

MIDWEST DIGEST

S.D. Governor Vetoes Insurance Measure

PIERRE (AP) — Gov. Mike Rounds has vetoed a bill that sought to change South Dakota insurance law to help injured people get compensation for their losses. The governor says he agrees the current system is unfair to some injured people, but he believes the bill goes too far. The bill deals with situations in which a person is injured as a result of someone else's action. The injured person's insurance company typically pays for medical bills until compensation is received from the person at fault. But the insurance company now gets paid back before the injured person can use the damages to cover other expenses. The bill says injured people get to use payments to cover all losses before their own insurance companies can recover their expenses.

Authorities ID Man Missing In James River

MITCHELL (AP) — Authorities have released the name of the man who went missing earlier this week after jumping into the James River. Mitchell police identify him as 35-year-old Christopher Wermers of Mitchell. Police have said he jumped in the fast-flowing river Monday night to avoid officers seeking him in connection with a hit-and-run crash involving an electrical transformer. Authorities have been searching for Wermers since then, using boats, an airplane and sonar equipment.

Push For Prenatal Care For Legal Residents

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A push to restore state-funded prenatal care for illegal immigrants is dead, but Nebraska lawmakers could still provide such coverage to legal residents. On Thursday, Sen. Jeremy Nordquist of Omaha said he was optimistic that a plan to restore that coverage, which was lost March 1, would be presented to "hold the governor to his word." Gov. Dave Heineman's opposition to providing state-funded prenatal care to illegal immigrants helped scuttle a measure to restore coverage for them, and legal residents. But the governor said Wednesday night he supports such care for legal residents. About 870 illegal immigrants and 750 legal residents lost coverage when Nebraska had to eliminate its two-decade-old policy that allowed unborn children to qualify for Medicaid.

Recreation Allowed Again On Big Sioux River

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Restrictions on boating and other recreation on the Big Sioux River in southeast South Dakota have been lifted. Gov. Mike Rounds on Thursday signed an order rescinding the restrictions put in place last week.

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Dr. Challenges Herseth-Sandlin In Democratic Primary Over Health Care

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Weiland

PIERRE — Rapid City physician Kevin Weiland said Thursday he decided to challenge Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin in a Democratic primary because she voted against the health care overhaul he believes is needed. Weiland told reporters he also is unhappy with Herseth Sandlin's vote on an energy measure related to climate change and believes special interest groups have too much influence in Washington. But he said he would not have chosen to challenge Herseth Sandlin for South Dakota's lone seat in the U.S. House if she had voted for the health care reform bill. "Americans are tired of politicians who run scared when they have to take unpopular but necessary stands on important issues. Voters are simply tired. I want to change that," Weiland said. Weiland needs to collect 1,213

valid signatures by Tuesday to get his name on the ballot for the primary. Herseth Sandlin brushed off a question about Weiland's plan to challenge her on Thursday. In her weekly phone call with reporters, Herseth Sandlin said she would not comment until someone files enough petition signatures to get on the ballot for the June primary. "I'm going to stay focused on all of the other issues that are going on in Congress as well as back home and what I think is the best policy for South Dakota," Herseth Sandlin said. Herseth Sandlin is seeking a fourth full term in Congress. She defeated Weiland's brother, Rick, a one-time aide to former Sen. Tom Daschle, in a Democratic primary when she first ran for Congress in 2002. She lost the

general election to former Gov. Bill Janklow, but won the House seat in a special election after Janklow resigned following a fatal traffic crash. Herseth Sandlin said she voted against President Barack Obama's health care overhaul because it was too expensive and would not do enough to contain costs or lower insurance rates. She said she listened to South Dakotans' views on the issue before voting. Weiland, a primary care specialist who has been practicing medicine for 15 years, said he communicated with Daschle in an e-mail. He said Daschle did not encourage or discourage him from running. Weiland's wife, Laurie, also is a physician, a neurologist with the Veterans Administration. Weiland said most South Dakotans will support the health care reform measure after they learn about its provisions, such as preventing insurance companies from excluding people with pre-existing conditions or cancel-

