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Income Divide On The Rise

S.D. Bucks Trend Of Dwindling Sales Tax

BY CARSON WALKER
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SIoux FALLS — A rise in income inequality appears to be negatively affecting tax revenues in South Dakota and other states, according to a new report from the credit rating agency Standard & Poor's.

The report said South Dakota's average annual tax revenue growth

has slowed over recent decades. From the 1950s through the 1970s, the state averaged more than 6.6 percent annual growth; but since 2009, that has fallen to 3.4 percent average growth, the study found.

South Dakota, which is among the top 10 states most dependent on sales tax as its main revenue source for state government, has seen its sales and use tax revenue

climb from \$577 million in 2006 to a projected \$851 million in the current budget year.

Income inequality, or the wealth gap, has grown wider in recent years. Income growth has accelerated for the affluent but stagnated for most other people. That's a problem for states that rely heavily on sales tax for revenue as consumers become increasingly

reluctant to spend.

Attempts to levy a personal and corporate income tax in South Dakota have failed in the past. Any attempt to revive those ideas is unlikely to have the support of Gov. Dennis Daugaard, who doesn't support any tax increases, his spokesman Tony Venhuizen said.

"The governor believes the best way to increase revenue is not to raise taxes. It is to grow the

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White House Still Seeks Mideast War Coalition

BY CHARLES BABINGTON AND LARA JAKES
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WASHINGTON — The White House said Sunday it will find countries willing to send combat troops to fight Islamic extremists in Syria and Iraq, but it's too early to identify them.

White House chief of staff Denis McDonough signaled that the State Department in coming days will name allies that will pledge ground troops to fight the Islamic State group, something the United States does not plan to do. Meantime, McDonough said, U.S. personnel will train and equip Iraqi forces and moderate Syrian rebels to combat the extremist group, also known as ISIS and ISIL.

President Barack Obama announced Wednesday that the United States will ramp up air strikes and try to build an international coalition to degrade and eventually destroy the group. The Islamic State group released a video late Saturday showing a militant beheading a British aid worker. It was similar to recent beheadings of two American journalists.

Facing strong public opposition to sending U.S. troops back into the Middle East, Obama said he doesn't plan to do so. But he said ground troops of some form are essential, a point McDonough was asked about on several talk shows Sunday.

McDonough repeatedly declined to name any nations willing to provide ground forces, and he was cautious in suggesting what might develop.

On NBC television's "Meet the Press," McDonough said

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Hunting Arrows



ROB NIELSEN/P&D

Kids at Ted Nugent's Kamp For Kids gather up arrows on the 3D target range Sunday afternoon. More than 200 kids and parents participated in the event.

Nugent 'Kamp' Continues To Gain Momentum

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The Ted Nugent Kamp For Kids rolled into Yankton's National Field Archery Association (FAA) Easton Archery Center Sunday for the fifth straight year along with its namesake — rocker Ted Nugent.

But Nugent says the camp is about the lessons both kids and parents can learn from acquiring and teaching outdoor skills.

"The volunteers are doing God's work," Nugent told the Press & Dakotan Sunday. "The kids are learning lessons in life — many of them for the first time — but just as many fortifying what they've learned from good parents and good parenting. It's all win-win-win-win-win, there's no negatives. You can't find fault with any of the activities — except that maybe my name's attached to it and it's just a little too loud sometimes — but it's all about the volunteers and it's all about the lessons the kids learn."

This year's camp involved more than 200 participants, including kids and their parents, participating in activities including archery, slingshot, air rifle, a tutorial on setting up a duck hunt, 3D target shooting, trap shooting and bow bird. Additionally, the event was aided by the service of volunteers from the Yankton Police Department; South Dakota Highway Patrol; South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks; South

Dakota National Guard; Yankton Search & Rescue; the Mount Marty College archery team; Nebraska Game & Parks; Saunders Archery Company and the NFAA.

NFAA president Bruce Cull said this year's event was a sign that the event is gaining momentum in the area.

"To have over 200 participate is a great sign," Cull said. "It's something that's needed and people enjoy."

He added that a discount for kids to come to the camp with a parent has not only boosted attendance, but also provided a great bonding activity for parents and kids alike.

"We did something pretty unique with this," he said. "It costs less money to come to this with a parent than it does to come alone. So Rob Nielsen/P&D

Ted Nugent addresses kids, parents and volunteers at the conclusion of Sunday's Ted Nugent Kamp For Kids, even though we have double the expense for hotdogs and everything, else, it's really cool because moms come with their daughters or sons and dads come with their sons and it just makes a neat camaraderie experience between the whole family. The kids just get such a kick out of this — they not only have fun but they get to learn some of the greatest values they can when it comes to conservation, the hunting and all the opportunities they have when it comes to this part of the country."



ROB NIELSEN/P&D

Ted Nugent addresses kids, parents and volunteers at the conclusion of Sunday's Ted Nugent Kamp For Kids in Yankton.

Nugent said he's seen a lot of feedback from parents over the years and that he's seen the camp have a special benefit for single parents.

"The parents come up and say thank you for reminding their kids about some of the lessons

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Mulberry Bend Offers Hikers New Trail

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The National Park Service (NPS) cut the ribbon on three fourths of a mile of new trails at the Mulberry Bend Scenic Overlook Saturday afternoon. The scenic overlook is situated on the Nebraska side of the Missouri National Recreation River (MNRR) just south of Vermillion.

MNRR Superintendent Rick Clark said the trail had been in planning for some time as a way to give visitors to the river more access.

"It's been in development for some time — ever since we acquired the property as mitigation for construction of the (Vermillion-Newcastle Bridge)," Clark said. "It was a goal for us to provide access to this area — not only to the overlooks — but also to give people the opportunity to get into the hardwood ecosystem."

Clark said the new trail distinguishes itself from others in the area for several reasons.

"It provides access to an area that people would not ordinarily have," he said. "There are trails in this area, but I think this one is unique in that you have a combination of higher elevations and lower elevations, so



ROB NIELSEN/P&D

Officials with the National Park Service (NPS) stand with hikers at the Mulberry Bend Scenic Overlook along the Missouri National Recreation River Saturday. The NPS was on hand to help open new trails at the overlook.

you get some pretty spectacular panoramic views of the river. Being able to develop this trail and to feature those different viewpoints, I think, was a definite management objective that we were seeking and we're glad to see that fulfilled today."

Park Ranger Dugan Smith said he was happy to see a number of people taking advantage of Saturday's mild weather to get

acquainted with the new trail.

"I think we had a pretty good turnout," Smith said. "Kind of a brisk day, but people are interested in getting outdoors and this is a new venue for them to get out and hike. Hopefully, as people get the word-of-mouth out there and get up there, they'll learn it's

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Hillary Clinton In Iowa Stirs 2016 Speculation

BY KEN THOMAS
Associated Press

INDIANOLA, Iowa — Hillary Rodham Clinton, making her return to Iowa for the first time since the 2008 presidential campaign, implored Democrats on Sunday to choose shared economic opportunity over "the guardians of gridlock" in an high-profile appearance that drove speculation about another White House bid into overdrive.

"Hello Iowa. I'm back!" Clinton declared as she took the podium at retiring Sen. Tom Harkin's annual steak fry fundraiser, a fixture on the political calendar in the home of the nation's first presidential caucus. Clinton joined her husband, former President Bill Clinton, in a tribute to Harkin that brought them before about 10,000 party activists who form the backbone of Iowa's presidential campaigns every four years.

The former New York senator and first lady did not directly address a potential campaign but said she was "thinking about it" and joked that she was "here for the

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