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and by the finance officer or designee on behalf of the city. The failure of a customer or property owner to comply with the terms of the payment agreement shall be grounds for termination of service without further notice.

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David Carda, Mayor

Attest:

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YANKTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING March 16, 2015

ton County Commission was called to order by Chairman Todd Woods at 3:30 PM on Monday, March 16, 2015. Roll call was taken with the fol-

The regular meeting of the Yank-

lowing Commissioners present: Donna Freng, Raymon Epp, Debra Bodenstedt and Todd Woods; Absent: Don Kettering. Action 15102C: A motion was

Epp to approve the meeting agenda. All present voted aye; motion Action 15103C: A motion was

made by Freng and seconded by

made by Epp and seconded by Freng to approve minutes from Commission meetings. present voted aye; motion carried.

the March 3 and March 5, 2015 Action 15104C: A motion was made by Freng and seconded by Epp to approve the following claims: General Fund: Ronald J. Graff (Refund Ambulance) Commissioners: Debra Bodenstedt (Travel) \$23.75, Yankton County Observer (Publishing) \$426.87, Yankton Daily P & D (Publishing) \$693.70; Court: Affordable Self Storage (Services) \$80.00, West Payment Center (Supplies) \$703.82, Great Plains Psychological Services (Services) \$3,037.50, Jackson County Sheriff (Services) \$286.00, Sheriff of Woodbury County (Services) \$21.94: Certified Languages International (Professional Services) \$145.20; Auditor: Hanson Briggs Specialty (Supplies) \$220.50, Leaf (Rental) \$159.00, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$40.96; Treasurer: Harland Technology Service (Maintenance) \$32.00; States Attorney: A & B Solution (Rentals) Business \$218.71, Culligan (Supplies) \$6.00, Lisa Ven Osdel (Supplies) \$286.00; Government Buildings: Buhls Cleaners (Maintenance) Menards (Supplies) \$369.42; Director of Equalization: EcoWater Systems (Supplies) \$25.00, McLeods Printing & Office Supplies (Supplies) \$66.44, Microfilim Imaging System (Repairs & Maintenance) \$70.00, Yankton County Observer (Publishing) \$8.32, Qualified Presort Service (Supplies) \$4,801.30, Western Office Technologies (Re-Maintenance) Yankton Daily P & D (Publishing) \$12.92; Register of Deeds: McLeods Printing & Office Supplies (Supplies) \$118.87, Microfilm Imaging System (Rentals) \$466.00, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$299.98; Court House & Safety Center: Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$9.94, Buhls Cleaners (Maintenance) \$41.93, City of Yankton (Utili-ties) \$1,183.39, City of Yankton (Utilities) \$152.00, Echo Electric Supply (Supplies) \$60.00, MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$3,120.72, Nebraska Air Filter, Inc. (Supplies) \$446.88; Sheriff: Avera Education & Staff (Professional Services) \$50.00, Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$1.58, Hanson Briggs Specialty (Supplies) \$105.02, Collection Trust Publications (Publishing) \$100.00, First Bankcard (Travel) \$395.18, First Bankcard (Fuel) \$49.78, Freedom Valu Center (Repairs & Maintenance) \$35.00, Hedahls, Inc. (Repairs & Maintenance) \$337.71, WOW! Business (Utilities) \$111.00, Midwest Tire & Muffler (Repairs & Maintenance) \$68.34, Midwest Tire & Muffler (Law enforcement equipment) \$64.95, Northtown Automotive Maintenance) (Repairs & \$121.86, Ed Roehr Safety Product (Ammunition) \$10.08, Sirchie (Law Enforcement Equipment) \$44.75, Western Office Technologies (Maintenance Contract) \$49.53, Western Office Technolo-(Maintenance Contract) gies (Supplies) \$55.97, Yankton Motor Company (Repairs and Maintenance) \$303.75, Hedahls, Inc. (Repairs & Maintenance) \$337.71; County Jail: CBM Food (Food Services) \$6,662.61, Drain Masters (Repairs and Maintenance) \$795.00, First Bankcard (Travel) \$350.00, Solutions (Supplies) \$1,440.31, Lewis & Clark Family Medicine (Professional Services) \$125.00, Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital (Professional Services) \$1,800.00, Menards (Supplies) \$99.59, Olsons Pest Technicians (Maintenance) \$103.00, Correctional Risk Services (Utilities) \$589.68, Top Quality Glove (Supplies) \$209.70, Western Office Technologies (Maintenance Con-

tract) \$42.47, Hedahls, Inc. (Auto

Expense) \$326.69; Coroner: Miller Consulting, LLC (Supplies) \$93.75; Yankton Area

