

Rapid City Casino Robberies Spark Complaint

RAPID CITY (AP) — The owners of Jokers Casino in Rapid City say they're fed up with the police department's response to robberies. There have been numerous casino robberies in Rapid City in the past six months, including two this week and a weeklong spree last November. The management company that owns Jokers Casino tells the *Rapid City Journal* that police are only reacting to the robberies when they occur instead of working to prevent them. Police Chief Steve Allender says preventing crimes from occurring inside a business is an unachievable expectation of a police force. And he says businesses have some obligation to help prevent crime by doing such things as installing video cameras.

Wayne State College Appoints New President

WAYNE, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska State College System trustees have named Curt Frye the president of Wayne State College. The board on Thursday announced that Frye, who has served as interim president since June 2010, will become the school's 12th president. Frye replaces Rick Collins who left to become president at Southwestern Community College in Sylva, N.C. Frye began his career at Wayne State in 1985 as the associate dean of students. Wayne State, in Wayne in northeast Nebraska, has about 3,600 students and over 50 undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

OPPD Defends Safety Of Neb. Nuclear Plant

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Omaha Public Power District officials believe federal regulators are overestimating the importance of the failure of a key part that was discovered during a reactor shutdown test last June at the Fort Calhoun nuclear plant. OPPD met with Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials Thursday. The commission's preliminary ruling was the part's failure represented a significant safety concern partly because inspectors believe the problem existed for more than two months before discovery. OPPD says it doesn't think the part was broken that long, so the violation shouldn't be considered a significant concern. And OPPD says there are several other ways to shut down the reactor. The commission will issue its final ruling later. Fort Calhoun sits about 20 miles north of Omaha near the Missouri River.

Motherhood Spares Neb. Woman Prison Time

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A Lancaster County District judge has spared a woman prison time for her role in a motel robbery because she has three children. The *Lincoln Journal Star* reports that Judge Robert Otte sentenced 31-year-old Lisa Houston to three years' probation on Wednesday. She also was sentenced to 90 days in jail, a stint set to begin next year unless her probation officer recommends otherwise. Otte told Houston that "but for the children," he would have sentenced her to prison. Houston pleaded no contest in March to being an accessory to the west Lincoln robbery. Police say Houston and another woman picked up 27-year-old Michael Boston, charged in the October motel robbery. The driver, 23-year-old Gabrielle Loving, pleaded no contest to being an accessory and is set for sentencing Tuesday.

Iowa Ready To Help As River Rises

BY MELANIE S. WELTE
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — All six Iowa counties along the Missouri River will be affected by flooding, and Gov. Terry Branstad warned Thursday that residents should take that threat seriously and prepare. "We think literally that every Iowa county that borders the Missouri River is going to be impacted and as you know, right now, the worst flooding is still upstream from here. But we're anticipating it coming here to Sioux City and then going downstream from here," Branstad said during a news conference with state emergency officials and mayors at Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City. Branstad said the state is ready to help, including the possibility of calling out the Iowa National Guard. The Missouri River in Iowa flows from Sioux City in Woodbury County to tiny Hamburg in Fremont County, a distance of about 150 miles.

Branstad on Thursday issued emergency disaster proclamations for all six counties that border the river — Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, Pottawattamie and Woodbury. His order allows state resources to be used for flood efforts as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers releases water from dams after record rainfall across the northern Plains. Heavy runoff from the melting snow from the Rocky Mountains could compound the problem, and flooding could last into July. Branstad said there is a concern about Sioux City's water treatment plant, which is near the river. He was governor in 1993 when Des Moines' water treatment plant was knocked out of service by flooding, cutting off water to the city for 12 days. "I feel confident that's going to be OK. We don't want to lose that. I went through that in Des Moines in '93 and that's not fun to go a couple weeks without drinking water," Branstad said. The governor said the Iowa Department of Transportation will provide dump trucks to

