

Janklow Begins Radiation Treatment

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Former South Dakota Gov. Bill Janklow has completed his first day of cancer treatment.

Janklow announced earlier this month that he was dying from brain cancer and was planning to undergo treatment at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Friend David Volk says the 72-year-old Janklow had his first day of radiation treatment on Monday, and doctors should know more about Janklow's prognosis in about a week.

Volk says he is not sure if Janklow will be back in South Dakota for Thanksgiving, but he said the 72-year-old has already celebrated the holiday with family members.

When Janklow announced the diagnosis during a press conference at his law office, he said the cancer was far advanced and that he would undergo whatever treatments necessary to fight it.

Omaha Can't Enforce Part Of Gun Ordinance

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A judge has barred Omaha from enforcing its ordinance that bars noncitizens who are legally in the United States from possessing handguns.

U.S. District Judge Joseph Bataillon on Monday issued a preliminary injunction that orders Omaha not to enforce the ordinance until he can rule on a lawsuit.

A Mexican national and two gun-rights organizations sued the city in September.

Armando Pliego Gonzalez, the Nebraska Firearms Owners Association and the Second Amendment Foundation filed the lawsuit in U.S. District Court. Gonzalez was given permanent resident alien status in 2008.

While Gonzalez can legally own a handgun under Nebraska law, the city ordinance bars him from owning a handgun in his home for self-defense.

S.D. Man Pleads Guilty To Shooting Brother

FORT PIERRE (AP) — A 20-year-old Fort Pierre man has pleaded guilty to shooting his brother with a rifle in July.

Keenan Cornelison pleaded guilty to aggravated assault in Stanley County Circuit Court Tuesday as part of a plea bargain. KCCR reports that a controlled substance charge was dismissed.

Stanley County State's Attorney Tom Maher says Cornelison shot his older brother, 23-year-old Joel Cornelison, in the arm during an argument on July 12 at their parent's home. Joel Cornelison drove himself to the hospital after the incident and was treated and released.

Keenan Cornelison told Judge John Brown that he didn't aim the gun at his brother. He faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison and a \$30,000 fine when he is sentenced Dec. 27.

Heavy Weekend Snowfall Set Records In Pierre

PIERRE (AP) — A weekend storm that set snowfall records in western South Dakota's Black Hills also set records in the state's capital city.

The National Weather Service says 9.5 inches of snow fell in Pierre on Saturday, breaking the Nov. 19 record for the city of 2.7 inches set in 1947. The water equivalent of 0.57 inches broke the record of 0.20 inches set in 1985.

The National Weather Service says the 9.5 inches also was the greatest one-day snowfall in November in city history. The previous mark was 8 inches on Nov. 25, 2001, and Nov. 9, 1998.

U.S. Attorney In S.D. Collects \$4 Million

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — U.S. Attorney for South Dakota Brendan Johnson says his office has collected more than \$4 million in restitution and fines related to criminal and civil cases during the 2011 fiscal year.

Johnson says the U.S. Attorney's Office collected \$3.1 million from criminal cases and \$1.2 million in civil cases, for a combined total of \$4.3 million.

The U.S. Attorneys' Offices, along with the department's litigating divisions, are responsible for enforcing and collecting debts owed to the victims and court system.

Nationwide, the U.S. Attorneys' Offices collected \$6.5 billion from criminal and civil actions during the fiscal year.

In a news release, Johnson says recovering money for victims and the federal treasury is an integral part of seeking justice.

Court Denies Moeller Appeal To Rehear Case

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A federal appeals court has denied a request from South Dakota death row inmate Donald Moeller for a rehearing.

Attorney General Marty Jackley says the U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals denied Moeller's petition to rehear his case on Tuesday.

Moeller's attorneys argued there were constitutional violations at the 1997 trial where he was convicted of raping and murdering a 9-year-old Sioux Falls girl. He was sentenced to death and the State Supreme Court affirmed the sentence.

An appeal to the State Circuit Court and federal district court were also denied.

Moeller has 90 days to ask the U.S. Supreme Court to hear his case.

The 59-year-old Moeller is challenging South Dakota's death penalty in a separate court case.

911 Surcharge Revenue Subject Of Audit

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — South Dakota's 911 Coordination Board has agreed to an independent audit to find out why surcharge revenue from a cellphone carrier plummeted 66 percent in the second quarter of the year.

The audit of AT&T Mobility/New Cingular Wireless is the first of a phone company in the more than 20 years of the surcharge, the *Argus Leader* reported Tuesday. Metro Communications in Sioux Falls asked for the audit, saying the 911 operator stands to lose \$240,000 over a year's time.

"That's a substantial amount of money," said Daren Ketcham, director of Metro Communications. "We don't see the same fluctuation from other providers. Nothing this substantial."

AT&T confirmed the drop in surcharge money.

Neb. Gov. Signs Oil Pipeline Bills

Keystone XL Critics Hail New Laws As Win For State

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Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Fresh off a major victory in Nebraska, opponents of the Keystone XL oil pipeline promised a renewed effort Tuesday to kill the contentious project that would pump Canadian crude from tar sands deposits in Alberta to Texas Gulf Coast refineries.

Pipeline critics hailed two new state laws as a win for landowners, environmentalists and Nebraskans who had worried about potential risks to an environmentally sensitive area that was on the original route proposed by Canadian developer TransCanada. But several opponents said they still opposed the entire project.

"The more we learn about TransCanada, and the type of oil they would have put in that pipeline, the more we know we have to stop it," said Jane Kleeb, executive director of Bold Nebraska, an anti-pipeline group that helped organize in-state opponents. "We'll continue to fight on the state level, but we'll continue to bring this message to President Obama as well."

