

Heineman: Neb. Swayed State Dept. Decision

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Gov. Dave Heineman says the U.S. State Department decision to reassess the route of the proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline was due largely to pressure from Nebraskans.

Heineman told the Associated Press Thursday that he met with a U.S. State Department official on Oct. 18, and was given "a clear indication that they were paying attention to what we were doing in Nebraska."

Heineman said he called a special session less than a week later to try to address pipeline concerns at the state level and to pressure federal officials to act.

The Republican governor called it "an exceptional moment for Nebraskans," and a sign that their voices have been heard.

Jury Convicts S.D. Man Of Sex Trafficking

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A federal jury has convicted a Sioux Falls man of commercial sex trafficking after he answered an online advertisement posted by undercover police officers.

U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson says the jury found 53-year-old Ron Bonestroo guilty of the charge after a one-day trial.

Johnson says Bonestroo answered an ad and arranged to pay for sex with what he believed would be two 14-year-old girls in Sioux Falls. The advertisement was posted by undercover officers as part of "Operation Crossing Guard." Officers were conducting the sting operation to identify people who attempt to purchase sex acts with children.

Johnson says officers arrested Bonestroo when he arrived at the undercover location.

Bonestroo, who has been remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshal, faces a maximum sentence of life in prison.

S.D. Man Sentenced For Meat Cleaver Attack

ABERDEEN (AP) — A South Dakota man who authorities say attacked another man with a meat cleaver has been sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Nineteen-year-old Konacin Blackelk of Aberdeen initially faced an attempted murder charge. *The American News* reports that he pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and also aggravated assault of a law officer.

Authorities say Blackelk used the meat cleaver during a fight on Sept. 2, sending a man to the hospital to be treated for injuries that included a cut on the head. The deputy who was assaulted was not injured.

Sturgis Receiving \$625,000 Drug Grant

STURGIS (AP) — Sturgis is one of just 87 communities across the country to receive a grant from a nationwide drug and alcohol abuse prevention program.

The *Black Hills Pioneer* reports that Sturgis' Action for the Betterment of the Community received the \$625,000 grant based on its performance in the field. The Drug Free Communities Support Program grant is divided into \$125,000 a year allotments for five consecutive years.

Project director Kara Graveman says the new funding will allow the group to mobilize and organize their community to prevent and reduce youth substance use. The group is focusing its efforts on alcohol and marijuana, the two most consistently popular substances among Sturgis youth.

May Execution Set For Inmate Who Killed Guard

BY KRISTI EATON
Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS — A South Dakota inmate who fatally beat a prison guard during an escape attempt and told a judge that he would kill again will be executed in May, prosecutors said Thursday.

Eric Robert, 49, will face lethal injection the week of May 13 under an order issued by Second Circuit Judge Bradley Zell. The exact date will be set by the warden, Attorney General Marty Jackley said.

Zell sentenced Robert last month after he pleaded guilty in the killing of Ronald Johnson on April 12 — Johnson's 63rd birthday. Investigators said Robert attacked the guard with a pipe and covered his mouth with plastic wrap, then took his uniform. Robert, who had been serving an 80-year sentence for kidnapping, was stopped as he tried to exit the

grounds at the South Dakota State Penitentiary wearing Johnson's uniform.

Robert waived his right to a trial and asked the judge to sentence him to death, saying his one regret was that he did not kill the officer who stopped him. He told Zell that he would kill again.

"Brad Zell, if you stood between me and the door of freedom, I would kill you," Robert told the judge during pre-sentencing.

Zell ruled last month that the death penalty was warranted because Robert's attack went beyond trying to incapacitate Johnson and that Robert showed "extreme anger to the point of hatred."

Robert's attorney, Mark Kadi, said his client would not take steps to delay the execution, but the state Supreme Court will look over the sentence as part of a mandatory process.

Jackley said the state Supreme Court and

Gov. Dennis Daugaard have the authority to suspend the execution until they finish reviewing the case.

Two other inmates are also charged in the killing. Rodney Berget, 49, who has pleaded not guilty, also faces the death penalty. Prosecutors allege he tried to escape with Robert. His trial is scheduled to start Jan. 30.

A third inmate, Michael J. Nordman, 47, was charged with supplying some of the items used in the killing. Prosecutors have not said whether they will seek the death penalty for Nordman.

