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**Vermillion
Man Pleads
Not Guilty
In Child
Porn Case**

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VERMILLION — A Vermillion man has pleaded not guilty to 10 counts of possession, manufacture or distribution of child pornography.

Roland Gilbaugh, 69, appeared handcuffed in a Clay County court Tuesday morning when he made his plea.

Each count is a Class 4 felony, which carries a maximum of 10 years imprisonment in the state penitentiary and a fine of \$50,000.

Gilbaugh was arrested on May 31 by the Vermillion Police Department following a report of an older male “hanging around” Prentis Park taking photos of small children in the playground and pool area.

According to a press release from the police department, the person who made the call was a supervisor for a summer children’s program and was “suspicious of the man and felt uncomfortable with the attention he was giving to the children.”

Gilbaugh was confronted by an officer, whom the release said became convinced the “photographic efforts were for nefarious purposes.”

Following an investigation, three computers, multiple hard drives, hundreds of CDs, DVDs and other digital storage devices were seized from Gilbaugh’s apartment.

Initial review of these items revealed they contained child pornography, although forensic examination continues, the press release said.

“I don’t really know anything,” Gilbaugh said Tuesday morning when he was asked by Judge Glen

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Corps: Drought Still Issue
May Precipitation Improves Soil, But Not Enough

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Despite parts of the Missouri River basin receiving up to three times the normal May precipitation, drought conditions continue and reservoirs remain below normal, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said Tuesday.

The Corps shared that outlook during a national conference call with the media,

state and local officials, tribes and congressional delegations.

“Even though rainfall was two to three times normal in eastern Montana, and western North Dakota during May, runoff in the upper basin was only slightly above normal,” said Jody Farhat, the Corps’ chief of the Missouri River water management division in Omaha.

“The basin continues to recover from the 2012 drought, and reservoir levels in

Fort Peck, Garrison and Oahe remain 6 to 9 feet below the desired operating levels.”

Last month’s runoff into the Missouri River basin was 106 percent of normal above Sioux City. Based on current soil moisture and mountain snowpack conditions, the 2013 runoff forecast inched to 21.3 million acre-feet (maf), 84 percent of normal.

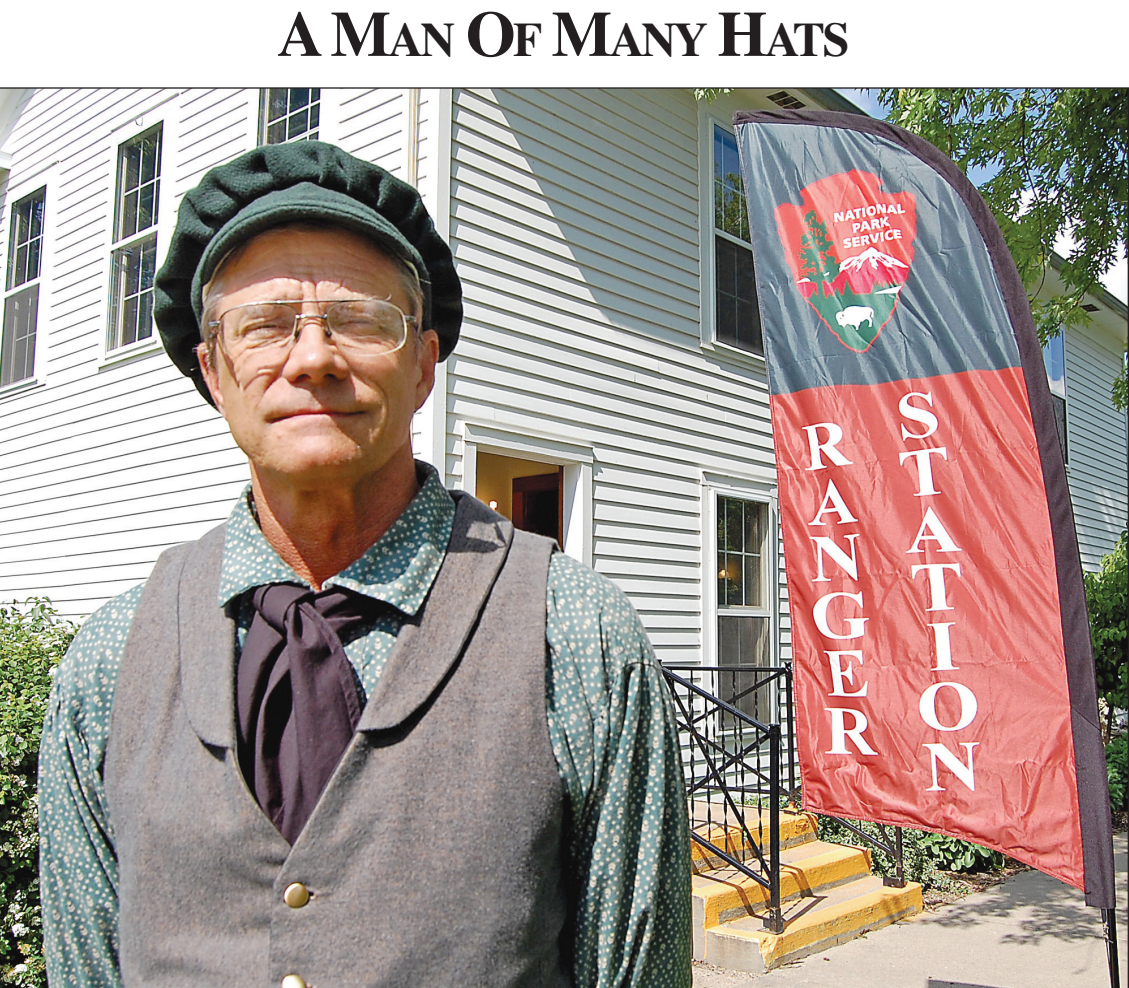
“The above-normal rainfall improved soil moisture conditions but did not elimi-

