

Officials: Crew Caused Creighton Dorm Fire

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say a fire at a vacant Creighton University dorm was accidentally caused by a construction crew working on remodeling.

The Omaha Fire Department says a dorm room at Deglman Hall was being remodeled Monday when the accidental ignition happened. Additional information wasn't provided.

No one was injured. Damage is estimated to be more than \$10,000. Contractors alerted officials and firefighters were able to control the fire within minutes.

Man Accused Of Voting Twice In Election

MITCHELL (AP) — A 54-year-old Mitchell resident known in the South Dakota town for being a vocal critic of school officials is suspected of voting twice in Tuesday's school board election.

Craig Guymon was arrested on voter fraud charges and booked at the Davison County Jail on Wednesday morning and released on a personal recognizance bond, the *Daily Republic* reported.

A news release from the Mitchell Police Department said Guymon voted Tuesday morning at the Mitchell Career and Technical Education Academy and later returned an absentee ballot to the Davison Auditor's Office at the county courthouse. Absentee voting was allowed until 3 p.m. on Election Day.

A telephone message left Wednesday for Guymon by The Associated Press was not immediately returned.

The charge is a felony carrying a maximum penalty of two years in prison and a \$4,000 fine.

3 Injured In Omaha Collision Tuesday Night

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say three people have been injured in a collision involving a Cadillac DeVille crashing into a minivan.

Investigators say 29-year-old James Ellerbruch Jr., was driving the Cadillac Tuesday night when it ran a red light and crashed into a minivan driven by 42-year-old Heidi Haluza.

Omaha television station KETV reports authorities tried to stop Ellerbruch as his car exited I-80 westbound onto southbound 42nd Street. Ellerbruch refused to stop, and the car ran a red light before it collided with Haluza's minivan.

Ellerbruch and another passenger were taken to a local hospital in critical condition. Haluza was taken to a local hospital in serious condition.

Police say charges against Ellerbruch are pending.

Carlson Weighing Run For Nebraska Governor

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A Nebraska state senator is pondering a run for governor in the 2014 election.

Sen. Tom Carlson of Holdrege said Wednesday that he's thinking about joining the race, but won't make a decision until he hears input from people and groups he trusts.

Carlson, a Republican, says he won't run unless he thinks he can raise enough money to compete in the race and win. He also says he wants to focus on leading a new state water task force, which has to report back to the Legislature in December.

Carlson was elected to the Nebraska Legislature in 2006 and was re-elected in 2010. He serves as chair of the Legislature's Natural Resources Committee. He is ineligible to run for the Legislature again in 2014 because of term limits.

SDSU Student Appointed To SD Regents Board

PIERRE (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has appointed South Dakota State University student Joseph Schartz to the state Board of Regents.

Schartz is from Humboldt and will be entering his sophomore year at SDSU, where he's pursuing a double major in journalism and agricultural business and a minor in political science.

Daugaard says Schartz is articulate, level-headed and thoughtful, and will make a great regent.

Schartz says he's grateful for the opportunity to serve on the board that governs the six state universities and two special schools. He succeeds Patrick Weber, who left the board last month following his graduation from the University of South Dakota law school.

The student member is one of the board's nine members and is a voting member.

SD Trail Of Governors Project Expanding

PIERRE (AP) — Life-size bronze statues of former South Dakota Govs. Frank Farrar, Harvey Wollman and William Janklow are being unveiled at the state Capitol Rotunda in Pierre next week.

The celebration of the latest additions to the Trail of Governors project is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Friday, June 14.

Current Gov. Dennis Daugaard is to participate in the ceremony along with every living former governor: Farrar, Wollman, Walter Miller and Mike Rounds.

The statues eventually will be added to the trail being formed throughout downtown Pierre and the Capitol grounds.

Each statue is funded by individual or business donations. The Trail of Governors Foundation plans to erect three statues each year. The first three were unveiled last year — former Govs. Arthur Mellette, Harlan Bushfield and Miller.

Daugaard Questions Complaint Probes

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has asked South Dakota Labor Secretary Pam Roberts to review procedures for investigating consumer complaints against insurance companies.

The move comes after the *Argus Leader* newspaper reported the labor department's insurance division hasn't publicly disciplined Ability Insurance Co. despite having evidence that the company allegedly broke state laws when it denied claims for long-term care policyholders.

Daugaard says such cases can be complex and time-consuming but that regulators "should always strive to act as quickly as possible to investigate bad actors and protect consumers." He wants a report from Roberts in the next 30 days.

Gilbertson Gets New Supreme Court Term

BY CHET BROKAW
Associated Press

PIERRE — The South Dakota Supreme Court announced Wednesday that the justices have elected David Gilbertson to an unprecedented fourth term as chief justice of the state's highest court.

Gilbertson, 63, said he had considered stepping down so another justice could take over the court's administrative duties, but he decided to seek a new four-year term to oversee the implementation of many projects that have just begun.

He noted that the South Dakota Legislature a few months ago passed a new law that makes sweeping changes in the criminal justice system in an attempt to treat more nonviolent offenders outside prison walls through intensive probation, parole and other programs. Gilbertson, who played a role in putting together the new programs, said the court system has been working for years to expand special courts for drug and alcohol offenders, allow cameras in courtrooms and encourage more lawyers to practice in rural areas.

He said the law overhauling the criminal justice system sets goals that the court system



Gilbertson

and other agencies must now put into practice.

"I was raised by my parents to finish what I started," Gilbertson said.

Greg Sattizahn, legal counsel for the court system, said the other four justices voted unanimously to give Gilbertson a new term as chief justice.

