

Students Facing Charges in HS Break-In

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Two South Dakota students are facing charges after authorities accused them of breaking into a high school and causing \$6,000 in damage. Sioux Falls Police say the 18-year-old students broke into Lincoln High School and spent three hours damaging school property. Police say high school seniors Addison John Park and Alex Everett Engel damaged a lunch room table, a copy machine and a cash register. School staff recognized the suspects using the building's surveillance system. Both students have been charged with third-degree burglary and first-degree intentional damage to property. Park was also charged with petty theft because police accuse him of stealing backpacks. Police spokesman Sam Clemens says the incident "was a school prank they obviously went too far." It wasn't immediately clear Thursday whether each student has an attorney.

Police: Sibling Of Infant Missing

LA VISTA, Neb. (AP) — Investigators have confirmed a woman whose body was found in southeast Omaha is the mother of an infant found alive in a dumpster and the baby boy's brother, who is missing, Omaha police said Thursday. An Amber alert issued for the older boy, 5-year-old Josue Ramirez-Marinero, is being cancelled, though the boy hasn't yet been found and is believed to be in danger. He was last seen wearing a gray shirt and sweatpants. The Omaha Police Department said a Jeep they were looking for was found and searched Thursday, turning up two empty car seats, but the boy wasn't inside. Because the vehicle was the main basis of the Amber alert and has been tracked down, authorities say the cancellation was necessary. Amber alert rules require a definitive description of the vehicle involved. The woman's body was found a little before 8 p.m. Wednesday and positively identified via fingerprint records Thursday as Jesus I. Marinero, 45, who goes by her middle name, Ismenia. Her death has been ruled a homicide, but no further details have been released. No arrests have been reported. Marinero and her sons were reported missing around 4 a.m. Wednesday, police said. Her younger son, 11-month-old Angel Ramirez-Marinero, was found in the dumpster near the Alpine Village Apartments in La Vista a little after 5:30 p.m. Police said he was alert, in fair condition and wearing only a diaper. He was taken to a hospital for evaluation. Omaha police spokesman Michael Pecha said the family recently had an Omaha address, but that the house burned down.

Man Pleads Not Guilty On Photo Charge

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. (AP) — A Grand Island man has pleaded not guilty to persuading a 12-year-old Minnesota girl to send him nude and erotic photos. The Independent reports 22-year-old Kenneth Miller is charged with visual depiction of sexually explicit content and enticement by an electronic device. Prosecutors allege the photos were exchanged in June. Miller entered his plea Tuesday. A pretrial hearing is scheduled for June 18. He faces up to 50 years in prison on the first charge and up to five years on the second.

Feds Send Land Buy-Back offers

CHEYENNE RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION (AP) — The federal government says it has sent offers to more than 6,500 landowners who own parcels on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation as part its effort to help tribal governments consolidate land. Interior Department Deputy Secretary Michael Connor says almost \$150 million in purchase offers have been sent to landowners with fractional interests on the reservation. Land buy-back programs aim to help Native American tribes buy parcels of reservation land that have accumulated multiple owners. The parcels that get sold will be consolidated and held in trust for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. The purchases are part of a settlement over government mismanagement of Indian land royalties. Allotting reservation land to individual tribal members, who passed it to heirs, was once a government method for assimilating American Indians. Some parcels have several owners. Interested sellers have until June 29 to return accepted offers.

State Yanks Bar's Liquor License

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The owner of the only restaurant in a small Nebraska town said the business won't survive after a state panel denied her a liquor license this week. The Nebraska Liquor Control Commission on Wednesday refused to grant the license for Heather Cole because investigators discovered illegal moonshine at her Riverton bar last year. Members said they couldn't trust Cole after she allowed the illegal liquor into Smitty's and then lied to investigators about it, the Lincoln Journal Star reported. One commissioner proposed giving her another chance with a strict, five-year probation but two others voted to deny the license. Cole said she can't afford to appeal and it's unlikely anyone else in the town will save the bar that serves around 40 diners a day. Cole said she forgot the moonshine was in the bar and that she never sold it. "I should have just dumped them down the drain," she said.

