

## MIDWEST DIGEST

### S.D. Capitol Nears 100th Anniversary

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota's state Capitol in Pierre turns 100 this month.

The Capitol was formally dedicated on June 30, 1910 after five years of construction.

A centennial celebration is slated for June 19 at the state Capitol grounds. The event includes historical displays, a motorcycle show, horse rides, an art show, a free picnic and a rededication of the Capitol.

### USDA: Farmers Appreciate Warm Weather

SIoux FALLS (AP) — South Dakota farmers would welcome a stretch of warm, sunny weather to help crops develop and allow planting to be completed.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture said Monday that planting is behind schedule for several of the state's major crops at this point. About 96 percent of the corn is planted, but the five-year average is 98 percent planted at this point.

About 80 percent of soybean crop has been planted. That's much better than a week earlier when about 67 percent of the crop was planted, but still behind average.

The USDA says about 86 percent of the state's cattle rated in good or excellent condition. And 92 percent of the cattle has been moved to pasture.

### NE Neb. Health Dept. Collecting Dead Birds

NORFOLK, Neb. (AP) — Norfolk residents are being asked to report dead birds to an area health department as part of an effort to track West Nile virus.

Norfolk health inspector John Kouba says the West Nile virus surveillance is being conducted with the Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department and state officials.

Kouba says dead birds submitted to his office must be in good condition, showing no signs of decay and no odor. A bird should be double bagged and frozen until it can be picked up and should also include information about how and where the bird was discovered.

To submit a report or a bird, residents are asked to call 402-844-2046.

In 2009, there were 51 human cases of West Nile reported in the state, but no human deaths.

### Fire Damages R.C. Apartment Building

RAPID CITY (AP) — Authorities say children playing with matches may have been the cause of an apartment building fire in Rapid City. Rapid City firefighters were called to the East Omaha Lodge apartment building at about 7 p.m. Sunday.

Authorities say the fire scorched the siding on the building and broke the window of the apartment. No injuries were reported.

### Full-Body Scanner Debuts At Omaha Airport

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Omaha's Eppley Airfield now has a full-body scanner that will allow security officers to effectively see through a passenger's clothes during screening.

The Transportation Security Administration demonstrated how the new imaging technology works on Monday — a day before the scanner was to go into use. Eventually, Eppley will have two of the advanced imaging technology machines that the American Civil Liberties Union has complained can violate a passenger's privacy.

The Transportation Security Administration has been deploying the body-scanning technology in an effort to ensure that airports can detect hidden explosives and other weapons. And TSA officials say they have taken precautions to protect passenger privacy.

### Bidding For Buffett Lunch Sees Slow Start

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The bids have started to roll in for lunch with Omaha billionaire Warren Buffett.

The annual lunch auction started Sunday evening with a \$25,000 minimum bid on eBay. The first bids didn't show up until Monday, but the price quickly climbed to \$51,000 by the afternoon.

The bids benefit the Glide Foundation, which provides social services to the poor and homeless in San Francisco.

Last year, Canadian investment firm Salida Capital paid \$1.68 million to dine with the Berkshire Hathaway CEO. In 2008, a Chinese investment fund manager paid \$2.11 million — the most expensive charity item eBay had ever sold.

The Smith and Wollensky restaurant in New York hosts the lunch.

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## S.D. RETIREMENT

# Investment Earnings Boost System

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PIERRE — Stock market gains have helped the South Dakota Retirement System begin recovering from the losses of the prior two years, state investment officials said Monday.

The system's assets have grown by about 20 percent in the 11 months since the state fiscal year began July 1, state Investment Officer Matt Clark told a legislative committee. The Retirement System's assets were \$6.6 billion as of May 31, up roughly \$1 billion from last July, he said.

"This year so far it looks like we're having among our best years ever in adding value," Clark told the Executive Board, which handles administrative issues for the Legislature.

Rep. Larry Tidemann, R-Brookings, said South Dakota's system is in much better shape than most states' public retirement systems.

The Retirement System peaked at about \$8 billion in assets in 2007, but fell to \$7.3 billion in June 2008. In the midst of the recession, it then lost 20.4 percent of value to end last June with assets of \$5.6 billion.

At the recommendation of system officials, the Legislature made some changes this year aimed at bringing the system back into financial balance. The major change ties future annual cost-of-living increases in benefits to the system's financial health.