"This election makes Chief Justice Gilbertson the first chief justice that we've had in the history of the state to be elected to four terms," Sattizahn said.

The chief justice oversees administrative duties for the court system. Gilbertson said the court system has 535 employees and an annual budget of \$38 million, and the chief justice also has to handle ceremonial tasks, personnel issues and public speaking appearances.

Gilbertson, of Lake City, became a circuit judge in 1986 and was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1995. He became chief justice in 2001 and was re-elected to the post in 2005 and 2009.

"I can't think of anything else in life I would

rather do," Gilbertson said.

Gilbertson said the court in the past 12 years has survived a 10 percent budget cut in 2011 without laying off any employees or closing any trial-level courts. The court system also has worked to create alcohol and drug courts and now wants to expand them statewide to every city large enough to support them. In addition, cameras are now allowed in Supreme Court hearings and in some circuit court proceedings, he said.

The state court system's computer programs are being upgraded to allow electronic filing and public access to case files, and officials are seeking to help people who represent themselves in court because they cannot afford to hire lawyers.

Gilbertson said the court system faces challenges in the next decade because many judges will likely retire. He said all the Supreme Court justices and 40 percent of the circuit judges are eligible to retire now if they chose to do so.

Supreme Court justices are appointed by the governor and then face retention elections for eight-year terms. Gilbertson and three other justices face retention elections next year on the general election ballot.

Lawmakers Adjourn Nebraska Legislative Session

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska lawmakers finished a legislative session Wednesday highlighted by a \$7.8 billion, two-year budget, increased spending for the university and state colleges, and an overhaul of juvenile services.

But as lawmakers completed their work in Lincoln on the 90th day of the session, some promised to continue efforts next year to pass major tax reforms and expand Medicaid so more low-income Nebraska residents have health insurance. Both efforts stalled this year after bitter debates that raged for hours.

"If you had asked me a month ago how this session was going, I would have said it's not going to well," said Speaker of the Legislature Greg Adams. "There was so much divisiveness, so much polarization, so much emotion. Now, we get to the 90th day, and we sit here with a sigh of relief. We look at what we've accomplished and, on the whole, it's really been a pretty good session."

Lawmakers this year passed 214 of the 661 bills that were introduced, roughly on par with the average.

The session included an overhaul of juvenile services, with a new focus on local treatment options for young criminal offenders. The multifaceted bill also includes \$14.5 million for juvenile services and a grant program to help counties treat young criminal offenders. Lawmakers also

approved a higher-education funding increase that will allow the University of Nebraska and the state colleges to enact a two-year tuition freeze.

They also set a new sentencing range of 40 years to life for juveniles convicted of first-degree murder. The law was introduced after a U.S. Supreme Court ruling struck down mandatory life-without-parole sentences for juveniles.

Lawmakers also extended new, voluntary services to state wards who would otherwise age out of the system, and increased penalties for human traffickers who target minors.

But the session was marked by failed efforts to expand Medicaid coverage and to repeal the death penalty. Despite majority support in the Legislature, both proposals stalled in the face of filibusters.

During a news conference Tuesday, with almost half of the Legislature, Sen. Kathy Campbell of Lincoln promised to revive the Medicaid expansion debate next year.

Lawmakers postponed action on tax reform championed by Gov. Dave Heineman in favor of a

legislative study that will search for ways to upgrade the system. The last major overhaul took place in the 1967. Heineman and some lawmakers have argued that the system no longer reflects the state economy, which has shifted away from traditional manufacturing and more toward service industries.

In his end-of-session speech, Heineman praised lawmakers for their work on a balanced budget without tax increases, the juvenile justice overhaul, and a measure to shrink the Omaha Public School Board. But he signaled that he will push again for more ambitious tax cuts next year.

"We've made good progress, but we have more work to do," Heineman said. "We need a business climate that is more small business friendly. We need to lower taxes on Nebraskans."

Lawmakers agreed to the study after Heineman's plan to eliminate or reduce the state income tax met opposition from businesses, farm groups and nonprofits. Now, a 14-member committee of lawmakers will travel the state over the next six months to gather input on tax re-

SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATURE GREG ADAMS

forms and launch a study.

"I think we're going to hear a lot of really good information, and I think Nebraskans are very passionate about this issue," said Sen. Beau McCoy, of Omaha, a committee member who sponsored the original tax-cut bills. "I think we're going to position ourselves very well to go into the 2014 session, where tax reform may be the largest issue."

The session marked the return of longtime state Sen. Ernie Chambers, of Omaha, who was forced to sit out for four years because of term limits. Chambers won re-election in 2012 to another four-year term, and he spent much of the session using procedural motions to prevent a vote on bills he opposed. The tactic was also employed by a group of conservative senators, who succeeded in stopping debate on bills to expand Medicaid and repeal the death penalty.

Neb. Takes New Steps To Fight Tree Pest

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska has begun a voluntary firewood restriction as part of its effort to stem the spread of an insect pest that's killing ash trees.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission says the spread of the emerald ash borer can be prevented if park users acquire firewood within 50 miles of their destination and burn all their wood. Signs will be posted at all parks.

Park users bringing firewood from other states to Niobrara, Ponca, Eugene T. Mahoney and Indian Cave state parks, as well as Pawnee State Recreation Area, will be asked to exchange their firewood for locally acquired firewood.

The Asian insect has killed more than 50 million trees since it was first detected in Michigan in 2002. The ash borer has been found in northeast Iowa as well.

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