 10 years, which amounts to a more than a 15 percent cut from the three programs.

"If they give us an absolute number, we will meet that number," Lucas said. "But don't make major policy decisions on the back of a

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Rep. Collin Peterson of Minnesota, the top Democrat on the committee, says such large cuts would make it almost impossible for Congress to write a new farm bill and figure out how to protect producers from a downturn. "It's a mess is what it is," he said.

Negotiators at the White House and congressional leaders were originally looking to cut about \$33 billion, or roughly the amount to be spent in direct payments over the next decade, according to several congressional and farm industry officials familiar with the talks.

Direct payments are farm subsidies popular in the South with cotton and rice farmers who say they need the money because their crops are expensive. They are a frequent target of conservatives and farm subsidy critics because, unlike other subsidies, direct payments are made regardless of whether prices fall.

As rice and cotton groups have pushed back, negotiators have discussed making fewer cuts from direct payment programs and cutting deeper from crop insurance or conservation programs. Those familiar with the talks said it is unclear if negotiators will dictate how the money is spent.

The officials spoke on conditional of anonymity to freely discuss developments in

the private negotiations. Midwestern corn and soybean farmers generally depend on crop insurance more than Southerners do, and lawmakers and groups that represent that region are fighting for direct payment cuts instead of crop insurance cuts.

Crop insurance is subsidized by the government, and Congress and the Agriculture Department have frequently used the program to find extra savings in recent years. The department took about \$6 billion from the program just last year.

Any additional cuts to crop insurance would probably mean lower and fewer payouts for farmers, advocates say. Like those who depend on direct payments, they say that destroying what farm country calls its "safety net" could hurl farmers into a depression when prices drop. As in previous downturns, farmers would then turn to Congress to bail them out.

"We are going to put ourselves in the '85 farm crisis again," says Chandler Goule, the top lobbyist for the National Farmers Union. "Do these politicians want us to produce food, fiber and fuel in this country or do they want us to import it all from China? I think they are cutting farm subsidies because they don't understand what they truly do."

Though a strong farm coalition has protected agriculture interests in Congress for decades, Goule says farm interests have had a tougher time since the November 2010 elections. That's when many moderate, rural Democrats were swept out of office and replaced by conservatives who are more focused on spending cuts than farm subsidies. The House Agriculture Committee lost more than a dozen Democrats after the elections.

Anthony Bush of the National Corn Growers Association, who grows corn, soybean and wheat in Ohio, says he believes the nation's food supply is at risk if money is taken away. But he is also concerned about the national debt.

"I am as worried about that as I am how it affects my farm," he said.

Minn. Special Session Won't Happen Today

BY PATRICK CONDON
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ST. PAUL, Minn. — Minnesota may soon have an end to its government shutdown, but re-starting the machinery of the state will probably take a few days.

Democratic Gov. Mark Dayton and Republican legislative leaders fell short Sunday of their goal of being ready for a special session Monday to finalize a deal struck late last week. They issued a joint statement saying the work "continues to move in a positive direction" but wasn't over.

Dayton spokeswoman Katharine Tinucci said they didn't expect to make any more news later in the night.

"Considerable progress has been made," said the statement, issued Sunday night. "A special session will be called as soon as our work is completed, and all bills have been reviewed and agreed upon."

If rank-and-file lawmakers sign

off on the deal, it will end a shutdown that's the longest in recent U.S. history.

But for residents whose lives have been disrupted, the relief won't be immediate.

"It's not like we can just flip a switch," said Doug Neuville, a spokesman for the state Department of Public Safety, which has halted renewal of driver's licenses and vehicle tabs during the shutdown. The computer systems used to issue renewals take time to bring back online, and the services won't be immediately available, he said.

Same goes for closed rest stops and state parks. State budget office spokesman Jonathan Pollard said those must be cleaned and thoroughly checked before people can use them again. Road construction projects idled by the shutdown are likely to require safety checks before work can resume.

Licensing hang-ups for beer distributors could take several days to unsnarl as well, as returning state

workers deal with backlogs that built up during the shutdown.