Search & Rescue: K9 Medic

(Professional fees) \$ \$330.00;

Care of Poor: Wintz & Ray Fu-

neral Home (Services) \$1,462.00,

Yankton Drug Co., Inc. (Supplies)

\$514.61; Catastrophic PR: SDACC (Catastrophic County-

Poor Relief) \$2,978.00; Public

Health Nurse: Shannon R. Pavel

(Supplies) \$16.99; Ambulance:

(Supplies)

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Service (Maintenance) \$75.00, Leaf (Rentals) \$288.00, MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$117.33, Northwestern Energy \$98.12, Siebrandt (Travel) \$221.42, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$372.33: Weed: Association of SD County Weed & Pest (Travel) \$150.00, Best Western Ramkota Hotel (Travel) \$510.00, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$2,180.67; Soil Planning & Zoning: Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$84.06, Yankton Daily P & D (Publish-

ing) \$69.01; Economic Develop-World Archery Youth (\$40,000.00); Championship Road & Bridge: A-Ox Welding Supply Co. (Supplies) \$43.19, Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$27.78, Appeara (Supplies) \$82.59, Karla Bossman (Travel and Supplies) Bomgaars (Supplies) \$412.03, B-Y Electric (Utilities) \$98.18, Building Sprinkler, Inc. (Supplies) \$199.33, Butler Machinery Co. (Supplies) \$1,217.95, Brians Electric (Repairs & Maintenance) \$587.74, Cox Auto Supply, Inc. (Supplies) \$109.23, Con-(Supplies) Materials crete \$6,409.04, D-P Tools (Supplies)

\$321.72, Ehresmann Engineering, Inc. (Supplies) \$366.01, First Bankcard (Supplies) \$466.96, Fastenal Industrial & Co. (Supplies) \$159.19, I State Truck Center (Supplies) \$83.43, Johnson Engineering Co. (Professional Services) \$3,000.00, Janssens Service (Utilities) \$45.00, Kaiser Appliance & Refrigeration (Repairs & Maintenance) \$115.37, Lycrox Enter-Enterprise

prise (Supplies) \$1,070.00, Ly-(Equipment) \$19,390.00, Longs Propane Inc. (Supplies) \$234.00, Linweld (Supplies) \$234.12, Marks Machinery (Supplies) \$73.40, Miller Consulting, LLC (Repairs & Maintenance) \$1,769.50, MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$1,169.10, Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$975.26, Yankton County Observer (Publishing) \$21.61, Printing Specialists (Supplies) \$57.50, Peitz GMC Service, (Repairs & Maintenance) \$310.58, Stern Oil Co., Inc. (Hwy. Fuel) \$638.34, Stan Hous-

Equipment (Supplies) \$125.00, Southeastern Electric (Utilities) \$73.38, Truck Trailer TMA (Supplies) \$4.12, Tabor Lumber Cooperative (Supplies) Vanderhules (Supplies) \$140.00, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$132.59, Western Office Technologies (Equipment) \$2,148.00, Yankton Daily P & D (Publishing) \$52.01; 911 Fund: Golden West Telecommunications (Utilities)

\$147.21, WOW! Business (Utilities) \$2,200.00; Emergency Management: Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$500.35, B-Y Electric (Utilities) \$78.79, Cox Auto Supply, Inc. (Supplies & Repairs) \$105.68, Century Business Products (Rentals) \$208.99, First Bankcard (Professional Services) \$29.99, First Bankcard (Supplies) \$883.45, Great American Financial Services (Rentals) \$89.19, WOW! Business (Utilities) (Maintenance) \$80.98,