Robert's sentencing will not affect the other two cases, Jackley said.

Prison officials said they have implemented several changes at the prison since the killing, including adding officers to three areas and installing additional security cameras.

South Dakota High Court Upholds Man's Conviction In Toddler Death

BY CHET BROKAW
Associated Press

PIERRE — South Dakota's Supreme Court upheld on Thursday a Sioux Falls man's conviction for manslaughter in the death of his girlfriend's infant son.

The high court ruled unanimously that Christopher Fisher's confession to a law enforcement officer was voluntary and could be presented to the jury that convicted him last year of first-degree manslaughter in the death of 16-month-old Preston Vensand on Thanksgiving Day 2008.

Fisher, 29, is serving a 60-year prison sentence.

He was taking care of the child for his girlfriend when he called for an ambulance about 5 a.m. on Nov. 27, 2008. The toddler was pronounced dead at a hospital about an hour later. Fisher initially told law officers the boy had fallen while playing and getting a bath the day before, but he eventually confessed he had shaken the boy because he would not stop crying. Police also made a video recording of Fisher shaking a doll to

show how he had shaken the toddler.

In his appeal, Fisher argued that his confession should not be presented to the jury because police coerced him into it.

The high court said deceptive statements made by a law officer did not deprive Fisher of his ability to decide to confess. The confession was voluntary because Fisher had previous experience with the criminal justice system, was informed of his right to remain silent and get an attorney, and he never asked to end the interrogation, the justices said.

The Supreme Court also said the trial judge was correct to let the jury watch the video of Fisher using a doll to demonstrate how he had shaken the child, which the court referred to by his initials, P.V.

"Because Fisher was recreating events based on his own personal knowledge, any dissimilarity between the motion Fisher used to shake the doll compared to the motion used to shake P.V. would have been slight and insufficient to mislead the jury or unfairly prejudice Fisher," Justice Glen A. Severson wrote for the high court.

Ex-Postal Worker Says He Didn't Know About Theft Charge

BY RYAN J. FOLEY
Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — A former Iowa postal worker acknowledged Thursday that he was caught stealing customer rebate checks from the mail but said federal authorities never notified him that he had been indicted for doing so. The man's defense attorney said notice of the criminal charge may have been lost in the mail.

Glenn A. Reisinger of Norwalk told The Associated Press in a phone interview he was caught on tape taking customer rebate checks issued by retailer Menard Inc. that were being returned to the company after they were mailed to bad customer addresses.

He said he saw no harm in doing so at the time because the customers could not be located, but now realizes it was "a mistake, of course."

Reisinger, 62, said he was a clerk at a postal station in West Des Moines and he retired under pressure in June after he was caught. He had worked for the postal service for 29 years.

A federal grand jury returned an indictment Oct. 26 charging Reisinger with one count of theft by a postal employee, which carries maximum penalties of up to 5 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000. It alleges he stole five checks totaling \$577 — ranging in size from \$14 to \$330 — between March and June.

Reisinger said Thursday morning he didn't know about the indictment or that his arraignment and initial appearance were scheduled for hours later at the federal courthouse in Des Moines. He said he learned about the indictment when the AP called to ask for comment about the case. "Nobody has said anything to me about it," he said.

OBITUARIES

Ellen Kessler

Ellen (Adams) Kessler, age 83, of Yankton, formerly of Vermillion, passed away Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 12, 2011 at St. Agnes Catholic Church, Vermillion, SD with Rev. John Fischer officiating. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery, Vermillion, SD. Visitations will be one hour prior to the Mass at the church.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is in charge of arrangements.



Kessler

Ellen Kessler was born on May 30, 1928 in Gedesby, Denmark. She married Sigmund Adamczewski on September 10, 1950. In 1959 they immigrated to the United States, settling in rural Vermillion, SD. In 1967 they became US Citizens, changing their name to Adams.

Ellen spent her time at home on the farm. She loved her flowers and garden. Sigmund died in 1987. On June 22, 1991 she married Al Kessler and moved to Yankton. They spent most of

their time traveling to all parts of the U.S. Al died in May 2008.

