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ing personal property was levied on the 13th day of May, 2015:

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THAT I will on the 15th day of July, 2015, at the hour of 2:00 in the afternoon, at the front door of the Yankton County Safety Center, 410 Walnut Street, Yankton, South Dakota, proceed to sell all the right title and interest to the above described personal property to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said Judgment with costs and interest.

THAT the afore-described personal property is subject to redemption by the Defendant up to the said date and time of sale.

DATED at Yankton, South Dakota, this 29th day of June, 2015.

/s/ _____
James C. Vlahakis
Yankton County Sheriff's Office
Yankton County South Dakota
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DOT's Cost Estimate Increases \$12 Million For Rapid City Project

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — Members of the state Transportation Commission recently learned a big project at Rapid City could cost 60 percent more than they approved last summer.

The new price tag for rebuilding the 2-mile stretch of Interstate 190 into downtown including the I-90 interchange now looks to be in the neighborhood of \$33 million.

That's an increase of \$12.56 million above the state Department of Transportation's year-old estimate of \$20.3 million.

I-190 connects via the Silver Street interchange to Omaha Street, which in turn connects to Rushmore Road, which is under reconstruction through the city.

The \$33 million estimate is solely for the I-190 interchange and the four lanes between I-90 and Omaha Street.

State DOT officials took the change to the Transportation Commission at its monthly face-to-face business meeting Thursday.

Because the project already was in DOT's construction plan for 2015, the department didn't need to get the commission's approval for the higher estimate.

"It is a monster of a job," Mike Behm said about I-190 project. He is DOT's assistant director of planning and engineering.

Behm said the interchange will be reconstructed to provide more vertical clearance for large vehicles and the pavement will be rebuilt.

He said the work has to be sequenced to allow for continued use. The project would go to bid this month.

"It's an interstate, but it's very short," commissioner Ron Rosenboom of Sturgis said.

Commissioner Larry Thompson of Mitchell asked where the line is drawn on needing commission approval for a large adjustment.

Behm said cost changes don't require it.

Commission chairman Don Roby of Watertown wants the department to prepare what he called a quick-start guide outlining laws, rules, policies and practices for decisions that come before the commission.

"That would be a summary item I'd want in that packet," Roby said.

Black Hills highway work has cost significantly more in the past few years than DOT originally estimated, including for Rushmore Road and US 85 through Deadwood.

State Transportation Secretary Darin Bergquist said this week DOT now has final or near-final costs for right of way, utility and engineering on the I-190 work

"As the project gets closer to becoming a reality and design work continues, we have had design changes which make up a large part of the cost changes," Bergquist said.

Former Death Row Inmate Died Of Rare Salivary Gland Cancer

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — A man who spent 30 years on Nebraska's death row for two cult murders died of a rare cancer in his salivary glands, according to a death certificate obtained Tuesday.

A death certificate released to The Associated Press lists the cause of death for Michael Ryan as "metastatic carcinoma of parotid gland origin." Ryan died May 24 at the Tecumseh State Correctional Institution in southeast Nebraska.

He was convicted in the 1985 torture and killing of 25-year-old James Thimm at a farm near Rulo, where Ryan led a cult, and in the beating death of Luke Stice, the 5-year-old son of a cult member. He was sentenced to death in September 1985.

State Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha told a legislative committee in March that Ryan suffered from terminal brain cancer. It's not clear whether the cancer had spread.

A corrections department mug shot of Ryan released shortly before his death

showed him with a protrusion on part of his left cheek and neck, covered by a large bandage.

The death certificate says Ryan, 66, died roughly a year after the disease's onset and was cremated on June 2 in Omaha. Salivary gland cancers make up less than 1 percent of all cancers in the United States, according to the American Cancer Association.

A grand jury will still review Ryan's death, as state law requires for all inmates who die while in custody. Johnson County Attorney Rick Smith, whose jurisdiction includes the prison, said Tuesday that the grand jury has not yet been convened because the cause of death has not been certified to a district court.

Ryan's son, Dennis Ryan, and cult member Timothy Haverkamp were sentenced to life in prison for second-degree murder in Thimm's death. Authorities have said Dennis Ryan fired the gun that killed Thimm after days of torture.

The younger Ryan was later released from prison after winning a new trial and

being convicted of the lesser charge of manslaughter. Haverkamp was released from his prison in 2009 after serving 23 years of a 10-years-to-life sentence.

The Ryans and about 20 cult members lived on the farm. The group hated Jews and stored weapons in preparation for a final battle between good and evil, authorities have said. Ryan told his followers that Thimm had angered their god.

Nebraska has only carried out four executions since 1973, largely because of court challenges and complications in obtaining the legally required drugs for lethal injections. Ryan's case was frequently mentioned in public debates over the death penalty and the state's method of execution. Nebraska lawmakers abolished the death penalty in May, despite Gov. Pete Ricketts' veto.