\$413.10, Midcontinent Communications (Utilities) \$8.91, Signs by Design Sioux Falls Two Way Radio (Repairs) \$1,815.89, Tabor Lumber Cooperative (Supplies) \$395.67, Verizon (Utilities) \$416.45, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$281.36; Government Buildings: Personal Touch (Miscellaneous) \$138.17, Floor to Ceiling (Miscellaneous) \$12,121.08, Tower Fund: Center (Miscellaneous)

Fund \$2,494.42, Emergency Management \$5,308.80, Government Buildings \$12,259.25.

All present voted aye; motion car-

for Municipal Solutions (Services) \$1,225.00, Non-Depart-

(Scram Fees/24-7) \$2,951.00; To-

tal General Fund \$103,054.81,

Road & Bridge \$42,464.04, 911

SD Attorney General

mental:

Action 15105C: A motion was made by Freng and seconded by Bodenstedt to approve the budgeted cash transfers from the General Fund to Emergency Management Services in the amount of \$30,000.00. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Action 15106C: A motion was made by Freng and seconded by Epp to approve of the \$100.00 doto Big Friend-Little nation Friends 19th Annual Bowl-A-

All present voted aye; motion car-

Action 15107C: A motion was made by Bodenstedt and seconded by Freng to approve the Memorandum of Understanding contract between SDSU Extension and Counties of South Dakota and the Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) between Yankton County and South Dakota State University Extension. All

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Highway: Superintendent Brian Gustad appeared before the board to present the new job descriptions for lead highway foreman and truck driver/weed department assistant and a proposal for the inspection of Yankton County

present voted aye; motion carried.

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Action 15108H: A motion was made by Bodenstedt and seconded by Freng to hire Johnson Engineering as a consulting engineer to inspect the bridges due for inspection in 2015. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Action 15109H: A motion was made by Epp and seconded by Bodenstedt to accept the two new job descriptions for the Highway Department. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Insurance: Roger Smith from MT & RC Smith Insurance appeared before the board to inform the commissioners that Yankton County will receive a refund due to overpayment of the Workmans Comp premium and also discussed the Countys Liability In-

District III Report: Greg Henderson, Executive Director of Planning and Development District III (PDIII), presented his agencys annual performance report for 2014. Henderson said the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) had 33 clients in 2014, which resulted in a \$375,000 investment and the saving or creation of 23 jobs. Henderson said PDIII helped Yankton County with the Highway 52 Corridor project; and assisted the Mead Committee with the renovation initiative. District III also assisted Yankton County with the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

Action 15110D: A motion was made by Bodenstedt and seconded by Freng to recess the regular session and convene as Drainage Board. All present voted aye; mo-

Action 15111D: A motion was made by Bodenstedt and seconded by Freng to approve a Drainage Permit request from applicant Tim Rudd for the following property: 44629 294th St. in SE1/4, SW 1/4 & SE 1/4, exc Lot 1, Justins Addition, SE1/4, S16-T96N-R54W and Lot 1, Justins Addition, SE 1/4, S16-T96N-R54W, hereinafter referred to as Turkey Valley Township, County of Yankton, State of South Dako-

1. Drainage Commission recommends approval 5-0.

2. Recommendations/conditions: Per Findings of Fact on file in Zoning and Auditor offices. 3. Tile Drainage Permit request approval per Article III, Section 3.05 - 3.08 -3.09 -3.10 of the Yankton County Drainage Ordi-

nance #19. All present voted aye; motion car-

Action 15112C: A motion was made by Epp and seconded by Freng to recess the Drainage Board and reconvene in regular session. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Action 15113Z: A motion was made by Freng and seconded by Bodenstedt to adopt the following resolution: Whereas it appears Patrick and Janelle Kribell, owner of record, have caused a plat to be made of the following real property: Kribell Tract A, SW1/4,S21-T96N-R55W, hereinafter referred to as Mayfield Township, County of Yankton, S.D., and has submitted such plat to the Yankton County Planning Commission and the Yankton County Commission for approval. Now therefore be it resolved that such plat has been executed according to law and conforms to all existing applicable zoning, subdivision and erosion and sediment control and the same is hereby approved. The County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such the proper resolution and certify the same. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Planning Commission:The Board conducted a silent vote for applicants who volunteered to fill four vacant seats on the Yankton County Planning Commission. Top vote-getters for the three year terms were Josh Svatos, Gary Sylliaasen, Daniel J. Klimisch and Steven L. Pietila.

