

Appeals Court Rejects Rehearing For Lotter

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A federal appeals court has rejected a request from Nebraska death row inmate John Lotter for a rehearing in a triple murder that inspired the 1999 film "Boys Don't Cry."
The Lincoln Journal Star says the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals denied Lotter's request on Monday.
Lotter and co-defendant Thomas Nissen were convicted in the 1993 slayings of Teena Brandon, Lisa Lambert and Philip DeVine at a rural Falls City farmhouse.
Lotter has maintained his innocence.
In split decision in August, a three-judge panel of the 8th Circuit rejected Lotter's attempt to appeal his conviction. He filed a petition for the panel to rehear the case or for the full court to consider it. The request was denied.

ACLU, S.D. Disagree On Settlement Compliance

SIoux FALLS (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union accused South Dakota on Monday of failing to comply with an agreement concerning voting rights for certain felons, but a state official responded the oversight wasn't intentional.
The ACLU filed a lawsuit against the state in 2009 on behalf of Eileen Janis and Kim Colhoff, both of Pine Ridge, who argued they were illegally removed from the Shannon County voter registration list in 2008 following felony convictions in federal court that resulted in probation but no prison time.
A settlement reached last year called for then-Secretary of State Chris Nelson to propose rule changes to the state Election Board and to recommend the board propose a law change to the Legislature.
But the ACLU said in a letter sent to the state on Monday that current Secretary of State Jason Gant has failed to propose the rules changes. The group also said the voting rights laws are misstated on the Secretary of State website.

Nebraska Harvest Season Winding Down

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska farmers are making good progress on finishing this year's harvest, but the dry weather is a concern.
The U.S. Department of Agriculture says in the weekly crop report on Monday that soil moisture levels continue to decline and are now below average for the first time this year.
During the last two months, precipitation averaged less than 50 percent of the normal across much of the eastern third of the Nebraska. In the past week, only the southwest and the panhandle region have gotten rain, averaging 1/4 of an inch.
The USDA says the soybean harvest is almost done, at 98 percent, while the corn harvest is 73 percent complete. Both are ahead of the average pace. The sunflower harvest has started, while the sugarbeet harvest is winding down.

KRISTI NOEM

Hearing Witnesses Also Donors

BY HENRY C. JACKSON
Associated Press



Noem

WASHINGTON — Twice in the last four months, Republican Rep. Kristi Noem has held or testified at congressional hearings in South Dakota and Washington where the tables were packed with witnesses who between themselves, their employees and their families have given her a total of more than \$19,000 in campaign contributions.
Noem is the lone U.S. House member from South Dakota, with \$790,224 in her campaign account. The congressional hearings focused on farm dust regulation and pine beetles, both critical issues to her constituents.
In a July hearing for the House subcommittee on national parks, forests and public lands in Hill City, S.D., on a mountain pine beetle epidemic in the Black Hills, two of three non-government witnesses each gave \$1,000 or more to

her congressional campaign account. The other three witnesses worked for the U.S. Forest Service or the state agriculture department.
Earlier this month, two of seven non-government witnesses at a hearing on farm dust were associated with a total of \$9,000 in campaign contributions, either by themselves, the lobbying group they represented at the hearing, or through their family and employees.
Congressional rules don't ban campaign contributors from testifying at congressional hearings. Often, as is the case with Noem, the witnesses were approved by congressional staff and can offer a relevant perspective.
But watchdog groups say a close relationship between members of Congress and witnesses at congressional hearings can raise

ethical questions.
"I think this shows the relationship between members of Congress and their contributors," said Bill Allison, editorial director at the Sunlight Foundation, a non-partisan group that focuses on government transparency. "I'm sure there were people with no connection to Rep. Noem who could have testified."
Noem's office said the campaign donations of the witnesses who appeared had nothing to do with the invitation from her to testify. Joshua Shields, a spokesman for Noem, said drawing a line between donations and the testimony amounted to "cheap political distractions."
"Rep. Noem is extremely proud of her work on behalf of South Dakota when it comes to fighting the pine beetle epidemic and stopping further EPA dust regulation," Shields said in a statement. "These are issues she has focused on because they are critically important to the economic future of our state and not for any other reason."

S.D. Works To Reduce Inmates Who Return To Prison

BY CHET BROKAW
Associated Press

PIERRE — South Dakota should be able to reach a goal of cutting in half the number of released prison inmates who get in trouble and are sent back to prison, the state's top corrections official said Monday.
About 30 percent of all inmates released from the state prison system in recent years have returned within 12 months. A new program, funded by a federal grant, is trying to reduce that number to 15.6 percent by 2014.

"It's a tall task and we're working very hard to accomplish this," State Corrections Secretary Dennis Kaemingk said during a meeting of the council overseeing the project.
Sioux Falls Mayor Mike Huether, a council member, said he worries that the goal may be too ambitious. If the state fails to reach the target, people might lose interest, he said.
"At some point in time, you may need some more realistic goals than the one you've been presented with," Huether said.
The goal of slashing the num-

ber in half was set last year by former Corrections Secretary Tim Reisch, who is now commander of the South Dakota National Guard.
The program targets inmates most at risk of failing while on parole, defined as those younger than 30 who have various problems. They get help finding jobs, housing, transportation and other services that include mental health counseling, transportation, food assistance and treatment for alcohol or drug problems.
The Re-entry Council was set up last year to oversee the project. The state received a \$750,000 fed-

eral grant in 2009, and another \$1 million this year to develop the program and set up additional services to help released inmates stay out of trouble. The money comes from the federal Second Chance Act, which is intended to help states find ways to reduce the number of inmates returning to prison.
The council includes the heads of several state agencies that can provide inmates with a wide range of services. It works with task forces in Rapid City and Sioux Falls, where the majority of released inmates live.

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