ing coverage when someone gets sick. "I am a physician. The polls I don't listen to. I listen to my patients," he said. He said he has a 6-year-old patient with diabetes who had to give up her insurance because it cost \$1,000 a month. The girl went without insulin or medical care for a while, he said. "These are the kinds of stories I see in my practice. This is what has to change," Weiland said. Registered Republican voters outnumber registered Democrats in South Dakota, but Weiland said he believes he can win the Democratic primary and general elections. "I do believe the ones that vote in the primary, two-thirds of them are pretty progressive and pretty upset," he said. He said he can attract moderate and conservative voters with his message that people need to take responsibility for their own health, for example by not smoking and watching their weight.

Police Investigate Collision Of 2 School Buses

CANTON (AP) — Two school buses collided near Canton, pinning the driver of one in his seat and causing about two dozen students to suffer minor injuries, authorities said. Highway Patrol Capt. Kevin Joffer said the injured driver, 76-year-old Lloyd Hanson of Canton, was distracted by students on the bus and may have been interacting with them when he crashed Wednesday afternoon. He faces a

misdemeanor charge of careless driving. The accident occurred at about 3:30 p.m. when a bus that stopped near a rural intersection to drop off a student was rear-ended by Hanson's bus, the Highway Patrol said. "It was a bad wreck," Terry Short told the *Argus Leader* newspaper. Short saw the crash while stopped at a stop sign about a quarter-mile away and alerted authorities.

Hanson became pinned in his seat. He was flown to Sanford USD Medical Center. Hospital officials said Thursday they had no information available on him. Canton Superintendent Terry Majeres said Thursday that Hanson was hospitalized with broken bones in his legs and cuts on his head and does not remember what happened. The buses had a total of 25 students aboard. Sanford Hospital Canton-

Inwood said the driver of the other bus — Richard Lien, 81, of Canton — and the 22 students examined there suffered mostly "bumps and bruises." Three other students were examined on the scene and sent home with parents or grandparents, the Highway Patrol said. "The kids were actually excellent," Short said. "They were scared but they were more concerned for their bus driver."

OBITUARIES

Harold Jensen

IRENE — Harold Jensen, 83, died March 24, 2010 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton. Services will be held Saturday at 2:00 pm at First Baptist Church in Viborg. Visitation is Friday from 4 to 8 pm with family present from 7 to 8 pm at the Viborg Funeral Home. Harold was born February 1, 1927 to Pete and Betty (Madsen) Jensen on the home farm. He was baptized and confirmed at Spring Valley Lutheran Church and later joined the First Baptist Church in Viborg. When he wasn't able to attend church, he liked to listen to Harold Salem of Aberdeen. He served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict from 1950 to 1952 in Japan and Korea. After the service, he returned to the farm where he lived all of his life. Harold married Darleen Saylor on May 12, 1956. He was still farming last fall and looked forward to every visit with family, friends, children and grandchildren. He loved his dogs Hunter and Biscuit, antique tractors, and driving around in his pickup checking crops. We will always remember his twinkle in his eye and his will to live. He will be greatly missed. He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers, 3 sisters and a granddaughter Chelsea Jensen. Grateful to have shared his life are his wife Darleen of Irene; 5 children Jeraine (Charles) Larsen of Freeman, Jerome (Monica) Saylor of Viborg, Janelle (Russ) Ekeren of Yankton, JoAnn (Lee) Ebbesen of Hurley and David Jensen and Lori of Viborg; 14 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; 1 brother Merlin (Alice) Jensen of Yankton; and many other relatives and friends. Register online at www.viborgfuneralhome.com