Woodbury County to assist in building an earthen berm along the river. Meanwhile, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources on Thursday closed all state boat ramps on the Missouri River and asked the U.S. Coast Guard to suspend recreational boating on the river. The department closed and removed staff from Wilson Island State Recreation Area, north of Council Bluffs, and was watching a levee that separates Lake Manawa State Park from the Missouri River, also in the Council Bluffs area. The DNR also suspended a 14-day maximum length of stay rule for people who evacuated their homes because of the flooding and are camping at Waubesa State Park in Fremont County. "We will look at waiving the maximum length of stay at other state parks in western Iowa if the need arises," agency Director Roger Lande said in a statement. South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has asked residents of Dakota Dunes, near Sioux City, to evacuate by Thursday night.

Nebraska Widow Sues City Of Bayard, Police Chief

BY MARGERY A. BECK
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — The widow of a western Nebraska man who died after being arrested has sued the western Nebraska city of Bayard and its police chief. Jessica Driscoll's federal lawsuit filed this week says her husband, 31-year-old Daniel Driscoll, was subjected to false arrest, excessive police force and deprivation of his due process rights before his August 2009 death. Her lawsuit also accuses the city of failing to train its police officers

and of violating the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. An autopsy showed Daniel Driscoll died of a heart attack after being arrested Aug. 18, 2009, in Bayard on suspicion of disturbing the peace. Daniel Driscoll and a neighbor were arrested after Driscoll was chased by the shovel-wielding neighbor, the lawsuit says. Driscoll was handcuffed despite a phobia he had of having his hands behind his back, and the arresting officer, Police Chief Zack Douglass, refused to remove the handcuffs even after

Driscoll was in medical distress, according to the lawsuit. After his arrest, Driscoll was placed "in the patrol car on a very hot August day, with the windows rolled up," the lawsuit says, while Douglass conducted an investigation into the altercation that took between 45 minutes to an hour. "At no time was Officer Douglass keeping any watch on the two prisoners in the vehicle (and) failed to supervise the prisoners properly despite warnings from Mr. Driscoll and others at the scene concerning Mr.

Driscoll's phobia and disability," the lawsuit says. At some point while Driscoll was in the patrol car, he began gasping and turned blue, the lawsuit said. Douglass called paramedics, who did not arrive until 45 minutes after they were first called, the lawsuit says. Driscoll died while being taken to a nearby hospital. Jessica Driscoll has asked for a jury trial and is seeking an unspecified amount in damages, including punitive damages and attorney's fees and court costs.

Three Accused In Federal Lawsuit Of Nebraska Ponzi Scheme

BY MARGERY A. BECK
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Three Omaha men have been accused in a federal lawsuit of conducting a Ponzi scheme that defrauded more than 130 investors of at least \$4.7 million over three years. The U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission filed the lawsuit late last month in

Omaha's federal court against Jonathan Arrington, Michael Welke and Michael Kravtville. The lawsuit accuses the three of forming numerous investment pools under the names Elite Management Holdings Corp. and MJM Enterprises LLC. The complaint accuses the three of fraudulent solicitation, sending false statements, misappropriation, failure to register with the commission and failure

to comply with disclosure and reporting requirements. The scheme lasted from August 2005 to at least July 2008, according to the lawsuit. The lawsuit says the three men lost \$3 million of participants' funds and misappropriated more than \$1.5 million of the investments. The commission says that included using more than \$700,000 to pay for golf club memberships, travel,

restaurants and other things. The commission also says the three also used more than \$850,000 to make Ponzi payments to some investors. A Ponzi scheme, or pyramid scheme, is a scam in which people are persuaded to invest in a fraudulent operation that promises unusually high returns. The early investors are paid their returns out of money put in by later investors.

