

Neb. Lawmakers Advance Med. Mar. Bill

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska residents suffering from debilitating illnesses could find relief from marijuana under a bill that cleared a first-round vote in the Legislature.

Senators voted 27-12 Tuesday to advance a measure that would allow pharmacists to distribute cannabis to patients with cancer, epilepsy and other chronic illnesses.

The bill by Sen. Tommy Garrett of Bellevue gained support after senators adopted an amendment that would prohibit smoking cannabis and would not include chronic pain as a qualifying condition to receive the drug.

Opponents worry about the details of regulating the drug and the effects of legalizing a substance not approved by the Federal Drug Administration.

Proponents say the show of support will allow Garrett and others to amend the bill before second-round debate.

RC Superintendent To Leave Next Year

RAPID CITY (AP) — The superintendent of the second largest public school district in South Dakota intends to resign at the end of next school year.

Rapid City Area Schools Superintendent Tim Mitchell says he will leave the district on June 30, 2016. He's been with the district for five years.

Mitchell announced his resignation Tuesday. He says he made the announcement more than a year in advance to allow for a smooth transition.

Mitchell's resignation comes months after the district proposed increasing the salaries of public school teachers at the expense of cutting \$6.5 million from other programs during the upcoming school year. The proposal would eliminate support personnel who help students with math and literacy education.

The district has more than 13,800 students.

Omaha: Accused Killer Is Denied Bond

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A judge on Tuesday denied bond for an Omaha man accused of killing his mother and 5-year-old half brother and of leaving his infant half brother in a dumpster.

Roberto Martinez-Marinero, 25, appeared in a jailhouse courtroom for a bond hearing and communicated through a Spanish interpreter. Authorities have said he surrendered Thursday and told police he had killed his mother, 45-year-old Jesus Ismenia Marinero, and had thrown Josue Ramirez-Marinero in the Elkhorn River. Officials say he also admitted to putting 11-month-old Angel Ramirez-Marinero, who suffered only bruises, in the dumpster. The boy was found wearing only a diaper.

Prosecutors say Jesus Ismenia Marinero had been stabbed several times and beaten with a baseball bat. Her body was found Wednesday night in a southeast Omaha ditch.

The body of Josue was found by recovery crews in the river on Monday. Douglas County Attorney Don Kleine said in a news conference Monday that officials believe Josue was alive when he was thrown into the river. Kleine said Josue was killed because he was a witness to his mother's killing.

Man Rams His SUV Into Police Cruiser

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A 35-year-old man is facing various charges including aggravated assault after ramming a sports utility vehicle into a police cruiser in southeast South Dakota.

Police in Sioux Falls say James Dean Dubro was pulled over for a routine traffic stop, but before the police officer could get out of his vehicle, Dubro put the SUV in reverse and hit the cruiser. Police say Dubro was trying to get the cruiser out of the way.

Dubro sped away and the officer drove after him, but the pursuit ended shortly after Dubro drove into a trailer park and residents began to exit their homes.

Dubro was arrested hours later at a Dell Rapids home. He's in jail without bond. It's unclear whether he has an attorney.

The cruiser's estimated damage is \$600.

Nebraska

Prison Revolt Investigated

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 Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska officials promised Tuesday a thorough investigation of a deadly prison revolt, including a review of the facility's staffing and emergency procedures and how exactly two sex offenders were killed.

Authorities declined to give specifics as prison officials worked to reopen sections of the Tecumseh State Correctional Institution damaged in the 11-hour security breakdown. Two inmates serving time for child sexual assault were killed, four prisoners were injured and four staff members were assaulted. The prison was still on lockdown.

Director of Correctional Services Director Scott Frakes acknowledged that the prison in the southeast corner of the state has struggled with high employee turnover and overtime due to staffing shortages. But he said it wasn't clear whether the facility was properly staffed during the unrest that began about 2:30 p.m. Sunday after workers attempted to disband a large group of inmates.

"Corrections is a business of risk," Frakes said. "It's easy after the fact to say we knew or should have known that something was going to happen. There's always a potential for something bad to happen in prisons."

