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**Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid speaks to reporters after meeting with President Barack Obama Tuesday at the Capitol in Washington, D.C.**

# 'Ready To Respond'

## Obama Blends Threat Of Attack, Hope Of Diplomacy With Syria

BY DAVID ESPO AND JULIE PACE  
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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama said in a nationally televised address Tuesday night that recent diplomatic steps offer "the potential to remove the threat of chemical weapons" inside Syria without the use of force, but he also insisted the U.S. military will keep the pressure on President Bashar Assad "and be ready to respond" if other measures fail. Speaking from the East Room of the

White House, Obama said he had asked congressional leaders to postpone a vote on legislation he has been seeking to authorize the use of military force against Syria. Acknowledging the weariness the nation feels after a decade of war in Iraq and Afghanistan, Obama said, "America is not the world's policeman." And yet, he added, "When with modest effort and risk we can stop children from being gassed to death and thereby make our own children safer over the long run, I

believe we should act. That's what makes America different. That's what makes us exceptional." "Our ideals and principles, as well as our national security, are at stake in Syria," he declared. The speech capped a frenzied 10-day stretch of events that began when he unexpectedly announced he was stepping back from a threatened military strike and first asking Congress to pass legislation author-

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## Company Appeals Yankton Co. Permit Denial

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A company seeking to build a two-family dwelling west of Yankton is appealing a decision by the Yankton County Board of Adjustment to deny a conditional-use permit for the project. White Crane Estates, LLC, filed an application in May for a conditional-use permit to build a two-family dwelling along Violet Drive. It is a Moderate Density Rural Residential District, and two-family dwellings are recognized in the county zoning ordinance as an acceptable conditional use in such districts. The Yankton County Planning Commission subsequently recommended approval of the project in July. However, the Yankton County Commission, acting as the Board of Adjustment, voted 3-1 to deny the permit on Aug. 6. Commissioner Mark Johnson argued that multi-family homes cannot be built anywhere in the county without a conditional-use permit under the current zoning ordinance and that the area in question was probably the best place for them. However, the three other commissioners present felt that a two-family home would not be compatible with the existing single-family homes and further contended that approving a conditional-use permit would open a "Pandora's box" for other requests, such as four-plexes and apartments. Mike Stevens, the attorney for White Crane Estates, argues in his circuit court appeal of the decision that there was no finding of fact by the Board of Adjustment that White Crane's request for a conditional-use permit was not compatible with adjacent properties and other property in the district, or that granting the conditional-use permit would adversely affect the public interest. He calls the decision "arbitrary and capricious" because the zoning ordinance allows two-family dwellings as a conditional-use, and the Board of Adjustment has approved

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## Producing Great Memories



RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D  
**JoAnn and Greg Gemar enjoy a moment from the busy routine at their Scotland grocery store. The Gemars have sold their Scotland and Tyndall stores to Wagner grocer R.F. Buche, ending a 65-year history for the Gemar family in the business. The Buche family has also enjoyed longevity with 108 years in the grocery business.**

# Area Grocers Ready To Check Out Retirement

BY RANDY DOCKENDORF  
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SCOTLAND — At Gemar's Market in Scotland, the person carrying out groceries isn't a high school student. For that matter, it's not even an employee. The owner, Greg Gemar, wears the apron and responds to the familiar call on the intercom, "Greg, carry out." His wife and the store's co-owner, JoAnn, works in the office near the produce section. Greg Gemar's family has literally operated a grocery his entire life. "I was born the year that Dad started (with the store). Between Dad and I, we have owned the (Scotland) store 65 years," he said. Now, Greg and JoAnn Gemar are retiring from the business. They sold their Scotland and Tyndall stores to Wagner grocer R.F. Buche, whose family has been in the grocery business for 108 years. Buche took ownership of the Tyndall store last Saturday, and he will take possession of the Scotland store Jan. 18. They are the only grocery stores in Tyndall, with about 1,100 residents, and Scotland, with about 830 residents.

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By selling the stores, the Gemars aren't the only ones experiencing the end of an era. "A lot of people have supported us, and it's all they have known (for a grocer)," Greg said. "I visited with a lady who said that she and her husband have been married 55 years, and we are the store where they have always gone." Customers have developed a routine even before they enter the store, JoAnn said. "We have people who park in the same spot. They may always park across the street," she said. "When Greg does carry-out, he knows people's cars."

### A LIFETIME IN THE BUSINESS

The Gemars' roots in the grocery business actually began more than a century ago. Greg's great-grandfather, Phillip Schenkenberger, owned a

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## Yankton To Celebrate 'Ole' Hansen Day Friday

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An event this Friday will put the spotlight on a man who was always trying to avoid it. The Yankton community will celebrate Dale "Ole" Hansen Day with a recognition in conjunction with the Yankton Bucks home football game with Brandon Valley. Hansen, who passed away Aug. 19 at the age of 59 after a long battle with cancer, was involved in numerous youth activities throughout his life and was one of the founders of the Roger Haas Youth Basketball Tournament. "Ole wanted to make sure every kid had a shot at being involved with basketball if they wanted," said Milo "Buddy" Hovland, head of the event's committee. "We feel he deserves to be recognized for what he was doing for the youth of Yankton." Hovland, an Optimist member, said he first met Hansen many



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## SD Has 2nd WNV Death Of The Year

PIERRE (AP) — State health officials say a second person has died in South Dakota from the West Nile virus this year. He or she was a Tripp County resident in their 80s. State Epidemiologist Dr. Lon Kightlinger told KERO-TV this is one of the most serious seasons in years. He says that while fewer people are contracting the mosquito-borne virus, those who do are sicker than patients in previous years. Kightlinger says 62 percent of those infected have been hospitalized because of their symptoms — more than twice the rate in an average year.

# MMC To Host 'Nun On The Bus'



COURTESY PHOTO  
**S. Simone Campbell, shown here meeting with President Barack Obama at the House in 2010, will speak at Mount Marty College's Marian Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Her lecture, entitled "Health Care and the Poor," will discuss the looming changes brought on by the Affordable Care Act.**

## Campbell To Discuss Upcoming Changes From New Health Care Law

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When S. Simone Campbell speaks in Yankton Thursday night, she hopes to put a human face on the health care changes coming with implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The Yankton appearance sponsored by Mount Marty College's Benedictine Institute of Leadership, Ethics and Social Justice is the first of several healthcare pre-

sentations the well-known religious leader, attorney and poet has scheduled for the fall. Her Benedictine Lecture address, "Health Care and the Poor," will be delivered at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Marian Auditorium on the Mount Marty College campus. The event is free and open to the public. "I want people to understand the consequences of the change that is coming,"

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