

## MIDWEST DIGEST

### DNA From Crash Matches Fugitive

SEATTLE (AP) — Federal court papers filed by the FBI in Seattle say that DNA from teen fugitive Colton Harris-Moore matches that found in a stolen airplane that crash-landed near Granite Falls, Washington.

The complaint filed by Special Agent Linwood Smith also says the 19-year-old Camano Island, Washington, man — nicknamed the "Barefoot Bandit" — is considered the prime suspect in 65 crimes since he escaped from a Renton group home in April 2008. The crimes include burglaries of dozens of homes and businesses, vehicle prowls, vehicle thefts and thefts of other airplanes.

The small plane crashed in late September after being taken from the Bonners Ferry, Idaho, airport. Authorities in the Bahamas now are looking for Harris-Moore after a plane crashed there after being stolen in Bloomington, Indiana.

### Chairman Opposes Canadian Pipeline

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — The chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce says he opposes a plan to build a pipeline to ship crude oil from Canada to the U.S.

TransCanada Corp.'s Keystone XL pipeline would go through Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska in the upper Great Plains.

Rep. Henry Waxman has sent letters to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and the pipeline's project manager in the State Department. Waxman says the pipeline would go against President Barack Obama's plan to use cleaner energy sources.

He says using crude oil from the Alberta tar sands would increase greenhouse gas emissions.

TransCanada says the pipeline will provide a reliable and stable source of oil to the U.S.

The State Department has to approve the pipeline because it crosses an international border.

### Sen. Joins Call For Disaster Declaration

NORFOLK, Neb. (AP) — Sen. Mike Johanns told Norfolk area residents that he'll push federal officials for a quick federal disaster declaration.

The Nebraska Republican said in a news release after his tour Monday that he was impressed by how well Norfolk and the surrounding area had responded to the flood damage.

Last week Gov. Dave Heineman asked for federal aid to help communities recover from the rain, flooding and tornadoes that moved through Nebraska last month, causing more than \$16 million damage to public infrastructure.

Heineman seeks a disaster declaration in 53 of Nebraska's 93 counties.

### Impact Of Lack Of Fireworks Unclear

KEYSTONE, S.D. (AP) — The impact on Black Hills businesses of the Park Service decision to cancel Fourth of July fireworks at Mount Rushmore is unclear.

Some tourists who came for the holiday say they were not aware that there would be no fireworks at the national memorial. Other tourists canceled reservations — in one case a large party that vacated an entire hotel in Keystone.

But Keystone business owner Marilyn Oakes says the lack of fireworks at Mount Rushmore also meant more tourists milling around town, rather than sitting at the national memorial waiting for the show to begin.

The fireworks were called off this year because of fears that they could spark a wildfire.

### Neb. Man Says Dog Alerted Him To Fire

RALSTON, Neb. (AP) — A Ralston man says his dog alerted him to a fire at their home, giving both of them and two cats time to escape without injury.

Firefighters were called to the home around 4:45 a.m. Tuesday. Chief Kyle Ienn (YENN) says the resident, Jeremy Craft, told them his home had a smoke detector, but he didn't hear it.

Ienn says Craft and his animals all escaped through a ground-floor bedroom window in the two-story, wood-frame structure. Flames gutted the house. Ienn estimated it a total loss of more than \$100,000.

He says investigators are still trying to determine what caused the fire.

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# Johnson: Wall Street Reform Bill Has Protections

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SIoux FALLS — The financial reform bill awaiting a Senate vote offers protection from the "anything goes" environment that produced the nation's two-year financial crisis, Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson said Tuesday in urging the measure be adopted.

It will help safeguard the long-term stability of the U.S. economy, said Johnson, a member of the Senate Banking Committee who was part of a committee that negotiated a compromise between House and Senate versions.

"The kind of freewheeling, self-regulating, anything-goes environment that we had before the crisis is simply not an option," Johnson told reporters.

A vote in the Senate could come next week. The House approved it last week.

Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., said he can't support the bill as written. He said changes made by the conference committee haven't addressed his concerns about bailouts, insufficient loan underwriting standards and government ownership of mortgage companies Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae.