Frakes said he met with about 30 inmates at the prison less than three weeks ago and didn't sense that a major conflict was brewing. Some of the men voiced frustration that their movements were restricted and said they didn't have enough to do, Frakes said.

Frakes said the 960-bed facility houses about 60 more inmates than intended and is one of the state's least overcrowded prisons.

Tecumseh State Correctional Institution has 502 full-time staff positions, but it wasn't clear how many are currently filled or how many staff members were on duty Sunday evening, spokeswoman Jessica Houseman said. Frakes said the disturbance began at the start of a shift, and staff rosters were not completed or entered into the electronic system.

Autopsies were scheduled Tuesday for inmates Shon Collins and Donald Peacock, both 46, who died during the chaos. Prison officials have said both men were likely killed by other inmates. Frakes declined to release how the inmates were killed until the autopsy results are final.

Peacock and Collins were serving sentences for first-degree sexual assault of a child and visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct.

State officials have said they don't yet know whether the dead inmates were targeted because they were sex offenders, but the head of the union that represents prison workers said such actions are common in riots.

"Once you lose control of a situation like that, inmates will do inmate justice — or what they believe is justice," said Mike Marvin, executive director of the Nebraska Association of Public Employees.

Department spokesman James Foster declined to say Tuesday where the bodies were found, citing the criminal investigation. Two days after the incident, Foster said prison officials still didn't

know what prompted the inmates to gather in the yard.

Prison officials moved some inmates into other cells to make room for repairs. Frakes said the damage included surveillance cameras, walls and cell-door windows. No overall cost estimate was available yet, but replacing the cameras was expected to cost \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Frakes said the department has brought in a review team to examine the prison's emergency response plan, review incident reports from the disturbance, and interview staff and inmates.

A review by the Corrections Department will be incorporated into a broader prison reform plan scheduled for release this fall, Gov. Pete Ricketts said. The review will include whether more staffing is needed at the facility.

Building a new prison remains a last resort, Ricketts said.

Marvin said the Tecumseh prison relies heavily on overtime to fill job vacancies. Some officers volunteer for 16-hour shifts but only do so because they think it will increase their chances of getting a day off, he said.

"It's a dangerous situation when you're relying on that much overtime," Marvin said. "You get tired. You make a mistake. Mistakes can cost lives."

In addition, Marvin said the high turnover and rare pay raises have cost the facility experienced workers who might have defused the situation. The prisons location also makes it harder to recruit, he said, because few people want to commute an hour from Lincoln or Omaha.

South Dakota

Regents OK Deal With NSA For Credits Toward DSU Degree

BY JAMES NORD
 Associated Press

PIERRE — National Security Agency employees will soon be able to count their cybersecurity training at the agency toward college credit at Dakota State University under a proposal the state Board of Regents approved at a Tuesday meeting.

The agreement will allow NSA employees to earn up to 50 academic credits toward a 120-credit undergraduate degree in Cyber Operations from Dakota State University for completing certain training at the agency. The deal is the first of its kind between the NSA and a higher education institution, according to a report to the board.

"We're tickled pink. We're absolutely thrilled that we've done this," said Josh Pauli, a cybersecurity professor at Dakota State University who worked with the NSA examining the details of

the agency's training. "It's a Hollywood story. Who would have thought this little school ... would be doing this? But, hey, we're doing it, and we're thrilled."

Board of Regents Executive Director and CEO Jack Warner said the agreement represents "the growing recognition of Dakota State excellence" in cybersecurity.

Pauli reviewed classified NSA training courses to see how they matched up with Dakota State's Cyber Operations curriculum to help decide how much currency the training would provide toward a degree. He said NSA employees go through more than 2,000 hours of training related to cybersecurity, computer programming and computer networking.

The university has had a formal relationship with the NSA for four years. The Cyber Operations program is one of 13 programs identified by the NSA as a highly technical higher education

cybersecurity program. An NSA representative wasn't immediately available for comment.

