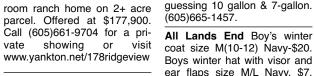


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tured two-time Grammy-winning Robert Mirabal. He shared his message through his vocal and flute music, accompanied by colorful local Native dancers in traditional costumes, hoop dancer Jackie Bird and

Wagner guitarist Justin Cournover. During Thursday's program, Giago recalled how he approached then-Gov. George Mickelson in 1989 about improving race relations in South Dakota. The 100th anniversary of the Wounded Knee massacre loomed the following year.

"Could we have a year of reconciliation helping mend some of the wounds between Indians and nonndians during the last 300 years?" Giago asked.

Mickelson proclaimed 1990 as the Year of Reconciliation," leading to the proclamation for a "Century of Reconciliation." Also that year, at Giago's request, Mickelson and the Legislature established Native

American Day in October. South Dakota remains the only state to celebrate Native American Day rather than Columbus Day.

"Then, the governor was killed in a (April 1993) plane crash, and things that were planned never got off the ground," Giago said.

When Giago approached Rounds with a request to renew the spirit, the governor agreed to declare this year as a "Year of Unity" in South Dakota.

Giago said he has seen major changes at Wagner since 1960, when he lived in the community while employed with a state survey crew working on Highway 50.

"At the time, I was the only Native American on the survey crew. I almost came to fist fights over some of the things said about Native Americans,' he said. "Things have improved a lot. I see something (in Wagner) that I wish I could see in every community of South Dakota.

Wagner has promoted a change in racial attitudes, Giago said.

"You can't legislate unity. It has got to come from the heart," he said. "It has to be achievable and believable. No one can force you to love your neighbor. ... I am very proud of your community.

In his remarks, Rounds commended Giago's persistence in promoting reconciliation.

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Rounds noted the presence of both Wagner city officials and Yankton Sioux tribal leaders at Thursday's event. The Wagner unity event and reconciliation efforts have become a model of cultural awareness and understanding for the entire state, he said.

"The emphasis is on respect, honor and understanding," the governor said.

Werdel, with the state Department of Education, described growing up as an Indian girl in North Dakota. Her grandfather could not read or write, and he urged her to pursue education to open up opportunities.

She likewise encouraged young people to set goals and to receive the needed training to maximize their talents. "Run with it and show what you can do," she told the students in attendance.

The second half of Thursday's program featured Mirabal and local Native dancers of all ages in traditional wardrobe. After the gymnasium was darkened, the dancers proceeded down the center aisle in a spotlight and joined Mirabal who awaited on stage. The gym remained darkened with the program performed only in spotlight.

Mirabal said the loss of traditions has resulted in a rise in suicides among young men on his reservation The loss of one life creates a loss for others and the entire culture, he said As part of his program, Mirabal gave away ears of blue and white corn, which represent the purity of

Native farming and the co-existence with others. He also gave away a red braid, representing motherhood. Mirabal closed his program with a

blessing on the audience. "May your horse be the fastest, your pumpkins biggest and your corn 10 feet tall," he said

After the program, Wagner school superintendent Susan Smit said the "Day of Unity" message hit home in the Wagner schools, where 63 percent of the students are Native American, she said.

The Wagner school district has succeeded in helping more Native students remain in school, Smit said.

"When I came here six years ago, 29 percent of our high school students were Native American," she said. "Now, it's up to 44 percent. That's a major change in a short amount of time.

Both Native and non-Native students have benefited from multiple programs encouraging cultural aware-

politics have gone together since the beginning of food and politics." Gant countered that it was not a

racial issue, and the illegality of offering anything of value in exchange for voting is quite clear. "Anytime you are offering some

sort of incentive and then giving rides

ness and understanding, Smit said. Those programs include a Native American Resource booklet for teachers, a Native American Education Committee, a Dakota Language class at the Boys and Girls Club, and many cultural events such as German Day, Czech Festival, Irish Awareness and Native American celebrations.

A teepee stands and a Yankton Sioux flag flies next to the school during October as part of the extended Native American Day observance, Smit said. Art displays and essay contests carry out the unity theme, she said.

In addition, students of all races have benefited from the Jobs for America's Graduates program, Smit said. Four Wagner students will represent South Dakota at next month's conference in Washington, D.C., she

Three of those D.C.-bound students — Sage Zephier, Clifford O'Connor and Noah Leines — said they enjoyed the "Day of Unity" program, particularly the dynamic Native dancers.

Horizons study circle members said the "Day of Unity" continued the efforts to understand and combat racism. They credited Horizons members Amy Doom and Dorothy Kiyukan as driving forces behind the program. Wagner teacher Sue Morrell, a

study circle member, said the activities have drawn Native and non-Native residents closer together.

"It has moved us from this huge, impersonal 'us and them' to discussing who we are as people," she said. "The Native elders have been wonderful to us. They have exuded such warmth at our meetings."

However, an exercise showed the vast difference that remains between Native and non-Native life experiences, ranging from health and education to incarceration and suicide, Morrell said.

"We moved a step forward or backward for each question, and the white members ended up at the front of the gym and the Native Americans toward the back," she said. "We had a (white) member ask, 'How do we get them up here with us?' And one of the Native members said, 'Maybe we don't want to be up there with you. Maybe we want to lead a different kind of life.'

Smit offered no pretensions, saying the "Day of Unity" provided an important milestone but that the task isn't finished.

"There's a lot of work to be done," she said. "But more and more, we're coming together."

be able to sit here and say, 'Definitely, I can guarantee you we're going to put a lot more money into roads in our next term,' because I think that's going to be tough."

Bernie Hunhoff, who is seeking a second term and is currently the House Minority Leader, said his sympathies are with the counties. "We tried to fix the counties' problem by adjusting license plates fees in the last few years," the Democrat said. "The problem was, (Gov. Mike Rounds' office) insisted that, if we did anything for the counties, he wanted money for the state highway department also. That would mean an increase in the gas tax. You really hate to increase a huge tax like that during a recession, so legislators in both parties were reluctant to do that. Eventually, we're going to have to raise the gas tax. The recession is just not the time to do it.' The Legislature's current priorities are rightfully education and Medicaid, said Republican Charlii Gilson, who has previously served one term in the

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House. "To me, taking care of people is more important than the roads." she said. "The roads do need to be fixed. It's a county issue, and what we can do about it? I don't know. We've got to get the revenue somehow.

To Democrat Jay Williams, the revenue sources are clear if the Legislature has the willingness to use

them. "I think the gas tax and maybe even

the licensing fees could be raised to generate some revenue to (fix roads)," he said. "I wouldn't be opposed to doing that immediately, instead of waiting until whenever we think the recession is over."

The legislative candidates have three more public forums scheduled ahead of the Nov. 2 election. On Monday, they will be at a noon forum sponsored by Interchange and the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce at Yankton's Minerva's. A 6 p.m. forum will be held next Thursday at The Center in Yankton. Finally, a noon forum focusing on health care will be held at the Avera Pavilion in Yankton on Friday, Oct. 29.

and giving, and his impulse to help people got him into trouble. Taghavi's release comes as Iran is under international sanctions over its nuclear program. The U.S. and allies believe Iran could use its nuclear labs

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to eventually produce weapons-grade material, while Iran claims it only wants reactors to produce energy.

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Taghavi's lengthy imprisonment was much less known than the case of three American hikers who were detained along Iran's border with Iraq last year and accused of spying.