Additional regulations and tax increases will restrict the flow of credit and ultimately hamper economic growth and job creation, he said.

"As I have said before, I believe we need to reform our country's financial regulatory system, but we should do so in a responsible, bipartisan manner that protects consumers and taxpayers. After talking with various South Dakota stakeholders, I believe this legislation falls short," Thune said.

U.S. Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin, D-S.D., voted for the bill when the House endorsed it.

"It will be one factor among others that will send the signals to provide a more stable regulatory environment for

out community banks and our larger financial institutions that can better serve Main Street businesses and families across our state," she said.

Johnson said the bill offers more protection and information to consumers about financial services and saves taxpayers from having to bail out irresponsible companies and banks.

"I think that those who oppose this bill should answer the charges that they are pro-Wall Street, pro-deregulation when that has proven to be a vast mistake and anti-consumer," Johnson said. "They are protecting the big banks and they should answer for that."

## State Approves 85-Mile Power Line In Kansas

HAYS, Kan. (AP) — Kansas regulators have approved the second phase of a massive electric transmission line from the southwestern part of the state into south-central Nebraska.

The power line will eventually stretch 225 miles from Spearville, Kan., to Axtell, Neb. Phase I of the project, an 89-mile segment from Spearville to Hays, was approved in July 2009.

The Hays Daily News reports that the Kansas Corporation Commission has now approved Phase II, a 345,000-volt line from Hays to the Nebraska border. The 85-mile line will be built on single steel poles, each 100 to 150 feet tall and spaced about 900 feet apart.

Topeka-based ITC Great Plains is building the Kansas stretch of the line, with Sunflower Electric and Midwest Energy handling maintenance. Construction of the second phase is expected to cost nearly \$92 million and

be completed in 2013.

The Kansas Corporation Commission collected opinions from landowners at several hearings before issuing its order last week. Some requests for placement of the line were accepted, but some were denied.

In its 35-page order, the agency also denied a suggestion from the Nature Conservancy to alter the route to avoid native grassland that might be home to the lesser prairie chicken.

ITC Great Plains had said the conservancy's suggested alternative would affect 133 additional landowners.

Regulators concluded that "ITC Great Plains has taken steps to minimize intrusion of the line upon the environment and in particular to be sensitive to the presence of whooping cranes and lesser prairie chickens."

As planned, the Phase II segment will run through Ellis, Rooks, Osborne and Smith counties.

## Nebraska Men Get Probation In Painkiller Robbery

KEARNEY, Neb. (AP) — Two 20-year-old men have been given probation for their roles in the robbery of an elderly Kearney woman that authorities say was arranged in part by her 19-year-old grandson.

Police say the pair shared in the Oxycontin pain pills taken from the 77-year-old woman last February.

Authorities say four young men discussed robbing her.

One of them, Tanner Barnum, made a deal with prosecutors to plead guilty to misdemeanor attempted possession of a controlled substance. He was given 18 months of probation. Also after making a plea deal, Tanner Follett admitted to a misdemeanor attempted accessory to a felony. He was given two years probation.

Police say Follett drove 19-year-old Colbey Dunn — the elderly woman's grandson — so Dunn could get rid of evidence after 19-year-old Quinton Standage, of North Platte, robbed the woman of her pills. Standage faces sentencing on July 13 after pleading guilty to burglary.

Dunn pleaded no contest to a felony count of aiding and abetting a felony — the robbery. He was given 60 days in jail and four years of probation.

The woman told police that a man pushed his way into her house when she opened the door the night of Feb. 9. The man grabbed a bottle of the painkillers out of a front pocket of her shirt and pushed her to the floor. She didn't require medical attention.

A police affidavit says Dunn had been to his grandmother's house earlier to steal the pills,

something he had done before. But on that day she had the pill bottle in her shirt pocket, the affidavit said, so he couldn't get to it.

According to the affidavit, Dunn told an investigator that when he later saw his friends Standage, Barnum and Follett, he told Standage and Barnum to go ahead and rob the woman. Dunn said Standage was the one who pushed into the house and that Barnum had driven them there.

Police say Standage shared the pain pills with Barnum, Follett and Dunn.



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