

**2010 Legal and Public Notices**

\$13.10/hour; John Iverson, Student Worker \$9.90/hour. Supervisors: Anthony Anderson-Supervisor Buses & Mechanic \$53,768; Warren Brenner-Computer Specialist \$52,009; Sandy Kramer-Child Nutrition Supervisor \$44,505; Charles Turner, Jr.-Building & Grounds \$57,701.

with the following voting Aye: All (Stevens absent). Motion carried.

Action No. 2010-215

Moved by Specht and seconded by Ekeren to approve an agreement to extend the term of banking relationship with First Dakota National Bank as presented with the following voting Aye: Specht - Yes; Ekeren - Yes; Greenway - abstain; Stevens - absent; Ailts - Yes. Motion carried.

Action No. 2010-216

Moved by Ekeren and seconded by Specht to approve the Yankton Middle School Handbook as presented with the following voting Aye: All (Stevens absent). Motion carried.

Action No. 2010-217

Business Manager Bietz gave a report on a Performance Savings Contract with Johnson Controls. No action was taken.

Action No. 2010-218

Superintendent Gersma gave a report on strategic planning goal activities for the 2009-10 school term. No action was taken.

Action No. 2010-219

Moved by Greenway and seconded by Specht to move into executive session for a contractual matter at 6:05 pm with the following voting Aye: All (Stevens absent). Motion carried.

Action No. 2010-220

Moved by Ekeren and seconded by Specht to reconvene in regular session at 6:25 pm with the following voting Aye: All. Motion carried.

Action No. 2010-221

Moved by Greenway and seconded by Specht to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. with the following voting Aye: All. Motion carried.

Verlin Ailts, President  
School Board  
  
Attest: Jason L. Bietz  
Business Manager

**JOBLESS**

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with 3.4 percent. Vermillion had a 3.9 percent unemployment rate. Sioux Falls was at 4.8 percent, while Mitchell stood at 4.2 percent.

- May unemployment numbers for area counties were:
- 4.8 percent in Bon Homme County, up from 4.7 percent in April;
  - 3.5 percent in Cedar County (Neb.), down from 3.7 percent in April;
  - 4.4 percent in Charles Mix County, even with April;
  - 4.1 percent in Clay County, up from 3.5 percent in April;
  - 3.7 percent in Hutchinson County, down from 3.8 percent in April;
  - 3.8 percent in Knox County (Neb.), down from 4.1 percent in April; and
  - 4.2 percent in Turner County, even with April.

**Vuvuzela Noise Drives An American Nuts**

BERLIN (AP) — German police say an American got so fed up with the constant mosquito-like droning from his neighbors' vuvuzela plastic horns that he threatened to kill them with an ax.

Police in the Bavarian city of Weiden said Friday the 45-year-old man confronted his neighbors during Thursday's Netherlands-Cameroon World Cup game wielding the ax. They said he was so sick of the constant buzzing and honking from the vuvuzelas since the tournament began that he screamed: "I will kill you," and then returned home.

German authorities took the U.S. Army civilian employee into custody and turned him over to U.S. military police. The military says he has been released and the matter is in German hands.

Prosecutors are investigating whether to charge the man, whose name was not released, with making a threat and slander for allegedly calling his neighbors names.

The cheap, meter (yard)-long vuvuzela trumpets have become a side story of the World Cup in South Africa, where their buzzing has been the backdrop to every match.

Players have been criticizing the noise because they find it difficult to take advice from the bench, and visiting fans have no chance for community singing amid the noise.

A French cable TV channel even offers vuvuzela-free broadcasts for all World Cup matches, with the trumpets digitally tuned out.

Defenders include FIFA President Sepp Blatter, Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu — and masses of South African football fans.

The trumpets were first produced and marketed in 2001 by South African Neil Van Schalkwyk, who still owns the rights to the vuvuzela name. His latest innovation is to sell each with a pair of earplugs included.

