

Nebraska Governor Signs Wind-Energy Bill

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman has signed a wind-energy bill that he opposes to prevent the city of Omaha from increasing its local option sales tax.

The Republican governor approved the measure on Tuesday. The bill is designed to stimulate wind-energy production in Nebraska by offering sales tax breaks to companies that invest at least \$20 million in a renewable energy project. Heineman opposed the measure as a tax giveaway to out-of-state companies, but he supported another part of the bill that will rescind Omaha's ability to ask voters for a half-cent sales tax increase.

Heineman says he would have used a line-item veto to strike the wind-energy portions of the bill, but he can only use that power with budget bills.

Effort To Oust Rapid City Alderman Falls Short

RAPID CITY (AP) — A petition to force a recall election of a Rapid City councilman accused of making racially insensitive remarks to a black TV reporter has fallen short after a number of signatures were disqualified.

The *Rapid City Journal* reported Tuesday that 166 of 467 pages of signatures turned in to force a recall of Councilman Bill Clayton were deemed ineligible. About 7,000 signatures were turned in, with 6,200 needed to trigger a recall. A memo from the city attorney's office said the signatures were disqualified because two people gathering them were Montana residents. South Dakota law mandates that people gathering petition signatures be state residents.

Clayton has been under fire since he allegedly told the TV reporter during a phone interview that she should be deported to Kenya. Clayton has said he was not aware of the reporter's race and publicly apologized.

The organizer of the recall effort said he's unlikely to restart the petition drive.

Interim Director Of Indian Education Named

PIERRE (AP) — The South Dakota Department of Education on Tuesday named the former director of the federal Bureau of Indian Education as the interim director of Indian education for the state.

Keith Moore of Sioux Falls was director of the BIE from 2010 to 2012. Prior to working there, Moore served as chief diversity officer at the University of South Dakota. From 2005 to 2009, he was South Dakota's director of Indian Education.

"Keith understands the issues surrounding the education of our Native American youth," Melody Schopp, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education, said in a statement. "His expertise will be especially critical as we seek to close the achievement gap for our Native students."

Moore, a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, is currently the director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in South Dakota. He holds a master's degree in secondary administration from South Dakota State University and a specialist degree in educational leadership from Montana State University.

Mitchell Approves Sidewalk Wine Sales

MITCHELL (AP) — Businesses in downtown Mitchell will now have the option to wine and dine customers on city sidewalks.

The Mitchell City Council on Monday voted 5-2 to approve an ordinance to allow the sale of wine at certain outdoor areas in the city's downtown.

The *Daily Republic* reported that several residents spoke for and against the ordinance. The Rev. Carroll Torberson told the council he believes it will lead to an expansion of alcohol sales and asked, "Where does it end?"

Restaurant owner Geri Beck said her business would benefit from the rule and believes opponents are exaggerating possible problems from the sale of wine.

"I don't believe that this is the expansion of alcohol that opponents think it is," Beck said.

The ordinance limits the service to wine and prohibits sales during Corn Palace Festival week. Businesses will be required to pay an application fee to the city and provide a site plan and hours of operation.

Crazy Horse Blast Commemorates 65th Anniversary

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SIoux FALLS — Crazy Horse Memorial sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski was busy rough shaping the 219-foot-tall horse's head when he died in 1982, leaving his dream of honoring the Oglala Lakota warrior with a mammoth mountain carving in South Dakota's Black Hills in his family's hands.

Widow Ruth Ziolkowski knew she had to keep the work going, but she decided to shift the focus to completing Crazy Horse's 90-foot-tall face to boost interest and bring in more donations.

"If Korczak had lived, he would have carved the horse's head. He could have explained why to everyone and the world would have been happy with it," said Ruth Ziolkowski, president and chief executive of the memorial. "But it made good sense to be able to prove to people that we really could carry on and keep it going."

The Crazy Horse Memorial on Tuesday commemorated the 65th anniversary of the monu-

ment's dedication — and the 15th anniversary of the completion of the warrior's face — with a 654-ton morning blast.