A group heavily financed by Ricketts, Nebraskans for the Death Penalty, has started gathering signatures to try to preserve capital punishment by placing it on the 2016 general election ballot.

Ag Secretary: Feds Not Liable For Damage Caused By 2013 Fire

BY KEVIN BURBACH
Associated Press

SIoux FALLS — Ranchers and landowners in South Dakota and North Dakota who sought more than \$50 million from the U.S. government for an out-of-control prescribed burn that torched over 16,000 acres will not be compensated, according to a letter written by the federal agriculture secretary.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture determined the federal government is not liable for damages caused by the Pautre Fire, which began as a 130-acre controlled burn set by the U.S. Forest Service on the Dakota Prairie National Grasslands in April 2013, according to a letter obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press from Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

Vilsack said in his letter last week to U.S. Sen. John Thune that 16 claims were filed following the fire that destroyed fences, bales of forage, buildings and trees and caused respiratory problems in some cattle on grazing land between Hettinger, in southwestern

North Dakota, and Lemmon, in northwestern South Dakota.

Vilsack said while federal officials "deeply regret" losses suffered from the Pautre Fire, a review of the claims that totaled over \$50.3 million found no liability on the part of the U.S. government.

The Forest Service relied on forecasts from the National Weather Service in Rapid City, South Dakota, which Vilsack said didn't predict a much stronger cold front that later moved in.

"Although the weather reports in question proved ultimately to be inaccurate, the Forest Service relied on the best information available," he wrote.

Landowners and ranchers say they've struggled with the costs of rebuilding fences and structures.

Todd Campbell, the executive director of the Grand River Cooperative Grazing Association, said he recently received a letter from the USDA, notifying him that the claim his association filed had been denied. His association, along with many of its members, lost acres of grazing land and miles of

fencing

"Yeah, we're pretty disappointed," he said.

Thune said in a statement Monday night that he's disappointed the USDA has "refused to acknowledge negligence and accept responsibility" for the fire.

Even though he said the federal government isn't liable, Vilsack said the Forest Service has worked with ranchers to assist them. He said agency representatives repaired fences, provided grazing opportunities where possible and offered Forest Service allotments.

He said the Forest Service also made excess hay available and helped ranchers find other avenues of financial assistance.

Many of those who filed claims plan to meet this week and discuss how to proceed, Campbell said.

Anyone whose claim is denied has six months to file a lawsuit against the federal government.

Campbell said ranchers plan to work with the South Dakota congressional delegation to figure out their options.

USDA: Record Soybean Crop Planted, Progress Slowed By Rain

BY DAVID PITT
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — A record 85.1 million acres of soybeans are in the ground, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said Tuesday, but it's not clear whether they'll all sprout because persistent rain in some Midwestern states has flooded fields and slowed plant development.

The planted soybean acreage is 2 percent more than in 2014, with the largest increases found in Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota and Tennessee. However, just 89 percent of soybean seeds nationally have emerged from the ground — about 5 percentage points behind the five-year average.

Corn and soybean conditions in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Ohio have shown deterioration in recent weeks with the heavy rain. And in the soaked states, farmers who won't get their soybeans fields planted by Wednesday may be forced to use crop insurance to cover the lost production.

Missouri and Illinois have experienced the wettest Junes since the National Weather Service began keeping such records in the late 1800s. More than a third of Missouri's intended soybean crop has gone unplanted, and Kansas has 14 percent that's unplanted.

"Any chance I could get between rains, I went ahead and got things planted," said Jim Boerdig, 46, who farms more than 1,600 acres near St. Charles, Missouri, west of St. Louis and near the rain-swollen Mississippi and Missouri rivers.

He started planting his 750 acres of corn later than normal in April, which went smoothly, thanks to a dry spell. When he pivoted to soybeans, the rains rolled in.

"It's sad watching the rain keep coming down," he said. "All your hard work getting the planting in, and something like this comes along. We'll take what we can get."

Boerdig figures as much as half of his corn crop might be negatively impacted by the moisture that has made some of his fields soupy — or looking like miniature ponds. Bouts of hail and winds haven't helped, snap-

ping many of the young plants.

Even in states like Iowa, where crops have gotten off to a good start, severe weather has taken a toll.

"The strong storms and heavy rains that rolled through Iowa last week have stressed crops, flooded some fields and limited farmers' ability to get needed work done," Iowa Agriculture Secretary Bill Northey said Monday.

With a month of rain, Indiana's crops have gone from among the best in the nation to among the worst, Purdue extension agricultural economist Chris Hurt said. The USDA said 19 percent of Indiana's 5.7 million acres of soybeans and 21 percent of its 5.7 million acres of corn in very poor or poor condition.

Hurt estimated Tuesday that production could decline by \$475 million in the state.

"The current ratings can still improve during the rest of the growing season, and they can decline even more if weather remains harmful," he said in a statement.

