

Man Doubling Obama To Be Discharged

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The Air Force is discharging a Nebraska man who refused to report to duty in Germany earlier this month because he doubts President Barack Obama's citizenship. Staff Sgt. Daryn Moran became a hero of the so-called birther movement by sharing his views on websites of groups that believe Obama is not eligible to serve as president. However, other things contributed to the 41-year-old Moran's discharge, including comments he made about Obama's decision to allow gays to serve openly in the military. Moran says he's receiving an honorable discharge, but the Air Force on Wednesday would confirm only that he's being discharged.

I-90 Rollover Kills One, Injures Two

SIoux FALLS (AP) — State troopers are investigating a fatal one-vehicle crash on Interstate 90 west of Sioux Falls. The state Department of Public Safety says one person died and two others were injured when an SUV left the highway around 11:20 a.m. Wednesday and rolled into a ditch. Troopers say a female passenger trapped under the SUV died at the scene, and the driver and another passenger were hospitalized in Sioux Falls with serious but non-life threatening injuries.

Neb. Student Info System Will Save Millions

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Officials say a combined student information system that supports the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska State College System will save the state nearly \$22 million. The Lincoln Journal Star says the system, unveiled Wednesday, provides a number of online services to students, allowing them to pay their bills, register for classes, accept financial aid and provide access to their accounts to their parents. Officials say the system also provides school officials greater ability to track student data, including graduation and retention rates. The Legislature in 2008 approved a joint budget request for the system, which will cost \$20 million instead of the \$42 million it would have cost for separate systems.

Tribe Gets \$6.8 M For Veterans Cemetery

SIoux FALLS (AP) — U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson says the Rosebud Sioux Tribe will get a \$6.8 million grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs for an American Indian veterans cemetery. The South Dakota Democrat says the Sicangu Akicita Owicaha Veterans Cemetery will be the first in the nation established jointly by the VA and a federally recognized tribe and could serve as a model for others. The tribe says the cemetery will be on 80 acres of land about 10 miles from the junction of U.S. Highways 18 and 83. Rosebud Sioux veterans, spouses and dependents will be eligible for burial there. The tribe will be responsible for upkeep.

Crow Creek Elects Keeble As Chairman

FORT THOMPSON (AP) — The Crow Creek Sioux Tribe has given its acting tribal chairman the position officially. Wilfred Keeble has been unanimously elected to the chairman position by the tribal council. Keeble had been named interim chairman after then-chairman Duane Big Eagle Sr. was found guilty in federal court two weeks ago on bribery and conspiracy charges. Council member Peter Lengkeek tells the Daily Republic that he's looking forward to moving forward with the council and rooting out the corruption in tribal government. A federal jury convicted the 61-year-old Big Eagle for his role in a scheme that rewarded tribal officials for giving construction companies contracts for new buildings at the tribe's school.

Governors To Meet With Corps

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ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — Governors from several states along the Missouri River plan to meet with officials from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to discuss recent historic flooding along the river, Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon said Wednesday. Nixon said during Friday's meeting in Omaha, Neb., governors will question Brigadier Gen. John R. McMahon, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' northwest district, about decisions that led to this year's flooding along the Missouri River and its tributaries. The Corps of Engineers, which manages the river's flow by holding and releasing water from a series of reservoirs in upstream states, has said the releases from those reservoirs have been necessary to deal with high levels of spring rain and snowpack in northern states.

Also scheduled to attend the meeting are the governors of Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana, plus representatives of the governors of Iowa and Wyoming. "The threat from the flood of 2011 is still very real," Nixon said. "Water is moving downstream at historic rates and at historic volumes." Nixon said he also planned to emphasize to the governors of upstream state's the importance of flood control along the river. "Historically the upstream states have not placed, you know, flood control at the top of their list when it comes to management of the river," Nixon said at a news conference at the Remington Nature Center, located along the flooded banks of the Missouri River, which has been flooding in the northwest corner of Missouri since early June. "I think this particular summer ... has heightened their understanding of how important flood

control is," Nixon said. "The state of Missouri's position on river management is clear. Flood control must be the top priority." "First and foremost, I hope to have a solid discussion ... and try to bring them to our side of the discussion about how vital flood control is," he said. Corps spokeswoman Sarah Rivette said corps officials were pleased to be able to meet with the governors Friday. "We're looking forward to being able to meet with our stakeholders and talk to the about the way that we manage the river," she said Wednesday. "We're excited to be a part of that and have this conversation." Nixon also said financing levee repairs and recovery from other disasters, including the Joplin tornado, will be a priority during a special legislative session planned for September in Jefferson City. But he said it was too soon to know how much money will be needed to repair or rebuild the

state's extensive levee systems. "Rebuilding our levees isn't optional, it's essential," he said. Lanny Meng, a northwest Missouri farmer, attended Nixon's news conference and said he has worked with the corps on Missouri River issues in the past as an official in a northwest Missouri levee district. "Always before whenever I was at these meetings, the upper basin states ... when we would

champion flood control in Missouri, they would pooh-pooh us," Meng said. "Flood control wasn't important for them." "And now our governor is going to a meeting of governors where they're going to discuss flood control. This was unheard of two years ago, unheard of that upper basin states would consider flood control important. That's wonderful news."

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