Crazy Horse was a famed Oglala Lakota warrior and leader who played a key role in the 1876 defeat of the U.S. Seventh Cavalry at the Battle of the Little Bighorn in Montana. When completed, the carving of his image on a bluff about 10 miles southwest of Mount Rushmore will be 641 feet long and 563 feet high.

Work on the project, funded entirely by private donations, has been going on since 1948.

Tuesday explosive-charged rock removal, a ceremonial version of something that occurs throughout the year, cleared rock from the 360-foot bench directly underneath what will one day be the horse's muzzle.

Spaced 20 feet apart, the 11 benches on Korczak Ziolkowski's blueprints serve as access roads that will eventually allow carvers to perform finishing work on the horse's head, said mountain director Monique Ziolkowski, the sculptor's daughter.

As rough work continues on the final bench, finishing work will soon begin on the warrior's

outstretched arm, which points to the sacred lands where Crazy Horse's ancestors have died.

"We're going to work from Crazy Horse's hand down and we're going to concentrate on the front of the mountain, the visitors' side," Monique Ziolkowski said.

The invitation to undertake the carving came from Lakota Chief Henry Standing Bear, who was prompted by Gutzon Borglum's carving of nearby Mount Rushmore to seek a memorial for Indian heroes.

In addition to completing the carved face, the Crazy Horse Memorial has built a welcome center, a comprehensive museum and one building of a planned Indian University of North America complex, where 32 students are about to start a fourth summer class program.

"It'll be a few years yet before we can do the degree-granting full-time program," Ruth Ziolkowski said. "It's coming, and you have to take little steps first, as Korczak always said, in order to get to the big one."

"But the important thing is we never stopped."

Black Leaders Weigh In, Renaming Work Suspended

aPIERRE (AP) — The South Dakota panel responsible for getting rid of offensive geographic names suspended work Tuesday on places using the word "Negro," after black leaders said the term isn't offensive and should be retained to reflect African-Americans' contributions to the state's history.

Five Black Hills sites include the word. The Board on Geographic Names met in Pierre to consider replacement names, suggested by the public, but delayed the process until they can gather more public comment.

Officials from the South Dakota African American History Museum in Sioux Falls sent the board an email last week urging that the sites continue to include the word "Negro." Museum curator Porter Williams said some of the sites were initially known by a different, offensive term.

"Negro to black people is not offensive. That's what we are. We're Negro people, black people. Negro means black," Williams told The Associated Press in a telephone interview after the meeting.

The South Dakota Legislature in 2009 passed a law requiring that any place with that word be renamed, but Williams said using the term is recognition that black people helped develop the state.

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PORTER WILLIAMS

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The state board had sought public suggestions on replacement names for a ridge, a canyon, a hill, a gulch and a creek in western South Dakota. They received suggestions by mail and email, but no one testified in person Tuesday.

Board members discussed a few suggested names but then decided to delay a decision. The board will publish notices in newspapers to invite public comment. In the meantime, the panel will continue work on renaming places that include the word "Squaw," a term offensive to Native Americans.

Board chairman J.R. LaPlante, state secretary of tribal relations, said the board may have to ask the state Legislature to take another look at the renaming law.

Nebraska Sued Over Immigrant License Policy

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A Nebraska City woman has filed a federal lawsuit against the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles and its director over the state's denial of driver's licenses for young immigrants who have gotten work permits and avoided deportation under an Obama administration policy.

The lawsuit was filed Friday by attorneys with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund on behalf of 24-year-old Mayra Saldana. It names the DMV and director Rhonda Lahm as plaintiffs. Lahm declined to comment Tuesday, saying her office doesn't comment on pending litigation.

Saldana, a full-time forensic science student at Peru State College, filed the lawsuit after being denied a job because of her inability to drive, attorney Aaron Siebert-Llera said Tuesday.

"They said they had to have someone who at least had the option to drive in case it became necessary," Siebert-Llera said.

Even attending classes is a hardship, he said, because Peru State is located about 15 miles

south of Nebraska City, where she lives.

"She has to depend on rides from either family or friends to get to and from school," he said.

