

Helicopters Driving Elk To Custer State Park

CUSTER (AP) — Park officials are using a pair of helicopters to drive hundreds of elk from Wind Cave National Park into nearby Custer State Park.

The *Rapid City Journal* reports that the drive is aimed at reducing the elk herd in Wind Cave, which numbers 900 to 950 animals. Officials would like the herd cut in half based on available habitat in the park.

The helicopter crews from Alaska-based Quicksilver Air Inc. have been in the Black Hills since the middle of February assisting with an aerial survey of elk in the Black Hills.

GF&P regional wildlife manager John Kanta says the goal is to move up to 500 elk out of the park, with many going into Custer Park to help build up the elk population there.

More Development Expected In Sioux Falls

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A Sioux Falls real estate developer says South Dakota's largest city is expected to see even more retail development in coming years.

The *Argus Leader* reports that Michael Bender says that the city experienced 2.3 percent job growth and more than \$490 million in building permits last year.

Bender says the city is expected to continue to grow in 2013 with additional announcements of large retailers coming to the market.

In 2012, office vacancies dropped, retail vacancies remained low and sales of investment apartment complexes were strong.

Bender says one of the best indicators of an expanding economy is the amount of new commercial construction, which historically in a growing economy outpaces remodels and additions. In Sioux Falls, that happened last year for the first time since 2006.

Former Foundation Exec Makes Plea Deal

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. (AP) — A former director of the Grand Island Community Foundation has reached a plea agreement with Hall County prosecutors.

The *Grand Island Independent* says 46-year-old Lisa Katzberg was scheduled for a pretrial hearing on Thursday, with a trial in April.

But a motion filed Thursday by Katzberg's attorney says the hearing and trial aren't necessary because of the agreement. A change-of-plea hearing has been requested for next week.

The motion didn't provide any details on the agreement.

Prosecutors say Katzberg embezzled thousands of dollars between June 1, 2009, and June 15, 2012. Foundation officials have said Katzberg has repaid the foundation more than \$27,000.

Northeast Neb. Rural Water System Study Set

NORFOLK, Neb. (AP) — The Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District has decided to look into building a rural water system for part of northeast Nebraska.

On Thursday the district board voted unanimously for a feasibility study that would begin immediately.

The study area includes parts of Madison County south of Norfolk and parts of Platte and Stanton counties.

Under the proposal, residents inside the proposed area would have a choice of signing up for service from the system or continue on their current sources.

S.D.-Led Team Discovers New Dino Species

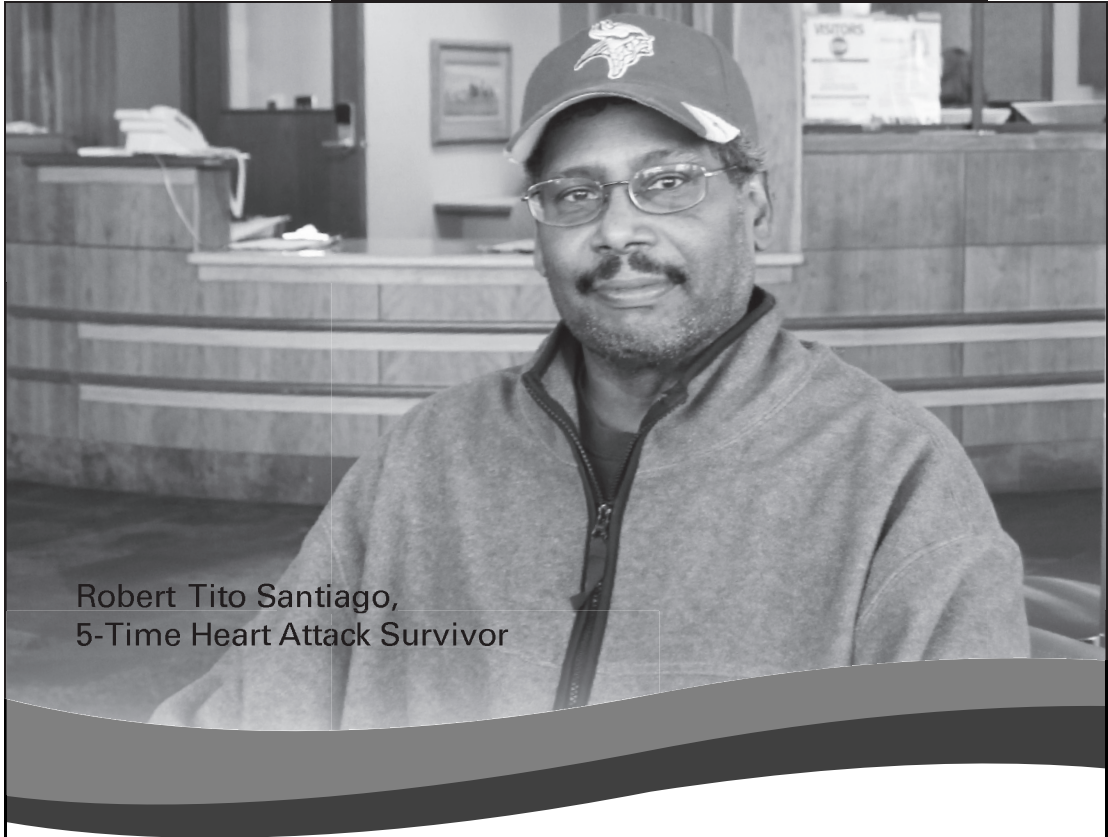
RAPID CITY (AP) — A team led by a South Dakota School of Mines and Technology assistant professor has discovered a new species of plant-eating dinosaurs that was a food source for an extinct relative of the crocodile.

