

## George McGovern Moves Into Hospice Care

PIERRE (AP) — Former presidential candidate and U.S. Sen. George McGovern of South Dakota has moved into hospice care. McGovern's family announced Monday that the 90-year-old McGovern has moved to the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls. His daughter, Ann McGovern of Sioux Falls, says "He's coming to the end of his life." She declined to elaborate, but noted that McGovern has had several health problems in the past year. McGovern gave up his homes in Mitchell, S.D., and Florida in August and moved to Sioux Falls to spend more time near his family. McGovern was treated for exhaustion in Sioux Falls a year ago after a lecture tour. Two months later he fell and hit his head, and he was admitted to a Florida hospital in April for tests.

## U.S. Senate Hopeful Fischer Outraises Kerrey

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Republican U.S. Senate hopeful Deb Fischer has outraised Democrat Bob Kerrey in the latest three-month reporting period. Fischer announced Monday that her campaign raised more than \$2.4 million during the quarter that ended in September. Kerrey's campaign raised \$1.7 million. The overall amount each campaign has collected is closer, with Kerrey having raised nearly \$4.6 million and Fischer raising \$4.1 million. Both candidates are seeking to replace Democratic U.S. Sen. Ben Nelson, who is retiring. Kerrey, a former Nebraska governor and U.S. senator, joined the race in March. Fischer, a seasoned state senator, filed papers for her U.S. Senate bid in 2011, and emerged the winner of a four-way Republican primary race.

## S.D. Harvest Advances With Good Weather

SIoux FALLS (AP) — South Dakota's row crop harvest advanced substantially again last week, with nearly all the soybeans harvested. The U.S. Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop and weather report that 98 percent of the soybean crop was harvested, up from last year's pace and well ahead of the five-year average. The harvest of corn for grain was about 90 percent complete at week's end, up from 78 percent a week earlier and far outpacing the five-year average of 22 percent. Cattle conditions were rated at 65 percent good to excellent, 30 percent fair and 5 percent poor. Very little precipitation fell statewide.

## Crews Still Searching For Missing Neb. Boater

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Crews are now using sonar to try and find a man missing in the Missouri River near Ponca State Park in northeast Nebraska. The Nebraska Games and Parks Commission says 55-year-old Steven Bevelhymmer and 49-year-old James Bevelhymmer, both of Ponca, fell overboard on Saturday while trying to anchor the fishing boat. James Bevelhymmer climbed back into the boat and called for help. He was treated for hypothermia. Steven Bevelhymmer remains missing. Commission spokesman Jerry Kane says he doesn't know if the two men are related. Dive operations were temporarily suspended on Monday because of difficult and unsafe conditions on the river.

## 2 Huron Teenagers Killed In S.D. Car Crash

PIERRE (AP) — The South Dakota Highway Patrol says two Huron teenagers have died in a one-vehicle crash near Alpena. Authorities say the driver of the car, 16-year-old Emmanuel Martinez, lost control on a curve Sunday afternoon. The car entered one ditch, slid across the road and rolled in the other ditch. Martinez died at the scene. The passenger in the car, 16-year-old Marisol Corona, was taken to the Huron Hospital and later transferred to Sanford hospital in Sioux Falls, where she died of her injuries. The Highway Patrol says neither Martinez nor Corona was wearing a seatbelt.

## Rehabilitated Eagles Released Into Wild In S.D.

COLUMBIA (AP) — Federal wildlife officials have released two rehabilitated golden eagles back into the wild in northeastern South Dakota. The eagles that were sickened by parasites, infections and malnutrition were brought to the Oahe Wildlife Center in Pierre in July, and brought back to good health. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released them into the wild at the Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday. *The American News* reports that about 400 people turned out to watch.