The U.S. State Department announced earlier this month that it will delay its decision on the transnational pipeline until at least 2013. TransCanada subsequently agreed to divert its proposed route for the Keystone XL pipeline so that it wouldn't pass through the Nebraska Sandhills, a region of porous hills that includes a high concentration of wetlands and the Ogallala aquifer that provides water to huge swaths of U.S. cropland.

On Tuesday, Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman

signed two bills into law aimed at major oil pipelines, shortly before lawmakers ended their special session to confront concerns about the multibillion-dollar Keystone XL.

One law authorizes the state Department of Environmental Quality to conduct an environmental review of pipeline projects, including the Keystone XL. The governor would review the findings and submit an opinion to the U.S. State Department. The second law asserts Nebraska's authority over future oil pipeline projects, with public meetings and a mandatory review by the state Public Service Commission, which oversees utilities, telecommunications and mass transit.

TransCanada spokesman Shawn Howard said the company would begin talks with the Department of Environmental Quality right away. He said the company plans to simultaneously consult with State Department officials about the 2013 timeline, and TransCanada officials still believe they could have a new Nebraska route approved in six to nine months.

"Continued and prolonged delays do put this project in serious doubt," Howard said. "There is a risk there."

Heineman called the special session last month amid a public outcry over the project, which had an estimated \$7 billion price tag before the delays. The 1,700-mile pipeline would carry crude oil from Canada through Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma on its way to Texas refineries.

Lawmakers credited outspoken constituents for the two laws that emerged from the session.

"At times, leaders lead," said Sen. Annette

Dubas, who sponsored one of the bills. "But other times, the people lead. And I think especially on this issue, the people led."

Sen. Chris Langemeier, who chaired the committee that examined both bills, also noted Nebraska's Unicameral Legislature, an officially non-partisan one-house body created to be more transparent and responsive to citizen concerns.

"It's been a hard 15 days, and we got through it," he said. "The Unicam should be a model to all politics around the world. We can solve major problems in Nebraska in a timely manner."

The Keystone XL pipeline would carry as much as 700,000 barrels of oil a day, doubling the capacity of an existing pipeline operated by TransCanada in the upper Midwest. Supporters say the pipeline to Texas could significantly reduce U.S. dependence on Middle Eastern oil while providing thousands of jobs.

The contentious project had threatened to become a political trap for President Barack Obama, who risked angering environmental supporters if he approved the pipeline. Some liberal donors also threatened to cut off contributions to Obama's re-election campaign if the pipeline was approved. Had he rejected it, labor and business groups likely would have accused him of thwarting job creation.

Environmentalists and some Nebraska landowners fear the pipeline would disrupt the region's loose soil for decades, harm wildlife, and contaminate the aquifer. Business and labor groups that support the project say the environmental criticism is overblown. They say the project will create thousands of construction jobs, although opponents say the estimates are inflated.

Nebraska Unemployment Holds At 4.2 Percent For October

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska's preliminary unemployment rate held steady in October at 4.2 percent, the same as the revised figure for September, the Nebraska Labor Department said in a report released Tuesday.

The rate was less than half the preliminary national rate of 9 percent for the month, which dropped a tenth of a percentage point from the revised rate of 9.1 percent in September.

Both the Nebraska and national unemployment rates were lower than a year ago, when the state rate was 4.4 percent and the national rate was 9.7 percent.

The lowest state rate in the nation for October was the 3.5 percent reported by North Dakota. Nebraska was the next lowest at 4.2 percent.

Two industry sectors showed job growth during October in Nebraska, the department said. They were trade, transportation and utilities, with 2,332 new jobs; and education and health services, with 928 new jobs.

Omaha's preliminary unem-

ployment rate dropped to 4.3 percent in October from the revised 4.5 percent in September. A year ago, the October figure was 4.6 percent.

In Lincoln, the state's second-largest city, the rate dropped to 3.4 percent in October, compared with 3.6 percent in September. A year ago, the October rate was 3.6 percent, the Labor Department said.

State officials have said the unemployment rates for Omaha and Lincoln are not seasonally adjusted and cannot be compared to the state unemployment rate.

Here are the preliminary area labor market unemployment rates for October, followed by the revised September rates:

- Beatrice: 5.8, 5.1
- Columbus: 3.3, 3.5
- Fremont: 3.9, 4.0
- Grand Island: 4.1, 3.7
- Hastings: 3.5, 3.7
- Kearney: 2.7, 2.9
- Lexington: 4.3, 4.3
- Norfolk: 3.2, 3.3
- North Platte: 3.0, 3.3
- Red Willow: 3.0, 3.4
- Scotts Bluff: 3.9, 4.1



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Iowa Protesters Refuse To Take Down Tents

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) — Protesters affiliated with the Occupy Wall Street movement have ignored a demand by the city of Cedar Rapids to clear a lot where they've been camping of their property.

A city notice issued Monday gave Occupy Cedar Rapids protesters until 8 a.m. Tuesday to clear the field along the Cedar River of tents, fire pits, signs and other items. The notice says the accumulation of private property on public land violates city laws, but does not specify which ones.

The deadline passed Tuesday as about 20 protesters gathered around a fire. City spokeswoman Cassie Willis said officials are "evaluating the situation" and haven't decided how to act.

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Thanksgiving Day Deadlines

The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan will be closed Thursday, November 24, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The following deadlines will apply:

Friday, November 25 newspaper – Monday, November 21, 5 p.m.

Out On The Town – 12 p.m., Wednesday, November 23

Saturday, November 26 and Monday, November 28 newspapers –

5 p.m., Tuesday, November 22

Tuesday, November 29 newspaper – 3 p.m., Wednesday, November 23

There will be no newspaper on Thursday, November 24, 2011.

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