

suicide at a rate more than three times the national average.

"It is so sad to see young people feel so devastated in their daily lives that they feel taking their own lives is the only option. What we need to do is make sure they understand that there are other options, that they don't have to take that ultimate step and that they matter," Martinez told The Associated Press.

No funding was set aside for the effort this year because of the state's limited resources, but Sen. Lynda Lovejoy, the Crownpoint Democrat who sponsored the measure, vowed she and other supporters would work to find the necessary money for establishing and expanding the pro-

gram by the next legislative session.

The new law marks a first step in addressing a problem that requires special resources and expertise — something many tribes don't have, Lovejoy said.

"We want this to be effective. We don't want just an idea," Lovejoy said of the clearinghouse. "We want to plan it right. We want to organize it right. We want this to be a model for other states with Native populations."

In South Dakota, the Crow Creek tribe formed a task force earlier this year to stem a rise in suicides

and attempted suicides on their reservation.

On the Fort Peck Reservation in Montana, Sioux and Assiniboine leaders declared a crisis last year after several children killed themselves and dozens of others tried.

New Mexico's legislation was sparked in part by a string of suicides in the Navajo community of Thoreau and on the Mescalero Apache Reservation in southern New Mexico between 2009 and 2010.

Lovejoy said the push for New Mexico to address the problem came from a grassroots effort that involved "very caring people" who

More resources are also being focused on Native American suicide thanks to the recent congressional overhaul of tribal health care. Federal law now requires more emphasis on preventative care and mental health services, including suicide prevention.

As New Mexico builds up its prevention program, the governor said the simplest thing families, friends, educators and communities can do is make children feel important and encourage them to overcome their fears and chase their dreams.

"We must not be held back by stereotypes, despair or glass ceilings that limit achievement and undermine confidence," she said.

Personal representative of the estate, at 1137 9th Avenue West, West Fargo, North Dakota 58078, or filed with the Court. Dated this 7th day of March, 2011. Kevin C. Schuldheisz - Personal Representative 1137 9th Avenue West West Fargo, ND 58078 Timothy J. Ottmar - ID #03601 OTTMAR & OTTMAR, PC. 226 Second Avenue SW/ PO Box 1397 Jamestown, North Dakota 58402-1397 (701) 252-7229 Attorney for personal representative First publication on the 18th day of March, 2011. March 18, 25, April 1, 2011

Public Service Commission Advocacy Staff (Staff) that, in conjunction with prior settlement agreements between Staff and MDU, resolves the issues raised by MDU's application to increase its rates for electric utility service. On March 15, 2011, Missouri Valley Resource Council, an intervenor in the case, filed a copy of the Settlement Agreement executed by Missouri Valley Resource Council. An attachment to the Settlement Agreement includes information that was not presented at the hearing held beginning November 8, 2010. The information is identified as a comparison of the results of cost modeling for generation resource scenarios. The Commission intends to consider this information for its consideration of the Settlement Agreement, in accordance with N.D.C.C. Section 28-32-25, subject to objections that may be raised at the hearing. N.D.C.C. Section 28-32-25 provides parties a right to examine the information the Commission intends to consider, present their own information or evidence, and cross-examine the person furnishing the information or evidence. Any party desiring to present evidence or information in response to the information attached to the settlement agreement; or desiring to cross-examine the person furnishing that information, may do so at the hearing noticed below.

A public hearing for the Commission's consideration of the Settlement Agreement will be held beginning May 5, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. CDT in the Commission hearing room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505. The issue to be considered in this matter is whether the Settlement Agreement should be approved and adopted by the Commission for the determination of MDU's application to increase its rates for electric utility service?

For more information or a copy of the Settlement Agreement, contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or 877-245-6685 (toll free in North Dakota), or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY.

If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Kevin Cramer, Commissioner Tony Clark, Chairman Brian P. Kalk, Commissioner April 1, 2011

North Dakota Department of Health Public Notice

Reissue of an NDPDES Permit Public Notice Date: 4/1/2011 Purpose of Public Notice The Department intends to reissue the following North Dakota Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NDPDES) Discharge Permit under the authority of Section 61-28-04 of the North Dakota Century Code. Permit Information Public Notice Number: ND-2011-005 Application Date: 2/25/2011 Application Number: ND0023370 Applicant Name: Jamestown City Of Mailing Address: 102 3rd Ave SE, Jamestown, ND 58401-4205 Telephone Number: 701.252.5900 Proposed Permit Expiration Date: 6/30/2016 Facility Description The reapplication is for a combination activated sludge wastewater treatment facility and waste stabilization ponds which service the City of Jamestown. The discharge facility is located in Section 4, Township 139N, Range 63W. Any discharge would be to the James River, a Class 1A stream. Tentative Determinations Proposed effluent limitations and other permit conditions have been made by the Department. They assure that State Water Quality Standards and applicable provisions of the FWPCA will be protected. Information Requests and Public Comments Copies of the application, draft permit, and related documents are available for review. Comments or requests should be directed to the ND Dept of Health, Div of Water Quality, 918 East Divide Ave, Bismarck ND 58501-1947 or by calling 701.328.5210. All comments received by May 01, 2011 will be considered prior to finalizing the permit. If there is significant interest, a public hearing will be scheduled. Otherwise, the Department will issue the final permit within sixty (60) days of this notice. If you require special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, call TDD at 1.800.366.6868. April 1, 2011

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. Electric Rate Increase Application Case No. PU-10-124

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER INFORMATION NOT PRESENTED AT A HEARING

March 24, 2011

On April 19, 2010, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU) filed an application to increase its rates for electric utility service to provide additional annual revenue of \$15,396,303 or a 14% increase over current rates. The proposed

BRIEFS

Man arrested in death of person

BISMARCK (AP) — Bismarck police have arrested a man in a death that is being treated as a homicide.

