

SD Tribal Relations Secretary Named

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has named the state's new tribal relations secretary. Daugaard on Tuesday announced the appointment of Steve Emery. J.R. LaPlante resigned from the position in April to take a job as an assistant U.S. attorney in Sioux Falls. Emery has served as the chief judge of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe since 2011. He is also a special judge for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and the Yankton Sioux Tribe. Daugaard says Emery will help continue to build stronger relationships between the state and tribal governments. Emery is a graduate of Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, and an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. His first day as tribal relations secretary is scheduled for Oct. 27.

Senate Candidates Draw National Support

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — South Dakota U.S. Senate candidates are bringing in top guns to campaign on their behalf as the race draws increasing national attention. U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin from Iowa will participate in an event in support of Democratic candidate Rick Weiland Tuesday in Sioux Falls, while former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee will be stumping for Republican candidate Mike Rounds on Friday. Rounds and Huckabee served together as governors, and Rounds was national chairman of Huckabee's 2008 presidential campaign. Former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, who along with Huckabee was a presidential hopeful, publicly endorsed Rounds ahead of a Tuesday visit to Rapid City as the keynote speaker of a private event. Weiland, Rounds and independents Larry Pressler and Gordon Howie are vying for the seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Tim Johnson.

Car Search Yielded Pot, Patrol Says

LINCOLN (AP) — Authorities say the search of a car being pulled on a trailer in Lincoln has yielded nearly 76 pounds of marijuana. The Nebraska State Patrol says a trooper pulled over a pickup for speeding on Interstate 80 a little after 6:30 p.m. Monday. The patrol says a drug dog taken to the scene indicated that drugs were in the car on the trailer. The patrol says the pot was found in three duffel bags in the car trunk and passenger compartment. The pickup driver was arrested on suspicion of possession for sale.

SD Stores Prepare For Pheasant Season

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — South Dakota stores are preparing for the pheasant hunting season that's scheduled to begin this week. KDLT-TV reports that the stores have been getting ready for the past two months. Tony Naatjes is a manager at Gary's Gun Shop. He says he expects to be between 10 and 15 percent up in revenue compared to last year. He says a lot of the revenue will come from selling shells. About 100,000 hunters converge every year on the state's hunting fields. South Dakota officials say those hunters spend more than \$200 million on their passion. Naatjes says hunters should stock up before hitting the fields Saturday. He adds that the recent drop in gas prices could help drive more people to his store.

Neb. Man Pleads Guilty To Tax Evasion

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — An Omaha man who prosecutors say ran a sports bookmaking operation has pleaded guilty to tax evasion. Forty-three-year-old Todd Bartusek faces up to five years in federal prison when he's sentenced on Jan. 9. He entered his plea earlier this month. Prosecutors say an Internal Revenue Service investigation determined that Bartusek worked as a bookie from 2007 through 2010 and didn't report his income. Prosecutors say Bartusek owes the IRS nearly \$257,000 in taxes on that unreported income.

School Officials Studying Omaha Learning Community

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Superintendents in the Omaha area are studying the effectiveness of the Learning Community and have released a draft of their first joint report. In 2007, the Legislature created the Learning Community, comprised of 11 school districts, to improve academic achievement among economically disadvantaged students and increase diversity in Omaha area schools. The report called "Learning Community: Time for Change?" said an open-enrollment student transfer system is more costly than before and hasn't done much to improve socio-economic diversity in schools. It also questions whether school districts alone can bring about the blending of poor and more affluent students, suggesting that state lawmakers consider other ways to combat poverty, such as city housing policies and jobs programs.

However, the report also notes strong support from school officials to expand early childhood education for students from low-income families. It said the partnership involving the Learning Community, districts and the Buffett Early Education Institute is a great example of "coming together to take on a tough opponent: the learning of children in poverty." The draft doesn't include concrete recommendations from superintendents, which officials said will be a part of the final report given to the Nebraska legislature this winter, the *Omaha World-Herald* reported. "The recommendations will be the real meat of this," said Elkhorn Superintendent Steve Baker, noting the report's goal is to make the Learning Community better, not to "blow it up." The report states that the common property tax levy is a barrier to improv-

ing the collaboration between the Learning Community and school districts. The levy system has caused "stifling" revenue losses for two districts, according to the report. Most of the school districts got less funding under the levy system than they would have without it, while others like the Omaha Public School District directly benefited from it. The district received about \$1.6 million from the levy system. "As long as the levy system creates 'winners and losers' at least in the perceptions (of) LC school district residents, and as long as the state does not fully contribute to the required LC efforts, then there will remain a tension between the Learning Community, member school districts and member school district superintendents," the report says.

Northern State Working Toward Confucius Institute

ABERDEEN (AP) — Northern State University officials including President James Smith are in China and Japan for the next two weeks as the school works to finalize plans for a Chinese language and cultural center known as a Confucius Institute. Smith told the *American News* that he hopes the trip will be the final step in getting approval from Confucius Institute headquarters in Beijing, known as Hanban. "It's been about a year,

year and a half in development, so we're excited to hope that it all comes to a nice close here in the next few weeks," Smith said. State legislators also must agree next year to provide \$400,000 for the effort, which would include a partnership with the University of Jinan. There are hundreds of Confucius Institutes around the world. Northern State would be the first university in the Dakotas to have one.

