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RICK WOOD/MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL/MCT **Amardeep Kaleka, center, son of Satwant Singh Kaleka, president of Sikh temple, hugs unidentified relatives Monday as they mourn the loss of their uncle Satwant who died in Sunday's temple shootings in Oak Creek, Wis. Six people were killed in the attack, with the shooter eventually gunned down by police.**

## Sikh Temple Shooting

# Gunman Was White Supremacist

## Shooter Was Army Veteran; Few Other Clues

BY SCOTT BAUER AND TODD RICHMOND  
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OAK CREEK, Wis. — Before he strode into a Sikh temple with a 9mm handgun and multiple magazines of ammunition, Wade Michael Page played in white supremacist heavy metal bands with names such as Definite Hate and End Apathy.

The bald, heavily tattooed bassist was a 40-year-old Army veteran who trained in psychological warfare before he was demoted and discharged more than a decade ago.

A day after he killed six worshippers at the subur-

ban Milwaukee temple, fragments of Page's life emerged in public records and interviews. But his motive was still largely a mystery. So far, no hate-filled manifesto has emerged, nor any angry blog or ranting Facebook entries to explain the attack.

Oak Creek Police Chief John Edwards suggested Monday that investigators might never know for certain why the lone attacker targeted a temple full of strangers.

"We have a lot of information to decipher, to put it all together before we can positively tell you what that



Page

motive is — if we can determine that," Edwards said. Page, who was shot to death by police, joined the Army in 1992 and was discharged in 1998. He was described Monday by the Southern Poverty Law Center as a "frustrated neo-Nazi" who had long been active in the obscure underworld of white supremacist music.

Page wrote frequently on white supremacist websites, describing himself as a member of the "Hammer-skins Nation," a skinhead group rooted in Texas that has offshoots in Australia and Canada, according to the SITE Monitoring Service, a Maryland-based private intelligence firm that searches the Internet for terrorist and other extremist activity.

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# RTEC Set To Host More Programs From BHSU

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Yankton's Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC) recently announced that it will expand its partnership with Black Hills State University (BHSU) this fall with increased certificate programs being offered.

The certificate programs were designed with input from local industries in South Dakota and manufacturers in order to give students advanced skills in targeted areas of industry. The new offerings can be completed separately or taken as part of the two-year Associate of Science in Advanced Manufacturing degree, which has been offered at RTEC for the past several years.

Steve Wynia, an assistant professor at BHSU, helped put the programs together for the RTEC offerings, said schools working in collaboration helps everyone from students to instructors.

"Schools working together have the benefits of shared resources and the ability to offer courses and programs that are not currently at their own respective schools, so it makes good economic sense," he told the *Press & Dakotan*. "It also gives students the ability to pursue educational options that would not be available in their area without these cooperative arrangements."

Wynia added that partnerships like the one between RTEC and BHSU are "win-win" situations for both students and schools.

Most of the new course offerings will be taught face-to-face at RTEC.

"There are a few classes that will be delivered via the DDN live interaction television system from the new University Center in Rapid City, which is where the Industrial Technology programs is based out of," Wynia said. "All courses at BHSU and RTEC are taught by professionally experienced and academically qualified staff and BHSU only offers technical courses in Yankton."

Because only technical courses are offered in Yankton from BHSU, Wynia added that students would need to take their general education course requirements either

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# SIZING UP THE DROUGHT



EMILY NIEBRUGGE/P&D

The prolonged drought is affecting not only crops but stock dams and other water sources, as seen Monday along S.D. Highway 25, just off S.D. Highway 50 east of Tyndall. Extension specialists from both South Dakota State University and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will provide producers with options for dealing with the drought during Thursday's meeting at the 4-H Building in Yankton.

# Meeting To Examine Drought Impact

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Area producers can learn their options in dealing with the current drought during Thursday's meeting in Yankton.

