

Ex-Day Care Provider Is Sentenced

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A former day care provider in Sioux Falls who admitted to lying to police and leaving children in the care of teenagers has been sentenced to 10 days in jail. Fifty-three-year-old Constance Edwards was sentenced Monday. She was also barred from ever operating a day care. Edwards was the owner of an in-home day care where a 4-month-old baby died in 2011. She was charged after the baby's accidental death, and she took a plea deal in March. The baby was one of 15 children Edwards left under the responsibility of two teenagers while she took others to a waterpark. The woman lied to police about the number of children she had in her care, which was more than the allowed by the city. The teenagers weren't registered as caregivers.

Man In Court In Horse-Release Case

PIERRE (AP) — A man appeared in court Monday to face charges connected to the release of 37 horses at the Stanley County Fairgrounds. The man, Jordan James Pourier, 24, was held on a \$5,000 bond for aggravated assault for allegedly threatening someone with a pitchfork, third-degree burglary, six counts of injuring an animal of another and trespassing, KCCR-AM reported. It was not immediately clear whether the Lower Brule man has legal representation. A preliminary hearing has been scheduled for May 20. The horses, owned by a Wounded Knee man, were released from a barn about 2 a.m. Sunday and roamed the Pierre and Fort Pierre area. The Stanley County Sheriff's office, Pierre Police Department and South Dakota Highway Patrol, along with members of the horse community, helped round up the horses and took them back to Fort Pierre. Chief Deputy Sheriff Greg Swanson said some were race-horses. Swanson said six of the horses suffered injuries and two might not be able to race again. A sheriff's office vehicle also was damaged when a horse collided with it. Stanley County State's Attorney Tom Maher said the Department of Criminal Investigation and the attorney general's office have been asked to investigate.

Man Wanted In Two States Is Captured

SCOTTSDLUFF, Neb. (AP) — A 31-year-old Scottsbluff man wanted in two other states has been captured after a chase and hunt that lasted more than four hours. The Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Office says deputies were helping the Nebraska State Patrol at a Scottsbluff checkpoint around 11:30 p.m. Saturday when they saw a vehicle turn around as it approached the checkpoint. The vehicle accelerated away, with deputies in pursuit. Deputies say they followed the vehicle for several miles. It eventually ran off a highway and crashed in a field, where the driver fled on foot. Officers eventually found the driver and took him into custody around 4 a.m. Sunday. He was identified as Christopher Lynch. Deputies say Lynch is wanted in Colorado on a theft warrant and in Wyoming for probation violation.

Immigration Ordinance Could Spread

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court decision not to review Fremont's immigration ordinance could open the door to similar city rules in Nebraska and other states. The justices on Monday let stand an appeals court ruling that found the ordinance doesn't discriminate against Latinos or interfere with federal immigration laws. Attorney Kris Kobach, who defended the ordinance, says the decision gives a "bright green light" for other cities within the 8th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals. The circuit includes Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and the Dakotas. Fremont resident Virginia Meyer, who led an unsuccessful repeal effort, says the ordinance has proven divisive and painted the city in a negative light. The high court has rejected attempts by towns in Pennsylvania and Texas to revive similar ordinances struck down by lower courts.

Museum Preps To Display Its Rembrandt

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha is preparing to once again exhibit its original Rembrandt, decades after it was downgraded and became regarded as merely a work by one of his students. The museum plans to have the "Portrait of Dirck van Os" placed in its Hitchcock Gallery for public viewing on Tuesday after an absence of around 15 years. It's been restored and embellishments added by others have been removed. Rembrandt experts have examined the painting and certified it as an original work by the 17th-century Dutch master. The museum has not provided a monetary value for the painting, but Rembrandts have sold in the tens of millions of dollars in recent years. The "Portrait of Dirck van Os" was bought from a private collection in 1942 but was reclassified 45 years later as a painting by one of the students in the "School of Rembrandt." It remained on a Joslyn wall until December 1999, when it was taken down and stored. The Omaha World-Herald has reported that the painting might still be in storage were it not for a visit and viewing in 2010 by Dutch art historian Ernst van de Wetering, the man behind the Rembrandt Research Project. In March 2012, it was sent to Amsterdam for further analysis and conservation. Van de Wetering worked with Martin Bijl, former head of restoration at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, to bring the painting as close as possible to its original condition. The museum said that later additions to the subject's clothing were retouched with paint of the same color as the original background. Old damage and missing areas on the painting's surface were retouched under magnification, using what remained of the original paint as a guide.

South Dakota

Criminal Justice Grant Sought

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PIERRE — A criminal justice oversight council in South Dakota unanimously endorsed a proposal Monday to apply for a grant from the federal government to help reduce the disproportionate number of Native American women from Pennington County in the prison system. Of the women in the prison system, about 30 percent are from Pennington County, where Rapid City is located. Native women constitute a large portion of that group. The council oversees the implementation of the Public Safety Improvement Act. The act took effect in July, and its

oversight council met Monday in Rapid City. The council granted support for state staff to apply for a federal grant to fund a program to help high risk women in Pennington County. Jim Seward, the chair of the council, said the program would not be only for Native Americans. But, he said, "the data suggest that population to be in high need." Seward said the award could be up to \$1.75 million over three years, depending on the parameters of the project and whether or not the application to the federal government is successful. The effort could help women with housing and other needs in order to reduce their risk of offending.