## Animation Festival Kicks Off This Week In S.D.

BROOKINGS (AP) — A festival dedicated to short animated films is getting under way this week in South Dakota. The SoDak Animation Festival begins Wednesday at South Dakota State University Brookings. The four-day event will feature nearly 50 short films from 16 countries. The annual event started in 2007 as a one-hour screening and has grown to four days over the past five years. This year's event also includes musical performances and three guest speakers. Many of the events are free and open to the public. Film showings cost \$5. Admissions fees are waived for SDSU students, faculty and staff.

## Iowa Harvest Nearly Complete

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa farmers are close to wrapping up this year's harvest as much needed rain finally fell across most of the state. The U.S. Department of Agriculture says 87 percent of the corn crop has been harvested, which is a month ahead of schedule. Ninety-three percent of the soybean crop is in from the fields, which is three weeks ahead of normal. The USDA says in Monday's report that rain over the weekend helped Iowa's pasture and range land. Hay supplies are running short across 41 percent of the state. Calves are being weaned and sold early due to the short supply of winter hay. The statewide average rainfall last week was 1.65 inches, triple the normal for the week. It was Iowa's wettest week since early May.

# Kerrey Raises Land Dispute As Issue In Senate Race Against Fischer

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LINCOLN, Neb. — Democratic U.S. Senate hopeful Bob Kerrey unleashed a biting new ad Monday against Republican Deb Fischer, portraying her as a bad neighbor who cost an elderly couple \$40,000 in legal fees when she sued them in a land dispute.

The new ad seizes on an unsuccessful 1995 lawsuit that Fischer and her husband, Bruce, filed against the late Les and Betty Kime, a couple who owned a ranch next to the Fischers' in rural Cherry County.

The 104 acres in question belonged to the Kimes, but the Fischers had permission to water cattle there without charge. When the Kimes refused to sell the land, the Fischers claimed "adverse possession" — a legal term akin to squatter's rights — because they had managed it for decades.

Kerrey argued Monday that the legal dispute reflected Fischer's character. "She's constantly saying, 'I'm taking Nebraska values to Washington,'" Kerrey said. "Well, this isn't a Nebraska value. Neighbors don't sue a neighbor who just helped them, and that's what happened here."

He added: "If your neighbor betrayed you, would you want them representing you the United States Senate?"

The ad was the latest in a nasty contest between Fischer, a seasoned state lawmaker, and Kerrey, a former Nebraska governor and U.S. senator who is looking to reclaim his old seat. The winner will replace Democratic U.S. Sen. Ben Nelson, who is retiring.

The minute-long television spot details the legal fight between the Fischers and the Kimes, whose family had lived in the area



Kerrey

them to clarify property boundaries in court before selling another parcel.

"It's truly pathetic that Bob Kerrey is now resorting to character assassination to revive his flailing campaign," Keylin said in a statement. "He's revealing the disturbing depths he'll stoop to in order to win."

Kerrey's campaign disputed Keylin's account, saying Bruce Fischer approached the Kimes at least three times between the mid-1980s and 1995, offering to trade land for the parcel the Fischers wanted. When that failed, the Fischers filed the lawsuit.

When a judge ruled against the Fischers in 1997, the couple asked for a fence committee to survey the land to determine where a fence to separate the property should be and who should pay for it. The result again favored the Kimes, who paid the entire bill submitted by the county for the fence work — even though the fence committee said the Fischers should pay a portion of it.

The Fischers only paid their share — \$2,600 — in 2002 after county officials threatened to place a special assessment on their property if they didn't.

Earlier this month, the Nebraska Democratic Party filed a complaint with the Ne-

braska Accountability and Disclosure Commission, alleging that Fischer hadn't disclosed the lawsuit to fellow lawmakers when she worked to pass two bills related to land disputes. The first bill, which Fischer co-sponsored in 2006, would have eliminated fence committees and sent fence-line disputes directly to state courts.

Fischer introduced the second bill last year. It would have moved money from the Nebraska Environmental Trust to a state water resources fund. The trust had planned to provide the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission with a grant to help buy the Snake Falls Ranch — which included the part of the Kimes' property that the Fischers sought. The Game and Parks commission withdrew its bid to buy the land and keep it in the public domain when neighbors sued to block the commission's use of state environmental trust money for the purchase.

