

# USD's Campus Bicycle Clean-Up is May 28-30

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If you currently have a bicycle that has been sitting unattended for days at a time on the campus of the University of South Dakota, take it now before the police do.

From May 28-30, the USD Police Department (UPD) will hold its annual Campus Bicycle Clean-Up, during which abandoned bicycles will be collected to be stored.

Bikes that go unclaimed will be sold at auction at a later date.

Lt. Dallas Schnack said UPD officers monitor the campus before the collection takes place so as to avoid taking somebody's bicycle by mistake.

"Certain officers are assigned to certain areas, and they will keep track of what's there so we'll know if they've been there a specific period of time," he said.

Once the bikes are collected, the UPD will go about trying to identify them.

"Most of them are either registered through us here at the university police, or they're registered down at the Vermillion Police Department," he said.

"If we have no way of finding out whose they are, then we go ahead and take them in, put them into storage, and then we put out a notice that we have these bikes, and we'll hold them for a certain period of time."

Many of the bikes aren't abandoned by owners, Schnack said, but by people who stole them for one-time use.

"This is kind of an issue throughout town. Bikes get taken, and they're used as transportation," he said. "We look at two different things: Are they stolen, or are they used without somebody else's permission."

"Let's say somebody saw a bike

downtown, they jumped on it and they road it to Julian Hall, and then left it on the rack and never used it again. Did they steal it with the intent of using it again and again? No, but they still did deprive the person who had the bike," he said.

For this reason, the UPD stores the bikes for a period of time before the final auction takes place. That way, people whose bikes have gone missing can have a chance to reclaim them.

"If you have a bike that's missing, you can come in and give us a description of what the bike is. Because if you say, 'I want to look through,' you

go through and pick out the best bike," he said.

To make identification easier for the UPD officers, each bicycle is itemized.

"We'll go through every bike individually, and write down not only serial numbers, make and model, but if there's anything on it, say a headlight or a taillight, so we'll know," Schnack said.

The city of Vermillion goes through similar collections and sales each year, he said.

For more information, contact the University of South Dakota Police Department at 677-5342.

## SDPB HONORED



South Dakota Public Broadcasting, based in Vermillion, was presented the 2011 Organizational Governor's Award for History by the South Dakota State Historical Society at the SDSHS History Conference on Saturday, May 21, in Pierre. Accepting the award for SDPB was Dave Foote, left. Presenting Foote the award were, from left, Jay D. Vogt, director of the SDSHS; Kim Olson, representing Gov. Dennis Daugaard; and Brad Tennant, president of the SDSHS board of trustees.

(Photo courtesy of South Dakota State Historical Society)

## Governor's internship applications accepted for this fall

Gov. Dennis Daugaard is currently accepting applications for two Governor's Office Internships this fall in Pierre.

The selected interns will be paid for internships running from August/September to December 2011.

Interns will assist the Governor's staff with various projects, including processing Board and Commission appointments, pardon requests and extradition orders. Interns will also aid the General Counsel and be responsible for other

miscellaneous daily tasks in the Governor's Office, such as staffing the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or First Lady, preparing briefings and conducting research.

The positions are open to all undergraduate and graduate-level students. Preference will be given to South Dakota residents attending South Dakota colleges or universities.

Interested students should submit a resume, cover letter and references by June 15, via email, to kelsey.webb@state.sd.us.

## Pulpit Reflections:

# Grossmann: Trust God not false prophets

Rev. Robert Grossmann  
Providence Reformed Church

Once again American Christianity has been hijacked by a false prophet. I say, "once again," because this is not the first time this same individual, Harold Camping, has predicted the end of the world and been dead wrong. By claiming to be the only person in the world who understands Scripture and calling all (!) churches apostate, Mr. Camping very well fits Christ's description of the false prophet in Matthew 24. Nor is this the first time some ignorant man has distorted the works of the Bible completely out of their real meaning and come up with a cock and bull story that he has now calculated the time of the end of the world, or some other great cataclysmic event in history.

In 1833, William Miller, a New York farmer who had also served as a deputy sheriff, published a book in which he claimed to have calculated that Christ would return in 1843. When this did not happen, Miller recalculated and came up with 1844. When he was again wrong, Miller gave up speculative theology and returned to farming in 1845. Smart man.

There are several major problems with

making false claims supposedly based on the Bible. First of all, such stuff destroys the credibility of real Christianity and even worse, destroys the credibility of the Bible itself. If the Bible teaches this kind of baloney, it can safely be ignored.

Well, one of the accurate predictions of the Bible about the times in which we live is that, "false Christ's and false prophets will arise and deceive many..." (Mat. 24:24). By their nature, news media seek exciting things to report. Certainly predicting that Christians will be sucked right out of their clothing into heaven on May 21, 2011, is more exciting to most people than the real message of "trust God for the forgiveness of your sins through Christ, and spend your life learning to love God and your neighbor."

