

Plan Pitched To Provide Access At S.D. Reservoir

FORT PIERRE (AP) — Officials are pitching a plan to provide better fishing and boating access to the Richland Reservoir and dam on the Fort Pierre National Grassland.

The *Capital Journal Reports* that the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks and the U.S. Forest Service are considering a cluster of structures on the reservoir.

The plan would involve the construction of three circular gravel-based fishing pods, each 26 feet in diameter. A boat ramp also would be built to accommodate small watercraft.

Officers’ Deaths Among 173 US Police Killings

RAPID CITY (AP) — The fatal shooting deaths of two Rapid City police officers were among 173 cases nationwide in which officers died in the line of duty in 2011 — making the year one of the deadliest in history for U.S. law enforcement.

According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, the death tally in 2011 is up 13 percent from 153 in 2010. Group Chairman Craig Floyd blames the rise on budget cuts to public safety departments.

The nonprofit group also reports that 2011 marks the first time in 14 years that firearms fatalities were higher than traffic-related deaths.

Rapid City officers James McCandless and Nick Armstrong were killed in August after conducting what police officials have said was a routine traffic stop.

iPad Tech. Could Lead To Burglar: Store Owner

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — An owner of a Sioux Falls computer store says he has a surprise for whoever broke into his store: Police might be able to track down the culprit through the iPads that were stolen.

Guy Rensch owns Mac Pros on 41st Street. He tells KELO-TV that someone threw a rock through his store’s window about 9 p.m. Christmas Eve, climbed in and took three display iPads worth about \$1,500.

Despite the “big lump of coal” Rensch says he got from Santa, he’s hopeful that the iPads’ tracking technologies and engraved identifiers help catch the thief.

Rensch’s store wasn’t the only one burglarized Christmas Eve. Across town on East 8th Street, Green Eggs and Ram reports it was robbed about a half-hour earlier.

S.D. Governor Issues Pardons, Commutations

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has issued pardons that wipe away the criminal records of 16 people.

Pardons result in the sealing of arrest, trial and conviction records, but those documents are kept by state investigators so they can be taken into account if pardoned people commit subsequent offenses.

The people pardoned had committed crimes that included drunken driving, selling or possessing drugs, petty theft, grand theft, burglary, forgery and assault. Many of the pardons were for convictions that occurred more than a decade ago.

Daugaard also issued commutations that reduced prison sentences by up to 90 days for nearly 275 inmates. Such sentence reductions are typically ordered for inmates who perform community service in helping deal with flooding, forest fires, tornadoes or other disasters.

Driver Who Killed Dog Gets Jail Time

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A 24-year-old man who drove through a Sioux Falls’ woman’s house at nearly 70 miles per hour this summer, destroying her living room and killing her Jack Russell terrier has been sentenced to 14 months in jail.

The *Argus Leader* reports that Chad Alan Garner must serve at least seven months without work release.

Garner pleaded guilty to a charge of third-offense driving under the influence and hit-and-run for the June 23 wreck into the home belonging to a Sioux Falls woman. The woman’s 8-year-old dog Jack was thrown across the living room and buried under rubble after the crash.

Police found Garner a few blocks away. His blood alcohol content level was .22 — nearly three times the legal limit to drive.

Lincoln Card Game Interrupted By Gunman

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Police say four men playing cards at a home in Lincoln were interrupted by a man who came in and robbed them at gunpoint.

The *Lincoln Journal Star* reports the incident happened Tuesday night.

The gunman demanded money and cellphones.

Police say they are interviewing witnesses to get more information about what was taken.

No arrests have been made.

Heater Used To Warm Cats Starts Fire

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A fire that damaged a duplex in Lincoln was started by a heater that was being used to keep cats warm.

The *Lincoln Journal Star* reports says residents of both units were alerted to the fire early Wednesday morning by smoke detectors and escaped without injury. The two cats also were unharmed.

Fire and Rescue Battalion Chief Dean Staberg says the heater either malfunctioned or ignited flammable material nearby to catch fire.

The fire was contained to the basement but smoke spread throughout the building. A damage estimate wasn’t available.

Paul Gets Front-Runner’s Welcome In Iowa

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NEWTON, Iowa — Texas Rep. Ron Paul received a welcome befitting a man with a suddenly serious chance to win next week’s Iowa Republican presidential caucuses as he arrived in the state Wednesday for a final burst of campaigning.

His rivals attacked him, one by one.

If the 76-year-old libertarian-leaning conservative was bothered, he didn’t let it show. He unleashed a television commercial that hit Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich. In his remarks, he lumped all his rivals into one unappealing category.

“There’s a lot of status quo politicians out there,” Paul told a crowd of a few dozen potential caucus-goers who turned out to hear him on the grounds of the Iowa Speedway. “If you pick another status quo politician nothing’s going to change.”

The audience applauded, but by day’s end, it appeared that yet another contender might be rising.

According to public and private polls, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum is gaining ground in the final days of the race, yet another unpredictable turn in a fast-changing caucus campaign. “We have the momentum,” he proclaimed.