Authorities said the killing is believed to have occurred early Wednesday at an apartment building. Officers took a 47-year-old Bismarck man into custody later in the day. It was not immediately clear when the suspect would appear in court.

Police did not immediately release more details, including the name of the person who was killed.

Man sentenced to prison for child porn

MINOT (AP) — A Williston man who authorities say possessed more than 600 images of child pornography on his computers has been sentenced to 17 1/2 years in federal prison.

U.S. Attorney Timothy Purdon said 43-year-old Scott Parker pleaded guilty in November to distributing materials involving the sexual exploitation of minors. Once he is released from prison he will be on supervised release for the rest of his life.

Purdon said Parker was caught in May 2009 when he chatted online with an undercover agent in New Hampshire posing as an 18-year-old male, and sent the agent more than 100 images of child porn via the Internet.

Bank of N.D. could make home loans

BISMARCK (AP) — The state-owned Bank of North Dakota is pitching to make its own home mortgage loans in rural areas, and it has the support of the state's private banking industry.

The North Dakota House voted 63-31 on Thursday to approve the plan. The bill now goes back to the Senate.

Bismarck Rep. George Keiser said an increase in federal regulation has made it impractical for many rural banks to make home mortgage loans.

The legislation approves the venture for two years. The bank can't make loans bigger than \$200,000. The bank will lend only to borrowers who are living in the home. The proposal has critics. Bismarck Rep. Dave Weiler said the bank could end up with a load of risky loans.

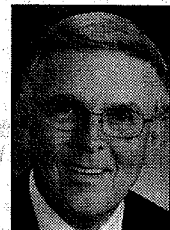
Dorgan: Don't criticize UND officials on nickname transition

By RYAN JOHNSON FORUM COMMUNICATIONS Co.

Former U.S. Sen. Byron Dorgan said Thursday that North Dakota higher education officials shouldn't be criticized for their steps toward retiring the University of North Dakota's Fighting Sioux nickname and logo.

The UND alumnus said he supports the name and spent his time on campus cheering for the Fighting Sioux. But he said the work to transition away from the nickname — work that was recently suspended with the state Legislature's approval of a law ordering UND to keep the name — was a matter of President Robert Kelley and other officials doing what they were asked to do.

"... I don't think that they can be criticized for that, even though I support the name."



Byron Dorgan former U.S. senator from North Dakota

Dorgan made the comments Thursday morning while speaking to a state and local government class on the UND campus.

Later in the day, he visited the Chester Fritz Library to view the future history of documents from his 30-year career in Congress. The Democrat, who didn't seek re-election last year, signed an agreement in December to transfer more than 1,700 boxes of his congressional papers to the university.

Students asked Dorgan about a variety of national and state issues, including U.S. military actions in Libya, getting a grip on the country's debt and the effort to finalize plans for a \$1.7 billion Red River diversion to protect Fargo-Moorhead from spring flooding.

When asked if he thought it was a good idea for the Legislature to get involved in the Fighting Sioux nickname, Dorgan said he hasn't been following state lawmakers' work on the issue this session.

But he said the recently passed legislation comes with a big "dilemma" — not retiring the nickname

could have consequences for UND games in post-season games based on the terms of a 2007 lawsuit settlement.

"If I felt that the use of the name is disrespectful, I would never support it," he said. "We've gone beyond that at this point with the NCAA and there's not much we can do to affect the NCAA's decisions."

Fargo diversion

Dorgan also was asked to discuss the ongoing work to finalize details for a \$1.7 billion Red River diversion project that would protect the Fargo-Moorhead area during spring flooding.

He said residents and local officials are now gearing up for the possibility of major flooding at Fargo this spring, and he's confident their efforts will lead to another successful flood fight.

But Dorgan said the diversion plan is a much different situation than the push for permanent flood protection in Grand Forks following its devastating 1997 flood.

"When you see the evacuation of an entire city and then see the downtown area, while in a flood, burning out of control, all of a sudden people say, 'This can't ever happen again,'" he said. "This city galvanized very

quickly."

That's not the case with the Fargo diversion plan, Dorgan said, because the high cost and concerns about the project's downstream impact have sometimes made it hard for local leaders to find common ground.

"It is a big, big, big project, but it needs to be done," he said.

Libya

U.S. military intervention in Libya also came up during Dorgan's visit to campus.

He said he thinks President Barack Obama "made a mistake" with his handling of the military effort because he didn't discuss his plans with lawmakers.

"He should have, at the very least before making the judgment he made, had the leadership of the House and the Senate sit down and did consultation," he said.

Dorgan said the military action in Libya isn't a declared war — which would require the approval of Congress — but instead was a result of an order Obama is allowed to give under the War Powers Resolution.

He said there are some circumstances that would be appropriate for the president to begin a war without a congressional declaration, including times when the U.S. faces an immediate threat of military action.

"That's different than what happened with Iraq and also Afghanistan, and now Libya," he said. "It seems to me there needs to be a much straighter line and a much greater connection between the authority to declare war and the determination to declare it when it's in the national interest."

Ryan Johnson is a reporter at the Grand Forks Herald, which is owned by Forum Communications Co.

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