

## Trial Set For Keadle In Fremont Rape Case

FREMONT, Neb. (AP) — A man questioned in the disappearance of a Peru State College student is scheduled to go trial in March on charges that he raped a teenager in Fremont in 2008.

Thirty-year-old Joshua Keadle is charged with first-degree sexual assault of a minor. The *Fremont Tribune* says a judge on Tuesday scheduled Keadle's trial for March 13 in Dodge County District Court.

Authorities say Keadle is a person of interest in the December 2010 disappearance of Peru State student, Tyler "Ty" Thomas. No charges have been filed against Keadle in that case.

Keadle, originally from Swansea, S.C., was accused of sexually assaulting another Peru State College student on Halloween night in 2010. Prosecutors dropped those charges last month after a hearing on new evidence in the case.

## Judge Refuses To Accept Plea In Murder Case

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A judge said Wednesday he cannot accept a guilty plea from a man accused of killing a 75-year-old Sioux Falls woman until he hears testimony from psychiatrist.

James McVay is charged with first-degree murder and burglary in the July 2 death of Maybelle Schein. Police say McVay stabbed Schein to death and then stole her car as part of a scheme to drive to Washington, D.C., and kill President Obama.

The state has said it would seek the death penalty.

KELO-TV reports that the 41-year-old McVay appeared in a Sioux Falls courtroom Wednesday and pleaded guilty but mentally ill to first-degree murder.

A hearing to determine McVay's mental health status has not been scheduled

## Sturgis Police Seize 59 Pounds Of Pot

RAPID CITY (AP) — A traffic stop in Sturgis, S.D., led to the arrests of two men and the seizure of 59 pounds of marijuana, making it one of the largest drug busts in the city's history, a state's attorney said.

A Sturgis patrolman pulled over a pickup truck with California plates for speeding while traveling east on Interstate 90 near exit 32 Sunday morning, police said. During a search of the truck, police said officers found nearly 60 pounds of marijuana.

Meade County State's Attorney Kevin Krull on Tuesday said the bust was "probably near the top of the biggest" for Sturgis police, the Rapid City Journal reported.

"It's rare for this much marijuana to be found in a vehicle," Krull said.

Nicholas James Schneider, 27, of Key West, Fla., and Andrew Michael Robertson, 21, of Tulsa, Okla., face charges of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of marijuana more than 10 pounds.

Schneider, who police said was driving, also is charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

## Murder Suspect Waives Extradition From N.D.

SOUTH SIOUX CITY, Neb. (AP) — A North Dakota judge has ordered a South Sioux City man back to Nebraska to face a murder charge in the death of his girlfriend.

Fifty-three-year-old John Baker is charged with second-degree murder in the death of 47-year-old Kelly Asipach. Her body was found on Oct. 21 stuffed in a window seat in their home. An autopsy showed she died of blunt force trauma to the head and asphyxia.

Baker was arrested Oct. 24 at a relative's house in Garrison, N.D.

KTIV-TV in Sioux City, Iowa, says McLean County State's Attorney Ladd Erickson says a judge on Wednesday ordered Baker to be returned to Nebraska within 10 days.

## New Flu Strain Disappears In Iowa

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — State health officials say a new flu strain that was detected in north central Iowa has dropped out of sight.

The Iowa Department of Health says the H3N2 strain sickened three children in Webster and Hamilton counties. All three recovered.

State Medical Director Dr. Patricia Quinlisk told The *Des Moines Register* on Wednesday that the virus apparently failed to continue spreading.

# Neb., Iowa Grew Slightly Since 2010

BY GRANT SCHULTE  
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Iowa and Nebraska's populations grew at a rate slower than the whole nation between July 2010 and 2011, according to U.S. Census estimates released Wednesday.

Both states posted gains below 1 percent. The report shows Iowa added 12,107 new residents, a 0.4 percent increase over the one-year period that ended July 1. Nebraska's population grew by 12,500, a 0.7 percent increase.

Nebraska's growth rate slipped after a two-year stretch of outpacing the national average. The state's annual growth rate has exceeded the U.S. rate only seven times since 1900, said David Drozd, research coordinator for the University of Nebraska Omaha's Center for Public Affairs Research.

"These numbers are relatively good, but they're not as good as we thought they'd be," Drozd said. "It still is a strong growth trend — just not as strong as we'd expected."

Drozd said Nebraska's slowdown could

have come from baby boomers taking advantage of low housing prices in Arizona, Nevada and other states where property values have tumbled.

