

Lawmaker: Homosexuality A Health Issue

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota Rep. Steve Hickey is facing a flood of backlash for calling gay sex a moral and a health issue. Hickey says he's received comments and threats since posting his thoughts earlier this week. He believes people are tired of hearing the religious argument against homosexuality and wants medical professionals to come forward to explain the health risks of homosexual activity. The South Dakota Democratic Party has criticized Hickey's remarks, calling them "reprehensible." Hickey's comments come after the South Dakota group governing high school activities discussed a policy accommodating transgender students. And a lesbian couple from Sioux Falls recently announced plans to marry in Minnesota and challenge the South Dakota ban on gay marriage. Hickey said no other legislators have spoken up, because "the intimidation factor is so great."

Court: Farmers Not Liable For Crash

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The Nebraska Supreme Court has affirmed that two farming brothers should not have been found negligent in a 2007 fatal crash where tall corn created a blind intersection. The crash occurred on Oct. 6, 2007, in Saunders County, when two pickups collided at an intersection where the view was obstructed by 7-foot-tall corn planted only feet from the road. The crash killed one passenger and left another, Thomas Latzel, a quadriplegic who died from his injuries three years later. Latzel's wife, Amanda, sued the truck drivers and the farmers who planted the corn. But a Saunders County District Court judge granted a motion to dismiss the farmers — Ronald and Doug Bartek — from the lawsuit, saying the fault was with the truck drivers for entering a blind intersection.

African Lion Cubs Sent To New Homes

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Officials at Omaha's zoo have moved four African lion cubs to other facilities around the country. Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium says three female cubs named Zuri, Kya and Leela were sent to Lion Country Safari in Loxahatchee, Florida. Male cub Taj is being sent to the Alexandria Zoological Park in Alexandria, Louisiana. The Omaha World-Herald reported the fifth cub, a male named Josiri, hasn't been placed yet. The cubs were born in late 2012 and were later on display at the facility's Cat Complex. Zoo officials engaged the public through social media to help name them.

Woman Charged With 4 Counts Of Rape

DEADWOOD (AP) — A Lead woman has pleaded not guilty to having sex with a child. Staci Jo Graves is charged with four felony counts of first degree rape of a child under 13 years of age, and one count of solicitation of a minor. The Rapid City Journal reports that the 42-year-old Graves was arrested in late March after a Lawrence County grand jury heard testimony from six people. Each felony charge carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years in prison. Defense attorney Matthew Kinney says there are "important facts in dispute" but it would be in everyone's interest "that this case be resolved in due time." A status hearing is scheduled for June 12.

Deer Down, Geese Up For Season

PIERRE (AP) — The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission has approved new land acquisition and discussed other steps to support habitats and rebuild populations for some of the state's wild game. The commission granted approval for the state to acquire 165 acres of land, most of which is in northwest Moody County. The land would be used for wildlife management and public hunting. Officials say pheasant and deer populations are down in the state. The department will encourage more hunting of geese this year, which are in abundance. The group met Friday at Custer State Park, where commissioners visited the site of the future visitor center, a \$5 million project expected to break ground early next year. The commission will meet again next month in Yankton.

Residents Rescued From Apt. Fire

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Up to two dozen residents trapped briefly on their Omaha apartment balconies by fire are now safe. Omaha television station KETV says the residents were rescued by firefighters Thursday evening after the fire broke out in the south-central Omaha neighborhood. Kevon Moss, who lives in a first-floor apartment, tells KETV he heard screaming and shuffling above him. He says he went outside and saw a woman on her balcony who said she was trapped. Moss says the woman dropped her young son, whom Moss caught. The Omaha World-Herald reports that the fire was caused when a couch was set ablaze. The newspaper says three children suffered smoke inhalation from the fire, but they were not seriously injured.