**MARKING**

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He would then use the majority view as the basis for his actions in Washington.

"If my personal decision is at odds with what the people want, I will go with the people. It's a matter of honor," he said.

Constituents could vote either online or by mail, Marking said. He would collect information on issues and post it on a separate website so citizens could make informed decisions when marking their survey.

Internet security has reached the point where he feels confident with online surveys. The process would use a well-established commercial operation, with participants verified as South Dakota citizens.

"We are close to providing a demonstration of this," he said. "We look for the first samples to be up and running by April 2011."

Marking used health care reform as an example of an issue where citizens had little or no input.

"Do we want (health care) as an addition to our basic rights? People were never asked," he said. "If the answer is yes, who pays? Business? Government? Then we forge ahead."

South Dakota has both the tradition and technology to try the citizens' survey, Marking said.

"In 1898, South Dakota was the first state to adopt the initiative and referendum. We are also the most wired state in the nation," he said. "We have been a pioneer in the democratic process, and this would be Phase II."

The surveys would encourage citizens to take an active role in their government, Marking said.

"This requires citizens to stay engaged, not sit in a recliner and complain," he said. "It would also address the malaise that people feel they have lost control over their lives."

The survey idea could spread regionally or even nationwide, Marking said.

"I have faith in the wisdom of the South Dakota voters," he said. "This is revolutionary, and I would like to see South

Dakota make it work. Imagine the fallout. Neighboring states would demand it."

**CAREER MOVES**

Marking's career has taken him around the world. He grew up in Fargo, N.D. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from The Citadel, the military college of South Carolina.

He served in foreign service for 11 years, including U.S. embassies in Pakistan, the Philippines and Turkey. He served 17 years in civil service agencies, including the Department of the Navy, Civil Aeronautics Board, General Services Administration and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

He is currently a FEMA Disaster Reservist, and he has worked in South Dakota state government for three years.

His volunteer service includes the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary and 29 years with the Civil Air Patrol, attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel. He has volunteered seven years with the American Red Cross. He belongs to the Freemasons.

He has also authored the novel "Amendment XXIX," described as a 21st century sequel to "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington."

Marking and his wife have been married since 1983. They have two grown children and have lived in South Dakota for the past 10 years.

Marking is running for Congress as an independent to avoid partisan labels and separate himself from the party machinery.

"You saw the two parties in the past, and they were more the problem than the solution," he said. "It seems like a matter of divide and conquer. They slap a label on the other side and describe them as evil. I didn't want to be a part of it."

As an independent, Marking admits he faces huge obstacles in raising money and recruiting staff. But he believes a small portion of the voters are hard-core Republicans and Democrats, and he will appeal to most South Dakotans.

"The usual pattern is that the parties form the center and the other candidates represent the fringe," he said. "But in this election, the roles may be reversed. The parties are so extreme that I represent the common-sense guys."

Once elected, Marking sees himself as a valuable swing vote regardless of the 2010

election results. He believes he could make tough decisions by not carrying the political baggage and IOUs associated with either major party.

"If you are serious about eliminating or reducing government, what are you willing to live without?" he asked. "If you let it go to the crisis point, then it's too late."

Marking sees himself as a superior alternative to the two major parties' candidates in what he called "the year of the independent."

Herseth Sandlin has become vulnerable on the issues and has fallen out of touch with South Dakotans, Marking said.

"It's like she has moved on to another phase in her life," he said. "She is now married with a husband and child, two people with no South Dakota ties. It looks like a time in her life to move on."

Marking questioned Noem's qualifications, particularly her lack of exposure to a wide range of world experiences.

"She says that she has spent her entire life in South Dakota," he said. "That's why I believe she's superbly qualified to stay here."

**TAKING A STAND**

Marking touts his career service around the globe, including two years at the U.S. embassy in Pakistan. He sees his understanding of that part of the world as a valuable resource for dealing with the war on terror.

