



# Farewell to the Fighting



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## Legislature approves law to drop Sioux name

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Like many of her classmates and University of North Dakota students who came before her, senior Annie Hessinger said it doesn't matter that the school is shedding its 81-year-old nickname after a drawn-out dispute with the NCAA. She's Fighting Sioux and always will be, no matter what new nickname the school eventually picks.

She'll still wear clothing bearing the Fighting Sioux logo, a colorful profile of an American Indian warrior's head. And she'll carry on school traditions that started long before she arrived, such as ending the national anthem with "home of the Sioux" instead of "home of the brave" before games.

"I've grown up going to Sioux games. My whole family has gone here," said the 21-year-old graphic design major, whose

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## Legislature honors Bob Stenehjem

By JENNY MICHAEL  
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Former Senate Majority Leader Bob Stenehjem was honored Wednesday during the North Dakota Legislature's special session.

Stenehjem, who had been in the North Dakota Senate since 1992, died in an auto accident in Alaska in July.

The Senate (and House) unanimously passed a memorial resolution honoring Stenehjem on Wednesday, with the Bismarck Republican's family standing by.

"Whereas, Senator Stenehjem was a rare person who could see the big picture and take the many small steps that are necessary to get the job done, could build the kind

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Stenehjem

## Man charged with trespass

By MARA VAN ELLS  
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A 46-year-old Bismarck man has been charged with trespassing for entering a Bismarck home.

Donald Lee Gerald was charged in South Central District Court Wednesday with Class C criminal trespassing for entering a home in the 700 block of Brunswick Avenue.

The break-in occurred on Oct. 14 and was one of a string of trespassing incidents that occurred in October in northwest Bismarck.

According to the affidavit written by Detective Paul Olson, police responded to a burglary-in-progress 911 call at 3:08 a.m. on Oct. 14. One of the victims said he saw an unknown man with no shoes standing inside his house by the front door. The victim said when the man saw him, he ran out the door.

Officers later found a pair of tennis shoes in the front yard.

When Olson received tracking on registered sex offenders from North Dakota Parole and Probation, he saw that Gerald, a registered sex offender, had been at the coordinates of the victim's address.

According to the affidavit, when Gerald was questioned, he said he was in the area at the time of the incident but did not enter the home.

The State Lab conducted DNA testing on the tennis shoes that were found in the victims' yard. The testing showed a preliminary match to Gerald, according to the affidavit.

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# Committee agrees on disaster aid

By JENNY MICHAEL  
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The North Dakota Senate will vote today on a bill addressing flood relief and assistance for oil- and gas-producing counties.

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redistricting plans for the  
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A joint House and Senate Appropriations Committee waded through a pile of possible amendments to the comprehensive disaster bill on Wednesday, and by the end of

the day, the panel had decided what to add and subtract from Senate Bill 2371.

The joint committee unanimously gave the bill a do-pass recommendation after 6 p.m. Wednesday. The entire Senate now will vote on the bill this morning.

Few major changes were made to the bill during the committee hearings on the third day of the special legislative session. Much of the discussion in the Wednesday hearings about the bill centered on a rebuilders loan program, which would

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Joint Appropriations Chairman Rep. Jeff Delzer, left, R-Underwood, answers questions related to an amendment he offered to the flood relief bill, SB2371, during Wednesday's committee hearing at the state Capitol in Bismarck. (MIKE McCLEARY/Tribune)

## Should sobriety affect transplant status?

### Study looks at wait for alcoholics

By CARLA K. JOHNSON  
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — Some gravely ill alcoholics who need a liver transplant shouldn't have to prove they can stay sober for six months to get one, doctors said in a study that could intensify the debate over whether those who destroy their organs by drinking deserve new ones.

In the small French study, the vast majority of the patients who got a liver without the wait stopped drinking after their surgery and were sober years later. The study involved patients who were suffering from alcohol-related hepatitis so severe that they were unlikely to survive a six-month delay.

The findings, reported in today's New England Journal of Medicine, could boost demand for livers,

already in scarce supply, and reopen a bitter dispute over whether alcoholics should even get transplants.

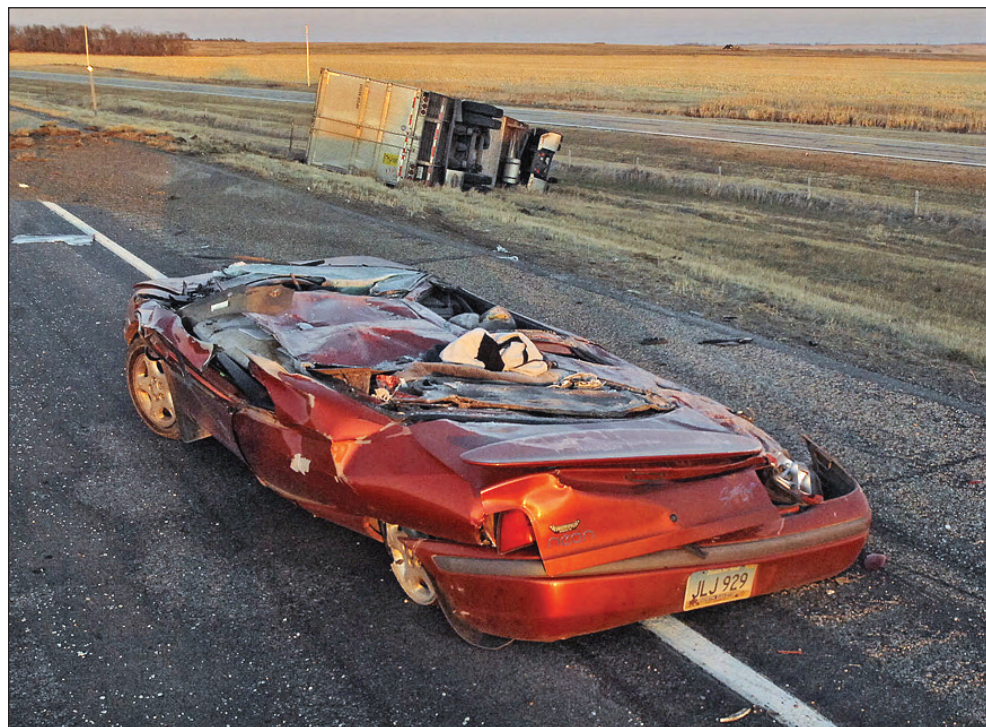
The controversy peaked in the 1990s when celebrities with drinking problems — Larry Hagman, David Crosby and Mickey Mantle — got liver transplants. More recently, British soccer star George Best received a new liver in 2002, started drinking again and died three years later.

Alcohol can cause lethal, liver-destroying diseases such as cirrhosis and hepatitis. Nearly one in five liver transplants in the U.S. go to current or former heavy drinkers. Transplant hospitals commonly require patients waiting for a new liver to give up drinking for six months as a way of assuring doctors they are serious about staying sober after the operation.

Drinkers severely ill with hepatitis account for a very small share of patients need-

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## A CLOSE CALL



TOM STROMME/Tribune

**DODGE THIS:** A wreck on Interstate 94 flattened one car and left a semi on its side in the ditch approximately two miles east of Sterling late Wednesday afternoon. Highway Patrol Sgt. Tom Iverson said the semi driver, Ivan Udud, 30, of Darien, Ill., told troopers he lost control of the truck while looking in his mirror to prepare to change lanes about 4:30 p.m. Iverson said the semi, loaded with apples, overturned and landed on top of the car, which had been abandoned, before it came to rest in the ditch. No one was hurt. Iverson said Udud was cited for failing to use proper care.

## Opponents unite

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