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## 'Bully' Film Is Aiming To Open Some Eyes

Documentary To Be Shown At Library

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The Yankton Community Library will screen a version of the documentary 'Bully' Thursday in hopes of raising awareness about bullying and the seriousness of the issue.

The screening will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the library on 515 Walnut. Yankton police officer and DARE officer Jeff Johnson and Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health services counselor Stephanie Lund will be available after screening to facilitate a discussion and answer questions.

"The movie is a 99-minute documentary about five students from different parts of the country who were bullied at school for various reasons," said Kathy Jacobs, director of the Yankton Community Library. "Some of the reasons why kids were bullied in the film are because of their sexual orientation, looks or size. Two of the families that appear in the documentary have children who committed suicide because of the bullying that took place against them."

One of the students followed in the documentary is from Sioux City. He was a middle school student who was bullied in the hallways, playground and on the school bus. The film features footage from the bus and how he was bullied on buses rides to and from school.

"The documentary is really about how bullying takes place. There are no good answers as to why, but the film shows the different settings in which it takes place," Jacobs said. "It shows how parents weren't always aware of the seriousness of everything going on. Sometimes parents would go to

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# Firm Chooses Vermillion

## Announcement Slated Today At USD; 200 Local Jobs Possible

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VERMILLION — Officials from the city of Vermillion, the University of South Dakota, and state government, including Gov. Dennis Daugaard, will announce a groundbreaking new partnership with a software services company Wednesday afternoon.

This unique effort with Eagle Creek Software Services has the potential to create 1,000 new jobs in South Dakota,

with 200 of those jobs being headquartered in Vermillion. Those jobs will boast pay higher than the state's average wages, and the supply of employees will come from USD and its recently formed Information Technology Consultant Academy.

"We've been working with this company for a long time," said Steve Howe, executive director of the Vermillion Chamber of Commerce and Development Company. "The company provides software outsourced services for companies.

Details of this collaborative effort will be revealed at a press conference scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Al Neuharth Media Center on the USD campus in Vermillion.

"These jobs that are to be created will require a college education. The pay is well above average — far greater than the average salary in Vermillion," Howe said. "The

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## GAVINS POINT CHECKS OUT



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Muth Electric employees removed equipment from Gavins Point Dam Tuesday, requiring closure of the road over the spillway in the morning. The company helped install sensors that were being used during Tuesday's spillway flow test.

# Corps: No Major Concerns About Dam

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Although the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is continuing to investigate potential 2011 flood damage to Gavins Point Dam, officials said Tuesday said there is no indication of major problems with the structure.

Discharges at the dam were increased Tuesday during a spillway flow test, which was to gain baseline information on the current condition of the spillway.

"We've been studying and evaluating Gavins Point since after the flood was over," said John Bertino, the chief of the engineering division for the Omaha District, during a monthly Corps conference call with media and government officials in the Missouri River basin. "It's kind of a unique spillway in that it is submerged most of the time. Trying to evaluate that structure is a little more difficult than it is on some of the other structures upriver."

The spillway has undergone visual inspections, dive inspections and side-scan sonar inspections in the past.

"We're stepping through our normal process to gather information," Bertino said. "When we finish one of those efforts, we evaluate it and decide what we're going to do next. We're just doing our due diligence to make sure we have identified all the damages that have occurred to any of the structures, really, that sustained those high flows during 2011."

Last year, sonar tests detected anomalies below the Gavins Point spillway.

"Those anomalies could be potential problem areas," Bertino stated. "What we've done since then is we've gotten a drill rig out there, we've bored through the slabs and into that sub-

face material to determine if those were indeed voids or not. We've identified some voids due to that, and now we're stepping through the process to make sure we've identified everything that is a concern to us underneath that slab.

"Those aren't real big voids," Bertino clarified. "They are in the frost blanket material right beneath the slab. We're not real concerned about those at this time."

As part of Tuesday's test, pressure transducers were installed beneath the spillway chute to assess and monitor uplift pressures that may develop during operation of the spillway.