Nevertheless this real message of Christianity is far more helpful for individuals, and in creating a decent society, than a hundred predictions that never come true. This is shown clearly by the first 200 years of American history, during which the message of forgiveness and moral life in thanksgiving to God for that forgiveness was the teaching of all of our churches, and the foundation of our public

institutions.

A final point needs to be made in connection with the practice of predicting the end of the world, or even that we are coming close to the end. Jesus condemns this kind of prediction by declaring about the end of the world, "of that day, and that hour no one knows, no, not even the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Mat. 24:36).

Only a fool would try to calculate this date and publicly prophesy the end. Indeed, it might be tomorrow, but it might also be a very long time. Furthermore, Jesus tells us that the things we see today, "wars and rumors of wars... famines, pestilences and earthquakes in various places," are not signs of the end of the world, these things are the "beginnings of sorrows," and "the end is not yet," when they occur. This also shows the accuracy of Christ's own predictions. These things have happened and are still happening today.

Certainly the Church needs to be serious and urgent in its message of forgiveness from God and for each other, but kooky predictions made in the name of Christianity or the Bible are just what they seem to be, kooky.

## South Dakotans invited to tour the Governor's Mansion

First Lady Linda Daugaard announced today that she and Gov. Dennis Daugaard are opening the Governor's Mansion to the public for tours this summer.

"The Governor's Mansion belongs to the people of South Dakota," said Mrs. Daugaard. "Dennis and I are honored to stay in such a beautiful home, and we want

every South Dakotan to enjoy it."

Completed in the summer of 2005, the South Dakota Governor's Mansion was constructed by relying entirely on private donations. The 14,000-square-foot home, situated on the east shore of Capitol Lake, includes living quarters for the Governor's family and

additional space for hosting official functions. It replaced the previous governor's residence, which was built in 1937 and was moved to clear space for the new home.

Weekly public tours of the Governor's Mansion will be conducted each Wednesday in June, July, and August. The 30-minute tours, for groups up to 30 people, will

begin at 10 a.m. CDT, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., and will be conducted by volunteers, including the First Lady.

Anyone interested in arranging a tour should contact the Pierre Chamber of Commerce at (605) 224-7361.

## CHECK IT OUT

By Anne Marshall

### Activities at the Library

"One World, Many Stories" is the theme of this year's Summer Reading Program. In keeping with the world theme, children are invited to check out a little stuffed animal for one week. During that week the child should read about a foreign country, take an imaginary vacation to that country, write a note on a postcard (provided by the library) about their adventure with their stuffed friend, and draw a picture depicting a famous landmark or area representing the country. Returned postcards will be displayed on a world map in the Community Room throughout the summer.

The library's summer reading adventures includes an adult program, Cultural Clips Film Festival, young reader and young adult reader programs, and preschool and toddler storytime sessions. For more information, pick up a Check It Out Newsletter and Calendar of Events pamphlet at the circulation desk. This summer is going to be your greatest adventure yet!

Join the library staff for a reading program kick-off with a Bon Voyage Party on Thursday, June 2 between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Pick up your travel bag with a passport and reading log, pack your activity suitcase, make an international bead bracelet, and share treats.

### Summer Story Time Info

Preschool story time is open to children ages 3 - 5 years only.

The days and times are Mondays from 6:30 to 7 p.m. and 7 to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m.

Thursdays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. and 11:15 to 11:45 a.m.

Toddler sessions are for children from 1 to 3 years old and are scheduled for Tuesdays.

The hours are 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. and 11:15 to 11:45 a.m.

6:00 to 6:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 7 p.m.

There are no fees for these programs, but registration is required as space is limited.

Sessions begin the week of June 6 and run through the week of July 25.

### Cultural Clips Adult Film Festival

The Cultural Clips Adult Film Festival starts on Wednesday, June 8 with a showing of The Joy Luck Club, that details the life histories of four Asian women and their daughters as they reflect and guide each other. The film starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the library.

### Weekly Online Book Club

The DearReader.com Book Club offers many selections to Internet patrons. Each book runs for five days, Monday through Friday. Some genres offer selections every other week. Check out this service by registering at the library's Web site, <http://vpl.sdln.net> and clicking on the book club icon. The Online Book Club is asking its readers to write and tell what they enjoy about this special library service. The features for the week of May 30, 2011 are:

AUDIO BOOK: Please check

on-line for this selection.

BUSINESS: Pricing for Profit: How to Command Higher Prices for Your Products & Services, by Dale Furtwengler.

FICTION: Miss New India, by Mbharati Ukherjee.

GOOD NEWS: In the Company of Others, by Jan Karon.

MYSTERY: The Paramour's Daughter, by Wendy Hornsby.

NON-FICTION: Spent, by Avis Cardella.

PRE-PUB: Please check on-line for this selection.

ROMANCE: Willow, by Linda Lael Miller.

SCIENCE FICTION: Galileo's Dream, by Kim Stanley.

TEEN: The Amaranth Enchantment, by Julie Berry.

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**Donations will be accepted M-F  
from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. until  
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