OBITUARIES

Mildred Ruman

TABOR — Mildred "Millie" M. Ruman, age 72, of Tabor, SD passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, SD. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 4, 2011 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Tyndall, SD with Rev. Dean Schroeder officiating. Burial will be in the Czech National Cemetery, Tyndall, SD. Visitations will begin at 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 3, 2011 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Tyndall, with the family present at 5:00 p.m. and a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service, Saturday, at the church. The Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tyndall, is in charge of services. Mildred was born December 2, 1938 to Richard and Magdalena "Maggie" (Zeeb) Bohlmann in Lesterville, SD. She was baptized and confirmed at Martinus Lutheran Church in Utica, SD. Mildred was married



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on May 2, 1963 at Martinus Lutheran Church to Alois C. (Louie) Ruman. Mildred worked at Logston Bakery in Yankton and also worked at Price's Café from 1958-1962. From 1977-1980, she was employed at Czech Inn Supper Club in Tabor, SD. Mildred was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Tyndall, SD. She enjoyed all the flowers around her house. She loved spending time with her three daughters and grandchildren and taught them to bake kolaches and plachinda. She was a homemaker and loved to be around kids. Survivors include husband, Alois C. (Louie), Tabor, SD, daughters: Kathy (Steve) Popp, Luverne, MN, Lisa (Kirt) Schmitt, Sioux Falls, SD, and Terri Ruman, Sioux Falls, SD; grandchildren: Bryce Ruman, Cayley and Ryland Schmitt, all of Sioux Falls, SD, brothers:

Rudy (Gloria) Bohlmann, Menno, SD, Leo (Pat) Bohlmann, Wakonda, SD, Danny Bohlmann, Rapid City area, sisters: Lucille (Donald) Musil, Mission Hill, SD, Berniece (LeRoy) Slupe, Brainerd, MN, Janice (Steve) Cahoy, Tabor, SD; sister-in-law, Lassie (Jerry) Miller, Tyndall, SD, and brother-in-law, Lumir (Marcy) Ruman, Tyndall, SD and many nieces and nephews. Mildred was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Magdalena, four brothers: Elmer, Leslie, Melvin, and Bobby Bohlmann and two brothers-in-law, Edward and Robert Ruman. The family requests memorials are directed to: St. John's Lutheran Church, 108 West 23rd Avenue, Tyndall, SD 57066. Yankton Press & Dakotan June 3, 2011

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Frank Bruna Sr.

SCOTLAND — Funeral Mass for Frank Bruna, Sr., of rural Scotland will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 6 at St. George Catholic Church in Scotland. Interment will follow in St. George Cemetery, Scotland. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland. There will be a rosary and wake service at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday evening at the church. Frank passed away on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at the Southridge Nursing Home in Sioux Falls. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

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James Wiener

WHITE — James C. "Jim" Wiener, age 68, of White, died Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls after a brief battle with cancer. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 4, 2011, at the United Methodist Church in White, with interment in Fairview Cemetery. Visitations will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at Eidsness Funeral Chapel in White. James Charles Wiener was born December 17, 1942, at Brookings, South Dakota, to Frank and Evangeline (Thomssen) Wiener. He attended country schools and graduated from White High School in 1960. He served in the U.S. Air Force from January 1961 until October 1964. Following his discharge, he moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he worked for 3M for eleven years. On September 10, 1966, he married Shirley Wiener. They moved to White to farm in September 1975. Jim enjoyed hunting, fishing, golf, gardening, and visiting with his many friends. He was an avid Green Bay Packers fan. Survivors include his wife, Shirley Wiener, of White; three children: Debra Robbins (Bill Hagan) of Ft. Collins, Colorado, James Wiener (Andrea Wright) of Yankton, South Dakota, and Sarah Wiener (Ted Collett) of Madison, South Dakota; nine



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grandchildren: James, Lexi, and Rebecca Robbins, Samantha Mason, and Anthony, Kaitlyn, Thomas, Alexis, and Abigail Wiener; three great-grandchildren: Maddisyn, Brendon, and Brynson; his father, Frank Wiener, of White; a sister, Carol (Fred) Blacksmith of Park Forest, Illinois; and a sister-in-law, Janet Wiener, of Volga. He was preceded in death by his mother; a brother, Robert; and a grandson, Zane Robbins. Yankton Press & Dakotan June 3, 2011

Mary Miller

Mary Miller, 85, of Yankton died Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton. Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 6, 2011, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Dan Smith officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery. Visitations is 4-9 p.m. Sunday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, with a 7 p.m. rosary followed by a 7:30 p.m. Scriptureservice.

