

**Docs In 1971 Case To Be Released**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Sealed court documents used in the criminal investigation of a 1971 cold case will be released next week.  
A judge in Vermillion on May 30 granted a request from Attorney General Marty Jackley to unseal the documents but without the names of numerous reported victims of sexual assaults.  
Another judge used the documents in 2004 to grant three search warrants at the boyhood home near Alcester of David Lykken, who was indicted for killing Cheryl Miller and Pamela Jackson.  
Those charges were later dropped and Jackley said in April the girls died when their Studebaker drove off a gravel road and landed in a creek.  
Lykken argued unsuccessfully against the release.  
Jackley's office on Friday said the redacted documents will be unsealed June 20.

**Lincoln Switching To Natural Gas Buses**

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Lincoln city officials are replacing their diesel-powered buses with ones powered by compressed natural gas.  
The city began the switch on Friday, when officials unveiled five new StarTran buses. The buses are expected to save the city an estimated \$1.3 million over their 15-year lifetimes, with reduced maintenance and fuel costs.  
Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler says the buses are quieter and safer, and will produce fewer greenhouse gases than the diesel models.  
The first five buses will run on routes through the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus, starting in August. The city will deploy eight more buses over the next two years, with more to come until all of the diesel buses have been replaced.  
Each new bus costs about \$484,000. The fuel system costs about \$35,000.

**Douglas Co. Sheriff's Deputy Arrested**

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A Douglas County Sheriff's deputy faces a charge of possession of a controlled substance following an investigation by the Nebraska State Patrol.  
A news release from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office says Deputy Kristin Jones turned herself in to the State Patrol on Friday and was arrested on the charge.  
The release says Jones' arrest stemmed from a report made by the sheriff's office in April, when it suspected the 37-year-old Jones — who was assigned to clerical work — had done something illegal. The sheriff's office then turned the case over to the State Patrol.  
Chief Deputy Tom Wheeler says the sheriff's office is also conducting an internal investigation. He declined to give other details of the investigation.  
Jones could not be reached for comment Friday.

**4 Teens Arrested In Slaying**

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Authorities have arrested four teenagers in the slaying of a 23-year-old Omaha man.  
Police said in a news release Friday that the boys were ages 13, 15, 16 and 17. They're accused in the fatal shooting of Brandon Wallace, who was found wounded Saturday afternoon on the front porch of his home. He died later at an Omaha hospital.  
The Associated Press generally doesn't name juveniles accused of crimes.  
Police say the investigation is continuing.

**Target Data Breach Affects SDPB**

SIoux FALLS (AP) — South Dakota Public Broadcasting is missing out on dozens of monthly donations as part of the fallout from last year's massive Target credit card data breach.  
The nonprofit is among several nationwide that rely in part on small, recurring monthly credit card payments from supporters. *The Argus Leader* reports many of those transactions have been disrupted since November, when the theft of Target's data prompted millions of Americans to cancel or change their credit cards.  
South Dakota Public Broadcasting vice president Ryan Howlett says officials worked hard last year to grow that segment of the donor base, and weren't prepared for what happened after the Target data breach.  
Howlett says contacting supporters to update their credit card information has been an administrative hassle for the nonprofit's small membership staff.

**Woman Found In Tea Fire Hospitalized**

TEA (AP) — A woman found unresponsive in a burning home in Tea has been hospitalized with unspecified injuries.  
A police officer who responded to the scene about 7:30 a.m. Friday found the woman unresponsive in a bed and administered CPR until a medical crew arrived to take her to the hospital.  
Authorities said she is about 50 years old. Neighbors said her husband was out of town.  
A neighbor who saw smoke coming from the woman's home reported the fire. There was no immediate word on the cause.

**Nebraska**

**Court Dismisses Same-Sex Divorce Appeal**

BY MARGERY A. BECK  
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Nebraska's Supreme Court dismissed an appeal Friday by woman legally wed to another woman in Iowa who is now seeking a divorce in the state where they live, saying it didn't have jurisdiction and therefore could not address the constitutional arguments raised about same-sex marriage and divorce in Nebraska.  
Bonnie Nichols of Raymond married her longtime partner in 2009 and filed for divorce last year, but a Lancaster County judge ruled that the court couldn't grant a divorce without recognizing the marriage.  
Same-sex marriages began in Iowa in 2009, after the state's Supreme Court struck down a law that defined marriage as the union of one man and one woman. Iowa state law requires couples seeking a divorce in the state to live there for one year beforehand. Nebraska, meanwhile, doesn't recognize same-sex marriages, civil unions or domestic partnerships because of a constitutional amendment that was overwhelmingly approved by voters in 2000.