Marking does not want to see the U.S. remain in a protracted war in Southwest Asia or engage in long-term nation building. He prefers more use of special operations forces rather than conventional forces.

"With the way we are doing things now, you would knock (terrorists) down in Iraq, and they would pop up in Yemen. It's like playing a game of Whack-A-Mole," he said.

"We need to get our troops back here and take care of our border security. But border security has become entangled with immigration reform, and we need to separate the two. My wife is a legal immigrant from the Philippines, and we need to promote (that process)."

Marking expressed grave concern about cyber-warfare that could take down the nation's infrastructure and financial system.

On the domestic front, Marking

expressed strong opposition to lawmakers who don't even read complex legislation before voting on it. He noted the practice with the bank bailouts, stimulus spending and health care reform.

On the other hand, he doesn't favor the GOP call for totally repealing the new health reform package. He doesn't believe such an effort will occur or succeed. The dollars are already flowing for the programs, he said.

"The Republicans' talking about repealing health care reform is revenge. The two parties are playing the game," he said. "We should be more realistic. We should be going for tort reform and taking out the bad parts of the bill."

Marking is intrigued by the fair tax proposal at the federal level that would tax consumption instead of income and investments.

"We have 17,000 pages in the tax code and all the costs to administer it. We have added to the tax code since 1980; we have added three (laws) a day, every day, as long as Congress has been in session," he said. "The tax code is what Congress uses to reward its friends, punish its opponents and create social engineering."

The fair tax proposal would create a radical change in the nation's tax system, Marking said.

"This would scale back the IRS. We wouldn't need a mountain of collectors. It wouldn't be as onerous as it is. This would be revolutionary," he said.

"We would take away Congress' main toy. If you took this tool away from Congress, they wouldn't be able to play their games with the Beltway Bandits. It would be revenue neutral and very progressive."

Congress also needs to push forward with energy independence as a matter of national security, Marking said.

The British Petroleum (BP) oil spill has created major outrage, but drilling will need to continue as an energy source until the nation develops alternatives, Marking said. He supports biofuels as a major renewable resource.

While many pundits call Marking's candidacy a long shot, he believes he will come out on top on Election Day.

"If it comes down to credentials and fresh ideas, I have got it won on both counts," he said.

**Iraq Says Govt Workers Not Exempt From Power Cuts**

BY BUSHRA JUHI  
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD — An Iraqi minister warned government workers Friday against using their influence to escape the country's widespread power cuts and urged people to cut down on air conditioning as temperatures soared.

Many Iraqis get fewer than six hours of electricity each day, despite billions of dollars spent trying to fix the nation's power grid since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

The outages led to violent protests last week as temperatures climbed to 120 degrees Fahrenheit (50 degrees Celsius).

Hundreds took their grievances to the streets again Friday in Kufa, 100 miles (160 kilometers) south of Baghdad.

Protesters were chanting "Where is the electricity," and accused the government of not fulfilling its promises of providing people with services.

The acting electricity minister Hussain al-Shahristani said the government has taken steps to meet the increased power demand and urged patience from Iraqis.

"Brothers, if you do not cooperate ... the problem will persist because there is

no magic wand or miracle that can solve the problem," al-Sharistani said at a news conference Friday.

"I call upon the people who have more than one air conditioning unit to use only one in one room," he said.

Al-Shahristani added that government employees who are trying wriggle out of the cuts will be charged with abuse of power.

Earlier this week, two protesters were killed in the southern oil hub of Basra after a demonstration over power outages turned violent, prompting security forces to open fire.

The crisis already has led to the electricity minister's resignation and poses a major test for Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki as he struggles to keep his job amid bickering over the formation of a new government more than three months after national elections. It also complicates efforts to stabilize the country as the U.S. military prepares to withdraw its forces by the end of next year.

Al-Shahristani, who is also the oil minister, took over the electricity portfolio Wednesday after his predecessor resigned in the wake of the deadly protests in Basra.

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