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# Governor in support of AIDS legislation

By PHILIP BRASHER, Associated Press Writer

Lawmakers go to work this week on North Dakota's first AIDS legislation and sponsors will be sought for the "No. 1 priority" of state health officials — a bill to set up AIDS education for schoolchildren.

Gov. George Sinner, who says he left the education program out of his 1989-91 budget by mistake, gave his blessing to the proposal Friday, freeing state officials to join medical and education groups in seeking a sponsor for the legislation.

"The governor has given us the green light on this and that's encouraging," said Steve McDonough, director of the state AIDS project. "The governor's support is going to be very helpful."

The House and Senate Judiciary committees hold a joint hearing Wednesday on five bills that were recommended by an interim study committee after a series of hear-

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ings around the state.

The package includes measures that would protect the confidentiality of AIDS tests, require testing of prison inmates and make it a felony to transmit the virus that causes the disease.

While the state Department of Health and Consolidated Laboratories is backing those measures, its chief concern is educating schoolchildren about AIDS, said Dr. Steve McDonough, project director for

the agency's AIDS program.

The proposal Sinner initially overlooked is "the No. 1 priority in our AIDS program," McDonough said.

The departments of health and Public Instruction proposed boosting the tax on smokeless tobacco to raise \$800,000 for AIDS education, but Sinner deleted the program because he mistakenly thought the money could be found elsewhere in the budget, said Robert Jansen, the governor's press secretary.

"If the Legislature appropriates the additional funds, he would support" the program, Jansen said.

Because it is too late for state agencies to introduce bills themselves, the program's supporters will have find legislators to sponsor the bill before the deadline for bill introduction Jan. 23.

"It will be tough now because we're starting late in the game,"

*'The timing is perfect. The timing is now. ... We should be concentrating a large effort right now.'* — Steve McDonough, director of the state AIDS project

McDonough said.

Thirteen North Dakotans have contracted acquired immune deficiency syndrome and 10 of them have died since the disease first appeared in the state almost four years ago.

An additional 49 people have been diagnosed as carriers of the virus that causes the disease.

Prison officials opposed the interim committee's proposal for inmate testing, but most of the recommendations came out of the panel with broad support.

Sen. Wayne Stenehjem, R-Grand

Forks, a Judiciary Committee member who chaired the interim panel, has said there was little else that could have been recommended "short of violating the Constitution."

Health officials think the confidentiality bill is particularly important, to ensure that potential AIDS victims will come forward for testing.

"We have to work to create an atmosphere where people who are at risk of infection feel comfortable in being tested ... otherwise we'll never see them," McDonough said.

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These three and four stories have been chosen Tribune Award winners for 1990. They are: For Stephen McLaughlin, Mary Louisa DeWitt, and Robert Landberg, "Helping a 'duty' to lawyer"; For Robert Landberg, "Protecting the rights of Indians"; For Stephen McLaughlin, "Physician has cure for state"; For Stephen McLaughlin, "He helps farmers in distress"; For Stephen McLaughlin, "Woman charged in stabbing death"; For Stephen McLaughlin, "Volunteer isn't confined by disabilities".

**Gorbachev asks nation to trust him**

**W**hen the Soviet Union facing one of its toughest years in its history, President Mikhail G. Gorbachev called on the American people to trust him and bring the country out of its deepening crisis.

The day of the speech, with its political and economic crisis and its military and social problems, was the most difficult in the history of the Soviet Union since the death of Joseph Stalin in 1953. Gorbachev's speech was a plea for trust and cooperation from the American people.

Gorbachev said that the Soviet Union was a country of peace and cooperation. He said that the Soviet Union was a country that was open to dialogue and cooperation with all countries. He said that the Soviet Union was a country that was committed to peace and cooperation.

**Helping a 'duty' to lawyer**



**R**obert Landberg, a Bismarck lawyer, has been named the Tribune Award winner for 1990 for his story, "Helping a 'duty' to lawyer".

**Protecting the rights of Indians**



**T**he Tribune Award for 1990 goes to Stephen McLaughlin for his story, "Protecting the rights of Indians".

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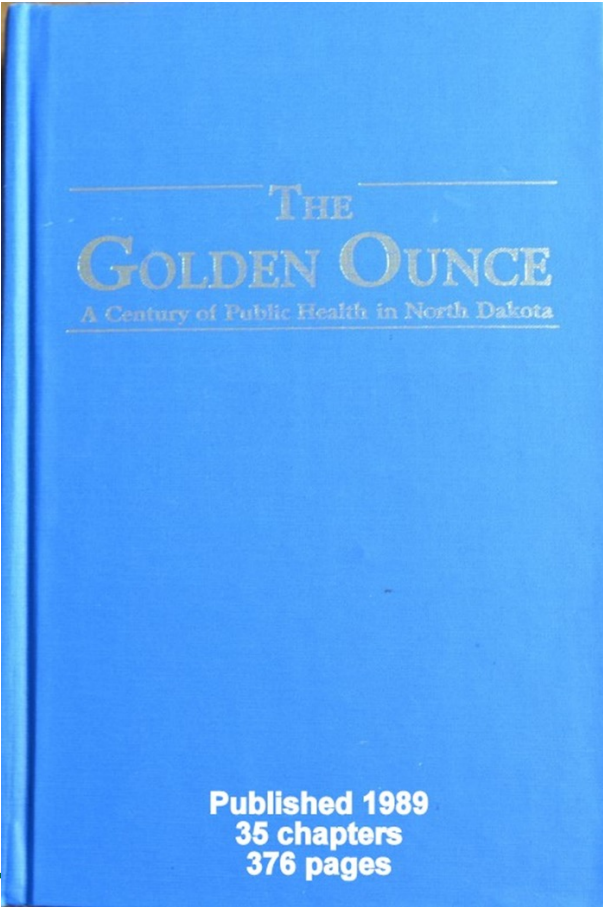
**Woman charged in stabbing death**