Clint Boyd and two colleagues from other universities published fossil evidence of a crocodyliform feeding on small ornithopod dinosaurs. The findings, published this week in the academic journal PLOS ONE, are significant because dinosaurs are typically depicted as the dominant species, he said.

Small dinosaurs normally had worry about theropod dinosaurs like raptors or the T. rex, so the discovery adds a new dimension, Boyd said.

"You had your dominant riverine carnivores, the crocodyliforms, attacking these herbivores as well, so they kind of had it coming from all sides," he said.

Boyd's research started when he was looking through boxes of tiny bits of dinosaur bones at the Natural Museum of Utah in 2007. The bones, collected in 2002 from public lands within the Grand Staircase-Escalante-National Monument in southern Utah, date back to the late Cretaceous period, which is toward the end of the age of dinosaurs.



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Lawmakers Promise Juvenile Justice Push

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LINCOLN, Neb. — Lawmakers are promising a major push to reduce the number of incarcerated juveniles in Nebraska, with a focus on early treatment for those with behavioral problems.

Sens. Brad Ashford of Omaha and Amanda McGill of Lincoln touted a series of reform measures Friday that are set for hearings next week. Ashford said the bills seek to address what he describes as a “culture of incarceration” in Nebraska.

“This effort is essential,” Ashford said. “I do not feel we can wait anymore for a real solution to our issues involving juvenile justice.”

A report released Wednesday by the Annie E. Casey Foundation found that Nebraska had the nation's third-highest juvenile incarceration rate in 2010. Nebraska was one of only six states where the rate has increased. Youth incarceration grew by 8 percent in Nebraska between 1997 and 2010, contrary to

the national trend.

“This report reveals the urgent need for reform to the systems that serve our youth in Nebraska,” said Carolyn Rooker, executive director of Voices for Children in Nebraska. “Incarcerating youth is harmful, ineffective and extremely costly.”

Ashford, McGill and other lawmakers have submitted bills that are intended to help treat more juveniles in community-based settings.

Dr. Terry Lee, an adolescent psychiatry expert hired by the state to review its juvenile services, said Nebraska needs to improve the way it evaluates children who show behavioral problems. Lee said the state should separate those who need more intense treatment from those who can receive services in a less restrictive setting.

“We know that when that there's a youth problem for which an effective treatment exist, that family should receive that service,” said Lee, who is based at the University of Washington. “It's my impression that there's room for growth.”

Lee said Nebraska needs to establish a se-

cure juvenile center that focuses more on treatment than incarceration. Ashford said lawmakers may be able to use the state's two Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers in Kearney and Geneva, but doing so would require them to reduce their numbers. Ashford said lawmakers hope to phase in the proposal by January 2015.

McGill said incarceration rates for juveniles vary widely by county in Nebraska, depending on how aggressively prosecutors pursue juvenile cases.

McGill is also proposing a pilot program to offer training and behavioral-health assistance to primary care doctors who treat children, to help catch problems early. She also is pressing for a state fellowship program to attract more children's behavioral experts to Nebraska and keep them in the state.

“I think it's a very important measure in preventing kids from getting to the level of contact with our courts system, and trying to get them the services beforehand,” she said.

Mitchell City Hall Gets
Historic Designation

MITCHELL (AP) — Mitchell's City Hall has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places over the objections of local officials who are considering changes to the structure and fear problems.

The National Park Service office that oversees the Register on Wednesday placed the building on the federal government's list of properties it deems worthy of recognition and preservation, The *Daily Republic* newspaper reported. South Dakota historical officials earlier had requested the move, despite the objections of the Mitchell City Council.

“Certainly not a surprise,” Mayor Ken Tracy said of the historic designation.

Officials are planning a new city hall, and the current structure could be remodeled and made a part of the adjacent Corn Palace tourist attraction or even demolished. Council members worry that the historic designation might hamper those plans.

National Register historian Roger Reed, who signed the document placing the building on the Register, said that could happen only if remodeling or demolition involves federal dollars — something Tracy said is not planned.

The building opened in 1937

as an armory and served multiple purposes before city offices were moved there in 1960. It was built in an art deco style, in which the structure itself is a form of art. The style, popular in the 1930s and 1940s, included geometrical shapes often fashioned out of glass.

“It's a great building, interesting,” said Carrie English, president of the Mitchell Area Historic Preservation Commission. She said she does not think the historic designation will present major hurdles to any projects involving the building.

Neb. Medical ‘Conscience’ Bill Faces Criticism

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A bill that would let doctors, nurses and other health care providers opt out of services they find morally objectionable is facing tough scrutiny from a Nebraska legislative committee.

Several members of the Legislature's Judiciary Committee criticized the measure Friday as too broad, with the potential to expose employers to religious-discrimination lawsuits.

Supporters say current law could allow employers to discriminate against health care providers who are personally opposed to contraceptives, abortion or premarital sex. Opponents say the bill would allow those providers to deny medical care to patients without referring them to another medical professional.

Housing Development Planned In Rapid City

RAPID CITY (AP) — Work is getting under way on a large housing development in Rapid City.

The development on the city's eastern edge is 800 acres, or about 1.25 square miles. It is expected to include hundreds of homes and apartments, along with commercial and industrial development.

The *Rapid City Journal* reports that the first major phase of the project will break ground later this month, when construction begins on 216 apartments. The city has issued a \$50 million building permit for the complex.



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