The system has more than 70,000 members, including employees of state government, cities, counties and school districts. Most are still working. The system pays more than \$300 million a year in benefits.

Clark said his office was able to earn a

good return on investments this year because it bought stocks cheap when the market was down.

"Now that things are coming back, we're getting our reward for that," he said.

The legislative panel voted to leave Clark's base salary for the next year unchanged at \$388,356. He also can get a yearly bonus, to be determined later in the year, depending on how the South Dakota system performs compared with other states' retirement systems.

Lawmakers also agreed to let the Investment Office continue hiring former state Investment Officer Steve Myers as a consultant. Myers is being paid \$40,000 a year under the consulting contract, said Haven Stuck of Rapid City, vice chairman of the State Investment Council, which sets overall investment policies.

## Slaughterhouse Manager Acquitted In Labor Trial

WATERLOO, Iowa (AP) — A former slaughterhouse manager braced his attorneys and slapped them on the back Monday as a jury acquitted him of allowing minors to work at a meatpacking plant in Iowa.

But former Agriprocessors Inc. executive Sholom Rubashkin still faces sentencing June 22 in federal court, where he was convicted earlier of financial fraud. Prosecutors have asked for a 25-year sentence in that case, much more than Rubashkin would have faced if convicted on all 67 misdemeanor counts of child labor violations in state court. Rubashkin's attorney has asked for a six-year sentence in the federal case.

Rubashkin was charged in both cases following a May 2008 immigration raid at the former

Agriprocessors slaughterhouse in Postville, where 389 workers, including children, were arrested on immigration charges.

After Monday's verdict, Rubashkin's defense attorney said his client had been "vindicated as a human being." Prosecutors had claimed Rubashkin, whose father owned the slaughterhouse, knowingly employed underage workers, exposed them to dangerous chemicals, allowed them to operate power machinery and allowed them to work more time per day and per week than is legal.

The defense maintained the plant's hiring process was flawed and dysfunctional but Rubashkin didn't knowingly hire minors. Defense attorney F. Montgomery Brown said the jury's verdict was "a flat-out vindication that this

man did not want young people in his father's plant."

Deputy Iowa Attorney General Thomas H. Miller said he was disappointed by the verdict, but added the case shone a spotlight on vulnerable populations in Iowa and those who abused them.

Twenty-six former Agriprocessors employees from Guatemala and Mexico testified they had worked at the plant as teenagers in 2007 and 2008 and that they were hired after providing false documents showing they were older.

"We feel the humane treatment of workers in this state, whether they be documented or not, is important to the upholding of the law and values of the state of Iowa," Miller said.

After the verdict, Black Hawk County Associate Judge Nathan Callahan called it a complex case and noted that it never came down to a simple question of whether children worked in the plant.

The defense repeatedly reminded jurors that they had to find that the evidence proved beyond a reasonable doubt that Rubashkin "intentionally, deliberately and knowingly" allowed children to work there.

Jury foreman Quentin Hart, a Waterloo City Councilman, said he and the other the panelists tended to distrust the accounts of the alleged child laborers because they testified to lying about their ages to law enforcement officials and presented false documents to Agriprocessors.

## Tornado Survivors Finding Hope Amid Rubble

MILLBURY, Ohio (AP) — Nathaniel Lender scammed in flip-flops across a plywood floor that was the only part of his house not ripped away by a tornado.

"Have you seen my trampoline?" he asked his mom after spotting a shredded hockey net covered by pieces of splintered wood.

"It's over there," she answered, pointing toward a clump of debris wrapped around a backyard fence post.

Up and down their street in the northwest Ohio village of Millbury, homeowners, friends and strangers sifted through lawns and fields Monday, looking for little reminders of what life was like before a tornado flattened their homes.

What they found gave them a bit of hope: a waterlogged Bible,

a Little League baseball trophy, an elementary school yearbook.

Five people died in the tornado that was Ohio's strongest in eight years, part of a line of storms that ripped through the Midwest over the weekend, destroying dozens of homes and an emergency services building in northwest Ohio.

Lake Township Police Chief Mark Hummer revised the death toll downward Monday from seven to five, saying some victims were apparently double-counted.

At least 15 tornadoes touched down in Illinois, injuring more than 30 people and ripping off a movie theater roof. Storms in Michigan tore siding off a nuclear plant, forcing a shutdown.