The politicking was unending. Paul got a welcome surprise — and rival Michele Bachmann an embarrassing one — when the state chairman of the Bachmann campaign announced Wednesday night that he was throwing his support to Paul. The endorsement came just hours after he had appeared with the Minnesota congresswoman.

Iowa State Sen. Kent Sorenson said he was switching from Bachmann to Paul because the Texas congressman was the most conservative of the top-tier candidates, an assessment sure to encourage those who want Bachmann to drop out of the race and free up her supporters for a conservative candidate with stronger backing.

Two politically active pastors in Iowa’s robust evangelical conservative movement were already pushing that idea. They disclosed an effort to persuade either Santorum or Bachmann to quit the race and endorse the other.

“Otherwise, like-minded people will be divided and water down their impact,” said Rev. Cary Gordon, a Sioux City minister and a leader among Iowa’s social conservatives.

There was no sign either contender was interested.

For months, Romney has remained near or at the top of public opinion surveys in Iowa, as Bachmann, Texas Gov. Rick Perry, businessman Herman Cain and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich rose briefly to challenge him.

Romney has bent without breaking in the face of each challenge, benefiting from his own well-funded campaign, attack advertisements funded by deep-pocketed allies and the missteps of his challengers.

Paul’s surge represents the latest threat, and in some respects, the unlikely, coming from a man whose views on abortion, the war in Iraq, Iran and other issues are at odds with those of most Republicans.

At the same time, his anti-government appeal appears to tap into the desire of a frustrated electorate for profound change in an era of high unemployment and an economy that has only slowly recovered from the recession.

“In the last couple of weeks I fell into Ron Paul’s camp,” said Bob Colby, of Newton, who spent 21 years in the military and is a former employee at a now-shuttered Maytag plant in town.

“I threw my hands up” in frustration, said Colby, who added that he supported Romney in the 2008 caucuses and chose Sen. John McCain over Barack Obama that fall.

In his remarks, Paul drew applause when he said, “I want to cut \$1 trillion out of the budget the first year,” and eliminate deficits in three.

“The debt is unsustainable once it reaches a certain point,” he said. “My whole effort is to face up

to it.”

Paul strongly suggested the United States withdraw its troops from Asia, and drew laughter from the audience when he noted Obama’s recent announcement that Marines would be deployed to Australia.

“How long do we have to stay in Korea? We’ve been there since I was in high school,” he said, making no mention of the recent death of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il and the resulting uncertainty about the nuclear-armed nation.

Nor did Paul refer in his remarks to his recent statement in a campaign debate that he would not consider pre-emptive military action to block Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons.

His campaign released an ad that showed pictures of Romney and Gingrich as the narrator said “serial hypocrites and flip-flopers can’t clear up the mess” in Washington. “Paul’s the one we’ve been looking for.”

His rivals weren’t nearly as reticent about discussing a nuclear Iran.

“You don’t have to vote for a candidate who will allow Iran to have a nuclear weapon to wipe Israel off the face of the Earth. Because America will be next. I mean, I’m here to say: You have a choice,” Perry told an early morning audience near Des Moines.

“I’m very uncomfortable with the idea that the commander in chief would think it was irrelevant to have an Iranian nuclear weapon,” said Gingrich.

The former speaker has said he could not support Paul in a general election campaign, a position that Romney and Santorum disagreed with during the day.

Even so, Romney also took a poke at Paul. “One of the people running for president thinks it’s OK for Iran to have a nuclear weapon. I

don’t,” he said in response to a question from a potential caucus-goer in Muscatine.

Santorum attacked from a different angle.

Acknowledging widespread voter anger in an age of high unemployment, he said: “If you want to stick it to the man, don’t vote for Ron Paul. That’s not sticking it to anybody but the Republican Party.”

In a campaign that began months ago, Santorum stands out as the only contender who has not experienced a surge in the statewide public opinion polls. There was a hint during the day in a CNN survey as well as private polls that he might be peaking at exactly the right moment.

“We’re very, very happy with the new numbers,” he told reporters in Dubuque. “We’re seeing our numbers go up in a lot of polls.”

He’s told his recent audiences that he faces the challenge of persuading Iowa Republicans that he has a chance to win.

Santorum has campaigned extensively in the state, spending parts of more than 250 days and stopping in each of Iowa’s 99 counties.

Yet he has been low on funds, and while Romney, Perry and Paul have been advertising on television for weeks.

Santorum began only recently.

Plant

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do with them.”

Not only will the extra space make production easier, it will also allow workers to make multiple tarps at one time, which will help with filling orders, Humpal said.

“We should have a quicker turnaround,” he said.

Humpal said he wasn’t sure how employment would be affected, but he believes the expansion could create more jobs within the company.

“We are hoping to add to the workforce,” he said.

Construction of the building, which will also be used for storage, began on Dec. 19 and should be completed by the end of this week, Humpal said.

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8:20 a.m. Red Cross (Deb Bodenstedt)

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