Ellen is survived by her 3 children: Helena (Tom) Rezac of Omaha, NE, Steve (Rose) Adams of Elk Point, SD, and Gloria Larson of Tucson, AZ; 7 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, 1 sister and an infant daughter.

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Alvin Schaeffer

Alvin Schaeffer, 79, of Yankton died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday at United Church of Christ (Congregational), Yankton, with the Rev. Paul M. Opsahl and Matt Green officiating, with military graveside rites by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791. Burial will be in the Westlawn-Hillcrest Cemetery, Omaha, Neb., at approximately 3 p.m. Monday afternoon.

Visitations begin at 5 p.m. Sunday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a time of memory sharing at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

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Donald Trummer

LAKE ANDES — Donald Dale Trummer, 79 of Lake Andes, son of Dwight and Marjorie (Clay) Trummer, was born November 26, 1931 at Osakis, MN. He died Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at the Good Samaritan Society in Wagner, SD. No services are being held.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner, SD is in charge of arrangements.

Donald graduated from high school in Osakis, MN. He married Janice M. Engler on September 3, 1950 at Lake Andes, SD. After marrying the love of his life, Don worked at the Fort Randall Dam and then drove a dairy delivery truck for Had's Dairy. Two daughters were blessed to their union: Rose and Donna, who were both born in Pickstown, SD. In 1953, the family moved to Minneapolis, MN where Don became a Journeyman Tile Setter. The family was blessed with two more daughters: Debra and Monica. In 1959, the family moved to Moorhead, MN where Don started his own floor covering store and added another family member, a son David. The Trummer family eventually moved to Minneapolis where Don owned a Real Estate Company. Don and Janice moved to San Diego and Santa Barbara and another new business was started, the hearing aid business. They moved back to Lake

Andes in 1990 to take care of Don's parents. In 1991, he opened Dakota Hearing Instruments in Lake Andes, SD, where they built and sold their own hearing aids. Don helped many people with hearing loss to have better lives with their hearing aids. When members of their family joined the business, Don and Jan retired in Rosarito, Baja California, Mexico. Don still sold hearing aids and they enjoyed teaching people Bible truths. When Don became ill, they moved back to Lakes Andes, where Don passed away November 9, 2011 at the Good Samaritan Society in Wagner.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert Trummer.

Thankful for having shared his life are his wife, Janice of Lake Andes, SD; four daughters: Rose Leibhan of Sioux Falls, SD; Donna Ehrisman of Hutchinson, MN; Debra Johnson of Plymouth, MN; and Monica Strait of Lake Andes, SD; son, David Trummer of California; 16 grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren.

Don was a firm believer in the Bible's Resurrection Hope. He would always say, "I'll be seeing you again!"

Condolences can be mailed to Janice Trummer; PO Box 8; Lake Andes, SD 57356.

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struction of camping sites and recreation areas for the Corps of Engineers and Jean managed a shoe store in downtown Yankton.

They were a popular and active couple at the congregational church and the Elks Club and participated in a number of civic organizations.

Her New York City and Southern California granddaughters cherished their trips to Yankton and summer stays with Jean and Red, the late Merritt and Vivian Auld, their maternal grandparents. (They particularly liked Grandma Jean's peach pie and homemade dill pickles)

During her California years, Jean continued her association with P.E.O. and became an enthusiastic fan of the Los Angeles Lakers and the California Angels. She was a regular at weekly bridge games in the retirement community of Laguna Woods and traveled widely, taking trips to Europe, through the Panama Canal, Hawaii and along the Alaska coast line.

Jean began life on her father's small farm in northern South Dakota where she lived the 20th century version of Little House on the Prairie. She often recalled

the joys and virtues of being self-reliant from an early age when she helped with the harvest and daily chores.

Following her elementary and junior high education in a one-room rural school house, her family lost the farm during the Great Depression and moved to Andover, S.D. where Jean graduated from high school at the age of sixteen.

She hoped to become a journalist but the cost of college was prohibitive, so instead she became a lively family commentator and informal historian on the seismic changes she had witnessed, from the Great Depression to World War II, from the Cold War to Vietnam, from kerosene lamps to the Internet, from the Model T to space travel.

Through it all, she was a mother lode of civility, wise counsel and good humor for her immediate family and the many surrogate family members who over the years were attracted to her warm and generous personality.

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