The state attorney general's office, in a friend of the court brief, argued that allowing the divorce would run afoul of the state's constitutional amendment and that granting the divorce "would in effect disenfranchise 70 percent of Nebraska's voters (who voted for the amendment)."  
Nichols' attorney, Megan Mikolajczyk, had argued that the U.S. Constitution's "full faith and credit" clause requires Nebraska to recognize the marriage.  
But Nebraska's Supreme Court dismissed the case without addressing constitutional issues, saying that because Nichols had appealed from a conditional order and not a final judgment, it lacks jurisdiction over the appeal.  
Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down part of the federal anti-gay marriage law, the Defense of Marriage Act, which had kept legally married same-sex couples from receiving tax, health and pension benefits available to other married couples. The court did not address similar state laws that are in effect.  
Nineteen states and Washington D.C. currently recognize same-sex marriage. Right-to-divorce cases have cropped up

in other states with constitutional bans on same-sex marriage, after partners wed in states where they could.  
"Academics and legal scholars are probably very interested in the procedural issues here, but (the decision) doesn't go at all to divorce or marriage or the constitution or any of the substantive issues," Mikolajczyk said.  
The Nebraska Attorney General's Office declined to comment on Friday's decision.  
The Lancaster County judge had issued an order giving Bonnie Nichols 15 days to file an amended complaint to pursue a different legal theory to try to dissolve her union to Margie Nichols. The order said that if she did not, the case would be dismissed with prejudice, meaning it can't be refiled. Bonnie Nichols did not file an amended complaint and instead appealed.  
The trial judge has already contacted lawyers in the case to possibly discuss entering a final order that Bonnie Nichols can appeal, Mikolajczyk said.  
"We plan to keep moving forward," she said. "I don't think this is the end by any means."

**S.D. Campus Construction Projects Advance**

BY NORA HERTEL  
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PIERRE — The growth and construction at South Dakota universities reflects two of the schools' recent ascent to NCAA Division I athletics status and the Board of Regents' 10-year plan, said Board of Regents Executive Director Jack Warner.  
Officials will break ground Tuesday on a \$66 million arena at the University of South Dakota. South Dakota State University will open a new practice facility next fall and may start construction on a \$65 million stadium by August. The two universities joined Division I, which is the top level of major colleges in athletics, within the last decade.  
Warner said all of the state's universities are growing modestly. He said SDSU had a growth spurt in 2010-11.  
The new athletic venues

will attract athletes and fans, and it might even make state universities more attractive to the NCAA for hosting post-season events.  
"We're always hopeful that we can host tournaments," Warner said in an interview after the Board of Regents met earlier in the week. He pointed out another big reason for the upgrade: "There's more demand for seats than we have seats available."  
The Board of Regents approved design plans in May for the 19,359-seat football stadium at SDSU in Brookings. It was funded by donors and with bonds intended to be repaid with revenue from the stadium once it's open.  
Warner said the existing stadium, which is over 50 years old, has "outlived its useful life."  
The school is also nearing completion of its Sanford Jackrabbit Athletic Complex,

a training space for student athletes. Justin Sell, director of athletics at SDSU said workers are pouring concrete and working on the floors for that facility, which may be open around Oct. 1.  
USD's project includes a 6,000-seat arena in Vermillion for basketball and volleyball. Much of the funding was provided by donors.  
An academic building will connect the new basketball and volleyball arena to an existing complex with programs such as physical therapy. The academic facility used some funds from the higher education facilities fund. Twenty percent of student tuition dollars go into that fund.  
Bryan Boettcher, sports information director at USD, said a lot of student athletes study subjects that will be located within the sports complex.  
"I think that's a terrific selling point," Boettcher said.

Crews completed construction last summer on four residence halls and a student union expansion at SDSU. The new Architecture, Mathematics and Engineering Building is expected to be completed for the fall of 2015.  
The Architecture, Mathematics and Engineering Building and a number of other academic facility projects are laid out in the Board of Regents' Capital Improvement Plan, which was approved by the Legislature in 2012.  
Many of those projects are just taking off such as the Jonas Science Renovation at Black Hills State University in Spearfish, which was approved for construction late May, and the Johnson Fine Arts Center project at Northern State University in Aberdeen, which has plans up for review on Monday.

