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## Snowden Seeking Asylum In Ecuador

U.S. Left With Few Options

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WASHINGTON — Admitted leaker Edward Snowden took flight Sunday in evasion of U.S. authorities, seeking asylum in Ecuador and leaving the Obama administration scrambling to determine its next step in what became a game of diplomatic cat-and-mouse.

The former National Security Agency contractor and CIA technician fled Hong Kong and arrived at the Moscow airport, where he planned to spend the night before boarding an Aeroflot flight to Cuba. Ecuador's Foreign Minister Ricardo Patino said his government received an asylum request from Snowden, and the anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks said it would help him.

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**REP. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

"He goes to the very countries that have, at best, very tense relationships with the United States," said Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., adding that she feared Snowden would trade more U.S. secrets for asylum. "This is not going to play out well for the national security interests of the United States."

The move left the U.S. with limited options as Snowden's itinerary took him on a tour of what many see as anti-American capitals. Ecuador in particular has rejected the United States' previous efforts at cooperation, and has been helping WikiLeaks founder, Julian Assange, avoid prosecution by allowing him to stay at its embassy in London.

Snowden helped *The Guardian* and *The Washington Post* disclose U.S. surveillance programs that collect vast amounts of phone records and online data in the name of foreign intelligence, but often sweeping up information on American citizens. Officials have the ability to collect phone and Internet information broadly but need a warrant to examine specific cases where they believe terrorism is involved.

Snowden has been in hiding for several weeks in Hong Kong, a former British colony with a high degree of autonomy from mainland China. The United States formally sought Snowden's extradition from Hong Kong but was rebuffed; Hong Kong officials said the U.S. request did not fully comply with their laws.

The Justice Department rejected that claim, saying its request met all of the requirements of the extradition treaty between the U.S. and Hong Kong.

During conversations last week, including a phone call Wednesday between Attorney General Eric Holder

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## Good Morning!

Welcome to the new-look *PRESS & DAKOTAN*. We have shifted our printing format to provide our readers and our advertisers with a more colorful source of news, sports, entertainment and more. The page has been narrowed, but we are now able to offer a lot more color throughout the newspaper. Indeed, you will find color on every page of today's special, two-section edition. We hope you like the change and hope you appreciate the possibilities that this new format opens for us and for you!

## Checking Out Czech Days



KELLY HERTZ/P&D



NATHAN JOHNSON/P&D

Tradition reigned supreme once again in Tabor this past weekend for the 65th annual Czech Days celebration. One of the most popular ethnic celebrations in the Upper Midwest, the Tabor festival celebrated its 65th anniversary this year. **LEFT:** One of the featured events at the celebration was the performance of the Beseda Dancers, which includes more than 200 performers. The dancers were in action both Friday and Saturday night. **ABOVE:** Mariah Kostal was crowned as the 2013 Czech Days queen during a coronation ceremony Saturday night in Tabor's Sokol Park.

## Family Shares Celebration's Stage

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TABOR — As past Czech Days queens gathered in Tabor's Sokol Park Saturday night, it became a family reunion for some of those present.

Janene Cabalka, who became the second Czech Days queen in 1953, was the first to walk down the steps and take a seat in front of the stage as part of the ceremony to crown the 2013 queen. She is a close cousin to three of the former queens who were also present for the 65th Czech Days celebration: Lori

Manas-Lammers ('83), Lisa (Manas) Dangler ('88) and Amie (Manas) Colvin ('99) — who are sisters. Those three former queens also have a niece, Emily Manas, who was the 2011 Czech Days queen.

"It's wonderful to share the stage with family," Cabalka said.

The women said walking across the stage and being part of the ceremony brings back a lot of memories and emotions.

"We all worked hard, did our best and relied upon a lot of luck!" said Manas-Lammers. "It's wonderful to still see so many people enjoying Czech Days

after all these years."

Despite so much royal lineage in the family, the Manas sisters said there was never any pressure to become queen.

"(My sisters) definitely showed me the ropes and were supportive," Colvin stated.

The excitement for Czech Days lives on in the family, as Dangler said she was so busy getting her children dressed up for the festivities that she didn't have time to don her Czech queen dress. In fact, the outgoing Czech Days prince Sat-

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## Neb. Outpacing Nation For Internet Connectivity

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska is outpacing the national average in Internet connectivity, according to a recently released report based on 2011 U.S. Census Bureau data.

About 30.4 percent of Nebraska residents have the Internet on multiple devices at home and away from home, including on smartphones and tablets, the *Lincoln Journal Star* reported Saturday.

Nebraska is one of a dozen states that had higher connectivity than the national average. Twenty-seven percent of Americans had connection on more than one device.

Meanwhile, 14.3 percent of Nebraska residents reported having no computer or Internet connection at all, lower than the national average of 15.9 percent.

The findings are part of a Census Bureau survey conducted in July 2011 that asked 54,000 people about computer and Internet use for households and individuals.



NATHAN JOHNSON/P&D

**Rick Weiland, the Democratic candidate in the 2014 South Dakota Senate race, spoke, and even sang, to Yankton County Democrats Sunday during a picnic in Yankton's Riverside Park.**

## Weiland Vows To Take 'Big Money' Out Of Politics

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Taking inspiration from the late Sen. George McGovern, South Dakota Senate candidate Rick Weiland believes the single most important thing to getting America back on the right track is to take the money out of political campaigns.

"We have a Congress that wants to invest more in billionaires and corporations than they do in our kids, seniors, and crumbling roads and bridges," he said. "I think that's a fight worth making."

Weiland, a Democrat, spoke and even played guitar and sang a song for the crowd

at a Yankton County Democrat picnic in Yankton's Riverside Park Sunday. He is the only Democrat who has announced a candidacy for the seat being vacated by Sen. Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) in 2014. Meanwhile, former Gov. Mike Rounds is the only Republican candidate.

Weiland has worked as an aide to former Sen. Tom Daschle (D-S.D.), as the Region VIII director of Federal Emergency Management Agency, as the state director of the AARP and as the CEO of the International Code Council.

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