Investigators say the danger of homemade liquor is that it's unclear what's in the liquid. "You don't know what you're getting and what's actually in it," said Dan Fiala, a Nebraska State Patrol investigator. Batches of moonshine in other states have tested positive for antifreeze, according to Commission Executive Director Hobert Rupe. The seizure in January 2014 was the first in Nebraska in a while, he said.

Leak Closes Mail-Handling Facility

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A mail-handling facility at the airport in Sioux Falls has been temporarily shut down after a package leaking mercury was discovered. KELO-TV reports the mercury has been cleaned up, but employees at the facility haven't been allowed to go back in nearly a week after the leak was found. Mercury is a naturally occurring element that can be absorbed through skin and mucous membranes. Deputy airport director Richard King says an employee discovered the leaking package Friday. It was brought to Sioux Falls in a plane that dropped off several packages at the facility. A cleaning crew continues to monitor the facility's air quality. Federal investigators are looking into who shipped the package, who it was intended for, and why the toxic substance was sent by mail.

Decomposing Turkeys And Chickens Lead To Odors, Flies

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DES MOINES, Iowa — Millions of dead chickens and turkeys lie in stinking, fly-swarmed piles near dozens of Iowa farms, casualties of a bird flu virus that's swept through the state's large poultry operations in the last month. Contractors hired by the U.S. Department of Agriculture move methodically from barn to barn at the 28 farms, killing the animals that haven't yet died from the H5N2 virus — a suffocating foam for turkeys, carbon dioxide gas to asphyxiate chickens. Neighbors say they understand the challenge the state's producers face in disposing of more than 20 million bird carcasses, but are eager for quick action, especially as temperatures rise. "People in low-lying areas near those facilities have contacted me complaining about a very large number of flies and, until the wind comes up and goes the right direction, a lingering odor," said Sen. David Johnson, whose northwest Iowa district includes Sunrise Farms — where 3.8 million chickens in 20 barns are dead or dying. There are few details about how the carcasses are being handled; some are piled up and covered with dirt or other material, turkeys are often composted inside barns and at least one chicken farm is burying them in trenches. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is working with area landfills on agreements to

dispose of poultry inside plastic bio-bags and has approved permits for a company to operate portable incinerators in three counties, with the possibility of a fourth roving incinerator. But one thing is clear, according to Ken Hennesius, a DNR environmental supervisor: "We've got to look at all methods of disposal here to deal with this. It truly is a crisis. It's an extremely difficult situation for all these farms." Iowa, which raises nearly 20 percent of the nation's egg-laying chickens and produces nearly one in every five eggs consumed in the U.S., saw its first reported case on April 13. Since then, nearly 21 million chickens and 470,000 turkeys have died, are dying or are in line to be euthanized. It isn't the only state dealing with the issue: More than 100 farms in the Midwest have been hit, leading to the loss of more than 28 million chickens and turkeys — 5.5 million of those in Minnesota, the nation's leading turkey producer. Hennesius has said his office has received numerous calls from neighbors about increased flies and odor at Sunrise Farms, where the virus was confirmed on April 20. He said he was told by farm personnel that crews are out spraying. "When you have all those dying animals being dealt with certainly there are odor issues," Hennesius said. "There's manure there, there's compost, there are dead and dying chickens. It is a state of emergency." Sunrise Farms, an affiliate of Sonstegard Foods Co. of Sioux Falls, South

Dakota, didn't respond to messages for comment. The Iowa Department of Agriculture spokesman said the USDA oversees euthanizing the birds and directed questions about it to the federal agency. "Incident management teams are on site at all affected operations in Iowa and working as quickly as possible to depopulate, dispose of, and disinfect these facilities," USDA spokeswoman Lyndsay Cole said. One area farmer acknowledged the stink from Sunrise Farms, but is taking it in stride. "I suppose it's a little more than normal but they had to do something with the situation," Mark Dillehay said. "There's probably a few more flies but nothing we can't deal with." In neighboring O'Brien County, where two farms are losing more than 330,000 chickens, Emergency Management Coordinator Anne Koontz has heard complaints about flies and odor — but she noted it's the time of year flies hatch and when manure is spread on farm fields. The next challenge will be to replace the lost chickens and turkeys and resuming operations at the farms, which must be disinfected and lay idle long enough to ensure the virus is gone. "We're dealing with an area we don't know," Iowa Agriculture Secretary Bill Northey said last week, "and certainly there is a risk in putting birds back in and wanting to make sure that the site is completely clean."

