

MIDWEST DIGEST

Building May Be Named For Yankton Native

RAPID CITY (AP) — The federal building and courthouse in Rapid City may soon have a new name.

A release from U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson says a bill before President Barack Obama would rename the building in honor of Andrew Bogue, a federal judge who passed away last year at age 90.

Bogue was appointed to the federal bench in South Dakota in 1970 and served there until his death. He was a native Yankton and a veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

Nebraska College Student Is Still Missing

PERU, Neb. (AP) — A Nebraska college student last seen leaving an off-campus party is still missing.

Peru State college said in a news release that more than 120 volunteers have turned out Sunday to search for 19-year-old Tyler "Ty" Thomas, a freshman from Bellevue.

The patrol says Thomas was last seen about 1:30 a.m. Friday as she left the party and walked toward a residence hall. She was reported missing at 3 a.m.

The family issued a statement through the university expressing thanks for the volunteers who have helped look for her.

More than 150 volunteers joined the Nebraska State Patrol and Nemaha County sheriff's deputies in searching much of Saturday for Thomas. No sign of her has been reported.



Thomas

One Man Dead After Shooting In Mitchell

MITCHELL (AP) — A weekend shooting in Mitchell has left one man dead and another in jail for manslaughter.

Mitchell police detective Don Everson told the Daily Republic that 21-year-old William Davis intentionally shot the victim but didn't mean to kill him.

Davis is being held in the Davison County jail on \$100,000 bond. He faces up to life in prison if convicted of manslaughter.

The victim's name has not been released. He was to have turned 20 on Sunday.

The shooting was reported about 9:20 p.m. Saturday. Everson says that there's no indication the two men were arguing and that alcohol may have been a factor.

Man Accused Of Killing Taken To Hospital

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A Lincoln man accused of beating a woman to death has been taken from jail to a hospital.

Lincoln police Capt. David Beggs says 24-year-old William Pereira was found in his cell with a head injury before 1 p.m. Sunday and was conscious when he arrived at the hospital. Police say it may have been a suicide attempt.

Pereira was arrested Saturday in the death of 19-year-old Alissa Magoon. Police say officers arrived at a Lincoln apartment about 5 a.m. Saturday to find Pereira beating Magoon. She died at the scene.

Lancaster County Court records show Pereira pleaded no contest last Monday to third-degree assault. His sentencing was set for Feb. 11. No one at the public defender's office was available Sunday to comment.

Investigators: Crow Creek club fire was set

BIG BEND (AP) — Federal investigators have determined that a fire at the Boys and Girls Club building on the Crow Creek Sioux Reservation was deliberately set.

The building sustained damage to its interior and the contents are considered a total loss.

Resident Agent-In-Charge Robert Boland from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in South Dakota says the ATF is asking for information that will help catch those who started the fire.

The ATF, the South Dakota Fire Marshal's Office, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the state Division of Criminal Investigation are looking into the fire.

Boland told KGFX radio that the agency will be tasked with writing a report on the origin and cause of the recent blaze.

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Court Docs: S.D. Teacher Sent Sexual Texts To Girls

By The Associated Press

A former South Dakota teacher had sexual contact with a 13-year-old student at school and sent more than 1,200 text messages to her and a classmate as authorities began investigating, according to court documents.

Nicolas Jastorff, 26, of Harrisburg, was being held Saturday in the Pennington County jail on two \$1 million bonds. He was arrested Thursday on more than a dozen charges, including rape and sexual contact with a child under 16, filed in Minnehaha and Lincoln counties.

Jastorff is accused by prosecutors of having an inappropriate relationship with the two 13-year-old students while he was a teacher in Sioux Falls. Jastorff had a sexual relationship with one of the students that began in February and some of the encounters were in a classroom, according to an affidavit filed by police in Minnehaha County.

No home number was listed for Jastorff. The jail does not take phone messages for inmates or have information on their attorneys, jail staff said Saturday.

Jastorff's mother-in-law, Marjy Hardy, told the *Argus Leader* that the accusations against Jastorff were out of character.

"I can't see anybody accusing Nick of this," Hardy said. "It doesn't sound like him at all."

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Lincoln Co. Faces Growing Pains

BY MEGAN LUTHER
The Argus Leader

SIoux FALLS — The population surge that made Lincoln County one of the nation's fastest-growing counties now threatens its finances in new ways that could lead to steep cuts.

Revenue is falling short in these tough economic times, and there's not enough money to cover expenses for the booming population.