Nebraska, like the state of Arizona, has refused to view those in President Barack Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, enacted last summer, as legal residents. The Department of Homeland Security has said immigrants with work permits issued under the policy are lawfully present in the U.S.

Applicants for the deferment program must have come to the U.S. before they turned 16, be younger than 30, have been in the country for at least five continuous years, be in school or have graduated from high school or GED program or have served in the military. They also were allowed to apply for a two-year renewable work permit.

Saldana was granted her deferred action last year, which means she can legally live and work in the United States without the worry of deportation. Siebert-Llera said she came to Nebraska from Mexico when she was 2 years old.

Smart Fun in the Summertime!

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World of Worms

The world just wouldn't be the same without worms.

What can we learn from a worm?

While we are quiet and shy, we are good to have around. We don't have eyes, ears or legs, yet we provide an important service.

Worms are master recyclers!

Professor Worm's Amazing Worm Facts

Add up the numbers to discover each answer.

As earthworms burrow or dig into the ground, they swallow soil. They eat rotting plants and leaves. As this debris passes through the worm's body, it is ground up by tiny stones in the worm's gizzard and leaves the body as waste.

This waste is called worm **castings**. Castings are dark and fertile and enrich the soil. Each day an earthworm produces its weight in castings.

How long was the longest earthworm ever found?
9 + 6 + 7 = feet

How strong are earthworms? They can push things up to **3 + 3 + 4 = times** their own weight. That would be like you being able to push four refrigerators at one time!

Yum! Love that Garbage!

Garbage is for worms! You might think it is gross, but certain kinds of worms think garbage is yummy. Instead of tossing leftover salad, melon peels and apple cores into the trash or disposal, build a worm bin and start raising worms to eat your garbage.

Extra! Extra!

Now You See It

Scientists must be observant, watching things very carefully. Try this game to improve your powers of observation.

- With a partner, pick a newspaper picture. Study it for one minute.
- Cover the picture and write down everything you remember about it. Who can remember the most details?

Standards Link: Science/Investigation: Follow instructions for an investigation.

Scratchy Worms

Do you think you can hear an earthworm move?

If you put an earthworm on a clean, dry sheet of paper and listen very carefully, you will hear a little scratching noise. This noise is made by the eight small bristles an earthworm has on nearly every segment of its body. These bristles help earthworms move.

Standards Link: Science/Investigation: Follow instructions for an investigation.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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S	E	R	V	I	C	E	O	A	O
L	A	W	M	O	R	R	T	M	S
G	M	W	O	S	G	S	S	R	A
W	O	R	R	U	B	L	D	S	L

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Recycle Poster

Look through the newspaper for names and addresses of agencies involved in recycling. Make a poster encouraging students to recycle and list where different items can be recycled. Post this in your school.

Standards Link: Research: Students use the newspaper to locate information.

Write On!

Best Book of the Summer

Tell other kids about a book you think they should read during the summer.

Kid Scoop Together. Proof It!

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the articles below and correct the **nine spelling and grammar errors** you find. The first one is done for you.

Worm Grunting

Worm grunting is done by driving a stake into the ground and pulling a flat metal rod across the top. This creates a bullfrog-like grunting sound. Within minutes, hundreds of earthworms crawl out of the ground, where fishermen gather them up for bait.

Why do the worms come up? Researcher, Ken Catania of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN has an explanation. He believes that worm grunting is similar to the vibrations moles make as they dig through the ground. Moles eat worms, so when the worms feel those vibrations, they scurry to get out of the ground and away from the mole.

Every April, the citizens of Sopchoppy, FL hold a one-day Worm Grunting Festival. In addition to dancing, eating good food, a hula hool contest and other games, the festival includes a Worm Gruntin' Contest and the crowing of a Worm Grunter King and/or Queen.

Standards Link: Writing: Edit work to check for correct spelling.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **COMPOST**

The noun **compost** means a mixture of decaying leaves, vegetables and other plant products that is used to improve garden soil.

Vivien spread the **compost** over her vegetable garden.

Try to use the word **compost** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.