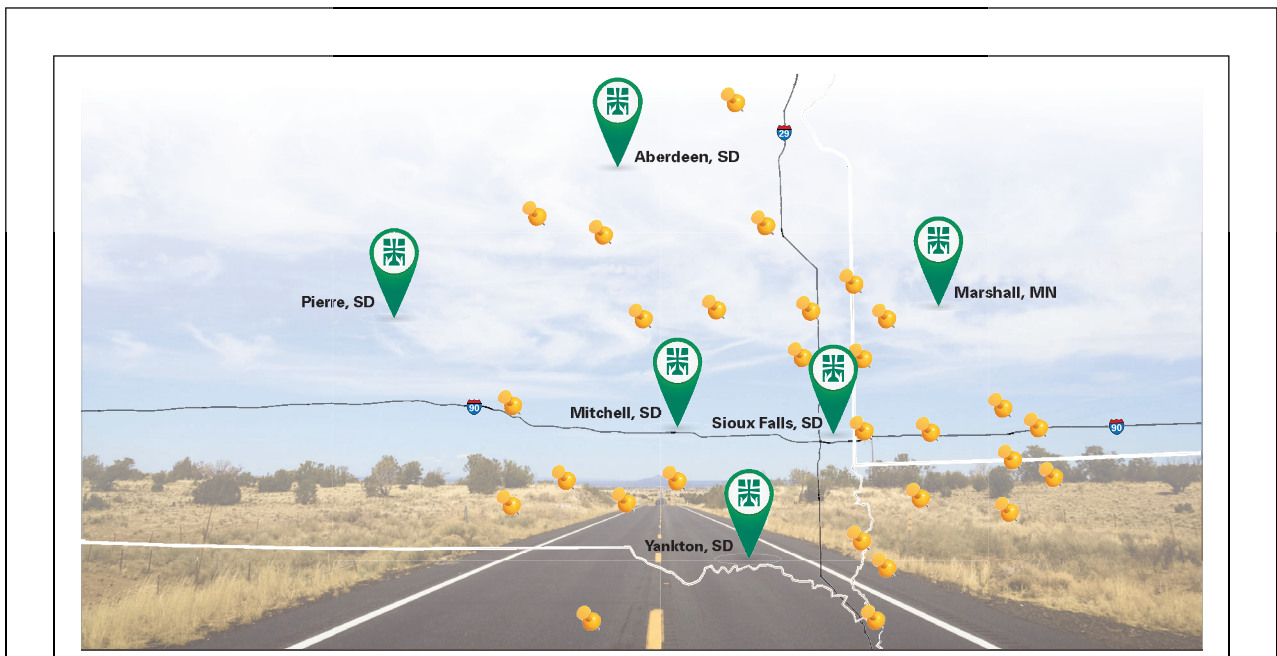
**Dakotas Schools To Educate Farmers On Farm Bill**

BY BLAKE NICHOLSON  
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BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Two universities in the Dakotas are each getting close to \$50,000 in federal money to help educate farmers and ranchers about the new farm bill.  
The U.S. Department of Agriculture is doling out \$3 million nationwide to university extension services for outreach and education on the farm legislation signed into law in February, according to Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.  
The nearly \$100 billion-a-year farm bill sets policy for hundreds of programs, ranging from farm subsidies to nutrition. New legislation usually is

written every five years.  
"Helping farmers and ranchers understand new farm bill programs and what the programs mean for their families is one of USDA's top priorities," Vilsack said in a statement this week. "With the resources we're providing, university experts will help ensure farmers and ranchers are highly educated as they make critical decisions about new programs that impact their livelihoods. The new tools that will be developed will empower farmers and ranchers to select the plan that best fits their unique needs."  
The money will fund outreach meetings where producers can talk with extension agents and staff with the Farm Service Agency, which oversees federal farm programs, to get a better

understanding of the new programs and their options. The meetings are to begin late this summer.  
About \$44,000 is going to the extension service at North Dakota State University in Fargo and about \$46,000 is going to the service at South Dakota State in Brookings.  
NDSU Extension Service Director Chris Boerboom said planning for the workshops is still in the early stages, "but our specialists are busy working on resources for producers."  
South Dakota State has contacted other universities in the region as well as the state Farmers Union about possibly collaborating, said Alvaro Garcia, director of the school's Agriculture and Natural Resources Program.



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