"We've slashed everyone's budget as much as we can without taking drastic steps," County Commissioner Jim Schmidt said.

Lincoln County's budget woes are a snapshot of what other South Dakota counties are facing, said Bob Wilcox, executive director of the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners.

But in Lincoln County, growth fueled by suburban sprawl from Sioux Falls has made the budget problems more acute:

During the past three years, Lincoln County has drained much of its savings to cover the budget. Commissioners now are talking about possible major cuts for 2012 and 2013.

"I am very concerned," county auditor Paula Feucht said.

Wilcox said the county's growth demands more services. That, in turn compounds budget woes.

"With growth you also get these additional responsibilities; therefore, it can be testing on a county's budget," Wilcox said.

From 2005 to 2009, the county's expenditures grew by one-third while the population increased 22 percent.

This mainly rural county with about 41,000 people now is experiencing urban problems.

The county's road budget is \$5.5 million next year — a 66 percent increase from 2005.

Together, Public Works and Public Safety make up 64 percent of the county's budget. Commissioners will have to take a hard look

at both during future budgeting, Schmidt said.

Meanwhile, much larger Minnehaha County recently approved its \$64 million budget for next year. Citing decreasing revenue and a bad economy, commissioners approved a budget with no cost-of-living increase for employees.

However, Minnehaha County's reserve funds are significantly larger than those of Lincoln County. In fact, Minnehaha County had \$6.13 million in its road fund at the end of August — more than the typical amount — which led commissioners to consider reducing the wheel tax.

Reducing the wheel tax, which pays for road repairs, would give Minnehaha taxpayers a break in a tough economy. But the commission ultimately rejected the idea out of concern that wet weather could lead to poor road conditions and the extra money in the road fund would be needed to make repairs.

Sidney Mother Accused Of Letting Molester Abuse Son

BY TIMBERLY ROSS
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — A Sidney woman sexually abused her son and allowed a man now serving a life sentence for child pornography to do the same, according to court records.

The 40-year-old mother remained in jail Sunday on charges of sexual assault of a child and conspiracy. The Associated Press isn't using her name in order to protect the privacy of the boy, who will turn 10 this month. Court documents show he's been placed in state custody.

The mother hasn't yet entered a plea, according to court records. She's due back in court Dec. 14.

No phone number was listed for the woman. A message left Sunday for her attorney wasn't immediately returned.

The woman may have started abusing her son in January 2005 and, on at least one occasion, allowed William Milligan to stay at her apartment and take part in the molestation, according to the criminal complaint filed this

past week in Cheyenne County District Court.

Milligan is serving a life sentence in a federal prison in Illinois. He pleaded guilty to child pornography charges after he and two women were arrested for a 2008 sex party in a Terre Haute, Ind., hotel room with two children, ages 3 and 11. Photos were taken of the molestation, and Milligan sent the images to at least five other men on the Internet, according to court documents in that case.

In the Nebraska case, authorities say in an affidavit that Milligan told an FBI investigator about sexually abusing the boy and was granted immunity from prosecution for providing information about the mother's involvement. According to the document, Milligan said he met the woman through an Internet chat room and was sent videos of her abusing her son in hopes he'd move to Nebraska to be with her.

In court records, police say the woman told them she had a sexual relationship with Milligan and that he visited her, but denied her son was abused.

Police Chase Ends In Crash That Kills 3 In Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A woman and her two sons were killed early Sunday when a stolen vehicle being chased by a state trooper crashed into their car in north Minneapolis, the Minnesota State Patrol said.

They were identified as Amanda Jean Thomas, 29, of Fridley, her 12-year-old son, Andre, and her 3-month-old son Akron. The woman and the 12-year-old died at the scene, while the infant died a short time later.

"This is a horrible situation and a horrible tragedy," State Patrol spokesman Lt. Eric Roeske said.

The chase started around 12:45 a.m. Sunday when a trooper tried to pull over a 29-year-old Edina man who was driving erratically on Interstate 94 in Minneapolis in a vehicle that had been reported stolen, Roeske said.

The pursuit lasted just over a minute and covered about a mile, he said. The stolen vehicle got off the freeway at Dowling Avenue, ran a red light at Second Street North and West Broadway Avenue and broadsided the vehicle carrying the woman and children, pushing it into a third vehicle.

The trooper was about three blocks behind the suspect, stopping for lights and going slowly through intersections, when the crash happened, Roeske said.

The trooper's name was not immediately released.

"It's incredibly difficult for a state trooper to come across a scene like this, especially one involving children," Roeske said.



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