Extension specialists from South Dakota State University (SDSU) and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) are jointly hosting the meeting. The program, free and open to the public, runs from 7-9 p.m. at the 4-H Building on the Pine Acres Fairgrounds (709 Whiting Drive).

Event presenters include: Dennis Todey, SDSU state climatologist; B. Lynn Gordon, SDSU Extension cow/calf field specialist; Bruce Anderson, UNL Extension forage specialist; and Tim Lemmons, UNL Extension

educator, Applied Business Research and Agricultural Economics.

"Overall, the meeting will address specific issues dealing with practical management strategies and resources agriculture producers can rely on during this drought," Gordon told the *Press & Dakotan*.

Thursday's meeting will bring together SDSU and UNL experts to address a historic situation affecting both states, Gordon said. According to the latest report from the UNL Drought Monitor, the Yankton region has been categorized as D-3, or severe drought. The highest level, D-4, signifies exceptional drought.



Gordon

"The southeastern corner of the state has been an area very hard hit in South Dakota, and producers in northeastern Nebraska have also dealt with severe drought conditions," she said. "Therefore, SDSU and UNL Extension have partnered to organize this drought update meeting to provide information and key resources to producers."

The evening will start with Todey discussing the current drought status. He will also look ahead with precipitation and temperature predictions.

"My part will be to talk about how we got here, put some of this in historical perspective, talk a little about impacts and then talk about what we know

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# Local Coast Guard Auxiliary Still Patrols Waters, Promotes Safety

BY LINDA WUEBBEN  
P&D Correspondent

It's just a little white shack on the east side of the outlet at the Marina Boat Basin which boaters pass as they head out into Lewis & Clark Lake, but it's the home and station headquarters of the Yankton Coast Guard Auxiliary.

And the voluntary members have an important job on the Missouri River and Lake waterways — water and boater safety.

"We started the auxiliary in 1972 and over the years, many area boaters have been members of the voluntary group," said spokesman and member Larry Hintgen. "Bob Ablor was our first flotilla commander and all of our members are volunteers, using their own boats and buying their own uniforms."

The volunteer water safety group includes members from Yankton, Sioux Falls and Nebraska. The auxiliary works like an area volunteer fire department, completing training on their own time and at

their own expense. It also makes the members dedicated to a cause they hold very dear: safe boating.

"It probably seems odd there is Coast Guard here in Yankton, but the Missouri River is a federal, navigable waterway so that qualifies us," Hintgen said. "We get assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for maintaining our small station and communication system."

While displaying awards for being an outstanding flotilla in Division Eight, Western River Region headquartered in St. Louis, and many other certificates for service excellence, Hintgen talked about the three main areas they focus on: vessel safety checks; Water Smart programs; and Nebraska certification for boaters.

Local auxiliary members have been trained to check any boats in the Marina and on the Missouri River upon request of the owners. This also includes examination of the safety equipment on board including life jackets, fire extinguishers and

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PHOTO: LINDA WUEBBEN

Larry Hintgen is a member of the Yankton Coast Guard Auxiliary, which has been promoting safety on the water and in boaters' minds for 40 years. Besides patrolling the waters of Lewis and Clark Lake, auxiliary members offer inspection and certification services and sponsor educational programs.

# S. Dakota Reports First West Nile Death Since 2007

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota officials say a Hughes County resident has died of West Nile virus encephalitis, the first death related to West Nile reported in the state since 2007.

The Health Department reports that a person aged 80-89 died of the disease spread by mosquitoes.

State Epidemiologist Lon Kightlinger says the death is a reminder that people older than 50 are at higher risk of developing West Nile complications.

The Health Department recommends that people reduce the risk of West Nile disease by using mosquito repellent, limiting time outdoors between dusk and midnight, and getting rid of standing water that gives mosquitos a place to breed.

Since South Dakota reported its first case in 2002, the state has had more than 1,700 West Nile cases and 27 deaths.

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