

### Illness Outbreak Nixes Classes In Mitchell

MITCHELL (AP) — An elementary school in Mitchell cancelled classes for the remainder of the week to control what appears to be an outbreak of stomach flu.

Superintendent Joe Graves said 130 students and seven staff members at Bertie Belle Rogers Elementary were home sick on Wednesday. The school has about 400 students.

Graves told KELO television that crews would sanitize and disinfect the school before classes resume Monday.

### Deadwood Gaming Continues Decline

RAPID CITY (AP) — The gaming halls in Deadwood report a third straight month of declining revenue.

The amount of money wagered in slot machines and at the card tables was \$90.6 million in March. KOTA television reports that's down almost \$5.4 million from March last year.

January and February revenue was down about 13 percent compared to the same months in 2010.

The drop in wagering means less income for gaming halls and less tax revenue for the state. Officials say the new statewide smoking ban, the weather, and the economy all factor into gaming activity.

### Nebraska Agency Warns Of Flooding

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — People in some of Nebraska's wildlife management areas are being warned to use caution as waters in some areas rise.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission says all or portions of several wildlife management areas along the Missouri River in southeast Nebraska may be inaccessible due to flooding.

Those areas include: Schilling and William-Gilmour/Tobacco Island in Cass County; Hamburg Bend in Otoe County; and Langdon Bend, Kansas Bend, Brownville Bend and Peru Boat Ramp in Nemaha County.

People in those areas should use caution to avoid flooded areas.

### Group To Study SD Infant Mortality Rate

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — The governor is expected to appoint a task force to examine why South Dakota's infant mortality rate is slowly rising.

The state's mortality rate of 6.7 deaths for each 1,000 live births in 2009 is higher than neighboring states.

State Health Secretary Doneen Hollingsworth said officials are concerned because the mortality rate has been holding steady or rising slightly after making dramatic improvement from 1960 to the 1990s.

She told the *Argus Leader* that the task force would study the data and make recommendations to the governor later this year.

### Court Rules Against SD Constitution Party

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — An appeals court has affirmed the dismissal of a lawsuit brought by the Constitution Party against the South Dakota secretary of state's office.

The fledgling party challenged a state law that required it to collect at least 250 petition signatures from party members to put its candidate for governor on the ballot last year. It also said a law barring nonresidents from collecting petition signatures was unconstitutional.

A federal judge in South Dakota ruled in the state's favor on both counts last summer.

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday turned down the Constitution Party's appeal.

### Schafer Discounts Gubernatorial Run

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Former Gov. Ed Schafer said he's concerned about state government spending but isn't interested in running for governor again.

He told *The Forum* that the state appears to be building a government that won't be affordable in the future.

Schafer said the state is becoming too dependent on oil as a revenue source.

He told the newspaper he's not interested in running for governor or in being drafted in 2012. He was the Republican governor from 1992 to 2000.

# Delay Kept Iowa Suspect Free

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CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — A man charged with fatally stabbing a cab driver in Cedar Rapids was expected in court hours earlier to face a possible prison sentence in a brutal assault case, but a judge delayed the hearing because key paperwork wasn't completed on time, attorneys said Wednesday.

Johnathan DeWayne Mitchell, 33, appeared in court Wednesday on a first-degree murder charge in the death of 54-year-old Cathy Stickley, who was found stabbed to death April 29 in an alley next to her cab. Family members remembered Stickley this week as an artist and mother of four who loved giving rides to people, even in rough parts of the city.

Mitchell has faced dozens of charges in the last 15 years for offenses related to assault, theft, drug and traffic crimes and is well-known by local law enforcement officials. Prosecutors said he has a history of mental health problems that cause him to act irrationally.

Nonetheless, a judge significantly reduced Mitchell's bond after he was arrested in an assault case last fall over the objections of prosecutors, which al-

lowed his mother to bail him out, according to court records reviewed Wednesday by The Associated Press.

Mitchell was charged with felony forgery weeks after his release, but the same judge again allowed him to remain free, records show.

Mitchell had been expected to appear in court April 29 to plead guilty to a felony willful injury charge. He also was to be sentenced in the case, in which he was accused of using a wooden yard tool to beat a man who was watching a football game at Coe College on Sept. 25.

Assistant Linn County Attorney Jason Besler said he believed that Judge Mitchell Turner likely would have followed prosecutors' prison recommendation given Mitchell's extensive prior criminal history. He said the charge carried a maximum of 5 years behind bars.

But Besler said a Department of Corrections employee failed to finish a presentence investigation report until the day of the hearing. He said he agreed not to oppose a delay so that Mitchell's defense lawyer would have the standard three days to review the report before sentencing. Judges use such reports — which detail a person's criminal, family and work history — to

form sentencing decisions.

Turner delayed the hearing until May 13. And hours later, authorities say Mitchell repeatedly stabbed Stickley in the neck and head in an alley near his home on the city's southwest side. Officers raided Mitchell's home and arrested him Tuesday.

A witness told police that Mitchell had made contact with Stickley near where she was slain and his bloody palm print was found on the driver's side door, according to the complaint. Prosecutors said Stickley was stabbed after Mitchell attempted to rob her. Her purse, a bank bag and other items were found near her body.

Mitchell's defense attorney, public defender Tyler Johnston, declined to comment on specifics but noted his client was innocent until proven guilty. Johnston is also representing Mitchell in the pending assault and forgery cases.

Linn County Attorney Jerry Vander Sanden said it's impossible to know whether Stickley's death could have been prevented had Mitchell's cases been handled differently, and he saw no need to review them. Besler said the judge's decision to reduce the bond wasn't the first time a judge had rejected a prosecutor's recommendation.

### Neb. Senators Clash On Collective Bargaining Panel

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A Nebraska senator who's leading the charge to overhaul a public collective bargaining panel argued Wednesday that the state will lose well-trained employees unless they maintain average wages.

Lawmakers began first-round debate over the future of collective bargaining rights for Nebraska public employees, in the wake of nationally watched union battles in Wisconsin and Ohio.

Omaha Sen. Steve Lathrop said his legislation would address much of the criticism leveled against the Commission of Industrial Relations, which resolves disputes between local governments and public employees.

The bill would keep personnel costs predictable for cities and other local governments, Lathrop said. He said his bill would give the commission tighter rules to follow and, over time, would set public salaries at average levels compared to their counterparts.

Bellevue Sen. Abbie Cornett, a former police officer, said training for some specialized officers can cost between \$200,000 and \$300,000. If officers leave for higher-paying jobs, she said, cities will lose their investment.

Opponents countered that the legislation still fails to limit costs for cash-strapped cities. Omaha Sen. John Nelson disputed the notion that cities would face employee shortages if workers leave.

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