

SD Finishes Fiscal Year With A Surplus

PIERRE (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard says South Dakota has finished the fiscal year with a \$24 million budget surplus. Daugaard says revenue exceeded estimates by \$13.6 million. In addition, agencies spent \$10.6 million less than appropriated.

South Dakota's sales and use tax receipts are the largest revenue source. The receipts grew nearly 6 percent in the month of June. Collections from the sales and use tax accounted for 57 percent of general fund receipts in Fiscal Year 2013.

The \$24.2 million was transferred to the Budget Reserve Fund, as required by law. The Budget Reserve Fund now has a balance of \$95 million.

Daugaard says finishing Fiscal Year 2013 with a surplus increases the chance of finishing Fiscal Year 2014 with a balanced budget while properly funding critical areas.



Daugaard

AG Says Officers Justified In Shooting

PIERRE (AP) — Attorney General Marty Jackley says three law enforcement officers were justified in shooting a man following a chase in southwestern South Dakota.

Jackley and the Division of Criminal Investigation were asked to look into the June 17 incident. Jackley says the Division of Criminal Investigation determined that the two Pennington County deputies and Highway Patrol officer were justified in shooting Travis Ross. The law enforcement officers chased Ross and shot him when he brandished a rifle.

Jackley had said that Ross, who survived the shooting, had an active warrant for violating parole on a felony drunken driving conviction.

Report: Osborn Raises Nearly \$234K

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska U.S. Senate hopeful Shane Osborn is reporting that his campaign raised nearly \$234,000 during the quarter that ended last month.

The Republican candidate's campaign announced Monday that Osborn has raised \$233,868 between April 1 and June 30. An Osborn spokesman says all of the money was raised in June.

The campaign spent \$4,666 during that period.

Osborn, a former Nebraska state treasurer, is seeking to replace outgoing GOP Sen. Mike Johanns, who is not seeking re-election in 2014. Osborn was the first candidate to declare his candidacy.

Omaha attorney Bart McLeay announced last week that he would also run in the primary.

Police: Driver Died In Fiery Crash

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say a driver died after his car rammed into a light pole in Lincoln.

Police say the accident occurred around 5 a.m. Monday at the intersection of South 70th Street and Nebraska Highway 2 in southeast Lincoln.

Police spokeswoman Katie Flood says the car missed a slight curve and ran off the roadway into the pole. The car burst into flames before rescue workers arrived.

Flood says the man has been identified, but his name won't be released until relatives are informed about his death.

2 Drivers Die In Nebraska Collision

MURRAY, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say two drivers have been killed in a head-on collision near Murray in eastern Nebraska.

The Cass County Sheriff's Office says the accident occurred around 5:30 a.m. Sunday on U.S. Highway 75. The office says a southbound car driven by 21-year-old Efrain Soto, of Omaha, crossed into oncoming traffic and struck a vehicle driven by 43-year-old Dion Higgins, of Nebraska City.

Both men were pronounced dead at the scene.

The accident and subsequent investigation forced the shutdown of the highway for seven hours.

Copper Stolen From Omaha Plant

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Police are investigating the theft of copper worth thousands of dollars from a power station run by the Omaha Public Power District.

Officers responded to the power station Friday afternoon following a report of a burglary.

A report says a hole was cut into the northeast corner of the fence and a lock was cut on the west gate.

Omaha television station KETV reports the copper was valued at \$3,000. The additional damage was estimated at \$350.

\$40K Powerball Ticket Sold In R.C.

RAPID CITY (AP) — A Powerball ticket sold in Rapid City is worth \$40,000 in the latest drawing.

South Dakota lottery officials say the ticket matched four of five white ball numbers and the Powerball to win the game's \$10,000 third prize in the Saturday drawing. The ticket buyer also had purchased an option for \$1 that quadrupled the prize.

The odds of winning Powerball's third prize are 1 in about 649,000. The winner has about six months to claim the money.

Powerball is played in 43 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The jackpot sits at \$116 million for the next drawing, on Wednesday.

Nebraska

Doctor Linked To Deaths

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 Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Authorities arrested an Indiana doctor Monday on suspicion of carrying out two attacks in Omaha in May and in 2008 in which four people were killed who had ties to Creighton University's medical school, which fired him 12 years ago.