**A** woman has been charged in the death of a Bismarck man. The woman is accused of stabbing the man to death.

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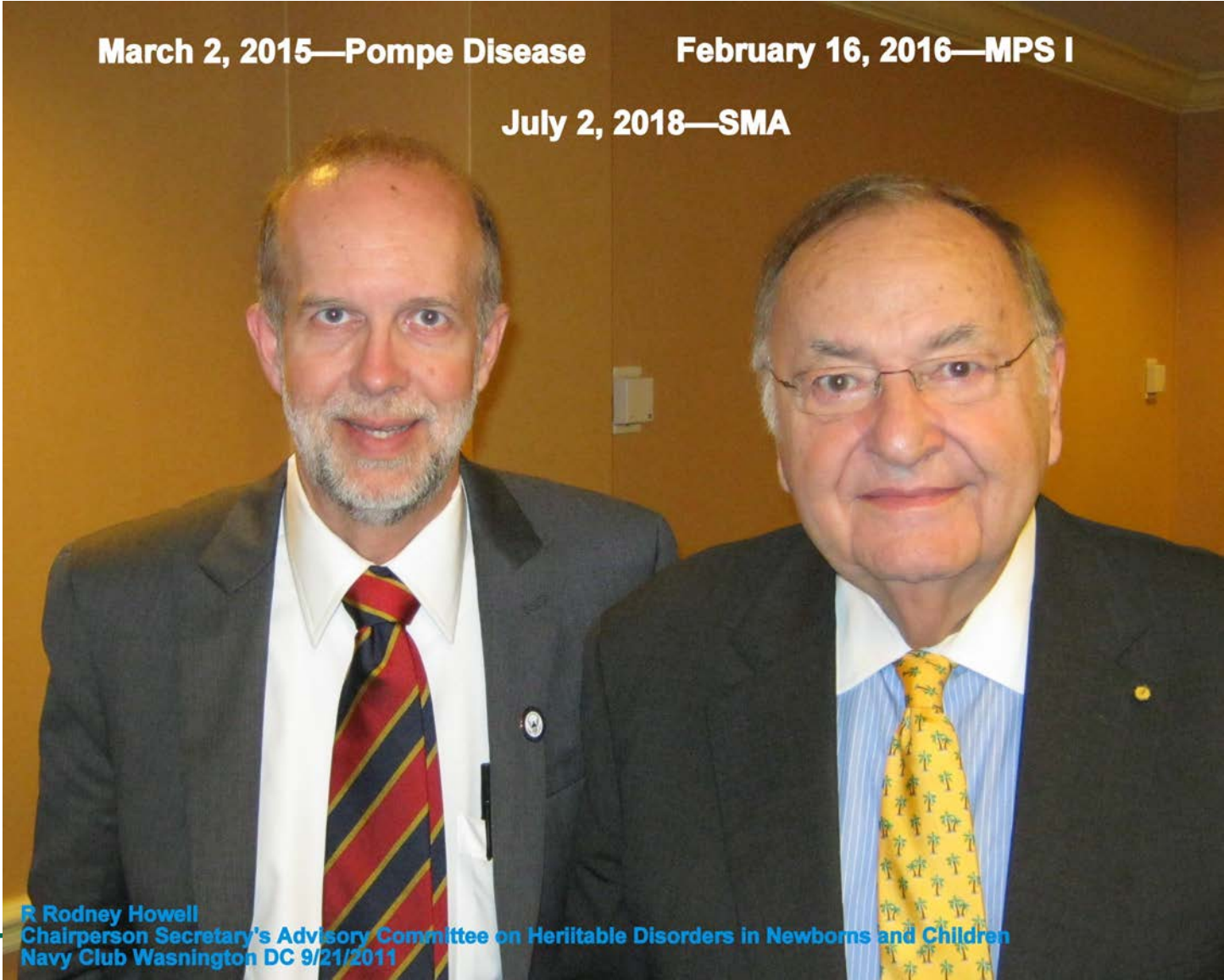
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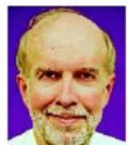


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# ND's COVID-19 fight requires unity

North Dakota is currently fighting the COVID-19 pandemic with one hand tied behind its back. The failure to mount an effective public education effort to



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increase the public's use of protective methods has resulted in an alarming surge of cases this summer. The possibility exists of a catastrophic epidemic this fall with multiple deaths and a return to stay-at-home orders. Many health care providers and school personnel are likely to become ill. The following measures are recommended to mitigate this possibility.

