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Deposition Explains EB-5's Transition

BY BOB MERCER State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — The EB-5 controversy raging in South Dakota's election contest for a U.S. Senate seat began with an obscure episode seven years ago on the other side of the world. Joop Bollen flew to China to help inform potential investors about a fish-raising business proposed near Pierre. During that trip, Bollen concluded the tilapia farm's promoters didn't adequately vet its finances. The project flopped. At the time — late 2007 — Bollen was director for the South Dakota International Business Institute at Northern State University in Aberdeen. He wasn't allowed to sign contracts on behalf of the institute such as those necessary to look into a project's underpinnings. A private company that could work directly with banks, lawyers and recruiters was the answer, he decided. So Bollen formed one of his own called SDRC Inc. in January 2008. But the next year, according to Bollen, university officials seemed uncomfortable with his activities overseas and they were reluctant to approve travel. That's not how state government felt however — specifically Richard Benda. He was the secretary of tourism and state development for then-Gov. Mike Rounds. Benda wanted to keep Bollen in the field. Their solution was a state contract for SDRC Inc. to privately manage the EB-5 immigrant investor program for South Dakota for the next five years. The secret contract allowed SDRC Inc. to collect fees from the immigrant investors. A provision in the contract called for a small portion of the fees to flow into several special accounts to help pay for state government's expenses involved in EB-5 and to protect the state government against possible financial damages. EB-5 is a program run by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. At its simplest, EB-5 is a way for people from foreign

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SRO Plan Ready To Roll

After City And School Approval, School Resource Officer Set To Be Implemented

BY SHAUNA MARLETTE shauna.marlette@yankton.net

For Yankton Police Chief Brian Paulsen, the need of a school resource officer (SRO) wasn't due to a life-threatening situation or endangerment to students, but rather a need to develop relationships between the students of the Yankton School District (YSD) and the Yankton Police Department (YPD) that was highlighted by a high number of calls issuing from Yankton's schools. Paulsen noted that number of "disturbance of school" calls has been increasing, and he hopes having an SRO on site will help alleviate the need for calling in outside officers.

As Dr. (Wayne) Kindle indicated (at Monday's school board meeting), children have changed so, so much," Paulsen said. "It is no longer about talking out of turn or out loud, passing notes or chewing gum in school; it is about some of the destructive decisions students are making. I really see the position as more of a guidance role. I see it as more of a position where the SRO can communicate and build those relationships with the students."

video

Yankton Police Chief Brian Paulsen talks about the new SRO program. www.yankton.net

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A New Fish Food?



Asian carp have become a serious presence on local rivers. In the photo above, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commissioner Gary Jensen (in the blue jacket) snaps photos when an Asian carp leaps through the air during a GFP excursion on the James River east of Yankton in June. However, the carp could be harvested as a food source. BELOW: Last Friday, Jason Kral (center) and Ron Grandi (to Kral's left) of the GFP grilled some breaded Asian carp for paddlefish anglers at Gavins Point Dam. The members of this group likes the taste and asked for seconds.

Game, Fish & Park Commission Promote Asian Carp As Food Source

BY ROB NIELSEN rob.nielsen@yankton.net

If you can't totally beat 'em — eat 'em. With invasive bighead and silver carp — better known as Asian Carp — making their way up the Missouri and James rivers in greater numbers, the South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Commission (GF&P) is making an effort to educate the public on the fish's edibility. GF&P fisheries resource biologist Jason Kral said the carp have been found in the area since at least 1998, and he said a lack of predators has allowed their populations to go unchecked. "They're a non-native species, and as with any non-native species, there's no natural predators here," Kral said. "When a new species is introduced into the system where there's no checks and balances, they tend to overpopulate and they'll drive out or choke out other native species." With the fish's growing abundance, the GF&P has been hosting fish fries, most recently last Friday at Gavins Point Dam, to promote catching and eating the fish. Kral said this means helping fisherman and others with a taste for fish make a distinction between species of carp. "With almost every single person, you say 'carp' — doesn't matter whether you're talking about Asian, bighead or silver — they always think of common carp," he



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said. "Common carp are not the best eating fish by any means. That's more of an oily, darkish yellow meat." He added the Asian carp experience is vastly different and more akin to other game fish. "The bighead and the silver are a really white, great-looking filet and taste absolutely nothing like a common carp," he said. "Last Friday, we did that cookout and the majority of the shore fishermen came up and tried it. We had zero complaints from the paddle-fishermen. They were all very shocked at how good it was and how white

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Court Tries To Resolve Nebraska Water Fight

BY SAM HANANEL Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Tuesday considered how to resolve a long-running legal fight between Kansas and Nebraska over the use of water from the Republican River. The justices appeared to agree with recommendations of a special master who found that Nebraska should pay \$3.7 million in damages to Kansas for using more than its legal share of the river's water in 2005 and 2006. But they were more doubtful about making Nebraska pay a \$1.8 million penalty that exceeds Kansas' actual damages. The justices also seemed skeptical of the special master's suggestion that the court could change a formula for measuring water consumption. Nebraska claims the formula is unfair. Concerns about water usage are becoming more common as drought conditions have hurt Western and Plains states and forced officials to divvy up a more limited water supply to growing populations. Earlier this year, the Supreme Court ruled that Texas can proceed with a lawsuit to stop New Mexico from pumping groundwater from the Rio Grande. Since 1999, Kansas has complained that Nebraska uses more than its fair share of water from the Republican River, which originates in Colorado and runs mostly through Nebraska before ending in Kansas. The dispute centers on a 1943 compact that allocates 49 percent of the river's water to Nebraska, 40 percent to Kansas and 11 percent to Colorado. Legal disputes between states are filed directly with the Supreme Court, which

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Game Time



PHOTO: KELLIE PICKNER

Shoni Schimmel, the first Native American WNBA All-Star basketball player, plays a little one-on-one with Marty third-grade student Greg Zepher during an appearance by Schimmel at the Charles Mix County school Tuesday. Schimmel met with Marty elementary school students in the morning and with middle school students at noon. Schimmel, a former University of Louisville all-American, was selected in the first round of the 2014 WNBA draft by the Atlanta Dream and was named to the WNBA All-Star Game, where she was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

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Hojem Wants To Continue On As Yankton County's Auditor

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part of a series of profiles on Yankton County candidates running for office in the general election. Today's profile is part of the series on the candidates for auditor. The election is Nov. 4.

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1. What would be your three primary focuses as the auditor? Because I stepped in as auditor last year during some difficult times after



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the previous auditor became very ill, many of the natural challenges that come with a new position are over and the office is now running smoothly. Our primary focuses right now are to efficiently and accurately 1) oversee elections and the voter registration process 2) facilitate the county budgeting process and organize and participate in County Commission meetings and 3) calculate and process county property taxes. My number one focus will always be to serve the people of Yankton County efficiently and courteously. My staff and I all love working with our team

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