While planted soybean acres are at record levels, the USDA said planted corn acres in the U.S. are the lowest since 2010 at 88.9 million acres.

Iowa, the nation's leading corn producer, has 13.7 million acres planted in corn, the same as last year, but its soybean acres grew by 100,000 acres to 10 million.

Illinois leads the nation in soybeans planted with 10.1 million acres in the ground, 300,000 more than last year. It's second in corn acres with 11.8 million, 100,000 less than last year.

Nebraska also has planted the same amount of corn as last year with 9.3 million acres; soybean acres dropped 200,000 acres to 5.2 million.

Wisconsin and Texas were two of a few states to increase planted corn acreage from 2014, 4.1 million and 2.25 million respectively.

Police Name Girl Who Drowned

GLENHAM (AP) — Authorities have identified an 8-year-old girl who drowned while swimming in the Missouri River in northern South Dakota.

The Walworth County sheriff's office says Mikayla Gruenstein of Columbia, South Dakota, was with family members Sunday morning near New Evarts Resort south of Glenham.

The sheriff's office says the girl was at a beach swimming when her family saw her struggling.

The *American News* in Aberdeen reports the Gruenstein's family tried to rescue her, but she went into deeper water and disappeared.

Pam White was Gruenstein's teacher at Roncalli Elementary School. She says the girl was smart, polite and that her death is a big loss to the school system.

Funeral services are pending.

SD Receiving Funding For Services

SIoux FALLS (AP) — South Dakota is receiving more than \$260,000 from the federal government to provide re-employment and eligibility assessments for those who receive unemployment benefits.

The funding from the U.S. Department of Labor aims to help the newly unemployed reduce the time between jobs and help prevent improper payments from the federal Unemployment Insurance program.

The services funded will help people develop re-employment plans and give them referrals to re-employment services or training. The money will also fund eligibility reviews for benefit recipients.

Nationwide, the federal government has awarded \$80 million to workforce agencies in 44 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia.

Woman Sentenced For Hitting Boyfriend

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A Lincoln woman has been sentenced to 180 days in county jail for hitting her boyfriend with a crowbar because he was snoring.

The *Lincoln Journal* reports 45-year-old Elizabeth Hogrefe pleaded no contest Friday to misdemeanor assault. Hogrefe will have to serve about half of her sentence due to credit for time served.

Lincoln police said they responded to a call on May 18 about a man stumbling down a road. Officers said they found the 58-year-old at a convenience store and he told them that he had woken up in a motel room to his girlfriend hitting him in the back with a steel pry bar.

According to police, the man had three large welts on his back consistent with his story.

Man Pleads No Contest In Death

COLUMBUS, Neb. (AP) — A Columbus man has pleaded no contest to manslaughter in the fatal stabbing of his grandmother in 2014.

The *Columbus Telegram* reports 20-year-old Chase Micklevitz entered the plea Monday. It means he neither admits nor disputes the charge.

Micklevitz's murder trial for the death of 58-year-old Deanna Micklevitz was scheduled to begin in July. He was initially charged with second-degree murder and use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony, but they were dropped as part of a plea deal with prosecutors.

Police say Micklevitz stabbed his grandmother four times last summer with a kitchen knife. She was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Micklevitz is scheduled to be sentenced on July 31.

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 1** Give over Nora's dog
 - 5** Sausage skin
 - 11** "Once — a time ..."
 - 12** Broad street
 - 13** Lecherous
 - 14** Woodward of movies
 - 15** Finger count
 - 16** Hearts or clubs
 - 17** Located
 - 19** Bar bill
 - 22** Play place
 - 24** Get a goal
 - 26** Cry out
 - 27** Was in debt
 - 28** Bars on cars
 - 30** Singer Nick
 - 31** Frank McCourt book
 - 32** "Wouldn't that be great!"
 - 34** Shut with a bang
 - 35** Paris pal
 - 38** Was successful
 - 41** Proceed slowly
 - 42** Immediately
 - 43** Different
 - 44** Sweet drink
- DOWN**
- 1** Group of believers
 - 2** Fencing sword
 - 3** Ruins
 - 4** Last part
 - 5** Cuisine with cayenne
 - 6** Steers clear
 - 7** Place at the table
 - 8** Roadhouse
 - 9** Convent occupant
 - 10** "My word!"
 - 16** Take to court
 - 18** Lusty look
 - 19** Spots for mayors
 - 20** Vicinity
 - 21** Garden areas
 - 22** Jazz style
 - 23** Curbside cry
 - 25** Dove calls
 - 29** Sand, basically
 - 30** Friend of Huck
 - 33** Lake
 - 34** Dis-patched
 - 36** Largest amount
 - 37** Creative germ
 - 38** Chess piece
 - 39** Eroded
 - 40** Friend of Dopey
 - 41** Stew

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

7-1 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptquote: EVERY DAY WE HAVE SOME WEATHER, AND YESTERDAY WAS NO EXCEPTION. — JOHN CARR