

Man Hospitalized After Fall From Cliffs

RAPID CITY (AP) — Authorities say a man was hospitalized Saturday after losing his footing on the steep cliffs along Rapid Creek. Ambulances and search and rescue personnel were called out to Falling Rock along Highway 44 Saturday morning after receiving a report of an injured hiker. A Pennington County Sheriff's deputy tells KEVN television that the man had fallen 20 feet from one of the cliff faces in the gorge and was suffering from serious head injuries. The deputy says it's fortunate that the victim landed on a rock outcropping that broke his fall. He says the man probably would have fallen much farther and would not have survived if the ledge hadn't been there.

Lightning Sparks Small Home Fire

MITCHELL (AP) — Lightning struck a home in Mitchell on Sunday, causing a small fire. The Mitchell Daily Republic reports that Kellen Weidner and his wife, Tiffany, heard a loud bang around 6:30 a.m. Kellen Weidner ran outside to make sure the house was not on fire, then ran back inside, popped open the attic door and saw flames. He called Mitchell Fire and Rescue, which contained the fire to the attic area.

Boy Hospitalized After Window Fall

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A Lincoln boy remains hospitalized after falling 10 feet from his bedroom window. Lincoln police Capt. Martin Fehringer told KOLN-TV that the 5-year-old boy was standing at the window Thursday night, talking to people outside, when the screen gave way. The boy's name has not been released. He suffered critical injuries and is still in the hospital.

Crazy Horse Director Of Operations Dies

CRAZY HORSE (AP) — Anne Ziolkowski Christensen, the sixth child of Crazy Horse Memorial president and chief executive Ruth Ziolkowski and the late sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski, died Friday at her home on the memorial grounds, her family said in a statement. She was 55. Crazy Horse was a famed Oglala Lakota warrior and leader who played a key role in the 1876 defeat of the U.S. Seventh Cavalry at the Battle of the Little Bighorn in Montana. He died a year later after being stabbed in Nebraska. Work on a mammoth mountain carving of him in South Dakota's Black Hills has been going on since 1948. When completed, the carving about 10 miles southwest of Mount Rushmore will be 641 feet long and 563 feet high. As the director of memorial operations, Ziolkowski Christensen managed the welcome center, Indian Museum of North America and Native American Educational & Cultural Center complex. She also oversaw visitor education programs,

Ex-Police Chief Faces Murder Retrial

BY CHET BROKAW Associated Press

PIERRE — Opening arguments are set for Tuesday in the second murder trial of a former police chief who argues it was an accident when he shot his wife in the head. A jury convicted Ken Huber after a trial in Fort Pierre in December 2008, and he was sentenced to life in prison without parole. The South Dakota Supreme Court overturned that conviction last year, saying the former Highmore police chief had not been allowed to fully argue his case that the shooting was accidental. The second trial is being held in Huron, a little more than an hour's drive from Highmore, a town of about 800. It is scheduled to run for about two weeks. Huber is charged with first-degree murder and first-degree manslaughter. Huber told investigators that his Glock .40-caliber pistol fired accidentally on Oct. 28, 2007, as he moved it from a bedroom dresser to a gun safe in his Highmore home. The bullet struck his wife, 46-year-old Pam Huber, in the forehead as she lay next to one of her daughters on a bed. She died several days

later in a Sioux Falls hospital. Prosecutors in the first trial argued there was no reasonable chance the shooting was accidental because of Huber's expertise with firearms and the turmoil in his marriage. He had been police chief in Highmore and the nearby city of Miller, but was unemployed when the shooting occurred. Attorney General Marty Jackley said the Supreme Court decision will allow the defense to present evidence to support its theory of an accidental shooting. The high court upheld all other decisions about admitting testimony and evidence, so the second trial should be similar to the first, he said. In the first trial, Huber's defense lawyers tried to present testimony from a university professor who would have said well-trained law officers unintentionally fire their guns for any of four reasons, including muscle contraction or loss of balance. But Circuit Judge James W. Anderson ruled that the four possibilities were not relevant unless there was evidence one of them had occurred. Defense attorneys argued that such testimony was needed to rebut a firearms training and safety expert who testified for the prosecution that the evidence

was "not consistent with an accidental shooting." The Supreme Court said that without testimony from the professor, an expert in muscle movement, Huber had no witness to rebut the state's numerous witnesses and present a complete defense. Huber did not testify at the first trial, but told an emergency dispatcher the shooting was an accident when he called for help. The daughter who was sleeping next to her mother also testified that he yelled the shooting was accidental. Prosecutors said Huber abused his wife physically and emotionally, had extramarital affairs and didn't want to get a divorce because he might lose contact with his two daughters. He was having an affair with the local prosecutor when the shooting happened. Jackley said his office is prosecuting the case because of the conflict of interest involving the former state's attorney in Hyde County, where Highmore is located. Hyde County is responsible for other costs of the trial, but it belongs to a pool of counties that share the costs of expensive trials such as murder cases, he said.

Projection Shows Omaha Flood Could Displace 7K

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A new study from the natural resources district that serves the Omaha area projects the impact of a flood of the Papillion Creek Watershed on par with one that soaked much of Ames, Iowa, last summer. John Winkler of the Papio-Missouri River NRD says such flooding along the Big Papillion, Little Papillion and West Papillion creeks would cause \$690 million in damage to buildings and public infrastructure and displace more than 7,100 people. He says the NRD and other agencies are working on flood-control measures and he hopes a devastating flood won't happen before those measures are complete. In Ames, flooding in August caused pipes to break and left the college town of 55,000 without drinking water. Damage at Iowa State University was estimated at \$30 million to \$40 million.

Iowa Learning Center For Sustainable Farming Folding

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — An organic school in western Iowa has folded less than two years after opening. The Burr Oak Center for Durable Culture on the edge of Turin was devoted to teaching about sustainable farming and fuel conservation. It opened in fall 2009 and closed its doors late last month amid what organizers call community resistance. Executive director Michael Luick-Thrams says neighbors

were opposed to solar panels planned for the center, considering them eyesores, and complained about the long grass and the bevy of frogs, dragonflies and butterflies it attracted. He says the community wasn't receptive to its missions and the opposition was difficult to contend with as the center fought to attract employees and a steady stream of interns. Community leaders couldn't be reached for comment.

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