Dr. Anthony Garcia, who now lives in Terre Haute, Ind., was arrested by Illinois State Police while driving near the Indiana border Monday morning, Omaha Police Chief Todd Schmaderer said. Officers said he appeared to be intoxicated when they arrested him, and he had a .45-caliber handgun with him.

Garcia, 40, is being held on suspicion of four counts of first-degree murder and four counts of using a weapon to commit a felony, Schmaderer said. An Illinois State Police official didn't respond to a request for information about Garcia's arrest or where in Illinois he was being held.

Garcia didn't have a listed phone number in Terre Haute or in Chicago, where he previously lived, and it wasn't immediately clear if he had an attorney.

No one answered the phone at Garcia's family's home in Walnut, Calif., Monday evening.

Public records show that since 2003, Garcia has held medical licenses in California, Illinois and Indiana, but his temporary Indiana license expired in January.

Investigators believe Garcia was responsible for an attack in May in which pathology professor Roger Brumback was shot to death and his wife, Mary, was fatally stabbed, Schmaderer said. They also believe Garcia was behind a 2008 home invasion in which the 11-year-old son and family housekeeper of another Creighton pathology department professor, William Hunter, were stabbed to death.

Roger Brumback and William Hunter fired Garcia from his pathology resident position in the department in 2001 for displaying erratic behavior, Schmaderer said. He declined to discuss details of the evidence against Garcia. But he said the task force of local, state and FBI investigators believe Garcia fits all the criteria of a serial killer.

"We didn't feel this individual would stop unless an arrest was made," Schmaderer said.

Schmaderer said the task force investigating this case is in the process of searching several places where Garcia lived since 2001, but officers believe he acted alone.

The attacks happened in Omaha neighborhoods where homicides are rare. The

city averages about 40 per year.

One of the Brumbacks' three children, Darryl, said the family had no comment about the arrest. A male relative of Sherman's also declined to speak. The Hunter family didn't respond to a phone message seeking comment.

The attack in which Hunter's son, Thomas Hunter, and housekeeper, Shirlee Sherman, were killed at the family's 3,700-square-foot home in the historic neighborhood of Dundee was featured last year on "America's Most Wanted," and a \$54,000 reward was offered. Some of Omaha's most prominent residents live in the neighborhood, including billionaire investor Warren Buffett.

Schmaderer said Monday that investigators don't believe the boy and the housekeeper were the intended targets of the attack.

Authorities have released few details about the attack on the Brumbacks, other than manner in which they were killed. Their bodies were discovered in their west Omaha home on May 14.

The task force was set up after the Brumbacks' deaths to investigate whether they were tied to the unsolved 2008 killings. Schmaderer declined to say what led investigators to Garcia.

Some Neb. Veterans Sharing War Stories

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Some Nebraska veterans have been sharing their war stories with a researcher from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, telling him things they've never told their families.

"It's easier for them to talk to someone they're not emotionally connected with," Brian O'Grady, a library staffer at UNL, told the *Lincoln Journal Star*. But, he said, he's given copies of the interviews to their families.

O'Grady said his project stemmed from his interest in the World War II Pacific battle for the island of Tarawa.

"I've always been a World War II buff, almost all my life," O'Grady said. "One thing I wanted to do was interview veterans who had been part of that battle."

He'd planned to write scholarly articles about the three-day struggle, but learned that the battle already had been thoroughly examined. So, he said he turned his attention to Nebraska residents who'd survived the bloody fight.

\$500M Water Project Nearing Completion

PINE RIDGE (AP) — A \$500 million project to pipe drinking water from the Missouri River to 50,000 rural South Dakotans is nearing completion.

The Oglala Sioux tribe is requesting bids this month for a distribution system between Hisel and Allen on the Pine Ridge Reservation, the *Rapid City Journal* reported. The cost of the 130,000 feet of piping, 136,000 gallons of water storage and other water infrastructure work is estimated at up to \$7 million.

Construction of the federally funded Mni Wiconi project was started in 1988 to bring

drinking water to three American Indian reservations and 10 counties in rural South Dakota. The project is now more than 95 percent complete but work remains on the reservation.

The system will be life-changing for residents of Hisel and Allen because the groundwater there has unsafe levels of naturally occurring arsenic, said Frank Means, director of the Oglala Sioux Rural Water Supply System.

"The health benefits of this project are tremendous," he said.

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