He attributed Nebraska's population gains to births that outnumbered deaths, and a gain of about 2,500 people who moved to the state from abroad. Nebraska has maintained one of the nation's lowest unemployment rates over the past several years because of the strength of agriculture businesses and the relative stability of the state's real estate market.

Iowa's growth rate held at roughly the same average it has maintained over the last decade, said Liesl Eathington, an Iowa State University researcher in regional economics.

"It doesn't look like there's been a whole lot of change, despite the recession," Eathington said. "In some ways, that's a good thing. We don't look a whole lot worse or a whole lot better than the rest of the Midwest."

Eathington said Iowa has weathered the downturn better than most states, but is still struggling to create the kind of jobs that help accelerate population growth.

The biggest population gainers were Texas, California, Florida, Georgia and North Carolina, according to the estimates. The five states accounted for more than half of the nation's overall growth. The District of Columbia's growth rate outpaced all the states at 2.7 percent.

The U.S. population grew to 311.6 million, a 0.92 percent gain between April 2010 and July 2011, the estimates show. In a statement, Census Bureau Director Robert Groves said the overall growth rate was the lowest since the baby boom of the mid-1940s.

Rhode Island, Michigan and Maine were the only states to lose residents.

The Census estimates are based on documented births, deaths, administrative records and survey data. Researchers and governments use the information to measure growth trends, make policy decisions and allocate tax money. More detailed information about counties and cities is expected in May.

Online: <http://www.census.gov>

# S.F. Arsons Suddenly Stop With No Arrests

BY AMBER HUNT  
Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS — A record-setting string of suspicious fires in South Dakota's largest city has stopped as suddenly as it started.

No one has been arrested in connection with the blazes, which began in early September in the central portion of the city and damaged dozens of sheds, garages and vehicles. As many as 28 fires might have been started by the same person or people, Sioux Falls Assistant Fire Marshall Michael Top said Wednesday.

That makes up more than 70 percent of the 39 intentionally set fires reported so far in 2011, Top said. Just 25 arsons were reported in all of 2010, according to FBI data. In 2009, there were 24.

"We're happy with the end result that the fires have stopped so no one else is losing property," Top said. "But it would have been nice to find the responsible person or persons to know for sure that it's done."

The fires stopped after law-enforcement officials announced the formation of a task force and offered a \$10,000 reward leading to an arrest.

The investigation will continue,

Top said, and the reward stands.

Sioux Falls Police Spokesman Sam Clemens said the spate was an anomaly in Sioux Falls, which is the biggest city in both South Dakota and neighboring North Dakota. The city often is highlighted as one of the safest in the country. In a 2010 ranking by the Farmers Insurance Group of the country's safest mid-size cities, Sioux Falls came in second behind Olympia, Wash.

Since the fires began, officials have urged residents to lock car doors and garages to make them harder for would-be arsonists to access. Residents such as Richard Underberg of South Dakota Avenue said it was a hard lesson to learn after two vehicles were set ablaze Sept. 5.

"It's disgusting that somebody can go around and do that kind of damage," Underberg said. "It cost my insurance company \$20,000."

Since the fire, Richard and his wife Judith Underberg have replaced their two totaled vehicles — a 1998 Ford Ranger and a 2000 Dodge Caravan.

"We're locking the doors from now on," Richard Underberg said.

*Tips to Crime Stoppers can be called in to (605) 367-7007 or left at [www.crimestop-perssiouxempire.com](http://www.crimestop-perssiouxempire.com).*

## Feds List Possible Methods For Blocking Asian Carp

BY JOHN FLESHER  
AP Environmental Writer

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — Federal officials said Wednesday they were evaluating dozens of options for stopping Asian carp and other invasive species from crossing between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River systems and doing environmental harm in their new surroundings.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released a report listing more than 90 options for blocking the path of would-be aquatic migrants, including poisoning sections of waterways, installing devices that emit light and sound waves, and inducing genetic changes to prevent organisms from reproducing.

The report did not indicate which controls the Army Corps might prefer or evaluate their effectiveness or potential cost. Project manager Dave Wethington said experts will pare down the "shopping list" to determine which methods are likely to work best. They will accept public comments from Dec. 21 to Feb. 17.

"It's very important that we cover all the possible combinations of technologies," said John Goss, the Obama administration's Asian carp program coordinator.

Among the alternatives is installing barriers or other structures to sever the century-old, man-made link between the two systems near Lake Michigan in the Chicago area. That method is preferred by Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Those states are suing the federal government, demanding quicker action to prevent Asian carp from reaching the Great Lakes, and disrupting their fish-

ing industry by gobbling up plankton needed by other organisms in the food web.