Man Fatally Hurt In 4-Wheeler Accident

ANSELMO, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say an 82-year-old man has been fatally injured in a four-wheeler accident in central Nebraska. Broken Bow radio station KCNI says (http://bit.ly/1i1aUzn) the accident occurred Thursday as Clair Burnett, of rural Anselmo, was moving cattle. The Custer County Sheriff's Office says Burnett was taken to Melham Memorial Medical Center in Broken Bow, where he was pronounced dead.

SD Man Sentenced In Sex Abuse Case

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Authorities say a Pine Ridge man has been sentenced to four years in federal prison for sexually abusing an unconscious female. U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson says 20-year-old Daniel Tobacco was sentenced on Tuesday. He was convicted following a federal jury trial in Rapid City last year. Johnson says Tobacco engaged in a sexual act with an unconscious woman at Pine Ridge in February 2012.

New Rules Proposed For RC Club

RAPID CITY (AP) — New rules are being proposed for Rapid City's lone strip club, including a requirement that would remove a door from a private dance area. The Rapid City Journal reports that city's Legal and Finance Committee reviewed ordinance changes on Wednesday for Shotgun Willies. The Rapid City Council will review them for the first time Monday. Club owner Aaron Johnson says public officials are just taking potshots at his business. The city imposed a three-day suspension of Shotgun Willies' adult cabaret license in February. Police had sought a 30-day suspension, saying the club was cited five times in 2013 and once this year for violating the city's adult-oriented business ordinance. The alleged violations ranged from dancers taking money from or making physical contact with customers while partially nude.

So. Dak. Man Arrested In 1996 Slaying Of Mont. Vet

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — A South Dakota man will be sent to Montana to face a murder charge in the 1996 shooting death of a veterinarian who was seeing his ex-girlfriend, authorities said Friday. Montana prosecutors revived a deliberate homicide charge against Thomas Jaraczski in the slaying of Bryan Rein, a 31-year-old veterinarian in the central Montana town of Geraldine. Rein was shot three times in his trailer with his own .357 Magnum on July 12, 1996, about a month and a half after Ann Wishman broke up with Jaraczski and began dating the veterinarian. Jaraczski was charged in 1998 and pleaded not guilty before the charge was dropped after a judge dismissed dog-tracking evidence prosecutors said linked Jaraczski with the crime scene. Jaraczski later got married and has been living in South Dakota, most recently in Brandon, the Sioux Falls Argus Leader reported. Montana prosecutors issued a new arrest warrant for Jaraczski on April 25, charging him with deliberate homicide. He was arrested Wednesday night in Sioux Falls, and he waived his right to an

extradition hearing, Minnehaha County authorities said. Montana Department of Justice officials would not say what new evidence they may have found in the case. "Several years ago, at the request of law enforcement, our Prosecution Services Bureau took another look at the case," Justice Department spokeswoman Anastasia Burton said in a statement. It was not immediately clear whether Jaraczski, 41, has an attorney or when he would be extradited to Montana. A sworn statement that accompanied the arrest warrant said Jaraczski began stalking Wishman after she broke up with him after 4 1/2 years and began dating Rein. Jaraczski wrote her a 25-page letter and told his family he was thinking about killing himself, authorities said. He drove by their homes of Rein and Wishman on several occasions in different vehicles and followed Wishman at least once, the statement said. He also broke into Wishman's home and read in her diary that she had "found the man of her dreams" and wanted to spend the rest of her life with Rein, according to the statement by Assistant Attorney General Brant Light.

The night of the shooting, Wishman was talking to Rein on the phone, but it disconnected before Rein was able to say goodbye, Light wrote. She tried calling him over and over the next night, but his line was busy. Rein's body was found July 14 by a man who owned the property where the trailer was located. Investigators determined Rein had confronted and struggled with somebody on the trailer's back steps, and Rein was shot twice in the arm. Rein apparently tried to go back into the trailer, but the assailant grabbed him, ripped his shirt and shot him once more in the chest, Light wrote. He made it to his kitchen and apparently died trying to use the phone. Jaraczski told investigators that he had been working on his truck at his family's farm that night and fell from it, hurting his back. Records from a Great Falls hospital show he received treatment at the emergency room. He initially denied ever having been in his trailer and later said he had been in the trailer 10 days earlier purportedly to call for assistance for his broken-down truck. He later told investigators that had been a pretext to check whether Wishman was there.