"It depends on the level to which the services were down," Pollard said. "If you have an agency that's mostly been up and functioning, it may be easier than if you have an agency that's been completely shut down."

The Dayton administration will likely consider the shutdown officially over once the governor signs new budget bills into law, Pollard said.

It's not clear yet when that might happen. The governor and Republican leaders agreed late Thursday to the framework of an agreement to end the shutdown, and they spent the weekend trying to fill in the details. Once a session starts, Republican leaders need to get the spending bills through the House and Senate and to Dayton's desk, which means getting rank-and-file Republicans to sign on to a deal that some will have a hard time with.

One big question after the last

shutdown was whether state workers would be able to claim back pay for lost time.

But Michael Kuchta, spokesman for AFSCME Council 5, said a memorandum of understanding between unions and the Dayton administration before the shutdown granted laid-off workers the right to apply for unemployment with the understanding that they couldn't claim lost pay when recalled.

The state could still face lawsuits, however, from businesses and citizens who decide they were harmed by the shutdown.

Tom Hanson, who was former Gov. Tim Pawlenty's lead budget negotiator during the 2005 shutdown, said he hoped contingency plans drawn up then would serve the state well now.

"They are better prepared today, in 2011, than we were in 2005," Hanson said. "There are detailed plans for starting up government after a shutdown."

OBITUARIES

Marjorie Kilker

Mass of Christian Burial for Marjorie Kilker of Tyndall will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 19 at St. Leo Catholic Church in Tyndall with Fr. Joe Forcelle as Celebrant. Organist is Marcene Kniffen. Visitation will be held on Monday at 3:00 p.m. until a Scriptural wake service at 7:00 p.m., all at the church. Burial will be on Wednesday at noon in St. Leo Catholic Cemetery, Tyndall.

Arrangements are under the direction of Goglin Funeral Home of Tyndall, and online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

Marjorie Kilker was born Saturday, October 22, 1921 at Tyndall, South Dakota to Erwin C. and Laura (Swain) Kilker. She graduated from Tyndall High School. After graduating from Southern State College in Springfield, she taught rural school in Bon Homme County for several



Marjorie Kilker

years. She taught high school in Gregory, South Dakota for four years. She later taught English and Public Speaking at Luverne High School in Luverne, Minnesota. Marjorie returned to Tyndall in 1975 to care for her mother. During that time, she did substitute teaching and tutoring for the Tyndall School. Marjorie was a member of the National Education Association and the

Delta Kappa Gamma sorority. She passed away on Friday, July 15, 2011 at St. Michael's Hospital Avera in Tyndall, having attained the age of 89 years, 8 months and 23 days.

Marjorie is survived by a sister, Lois Vogel of Tyndall, and several nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death were her parents, Erwin and Laura Kilker, two brothers, Robert Kilker and Ronald Kilker, and an infant sister.

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WHITECLAY, Neb. (AP) — South Dakota's Oglala Sioux Tribe has started construction of a nursing home across the Nebraska border in a village at the center of a booze dispute.

The 60-bed nursing home, with room to expand to 80, is slated to open in August 2012 in Whiteclay. Ground was broken on the project last month.

The tribe's consultant, Gary Ruse, told NET Radio there are 200 to 300 tribe members in Midwest nursing homes who want to return to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for their final years.

Oglala Sioux Tribal President John Yellow Bird Steele agreed there is a great need for the facility.

"We've got a lot of elderly here. We've got a lot of elderly out in nursing homes, lonely, no one to visit," he said. "We want to bring them home."

The tribe couldn't build the facility in South Dakota, where most of

the reservation lies, because of a moratorium on new nursing home beds. So, they turned to Nebraska officials, whom Steele credited with making the project viable.

The cooperation is noteworthy as the tribe and Nebraska officials have been at odds for years over the sale of alcohol in Whiteclay.

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CORRECTION

Clay County does not assess a wheel tax. Due to incorrect information provided to the *Press & Dakotan*, Clay County was listed as assessing a wheel tax in last Wednesday's "Our Towns" story.

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