Action 15114OEMHS: A motion was made by Bodenstedt and seconded by Ray to accept the bid from Danko Emergency Equipment in the amount of \$94,444.44 for purchase of emergency warning sirens. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Safety Center Bond: Gerald Spethman of DA Davidson presented the Commission an offer to underwrite refunding bonds concerning General Obligation Bonds for the Yankton County Safety

E911: The board discussed with Lori Mackey, Director of Equalization and Paul Scherschligt, Emergency Management Director the E911 addressing system.

Action 15115Amb: A motion was made by Bodenstedt and seconded by Epp to authorize Steve Hawkins, Ambulance Administrator to change the part time paramedic he currently employs to seasonal employment. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Action 15116Amb: A motion was made by Epp and seconded by Bodenstedt to approve the Ambulance report for February 2015. All present voted aye; motion car-

Beaver Lake: Cheri Loest, repre-

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senting Beaver Lake area residents, appeared before the commission to address continuing concerns with the Beaver Lake project.

Proclamation: Chairman Woods read a proclamation recognizing Ben Hanten as 2014 Yankton Citizen of the Year. Action 15117C: A motion was

made by Freng and seconded by Bodenstedt to approve the proclamation for Ben Hanten. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Action 15118ROD/VSO/Pooled Cash/Aud-Treas/Sheriff: A motion was made by Freng and seconded by Bodenstedt to approve the following monthly department reports. All present voted aye; motion carried.

The Register of Deeds report from February 2015 showed collection of \$11,141.00 in regular fees; \$5,654.00 in transfer fees; and \$2,268.50 in copies revenue.

VETERANS OFFICE: VSO Michael McDonalds report showed 67 contacts on behalf of veterans last month. McDonald also coordinated transportation of 18 veterans (eight trips) to appointments at the VA Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Auditor/Treasurer: The Auditors Monthly Settlement with the Treasurer as of February, 2015 showed Total \$7,240,004.50. The General Fund was \$4,659,834.61; Special Funds were \$1,213.181.78; and Trust Agency Funds \$1,366,988.11 adding to a Grand Total of General Ledger Cash and Investments of \$7,240,004.50. A detailed report is on file with the County Auditor.

Sheriff: Sheriffs office collected \$7,300.02 in fees last month. Jail income was \$79,765.16 in February. There were 76 county inmates, 73 city inmates, 20 state inmates and 21 federal inmates in February, with a total of 5,106 inmate meals served. Income from the 24-7 program was \$5,163 in February.

Action 15119C: A motion was made by Freng and seconded by Bodenstedt to approve an abatement in the amount of \$323.80 for Valley AG Supply Inc., due to the removal of the mobile home. All present voted aye; motion carried

Action 15120C: A motion was made by Freng and seconded by Bodenstedt to approve the day of prayer use agreement. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Action 15121C: A motion was made by Bodenstedt and seconded by Freng to approve a request from The Way of the Cross group. All present voted aye; motion car-

Action 15122C: A motion was made by Freng and seconded by Epp to allow county employees to have Good Friday off (April 3, 2015). All present voted aye; motion carried.

Action 15123C: A motion was made by Freng and seconded by Bodenstedt to allow county employees to have four hours off for Good Friday April present voted aye; motion carried. All present voted aye; motion car-

Commissioner Freng rescinded her motions on actions 15122C and 15123C.

Action 15124C: A motion was made by Freng and seconded by Epp to allow county employees to have four hours off for Good Friday April 3, 2015. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Action 15125C: A motion was

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made by Epp and seconded by Bodenstedt to authorize Commissioner Freng to proceed with repair of ventilation in the equipment room. All present voted aye;

Action 15126C: A motion was made by Epp and seconded by Freng to adjourn. All present voted aye; motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 7, 2015.