Kevin Lehman

Kevin "Radar" Lehman, 49, died on June 1, 2011 near Lake Andes. Funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Mark's Catholic Church, Lake Andes, with burial following in Pleasant Lawn Cemetery in Geddes. Visitation is 4-7 p.m. today (Friday) at Koehn Bros. Funeral Home, Lake Andes.

Rodney Bell

DENISON, Iowa — Rodney (Pete) Bell was born in Denison, Iowa, June 17, 1948, the son of William and Lois North Bell. He was raised at Vail, Iowa, and graduated from the Ar-We-Va High School in Westside in 1966 with a football scholarship to the University of Northern Iowa. On July 22, 1966, Pete was united in marriage with Linda Lea Thomsen in Denison, Iowa. Their union was blessed with five children: Angela, Wendy, Jennifer, Emily and Rodney II. They made their home in Cedar Falls, Iowa, where Pete played football for UNI for one semester before returning to Denison, Iowa, where he was employed at IBP. The Bell's then moved to Omaha, Nebraska, where Pete attended an Automotive College and, after his school-



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ing, they resided in Bellevue, Nebraska where he managed a service station. When Angela turned five years of age they returned to Vail, Iowa, where they raised their family and Pete was engaged in farming. Linda died August 16, 2001, and following her death, in conjunction with farming, Pete opened Pete's Gun Shop in Vail, Iowa. Early in 2011 he semi-retired from farming and put more focus on operating the gun shop. In his spare time he enjoyed horses, gardening, spending time with his grandchildren and traveling, usually to gun shows. His favorite holiday was the Fourth of July and he took great delight in putting on a large fireworks show each year for family and friends. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church in Vail; Diamond Lodge No. 442, A.F. & A.M., Vail, Iowa; a lifetime member of the NRA; supporter and member of all wildlife organizations; an organizer of the annual Vail Gun Show sponsored by

the Masonic Lodge for scholarships; and served on the committee that was instrumental in keeping the Vail swimming pool open. Pete died at his home Wednesday, June 1, 2011. At the time of his death he had been blessed with 62 years, 11 months and 14 days. He was preceded in death by his father, William Bell and step-father, Harold Eggers. Those remaining to cherish Pete's memory include his special friend: Mary Brock of Vail, Iowa; four daughters and their spouses: Angela and Dave Wittrouk of Arcadia, Iowa; Wendy and Scott Wyckoff of Ames, Iowa; Jennifer and Craig Bockholt of Yankton, South Dakota; and Emily and Tammy Crouch of Sioux City, Iowa; one son: Rodney Bell II of West Des Moines, Iowa; 11 grandchildren: Samantha, Ethan, Jordan, and Noah Wit-

trock; Lindsey, Lacey and Lyra Wyckoff; Hailey and Hannah Bockholt; Tanner and Lee Rodney Crouch; his mother, Lois Bell of Vail, Iowa; three siblings and spouses: Howard and Alice Bell of Oswego, Kansas; Linda and Michael Massman of Council Bluffs, Iowa; and Jay and Jane Bell of Arion, Iowa; mother-in-law: Berniece Thomsen of Vail, Iowa; other relatives and friends. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, June 4, 2011, at the United Presbyterian Church in Vail, Iowa, with burial at the Vail Cemetery in Vail. The Pfannebecker Funeral Home, www.pfannebecker.com, Denison, Iowa, is in charge of arrangements where friends may call from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Friday, June 3, 2011, with a Mason Service being held at 8:00 p.m., Friday at the funeral home. Yankton Press & Dakotan June 3, 2011

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