1. North Dakota's leaders need to set an example. It is not best to "do as I say and not as I do." Anytime a leader is on TV or at a meeting, the leader should be wearing a mask, even if they are maintaining a 6 foot distance.

2. A massive public education effort must begin immediately using TV, radio, newspaper, billboard and online media. North Dakota's political, religious, entertainment, media and sports leaders should be part of this effort. Leaders from all regions and segments of our state should be asked to participate.

3. A goal set of 90% of North Dakotans wearing masks by Sept. 1, and observation and telephone surveys should be conducted.

4. The governor should implement a state-wide mask order by Sept. 1 or sooner with appropriate exemptions for those unable to wear masks.

5. North Dakota's confusing risk categorization needs to be revised. The North Dakota Department of Health states that our state is in the green, low-risk zone. On July 16, North Dakota was listed in the orange zone (second highest) by Harvard's COVID-19 Tracking Site. On July 29, the Trump administration listed North Dakota as one of 21 states in their "Red Zone," states with large increases in COVID-19 infections. On Aug. 7, there were 181 cases reported in North Dakota and the total active cases were 1,240. I don't feel that I live in a low-risk community nor a low-risk state.

6. Every effort should be made to increase the availability of N-95 masks to health care providers and surveys of their use should be done and made available to the public. Our health providers need to be safe so they are there for us if we get ill.

7. Elementary, secondary and higher education students, staff and visitors should be required to wear a mask during school activities. Appropriate exemptions should be made.

8. N-95 masks, if supplies are adequate, should be made available to school staff with COVID-19 risk factors.

9. Schools should be strongly encouraged to start instruction

with a hybrid model: staggered schedules with a combination of in-person and remote learning. Exceptions should be provided to those students adversely impacted from a staggered schedule. If the expected surge in COVID-19 does not occur, shifting to more in-person education could be accomplished later in the fall. Some rural schools with small class and bus ridership size may be able to safely start in-person school if mask usage is high.

10. Providing school breakfast and lunch in the classroom or greatly staggered lunch times to avoid crowding.

11. Public health staffing needs to increase to provide timely testing, contact tracing and public education.

12. A unified approach in our divided county is needed to confront the COVID-19 pandemic. Public education is needed to counter the misinformation. State politicians need to be leaders and set the right example. Health care leaders need to stand up and request that politicians take the right course.

Winter is coming and it is not only the snow and wind that North Dakota needs to fear and prepare for. It is COVID-19!

Dr. Stephen McDonough, Bismarck, is a North Dakota pediatrician who has worked for the North Dakota Department of Health from 1985-2000.

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# Doctor calls on governor to mandate masks, reassess risk



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## Bismarck City Commission approves mask mandate

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The Bismarck City Commission on Tuesday passed a mask mandate that has no penalties for noncompliance.

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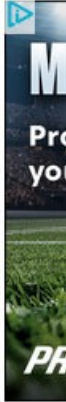
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# Patients hold parade to celebrate beloved doctor's retirement



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Mary Dietrich, of Grand Forks, places her name on the list to testify before the Senate Political Subdivisions Committee in support of House Bill 1323, which would prohibit state and local governments from instituting a mask mandate. A gathering of about two dozen stood outside the small committee room waiting to testify Thursday. Next in line is Bismarck physician Dr. Stephen McDonough.

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for lifetime achievement. He has been a pediatrician in North Dakota for over 40 years. His work has included 15 years at the Department of Health having contributed to important public health legislation around indoor smoking and HIV in North Dakota. He was appointed to the Obama Administration President's Council on Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition and the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children. He has been a staunch advocate for children and families in North Dakota, a dedicated mentor to pediatricians as we continue to build clinical or advocacy skills, and he has played a huge role in changing the course of COVID-19 in North Dakota.

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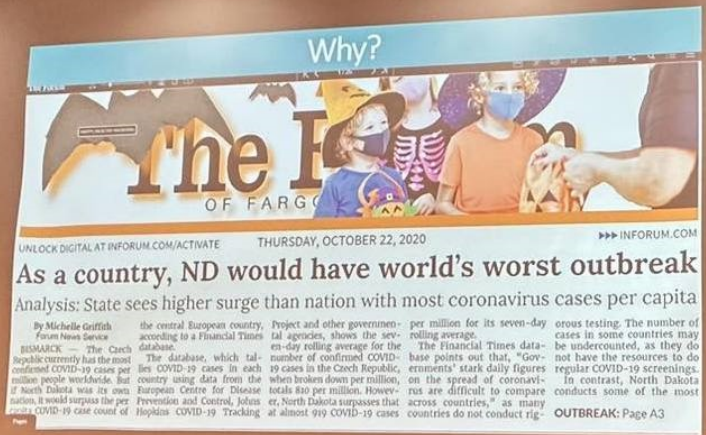
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