Todd Woods, Chairman Yankton County Commission

Patty Hojem, County Auditor Published once at the approximate 3+27&4+2

ATTEST:

NOTICE OF MEETING OF COUNTY EQUALIZATION BOARD and CONSOLIDATED BOARD OF EQUALIZATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That the Board of County Commissioners, sitting as a County Board of Equalization and the Board of Yankton City & County Commissioners and a Yankton School Board Representative sitting as a Consolidated Board of Equalization of Yankton County, South Dakota will meet in the County Commissioners' Chambers in said County on TUES-DAY, the 14th day of April, 2015, (being the second Tuesday in April) for the purpose of reviewing, correcting and equalizing the assessment of said City and County for the year 2014. The board shall continue in session and may adjourn from time to time until all properly filed appeals have been determined and equalization is completed.

persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment, are required to submit written notice to the County Auditor no later than April 7th, 2015.

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# **Co-Pilot Deliberately** Slams Plane In Alps

PARIS (AP) — Passengers with moments to live screamed in terror and the pilot frantically pounded on the locked cockpit door as a 27-year-old German co-pilot deliberately and wordlessly smashed an Airbus carrying 150 people into an Alpine mountainside.

The account Thursday of the final moments of Germanwings Flight 9525 prompted some airlines to immediately impose stricter cockpit rules — and raised haunting questions about the motive of the co-pilot, whose breathing never wavered as he destroyed the plane and the lives of those aboard.

"We have no idea of the reason," Marseille Prosecutor Brice Robin said, revealing the chilling conclusions investigators reached after reconstructing the final min-utes of the flight from the plane's black box voice recorder. Co-pilot Andreas Lubitz's intention was "to destroy this plane."

French, German and U.S. officials said there was no indication of terrorism. The prosecutor did not elaborate on why investigators do not suspect a political motive; instead they're focusing on the co-pilot's "personal, family and professional environment" to try to determine why he did it.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, whose nation

lost 75 people on the flight, said the conclusions brought the tragedy to a "new, simply incomprehensible dimension." Devastated families of victims visited the crash scene Thursday, looking across a windy mountain meadow toward where their

loved ones died. The Airbus A320 was flying from Barcelona to Duesseldorf on Tuesday when it lost radio contact with air traffic controllers and began plunging from its cruising altitude of 38,000 feet, before slamming into the mountainside eight minutes later.

The prosecutor laid out in horrifying detail the final sounds heard in the cockpit extracted from the mangled voice recorder.

Lubitz, courteous in the first part of the trip, became "curt" when the captain began the mid-flight briefing on the planned landing, Robin said.

The pilot, who has not been identified, left the cockpit for an apparent bathroom break, and Lubitz took control of the jet.

He suddenly started a manual descent, and the pilot started knocking on the door.

There was no response. "It was absolute silence in the cockpit," the prosecutor said — except for the steady breathing he said indicated Lubitz was not panicked, and acted in a calm, deliberate manner.

# **CAN YOU TRUST YOUR PILOT?** PASSENGERS BECOME UNEASY

NEW YORK (AP) - Airline pilots are supposed to be the ones

They greet us at the door of the plane in their crisp, militarystyle uniforms, then welcome us aboard with that familiar soothing drawl over the PA system as we buckle ourselves in. When there's turbulence, they offer reassurance. And when the plane safely touches down, they invite us to fly with

them again. Now, that feeling of security

Investigators say the co-pilot of a Germanwings airliner locked the pilot out of the cockpit and deliberately crashed the jet in the French Alps, killing all 150 people aboard. "In the near term, pilots will be

looked at with a bit more suspi-cion," said former US Airways pilot John M. Cox, now CEO of the consulting firm Safety Operating Systems. "This rogue pilot is not the first one and sadly will not be the

#### **SAUDI ARABIA LEADS AIRSTRIKES AGAINST REBELS**

SANAA, Yemen (AP) - The turmoil in Yemen grew into a regional conflict Thursday, with Saudi Arabia and its allies bombing Shiite rebels allied with Iran, while Egyptian officials said a ground assault will follow the airstrikes.