But the worst destruction was in northwest Ohio, where a

tornado left a strip up to 300 yards wide and 10 miles long littered with wrecked vehicles and family possessions.

Among the victims — all in Ohio — were a mother and her 4-year-old son and the father of a high school valedictorian who had been preparing to address her classmates Sunday, just a few hours after the tornado swept through with wind gusts of 136-165 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

It rated a 3 on a 0-5 scale for measuring tornadoes, with 5 being the most severe, the weather service said.

The high school took a direct hit and was a total loss, and at least 50 homes were destroyed. It's likely more will be condemned in the community southeast of Toledo. Damage

could top \$100 million. Wood County emergency management director Brad Gilbert said Monday.

A tornado earlier had touched down and destroyed several homes west of Toledo in Fulton County, the weather service said, before skipping over the heavily populated suburbs on the southern edge of the city and coming down again in Millbury.

The White House said the Federal Emergency Management Agency planned to conduct preliminary assessments of damage in northwest Ohio starting Tuesday. Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn declared four north-central counties disaster areas Monday help smooth the flow of state help to those areas.

## OBITUARIES

### Mary Jacobs

Mary A. Jacobs, 79, died June 6, 2010, at home in Sioux Falls, S.D., after a battle with cancer. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 8, starting at 4:00 pm, with a Liturgical Scripture Service at 7:00 pm, all at Miller Funeral Home.



Jacobs

Funeral services will be at 10:00 am, Wednesday, June 9, at St. Mary Church, in Sioux Falls, SD. There will be a brief service on Wednesday, June 9 at 3:30 pm at Holy Rosary Parish in Kranzburg, S.D., followed by the burial.

Mary Haan was born Sept. 10, 1930, in Kranzburg to Carl and Dorothy Haan. A graduate of Watertown High School, she married John Jacobs in 1951 and, for many years, they owned and operated a Coast-to-Coast hardware store in Yankton, S.D. While living in Yankton, she completed a degree in sociology at Yankton College. She also worked as head probation officer for the Second District County Court of Yankton, and as marketing director of First Dakota National Bank in Yankton. She was also active in local theatrical productions in Yankton.

She and her husband subsequently owned and operated a Coast-to-Coast Store in Humboldt, Iowa, then resettled in

Brookings, S.D., where she became a licensed real estate broker. Following her husband's death in 1980, she relocated to Sioux Falls, where she became vice president and general manager of Coldwell Banker Dunham Realtors, where she maintained a sales record in excess of \$1 million annually.

In 1987, she became a business consultant for Coldwell Banker, covering a region that encompassed South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska and part of Minnesota. In 1991, she was named consultant of the year, Midwest Region, Coldwell Banker Residential Affiliates.

After retirement, she chaired the local chapter of SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives). She also traveled extensively as a tour host for Ruper Travel of Yankton.

In 2009, she was honored for her volunteer work with the Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science. She was an active member of St. Mary's Church and enjoyed participating in their Consolation Choir.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, her parents, and nephews Jon and Alex Haan. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Kimberlie Jacobs and Marshall Fine, and by two grandchildren, Jacob Fine and Caleb Fine, and her dog Sam as well as six siblings: John (Lou Ann) Haan, Watertown; Henry (Dolly) Haan, Watertown; Carl

(Norma) Haan, Sioux Falls; Paul (Carolyn) Haan of Delano, MN; Dorothy (Larry) Meyer, Sioux Falls; Carol (Bill) Srsika, Sioux Falls; and many nieces and nephews who adored her.

Memorials should be directed to the Avera McKennan Hospice and Palliative Care.

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### Eunice Engen

Eunice L. Engen age 78 of Mitchell, SD and formerly of Yankton, SD passed away at the Avera Queen of Peace Hospital in Mitchell on Sunday, June 6, 2010. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM, Saturday, June 12, 2010 at the United Church of Christ

(Congregational) in Yankton, SD with Rev. Paul Opsahl officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery. Visitations will begin at 9:30 and continue until the time of the service at the church on Saturday. Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, SD is in charge of the arrangements.

### Donald J. Lane

Donald J. Lane, age 89, of Gayville and Mission Hill, South Dakota, died Monday, June 7, 2010 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Arrangements are pending with the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

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