nate drought in the basin,” Farhat said.

Heavy rain also fell across much of the lower basin, increasing the flows on many tributaries below the Missouri River reservoirs, she said. As a result, releases at Gavins Point Dam near Yankton were reduced starting Memorial Day weekend in order to lower downstream flood risks.

“Gavins Point releases were reduced from 24,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 12,000 cfs in late May and early June as part of our normal flood risk reduction measures,” she said.

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RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D
National Park Service interpretive ranger John Rokosz wears the outfit for his re-enactment of a pioneer figure, part of the expanded “Living History” program offered by the Missouri National Recreational River staff. Rokosz will portray a steamboat purser at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Dakota Territorial Capitol replica at Riverside Park in Yankton, seen in the background.

Reliving A Rich History
NPS Program, Re-Enactor
Help Bring Past To Life

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Most days, John Rokosz is making history on the job.

Actually, he’s re-enacting history.

Some days, he’s a fur trader. Other days, he’s a steamboat purser. And now, he’s working on becoming a noted preacher and abolitionist turned journalist.

Whatever role, the National Park Service (NPS) interpretive ranger can be found at the Dakota Territorial Capitol replica at Riverside Park in Yankton. He has become well-known for portraying historical figures, staying not only in costume but in character.

Ironically, history wasn’t his best subject in the classroom.

“I have always been interested in history, but not necessarily in school,” he said with a laugh. “With the National Park Service, I can do reading and researching about historical characters. I am constantly learning different characters and events.”

Rokosz finds many people — even lifelong Yankton residents — are unaware of the rich history in their backyard.

“With the river, we have the recreational opportunities. But the river itself is also full of natural history,” he said. “We are looking at new activities, such as nature and history walks.”

As part of that effort, the NPS is expanding its “Living History” program this year. As a result, visitors will enjoy even more opportunities to get up close and personal with Rokosz as he brings history

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**Burbank Man
Arraigned On
Rape Charge**

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VERMILLION — The Burbank man charged with raping two children made his first appearance in a Vermillion court Tuesday morning.

Joseph T. Night, 62, pleaded not guilty to all 13 counts against him during an arraignment, several of which could find him spending the rest of his life in the state penitentiary if he is convicted.