State Of Emergency Declared Following Storms

DEWITT, Neb. (AP) — Gov. Pete Ricketts declared a state of emergency in areas of Nebraska affected by tornadoes and flooding, including the southeastern portion of the state where authorities scrambled Thursday to evacuate residents in the wake of nearly a foot of rain. The Saline County Sheriff's Office asked DeWitt residents to go to the village hall and be shuttled to a shelter at Tri-County High School south of town because of the swollen Turkey Creek and Big Blue River. Further south, flooding from the Little Blue River forced some evacuations in southeast Nebraska's Jefferson County, in and around Fairbury, a city of nearly 4,000. Everyone west of the railroad tracks there were evacuated Thursday, Nebraska Emergency Management Agency

spokeswoman Jodi Fawl said. Parts of Endicott, a village of about 130 southeast of Beatrice, were also evacuated. Several highways and local roads in Lincoln and surrounding areas were closed because of runoff from overnight thunderstorms in southeast Nebraska. Lincoln officials said they received reports early Thursday morning of cars floating in intersections, and several people had to be rescued from flooded cars. Many area basements also were flooded. "Everyone has had safe outcomes," acting Lincoln Fire and Rescue Battalion Chief Jeremy Gegg told the Lincoln Journal Star. The American Red Cross opened two shelters in Lincoln — at the F Street Community Center and Belmont Elementary School — late Thursday afternoon, and the Salvation

Army sent teams to DeWitt and Fairbury to provide meals, snacks and beverages. In a statement announcing the emergency declaration, NEMA Assistant Director Bryan Tuma urged residents to stay out of flood waters. "Bacteria and infections can occur as well as unexpected injuries from falling in the water," Tuma said. Two roads reopened Thursday afternoon — the Waverly exit on Interstate 80 and U.S. Highway 81 at Hebron — though officials urged drivers to be careful because some water remained on the road in spots. Other roads were still closed, including U.S. Highway 77 south of Nebraska Highway 33, a portion of U.S. Highway 136 near Ruskin and portions of Nebraska Highway 53 near Alexandria. Some rail lines were also impassable because

of flooding. The Lincoln airport reported nearly 7 inches of rain since Wednesday morning, while more than 10 inches was reported around Swanton, 9 inches at Wilber and 8 inches at Western. Earlier Thursday, Swanton officials worked to rescue people from two homes surrounded by nearly 3 feet of floodwater. A message left Thursday afternoon with Saline County Sheriff Alan Moore seeking information on whether those people were successfully rescued was not returned. The storm system also produced several tornadoes that swept parts of southeast and south-central Nebraska. Most were small and tore through mostly farmland, though several homes were reported damaged around Grand Island, Roseland and Hebron.

Winds Likely Cause Of SD Roof Collapse

CHERRY CREEK (AP) — Straight-line winds and not a tornado likely caused a building's roof to collapse on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation during a storm. It happened around 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in Cherry Creek when about 40 people were gathered inside for a tribal council meeting, said administrative officer Bobbi Jo Kraft with the Cheyenne River Law Enforcement Center. Some of them were temporarily trapped and four were injured. She said Thursday morning she didn't have any other details, but tribal

officials planned to gather for a briefing and then would provide an update. Dave Hintz, meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service office in Rapid City, said thunderstorms were moving across central South Dakota at the time. But no trained weather spotter called in to report a twister, and radar did not indicate any wind rotation consistent with a tornado, though Cherry Creek is quite a distance from the nearest weather station, he said. "Straight-line winds can easily hit 100 miles an hour. Typically on the Northern Plains a lot of the damage done to

structures is via straight-line winds," Hintz said. What often happens is a gust will get into the building through a door or window and pushes up on the roof, which is not designed to handle that pressure, he said. "From what few pictures we have here, that almost looks like it was the case. The wind got into the building, lifted up part of the roof and everything just collapsed down toward the middle," Hintz said.



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