Prosecutors Seek Adult Charges For Minn. Teen

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WASECA, Minn. — The Waseca County's attorney's office filed a motion Friday asking that a 17-year-old Waseca High student who planned to set off bombs and go on a shooting spree at his school be charged as an adult. John David LaDue, who police say outlined his plot in chilling detail and backed it up with a cache of guns and homemade explosives, is already charged as a juvenile with four counts of attempted murder, two counts of first-degree damage to property and six counts of possession of a bomb by someone under 18. Adult charges against LaDue are expected to be addressed at his next court appearance, on May 12, said Waseca County prosecutor Brenda Miller. At Waseca High School, which was closed Friday due to a scheduled staff development day, the mood was "various levels of somber," said Superintendent Thomas Lee. While students stayed home from school and police continued investigating, faculty and administrators talked about addressing students, parents and the community in general. Lee said that some teachers openly struggled, asking, "How could I have missed this?" Others walked around in stunned disbelief. Still oth-



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Students, parents and community members stood in the back of the room to listen as Waseca Police Captain Kris Markeson and Waseca School Superintendent Tom Lee spoke at a news conference about a 17-year-old student, John LaDue, who has been arrested in plot to kill his family and massacre students at a school in Waseca, Minn., Friday.

ers were "beating themselves up," Lee said. There also were sighs of relief. "We were grateful that we avoided something," Lee said, referring to LaDue's alleged plans. "Now we're finalizing plans, asking, 'What are we going to do? How are we going to talk to kids and let everyone know that they're safe and that we're here to listen to them?'" There was particular concern for LaDue's sister, Valerie, 18, a senior at the high school. Valerie LaDue attended school Thursday, after her brother's arrest, Lee said. "Measures will be taken to make sure she feels comfortable," Lee said. "We're doing everything possible to support her. We told the family that she has the option to take individual study, or a home-based tutor. The family indicated that she wants to come back to school. "This is a strong community that has faced tragedy and adversity before," Lee said. "But I was in that courtroom (Thursday) and saw the family. I can only imagine what they're going through. We're a resilient community, but this is tough." The school district is planning a community meeting at 5:30 p.m. and was offering tips on its website for how to talk to students about the news and watch for signs of trauma. Lee said there will be counselors available to students Monday.

Police declined to offer any new details on the investigation into John LaDue's foiled plan to attack the schools in homage to the Columbine High School shootings 15 years ago. It's unknown how LaDue was able to obtain seven guns. He also had built up a stockpile of bomb-making materials, including chemicals, other materials and 60 pounds of ball bearings that he apparently planned to pack into exploding pressure cookers. According to charges filed Thursday, LaDue told police he planned to kill his mother, father and sister and then create a diversion to keep first responders busy while he went to Waseca Junior/Senior High School to wreak havoc. After his arrest Tuesday, the high school junior said he intended to kill "as many students as he could" before being killed by the SWAT team, according to charging documents filed in Waseca County District Court. At the LaDue home on 4th Avenue SE, in Waseca, a friend of the family who answered the door Friday said LaDue's parents, David and Stephanie LaDue, had no comment. Jennifer Persell, the mother of one of LaDue's friends who reportedly rented a storage unit where he prepped some of his bomb-making materials, told a reporter she'd been instructed not to comment by police.



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Dan, Ann & Sarab

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2. May God cradle you in his arms, now and forever.
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6. Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy and laughter.
7. Though out of sight, you'll forever be in my heart and mind.
8. May the light of peace shine on your face for eternity.
9. May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
10. You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
11. May God's graces shine over you for all time.
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