The land has since been bought by a private club. Nebraska Republican Party Chairman Mark Fahleson, an attorney in Lincoln, said the ad addressed a "run-of-the-mill property dispute" and did not feature anyone directly involved with the lawsuit. In the ad, a friend of the Kimes speaks on their behalf. "No disrespect to the people who appeared in the ad, but they weren't a part of the lawsuit," Fahleson said. "Unfortunately, the Kimes have passed away and obviously can't give their side of the story. I'm not going to give any credence to a third party, someone who wasn't part of the lawsuit."

Phone messages left Monday for Annie Kime, the Kimes' daughter-in-law, were not immediately returned.

## Study Focuses On Mo. River Vulnerabilities

BY HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH  
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A study released by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Monday says the agency did what it could to manage the historic 2011 flooding on the Missouri River, but that more repairs, research and monitoring are needed to mitigate damage in future high flow years.

Experts from the Corps of Engineers conducted the study, which focuses on vulnerabilities that remain after the Missouri River rose to record levels last year. The flooding began after the corps began releasing massive amounts of water from upstream reservoirs that had been filled with melting snow and heavy rains. The onslaught lasted for more than 100 days, busting levees, carving gouges up to 50 feet deep and dumping tree limbs, pieces of children's swing sets, gas cans and other debris on farmers' fields.

The corps says about \$400 million will be spent to fix damage along the Missouri River caused by the 2011 flooding. Most of the levee repairs are expected to be completed before next spring, with work on the dams expected to take longer. More funding may be required for the repairs, but the corps says it is still evaluating the amount. Numerous studies are in the works, including ones that explore whether climate change played a role in the flooding. Another issue that is being examined is whether efforts to create more shallow-water habitat to help wildlife contributed to levee damage.

The study released Monday found that more monitoring is needed, and the corps says it needs better information about such things as the frost depth of the soil and the water content of the snow. The agency wants details about how runoff is affected by a wetlands area in the Dakotas known as the prairie pothole region.

The corps is collaborating with several groups to enhance data collection and forecasting. Among the ideas is establishing more permanent plains snow measurement stations.

The study also says more water gauges are needed on the Missouri River. It notes that between 1990 and 2010, 387 gauges that once were monitored by the U.S. Geological Survey were discontinued. Seventeen other gauges now provide less information.

Reducing Missouri river and tributary flow measurements decrease the accuracy of forecasts used to operate the system, according to the study.

## Walleye Increase Proposed For Lake Oahe In S.D.

PIERRE (AP) — Professional fishing guides have mixed feelings about South Dakota biologists' proposal to increase the walleye limit on Lake Oahe next year.

Under the proposal for 2013, the daily walleye limit for the lake would be doubled. Anglers could take eight walleyes per day, four of which could be 15 inches or longer. The possession limit would be raised to 24. The proposal also would eliminate the rule allowing anglers to keep only one walleye over 20 inches.

The proposal comes in response to a large number of 10- to 15-inch fish and low food resources since the 2011 Missouri River flood, which flushed a large number of young rainbow smelt through the Oahe Dam, drastically reducing the amount that game fish such as walleye have to eat.

"It's basically to provide that

resource to anglers before those fish leave the system through mortality," Geno Adams, fisheries program administrator for the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks, told the Capital Journal (<http://bit.ly/UVVZav>). "Larger walleyes especially rely on smelt."

Some guides do not like the idea of anglers being able to keep more large fish, saying it could hurt the lake's ability to produce trophy fish.

"I agree we need to pull some fish out of the system. The limit needs to go to eight, but they need to keep some of the breeding fish, the big females, in there," said guide Paul Steffen, of rural Pierre.

The Game, Fish and Parks Commission will take public comments at its Nov. 1 meeting at Camp Lakodia near Madison. Members of the public also can submit written comments.

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