Goss said an electric barrier network on a shipping canal southwest of Chicago is preventing Asian carp and other fish from swimming northward toward Lake Michigan. No bighead or silver carp — the two Asian species threatening to attack the lakes — have been found beyond the barrier this year, although their genetic material continues to turn up in water samples there. The Army Corps strengthened the barrier's electric pulses this fall.

Still, Goss said the barrier was designed to deter fish and wouldn't necessarily prevent other organisms from getting through.

The Corps also is looking at 18 other waterways from New York to Minnesota that could provide pathways between the two watersheds.

Some of the technologies in Wednesday's report are already in use, including fish and plant poisons and stepped-up harvesting by commercial fishermen. Others are still under development.

Among the possibilities are creating high-velocity waterfalls to block upstream passage, zapping species with ultraviolet light or ultrasound, sucking oxygen from the water or raising its temperature to lethal levels, and using biological repellents or pheromones to lure invaders to places where they could be trapped or killed.

The Army Corps will report to Congress on its findings in late 2015 or early 2016, said Gary O'Keefe, invasive species program manager for the Great Lakes.

Federal officials have said previously the study would be completed in 2015.

## OBITUARIES

### Edward Novak

Edward Novak, age 78 of Scotland passed away Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at the Landmann-Jungman Memorial Hospital Avera, Scotland, SD.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, December 23, 2011 at the United Methodist Church in Scotland, SD with Rev. Tom Petersen officiating. Burial will be in the Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland.

Visitations will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, December 22, 2011 at the Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno, SD with the family present at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers are: Bob Reimann, Larry Mueller, John Ebelong, Steven Novak, Bruce Baker and Dave Baker.

Edward was born prematurely to Frank and Mary (Varilek) Novak on May 8, 1933 in Scotland, SD and the youngest of seven siblings. He attended school in Scotland. Ed married Doris Ann Heckenlaible on May 10, 1967 in Scotland, SD where they were blessed with one son, Steven Edward on June 17, 1968. He worked on the family farm in Scotland until the farm was sold in 1983 and also worked as a grave digger. Ed



Novak

and Doris moved into town where they both worked in Tabor, SD making golf bags. They also worked the graveyard shift for Baldwin Filters in Yankton, SD for many

years.

Edward loved fishing with his family. He collected fishing poles, fishing gear and caps. Edward and his son enjoyed putting around on their lawnmowers.

Survivors include his son, Steven Novak of Yankton, SD and a very dear friend, Collette Kline of Scotland, SD.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, sisters, Violet Eichner and infant sister shortly after birth; brothers, Louie (Evangeline), George (Doris), Harry (Helen), Milo (Signe) and Eddy (Doris Ann) and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ruben and Adeline Heckenlaible.

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### Sue Picotte

WAGNER — Sue Picotte, 51, of Wagner died unexpectedly at her home in Wagner on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2011.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Marty. Burial is in the church cemetery.

Wake services began Wednesday at the Yankton Sioux Tribe Boys and Girls Club, Marty.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Wagner, is in charge of arrangements.

**Berniece Hansen**

VIBORG — Berniece Hansen, 91, died Dec. 18, 2011 at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, Viborg.

Services are at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Viborg.

Visitation is 3-8 p.m. today (Thursday), with family present from 7-8 p.m., at Viborg Funeral Home.

Register online at [www.viborg-funeralhome.com](http://www.viborg-funeralhome.com).

### Buzz Mann

Buzz Mann of Yankton died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011, in Sioux Falls.

Funeral services are pending with Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

## Fire Damages Greenhouse At U.N. Lincoln

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say a fire inside a research chamber at a greenhouse at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln caused about \$300,000 in damage.

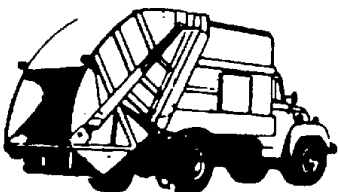
The Lincoln Journal Star (<http://bit.ly/ruuB0e>) says the fire broke out early Wednesday. No one was injured.

The university says a custodian pulled a fire alarm shortly before 5 a.m. after seeing smoke.

The fire was in a chamber of Greenhouse No. 4 of the Agronomy and Horticultural Research Building. The Nebraska State Fire Marshal's Office says the cause appears accidental.

The chamber is used to grow research plant material under controlled temperature and lighting conditions. Nothing was growing inside the chamber, which is about two-stories tall. UNL spokeswoman Meg Lauerma says researchers had recently completed an experiment in the greenhouse, but she didn't have details.

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