In an interview with the *Vermillion Plain Talk* last week, States Attorney Teddi Gertsma said Night’s charges stem from a call that was placed Sunday, May 3.

“Law enforcement received a 911 call that an assault was occurring, and when they followed up, (their) investigation led to more charges,” Gertsma said.

Night is charged with the following:

- Four counts of rape in the first degree, a Class C felony punishable with life imprisonment and a fine of \$50,000;
- two counts of sexual exploitation of a minor, a Class 6 felony that carries two years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$4,000;
- two counts of sexual contact with a child under the age of 16, a Class 3 felony with 15 years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$30,000;
- two counts of aggravated incest, another Class 3 felony;
- one count of simple assault, a Class 1 misdemeanor, which carries one year imprisonment in the county jail and a fine of \$2,000;
- one count of interfering with an emergency communication, another Class 1 misdemeanor; and
- one count of intent to damage property in the third degree, a Class 2 misdemeanor punishable by 30 days in a county jail and a fine of \$500.

Night has been released on a \$50,000 cash-only bond and is participating in a 24-7 program as a condition of his release.

At Tuesday’s hearing, Judge Glen Eng said Night must also stay in contact with his attorney, public defender Jason Rumsa.

A motion hearing has been set for Night at 11 a.m., July 9. If a plea agreement is reached, a hearing will take place on or before Sept. 3.

If there is no plea agreement and Night continues to plead not guilty, his jury trial will take place at 9 a.m. Sept. 23.

Night was questioned in the hallway of the courthouse following his arraignment Tuesday, but told the *Plain Talk* he had no comment.

**Tyndall’s ‘Cruise To The Classic’
Auto Show Set For Saturday**

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TYNDALL — The “Cruise to the Classic” auto show in Tyndall has proven time and time again that it’s “all about the fun.”

“It’s just kind of a social event,” said Joe Plihal of Country Ford Motors, where the show is held each year. “That’s what it’s all about.”

Plihal said that, unlike similar shows, the “Cruise to the Classic” is fairly informal.

“You go to other car shows, and you get there at 11 a.m., and you can’t leave until 4. This isn’t like that,” he said. “You come and go at your leisure.”

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The “Cruise to the Classic” auto show will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday one mile west of Tyndall on Highway 50. While the show was originally scheduled for last weekend, it was postponed due to the rain that showered the area, Plihal said.

“We’ve had a lot of years where it’s been disastrous weather, and this year it’s following form,” he said. “Hopefully it

will be better this weekend.”

Just as it has been for the past several years, the auto show will be open to anyone and any type of vehicle, Plihal said.

“Bring your car, your truck, your motorbike — we don’t care,” he said.

Plihal added that there are no categories or awards. However, there will be plenty of refreshments, food and door prizes, he said.

“It’s all about the fun,” he said.

Plihal said that while the event’s turnouts occasionally have been affected by weather, the informal nature of the show

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DAVID LIAS/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK
Engineers scrambled Tuesday to find the best way solution to getting KVTX-AM’s radio signal broadcasting again after the station’s tower collapsed Monday.

**Grounded Tower
Knocks Out Station**

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Listeners to ESPN Radio 1570 KVTX-AM of Yankton will need to be a bit patient.

A Monday afternoon accident has temporarily knocked the station off the air. Engineers and other staffers of Five Star Communications, which also owns KVHT-FM Classic Hits 106.3, were scrambling Tuesday to find the best way to begin broadcasting again after their radio tower collapsed Monday afternoon.

The tower, which was 309 feet tall, is situated in the middle of what appears to be a small, grassy field located about five miles west of Vermillion. A man cutting the grass Monday afternoon clipped one of the tower’s guy-wires, causing it to collapse shortly after 4 p.m.

“The tower is on the ground,” said Jeff Fuller, owner of the two radio stations, Tuesday morning. “Engineers are working now to do whatever we need to do to get us back on the air.”

No one was injured. A small building located a short distance from the tower’s base was not damaged, as the collapsing metal snaked its way around the structure without striking it.