Iran denounced the Saudi-led air campaign, saying it "considers this action a dangerous step." and oil prices jumped in New York and ondon after the offensive.

The military action turned impoverished and chaotic Yemen into new front in the rivalry between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Yemen's U.S.-backed President Abed-Rabbo Mansour Hadi, who fled the country Wednesday as the rebels known as Houthis advanced on his stronghold in the southern port of Aden, reappeared Thursday. He arrived by plane in Saudi Arabia's capital of Riyadh, Saudi state TV reported.

Starting before dawn, Saudi warplanes pounded an air base, military bases and anti-aircraft positions in the capital of Sanaa and flattened a number of homes near the airport, killing at least 18 civilians, including six children. Another round followed in the evening, again rocking the city.

### **US, IRAN NUCLEAR TALKS ENTER CRITICAL PHASE**

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) Nuclear negotiations between the United States and Iran entered a critical phase on Thursday with U.S. Secretarv of State John Kerrv meeting his Iranian counterpart less than a week away from a deadline to secure the outline of a

With the clock ticking, Kerry and Iranian Foreign Minister Mo-hammad Javad Zarif and their teams huddled Thursday in the Swiss resort town of Lausanne on Lake Geneva trying to overcome still significant gaps after nearly two years of negotiations between Iran and the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council and Germany. The top diplomats from Britain, China, France, Germany and Russia are expected to ioin the talks if the U.S. and Iran are close to an agreement.

U.S. officials say the March 31 deadline is achievable but remains uncertain. En route to Switzerland with Kerry on Wednesday, one official said the American side can see a path to get to an agreement by the end of March as the last round of talks produced more progress than many previous rounds. The official was not authorized to discuss the talks by name and spoke on condition of

anonymity. The Iranian side was more upbeat. Ali Akbar Salehi, Tehran's top nuclear official, told Iran's IRNA news agency that the talks have already reached a "common understanding" on technical issues. Salehi, who also is at the talks. added he was optimistic that a comprehensive deal also was within reach.

The pressure is high. The seven nations have set themselves a March 31 deadline for the outline of a final accord they hope to seal by the end of June. Both President Barack Obama and Iran's Avatollah Ali Khamenei have spoken against what would be a third extension of the talks.

# FIRE, BUILDING COLLAPSES **NEAR NEW YORK UNIVERSITY**

NEW YORK (AP) — An apartment building collapsed in a fiery burst of rubble, and flames spread to two nearby buildings, injuring at least a dozen people and scatter-ing debris across surrounding streets in the heart of Manhattan's

trendy East Village.
The mayor said preliminary evidence suggested a gas-related explosion was to blame.

Orange flames billowed from the blaze on a block near New York University and the Washington Square Park area on Thursday as 120 firefighters converged to fight it. Smoke could be seen and smelled for miles.

Firefighters said at least 12 people were hurt, three critically, and other people were being evaluated at the scene. Mayor Bill de Blasio said it didn't appear that anyone was missing. He said his thoughts and prayers were with the

injured and their families. The fire department's commissioner said about 250 firefighters were on the scene and a second building was "in danger of possible

## **FEDS: COUSINS PLANNED TO BRING 'FLAMES OF WAR'**

CHICAGO (AP) - An Illinois Army National Guard soldier vowed to bring "the flames of war to the heart" of America if he was unable to get to the Middle East to join the Islamic State group, and his cousin bragged that he could kill at least 150 people in a terrorist attack in the U.S., federal prosecutors said Thursday in announcing their

Hasan R. Edmonds, the 22year-old guardsman, was arrested Wednesday night at Chicago Mid-way International Airport while trying to board a plane for the first leg of a journey that eventually would take him to Egypt. Jonas M. Edmonds, 29, was arrested earlier that day at his home, the U.S. attorney's office in Chicago said in a statement. Both men are U.S. citizens from the Chicago suburb of Aurora