The Cyber Operations program is available online, and the report to the board predicts the agreement will attract 50 online enrollees this fall with the "potential for explosive growth." The report said a bachelor's degree is a requirement for employees once they leave the military but decide they want to retain their positions at the agency as civilians.

Waylon Krush, CEO of Lunarline Inc, an Arlington-based cybersecurity firm, said he got very little college credit when he went through the military.

"I got a degree. It wasn't as hard as military training," said Krush, who said he worked in cybersecurity at the Department of Defense. "I'm actually really happy to hear that they're doing this in South Dakota because I think it's going to open up ... opportunities."

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Could Eating Bugs Be Good for the Planet?

Scientists think eating bugs could fight hunger and help protect our planet's health.

According to entomologist Arnold van Huis of Wageningen University in the Netherlands, about 80% of the world's population eats insects.

Most Popular Bugs for Eating

Mealworms, crickets and locusts are the most common bugs people consume. But there are more than 1,700 kinds of bugs that are safe to eat, including termites and cockroaches!

Find the differences!

Bugs have munched some of the words right out of this article. Can you put them back where they belong?

Mini Livestock

According to the United Nations, the planet's _____ will reach 9 billion before 2050. The demand for meat will double. Raising cattle, pigs and other livestock takes a lot of land, a lot of _____ and a lot of money to feed them.

Insects are much _____ and cheaper to raise than livestock. They like to live together in _____ spaces, so they need less land. They can also eat food _____. According to entomologist Arnold van Huis, we throw away one-third of our food. Insects could eat the _____ we throw out, turning it back into food for people to eat.

In Thailand, poor rice _____ who often lose their crops to bad weather, are finding that raising mounds of _____ crickets is helping them to survive and keep their farms. There are more than 20,000 cricket farms in Thailand. _____, 7,500 tons of crickets each year. Thailand leads the world in raising insects for food.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Did you know that crustaceans, like lobsters, crab and shrimp, belong to the same part of the animal family tree as insects? So if you've ever tried these tasty treats, then you've dined on the insects of the sea!

In Louisiana, people eat a lot of crustaceans called **crawfish**. Use the code to find out their nickname:

□	= A
□	= B
□	= D
□	= E
□	= G
□	= L
□	= M
□	= U

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

CRICKETS	E S E T I M R E T C
CRAWFISH	N C R I C K E T S H
TERMITES	S J R E O V G I S E
INSECTS	P T C A I Y N E G A
SURVIVE	A I S V W S U A U P
CHEAPER	R W R U E F H N B E
LOCUSTS	C U I C C O I N E R
HUNGER	S G T C R O P S B M
SCRAPS	U S T A E D L G H S
CROPS	
MENU	
BUGS	
EATS	
FOOD	

Standards Link: Letter sequencing, Recognized identical words, Skim and scan reading, Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Living Things

Collect newspaper pictures of living things. Make a poster called LIVING THINGS with four columns: *Mammals, Insects, Plants, Other Animals*. Keep adding to your poster until every column is filled.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Write On!

Bug Recipe

Make up a recipe that uses bugs as a main ingredient. Explain why people should give it a try.

Standards Link: Math / Number Sense

Kid Scoop Together: BUGGY MATH

Circle the bugs to create groups as instructed. Then, have a parent check your answers.

Divide the dragonflies into three groups with the same number in each group.

Divide the roaches into two equal groups.

Divide the crickets into five equal groups.

BE A BUG CHEF

Imagine you are starting a restaurant that makes and serves dishes made with bugs.

Complete the Bug Bistro menu at right with dishes made with bugs as the main ingredient!

TERMITE TACO

It's crawling with flavor! Try it topped with our spicy mealworm salsa and crispy cricket flakes.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write simple phrases that describe and summarize concepts.

BUG BISTRO

Bug Dot-to-Dot

On one newspaper page, find and circle the letters that spell the names of each of the bugs below. Then connect the circled letters to make and color a design.

- Termite
- Beetle
- Ladybug
- Ant
- Cricket
- Firefly

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.