At the meeting, Department of Corrections staff announced that South Dakota has signed an agreement with Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate tribal officials for a pilot program to allow Native American parolees to serve their parole on tribal land, where the state does not have jurisdiction. State and tribal law enforcement will work together to ensure supervision of the parolees. In the past, corrections officials have said some Native Americans have gone back to reservations rather than serve their full parole time in other communities. At Monday's meeting, officials added that serving parole on the reservation encourages social integration.



Gov. Dennis Daugaard helped plant a redbud tree Monday afternoon in the Governors Grove area of Hilgers Gulch near the state Capitol in Pierre. The event was scheduled for one week ago but cold, wet weather prompted the postponement.

PHOTO: BOB MERCER

Daugaard Puts Down Roots In Governors Grove Display

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — Showing himself to be no stranger to the handle of a shovel, Gov. Dennis Daugaard helped plant a young redbud tree Monday in Governors Grove near the state Capitol as part of marking Arbor Day in South Dakota. The ceremonial woods is part of Hilgers Gulch park and has a tree designated with a plaque for each of South Dakota's governors. Daugaard said he chose the redbud, with its bright rosy-pink spring flowers, because he enjoyed seeing one on Sixth Street in Sioux Falls when he worked there. The Sioux Falls tree was at least 30 feet tall and probably at least 30 years old, he guessed. He said he drove past it for 20 years. He said a redbud is also on the lawn of the governor's mansion. Color was starting to appear on the tree that awaited planting Monday. "Look, it's budding already," Daugaard remarked. The planting originally was scheduled for April 28 but was postponed one week because of cold, wet weather that day.

Dressed in jeans and a long-sleeved gray shirt under bright sunshine and pleasant weather Monday, Daugaard helped a state buildings and ground crew lift the tree from the lowered gate of a pickup truck and place it in the hole that was already dug. He stood in the hole knee deep to help maneuver the tree while the netting was cut away from its root ball. Then he climbed out and grabbed a shovel to start filling. He looked up when the hole was about half full and saw his wife off to the side. "Hi Linda!" he shouted to her. "Hi honey," she replied. "You're doing good." The Daugaard children have planted trees at the family's home near Dell Rapids and recently installed a stone marker with an inscription commemorating their parents' 60th birthdays. Daugaard said the home place, which he built on land where his parents had their farm when he was a child, once had many elms. He fears the green ash will be next to go. He said the family has planted many replacement trees including different varieties of oak. "In South Dakota," he said, "you always need to be planting trees."

SD Tourism Launches Peak-Season Advertising

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota's Department of Tourism has launched its peak-season advertising across the country. This year's campaign includes both national and niche magazines, regional cable and network television and other methods including a social media campaign.

Department officials also recently traveled to Chicago and Milwaukee, bringing the Mount Rushmore Mascots with them. Tourism Secre-

tary Jim Hagen says both cities are new markets for the state.

Nebraska

Ricketts Maintains Big Cash Advantage

BY GRANT SCHULTE
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LINCOLN, Neb. — Omaha businessman Pete Ricketts still has a strong cash lead in the final days of the Nebraska gubernatorial primary, but was out-raised by state Sen. Beau McCoy and Attorney General Jon Bruning in the last reporting period before the May 13 election. Ricketts entered the final leg of the Republican race with more than \$793,000 in cash on hand, according to state finance reports filed Monday. But Ricketts — competing in a six-man Republican primary — fell behind McCoy and Bruning in fundraising during the 20-day reporting period that ended late last month. Ricketts raised \$172,356 in the final reporting period, between April 9 and April 28. "Heading into the final stretch of the primary election, we are excited about the widespread support shown for Pete's campaign," said campaign manager Matt Miltenberger. Ricketts' campaign had previously received \$1.5 million from Ricketts, his wife and his parents, although none of the most recent donations came from them. Ricketts' father, Joe Ricketts, is the founder of TD Ameritrade. McCoy raised \$302,525, of which \$300,000 came from a single donor. Falls City businessman Charles Herbster, who withdrew as a Republican candidate last year, has thrown his support behind McCoy and donated nearly \$1.9 million, not counting the latest contribution. McCoy reported \$194,577 in cash on hand at the end of the period. Bruning received \$281,207 in contributions in the same period. His cash on hand at the end of the reporting period totaled nearly \$431,700. Ricketts, Bruning and McCoy have all launched television ads in the buildup to the primary race to replace Republican Gov. Dave Heineman. The winner of the GOP contest will face Democrat Chuck Hassebrook in November.

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