Dickinson State University in North Dakota tried to establish one about three years ago but the effort fizzled. A majority of faculty members had voted against the idea and state officials also had found that the university had given Chinese exchange students hundreds of unearned diplomas. The University of Chicago recently ended its agreement with the Confucius Institute program over questions about undue Chinese over-

sight. Some professors in the U.S. and Canada also have urged universities to cut ties with the program unless the agreements are reworked to ensure academic freedom. Smith said that hasn't caused any worries at Northern State. "I seldom worry about what other universities do because we're all so very different," he said.

Sanford Health Opens Children's Clinic In China

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Dakotas-based Sanford Health has opened a children's clinic in China. Sanford, based in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Fargo, North Dakota, bills itself as the United States' largest not-for-profit rural health care system, with facilities in 126 communities in nine states. It also is developing clinics in Ghana and Mexico. "This area of Kunming is a perfect fit for our International Clinics initiative," said Jim Slack, vice president of Sanford International Clinics. "This partnership with YMCI Calmette, its work to build a state-of-the-art hospital and the growing population of Kunming all fit together with what we hope to accomplish."

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Nuclear Plant Reports Maintenance Mishap

BROWNVILLE, Neb. (AP) — No injuries, damage or radiation leakage occurred in a maintenance accident over the weekend at the Cooper Nuclear Station near Brownville, the Nebraska Public Power District said. Authorities say contractors were replacing underwater control blades when one fell onto a reactor at the nuclear power plant, closed in late September for a planned 30-day refueling outage, the *Lincoln Journal Star* reported. There was no fuel in the reactor at the time of the accident and no fuel was reported damaged. "The key issue: Was there any fuel damage?" district spokesman Mark Becker said. "And based on the camera footage on what they were able to view with the cameras, there was no damage to the fuel." Control blades are about 14 feet long and shaped like the letter X. The Nebraska Public Power District said the fallen blade has been safely removed from the reactor and placed in its proper location. It said the accident hasn't put the public's health at risk. The district alerted the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission about the accident, and they also confirmed that there were no indications of bad effects to the station's fuel or radiation levels. Becker said the district is working with the contractor on an internal investigation.

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Sun News

Like Earth, the sun has an **atmosphere** — a mass of gases that surround a planet or star. The outer layer of the sun's atmosphere is called the **corona**, and it's a wild mess of activity. For years scientists have tracked the corona's giant eruptions and massive magnetic storms.

King-size Corona

Fill in the missing words in this article.

WIDE SPACECRAFT IDEA BIGGER SPACE SUN PROJECT SHOCKING

Using NASA data, scientists recently made a discovery about the sun's corona: It's much _____ than they originally thought!

While the sun is nearly 900,000 miles _____, the corona actually extends **five million miles** above the sun's surface. In other words, the sun's atmosphere is six times wider than the _____ itself!

The discovery that the corona is so large is an important one. Before this

discovery, scientists thought they had a pretty good _____ where the sun's atmosphere ended and where the rest of _____ began. They couldn't be happier that they were wrong.

That's because NASA is working on a new _____ that will travel to the sun. It will go closer to the sun than any previous mission.

When NASA started working on the spacecraft _____, they weren't sure if it would actually travel through the corona itself. With this new discovery, they now know for sure that it will!

SOLAR CODE:

- ★ = 0
- ▲ = 1
- = 2
- ◀ = 3
- = 4
- = 5
- = 6
- ▼ = 7
- ◆ = 8
- ◎ = 9

It Really IS a Small World

Compared to the sun, earth is very tiny. If the sun were hollow, you could fill it with _____ Earths!

The sun's surface temperature is about _____ °C.

It takes the Earth _____ days to travel around the sun.

The sun's diameter is about _____ times that of the Earth.

Source: NASA

Find your way to the center of the sun maze.

Extra! Extra! Message from Earth

Pretend you are sending a package into space that, if life on other planets exists, will tell them about life on Earth. Look through today's newspaper and find pictures and articles that you would put into your package. Tell why you selected each one.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Match the sun shapes to discover what people around the world call the sun.

Spanish	Hindi	Talyang	Jua
Japanese	Soleil	Helios	
Greek	Swahili	Ravivar	
Chinese	French	Taiyo	Sol

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

PLANETS	T F A R C E C A P S
HOLLOW	S Y A D L A Y E R J
TRAVEL	P U Y N I T S C M W
NASA	S L N Q F P D O O
SPACECRAFT	T R A V E L T R N L
WORLD	A F S N R K L O A L
MILES	R F A P E D S N F O
SUN	B E N Y S T Z A T H
CORONA	N J M I L E S S E M
LIFE	
MESS	
DAYS	
STAR	
LAYER	
TINY	

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Energy at Work

There are many sources for producing energy: sun, water, gas/oil, etc. Use the newspaper advertisements to find items that use energy in order to work. Label each of the items with its correct source of energy.

Standards Link: Physical Science: Students identify that energy has many different forms.

Write On!

Ode to the Sun

Its warming light makes day from night. Write a poem about the sun. It will be a lot of fun!

Standards Link: Language Arts: Use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.

Kid Scoop Together:

Look at the pictures below and work with a family member to make a list of compound words that all start with S-U-N.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____
- 10 _____
- 11 _____
- 12 _____

Standards Link: Language Arts: Use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.