"What they're doing is running different combinations of flows from spillway gates to see how it affects the pressures under the spillway slab," Gavins Point Operations Project Manager Dave Becker told the Press & Dakotan late Tuesday afternoon.

At one point, all 14 spillway gates were opened at the same time.

Wires were run from the sensors up to computers in the dam's spillway control house.

The test was scheduled to be complete by 5 p.m., and then the data collected will be analyzed.

The findings will help determine what future actions need to be taken at Gavins Point Dam. Bertino said there is no precise timeline for when the tests and repairs will be complete.

"If there are no big-ticket issues, the schedule is going to be a lot shorter," he stated. "If we find something that is really going to take a lot of effort, obviously the schedule is going to take a lit-

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## Gayville Teacher Starts Social Website

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GAYVILLE — Larry Buffington is ready to get some legs under the physical activity movement.

"You've heard of 'No Child Left Behind.' I like the idea of 'No Child Left On Their Behind,'" said the Gayville-Volin physical education teacher, who also coaches track and field and cross country.

Buffington has joined fellow Gayville natives Kyle Sandau, Matt Ryken and Mark Doty in launching physicalactivity.com, a social website devoted to the improvement of everyone's well-being.

"We wanted to have a place like Facebook where people could go back and forth with interesting ideas," Buffington said.

The four cornerstones of physicalactivity.com are health, fitness, wellness and happiness. Members can share ideas and success stories related to these topics. Photos, videos and links can also be posted.

"When you go on Facebook, what you find yourself doing is talking about what you ate for breakfast and what you're doing with your friends — kind of your whole-life aspect," Sandau said. "With physicalactivity.com, you're really focusing on what you are doing in your life for your fitness and nutrition, things like that."

To further narrow discussion, the website currently has about 250 groups covering a wide variety of topics that members can join.

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## Papal Conclave

# First Vote Produces Black Smoke

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VATICAN CITY — Black smoke poured from the Sistine Chapel chimney on Tuesday, signaling that cardinals had failed on their first vote of the papal conclave to choose a new leader for the world's 1.2 billion Catholics and their troubled church.

Surrounded by Michelangelo's imposing frescoes imagining the beginning and the end of the world, cardinals locked themselves into the chapel following a final appeal for unity to heal the divisions that have been exposed by Pope Benedict XVI's shocking resignation and revelations of corruption and mismanagement in the

Vatican bureaucracy.

Led by prelates holding a crucifix and candles, the 115 scarlet-robed prelates chanted the Litany of Saints, the hypnotic Gregorian chant imploring the intercession of the saints to guide their voting, before the master of liturgical ceremonies intoned "Extra omnes" or "all out" and closed the heavy wooden doors.

Outside, thousands of people braved cold night rain and packed St. Peter's Square, eyes fixed on the narrow chimney poking out of the Sistine Chapel roof. They were rewarded some three hours after the conclave began when thick black smoke billowed out of the chimney, signaling that no pope had been elected.

The cardinals now return to the Vatican hotel for the night and resume voting Wednesday morning.

Benedict XVI's surprise resignation has thrown the church into turmoil and exposed deep divisions among cardinals grappling with whether they need a manager to clean up the Vatican's dysfunctional bureaucracy or a pastor who can inspire Catholics at a time of waning faith and growing secularism.

The leading contenders for pope have fallen into one of the two camps, with Cardinal Angelo Scola, seen as favored by those hoping to shake up the powerful Vati-

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## JAZZ SET

Yankton High School's Adrienne Kusek delivers a solo on tenor saxophone as the school's Pioneer Jazz Band performs "Backburner" during the YHS Jazz Concert Tuesday night at the Summit Activities Center theatre. The jazz band performed three songs while members of the YHS choirs offered a selection of numbers ranging from "Moon River" and "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" to "Sir Duke" and "Crazy Little Thing Called Love." The choirs were directed by Angela Larson, while Todd Carr helmed the Pioneer Jazz Band. To see or purchase images from this event, visit spotted.yankton.net.



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