Jensen

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Jim Gleich

BERKELEY, Calif. — A celebration of the life of Jim Gleich, AC Transit's deputy general manager, and a man known for his sense of humor and his commitment to keeping public transit available to everyone, will be held April 19 in Berkeley, California. Mr. Gleich died at the age of 66 of heart failure in his Berkeley home March 7. The memorial event will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Brazilian Room in Tilden Park. The public is invited. As deputy general manager, Mr. Gleich was involved in all areas of the transit agency's daily operations, but his main focus — and interest — was in working with advocates, community groups, business leaders and politicians. Mr. Gleich was committed to public service and was driven by a desire for justice — something he fought for in transit and in previous jobs dealing with disabled access, civil rights and Democratic politics, said his wife of 31 years, Diane Colborn. "Justice was the guiding principle of everything he did," she said. Mr. Gleich was born in 1943 in Yankton, S.D., where his parents owned a small repair shop. He became the first person in his family to attend college, graduating from the University of South Dakota before starting a lifelong career in public service. According to friends and relatives, he worked in the South Dakota state parks, where he met activists in the American Indian Movement, was an aide for South Dakota Sen. James Abourezk in the 1970s and worked in the Massachusetts office overseeing disabled rights. He was executive director of the Disability Rights and Education Defense Fund and served on the boards of a number of social service organizations. "He was an old-fashioned

Midwest liberal," said Christian Peebles, an AC Transit board member and friend. "He was very subtle and very understated. But he had done remarkable things in his life." Mr. Gleich is survived by his wife; sister Caroline Brown of Litchfield, Minn.; brother Richard Gleich of San Jose, Calif.; son Graham Gleich of Emeryville, Calif.; daughters Lata Gleich of Berkeley, Calif., Kara (Chad) Brunick of Vermillion, S.D., and Debbie (Bill) Chiles of Des Moines, Iowa; and one grandchild Cory Gleich of Des Moines, Iowa. People who plan on attending the memorial are asked to RSVP by e-mail to jimgleichmemorial@me.com. Donations in his memory can be made to: Red Cloud Indian School, 100 Mission Drive, Pine Ridge, SD 57770 or at www.redcloudschool.org; Jim Gleich Book Fund, Howard Elementary School, 8755 Fontaine St., Oakland, CA 94605, Attention: Delores Gross; or to the Billy J. Givens Scholarship Fund, c/o Cynthia Dorsey, AC Transit, Eighth Floor, 1600 Franklin St., Oakland, CA 94612. Yankton Press & Dakotan
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Evelyn Stivers

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Evelyn M. Stivers, 94 of Sioux City passed away Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at a Sioux City Care Center. Visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday at Becker-Hunt Funeral Home with the family present from 6 to 8:00 p.m. and a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. with the Rev. Randall Knuth, pastor of Hope Lutheran Church officiating. Graveside Services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday at the City Cemetery in Yankton, South Dakota. Evelyn was born May 1, 1915 in Utica, South Dakota the daughter of Bert and Elizabeth (Braunesreither) DeJong. She lived most of her life in South Dakota living in Watertown and Yankton. She moved to Sioux City in 1991. She married Harland Stivers on July 6, 1935 in Yankton, South Dakota. Mr Stivers passed away on June 8, 1963 in Watertown, South Dakota. She was baptized and confirmed in Martinus Lutheran Church in Utica, South Dakota.



Stivers

She enjoyed crocheting, watching NASCAR races, cards and dominoes. Everyone that knew her loved her smile and sense of humor. While living in Westwood Nursing Home, she commented that it was the nicest place she ever lived. Survivors include a daughter and her husband: Judith and Edward Bohlman of Sioux City, a sister-in-law: Lela DeJong of Yankton, South Dakota, two grandchildren: Julynda and her husband Ronald Kafka and Susan and her husband Carl Hilliard, two great grandchildren: Kristinna and her husband Jose Sanchez and Elizabeth Hilliard and six great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a son: James, five brothers: Alvin, William, Louis, Edward and Kenneth and a sister: Pearl Lowe. Pallbearers will be Ronald Kafka, Carl Hilliard, Ed Bohlman, Lee Goeden, Ronald Derby and Bob DeJong. Yankton Press & Dakotan
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Ervin Vellek

TYNDALL — Funeral arrangements for Ervin Vellek, 82, of Tyndall are pending with Goglin Funeral Home of Tyndall. Ervin passed away on Thursday (March 25, 2010) at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

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