

Omaha Man Convicted Of Manslaughter

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — An Omaha man convicted of manslaughter in the fatal attack of a 76-year-old woman has been sentenced to up to 10 years in prison. A judge on Friday sentenced 54-year-old John Gomez to seven to 10 years in prison in the death of Mary McAndrews. He pleaded no contest in February. Police say Gomez pushed and struck McAndrews on Sept. 18 after she confronted him about rent he owed her and items taken from her house. She died at an Omaha hospital on Oct. 15. Under state law, manslaughter denotes the death of another during a sudden argument. The Omaha World-Herald reports Gomez's attorney read a written statement from her client during the sentencing hearing Friday, in which he apologized for McAndrews' death and said he was "ashamed."

Man Failed To Register As Sex Offender

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A South Dakota man has been sentenced to prison for failing to register as a sex offender. Federal authorities say that 28-year-old Wylie Wind, of Fort Thompson, failed to update his sex offender registration between Dec. 15 and Feb. 6. Wind was required to register and update his address due to a prior federal conviction. U.S. District Judge Roberto A. Lange sentenced Wind to 18 months in prison, to be followed by five years of supervised release.

Baby Found In Filth, Mother Charged

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A Lincoln mother has been sentenced to jail on a child neglect charge after police say they found her 8-month-old daughter with roach eggs on her feet. The Lincoln Journal Star reports 30-year-old Elizabeth Roberts was sentenced Friday to 120 days in jail and fined her \$1,000. She pleaded no contest to child neglect and a drug charge, meaning she admitted not guilty for the crimes but opted not to take the case to trial. Police say they went to Roberts' home in March 2014 on a tip that meth was sold there. When officers arrived, they found her daughter lying face down on a blanket covered in vomit with the bottoms of her feet coated in roach eggs. Roberts has since relinquished parental rights to the girl.

Former State Official To Testify In Trial

PIERRE (AP) — A South Dakota judge says he will allow a former state official to testify in the trial of a former U.S. Senate candidate accused of election law violations. Jury selection is scheduled to begin Monday in the trial of Annette Bosworth, a Sioux Falls doctor who has pleaded not guilty to a dozen felony counts. Bosworth lost the June 2014 Republican primary with 6 percent of the vote and was charged the following day. A pretrial hearing in the case was held Friday. KCCR-AM reports that Judge John Brown denied a request by Bosworth's attorneys to scrap testimony from former Secretary of State Chris Nelson, but the judge will limit the scope of his presentation. Testimony in the case is expected to begin Wednesday.

Name Recommended For Harney Peak

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names is recommending a Lakota name for Harney Peak in the Black Hills National Forest. The Rapid City Journal reports that the public will be given 30 days to comment on the recommended name "Hinhan Kaga." It's believed that the phrase translates to "Making of Owls" in English. The board will take a final vote after the comment period. The recommendation would then go to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names for a final decision. The peak is described as the highest summit in the U.S. east of the Rocky Mountains. It was named for Army Gen. William S. Harney, who in 1855 led soldiers who killed Sioux Indians in Nebraska.

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at 4:37 p.m. Friday. Five minutes later, he jogged down the steps from the plane to the tarmac. There he shook hands with the VIP greeting party of Gov. Dennis Daugaard, First Lady Linda Daugaard, U.S. Sen. John Thune, U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds, U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem and Watertown Mayor Steve Thorson. The president rode in a black Cadillac limousine from the airport through the neighboring industrial park and across the city's north side to the high school. Hundreds of people stood along the route, often clustering at street corners, many taking video with computer tablets and smart-

phones. Protesters opposed to the Keystone XL oil pipeline proposed through South Dakota stood at one corner with signs. Obama hasn't given TransCanada permission to pierce the Canada-U.S. border with the pipeline, which would run from tar-sands areas of Alberta through Montana, South Dakota and into Nebraska, where it would connect with the existing distribution network. He vetoed federal legislation passed this year by the Republican majorities in both chambers of Congress that would have authorized the pipeline. All three of South Dakota's delegation voted for it. After the motorcade arrived at the high school, the LATI graduates lined into the gym. The president stepped onto stage at 5:20 p.m. and

Buffalo Chip Campground At Sturgis To Be State's Newest City

STURGIS (AP) — People in the Buffalo Chip Campground area near Sturgis have voted unanimously to make their community South Dakota's newest city. Thursday's vote was 43-0 in favor of incorporation, though the courts might have the final say. The city of Sturgis unsuccessfully tried several ways to block the election, including an appeal to the South Dakota Supreme Court. City officials and adjacent landowners believe the campground is within the city's 3-mile jurisdiction, and they're concerned about Buffalo Chip's ability to annex areas around it. They also believe the citizen petition that prompted the vote had invalid signatures. Buffalo Chip owner Rod Woodruff wants to turn the campground into a city that can attract businesses friendly to the motorcycle industry. The annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally draws hundreds of thousands of people to the area. The campground hosts hordes of those visitors. "We're happy to be here and we're looking forward actually to utilizing this position as a municipality to be able to develop further economically in this whole region and be able to contribute more to tourism," Woodruff told KEVN-TV. Sturgis City Manager Daniel Ainslie told the Rapid City Journal that the dispute isn't over. "The appeal of the county's decision to approve the petition will still work its way through the courts," he said.

Police: 25-Year-Old Man Confesses He Killed His Mother

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OMAHA, Neb. — A 25-year-old man has been arrested after he told police he killed his mother, whose body was found in a ditch in southeast Omaha, city police said Friday. The body of 45-year-old Jesus Ismenia Marinero was found Wednesday night. Hours earlier, her 11-month-old son was found alive, wearing only a diaper, in a dumpster near a suburban Omaha apartment complex. Other than some bruises, the infant was uninjured. Police said investigators have reason to believe Marinero's missing 5-year-old son, Josue Ramirez-Marinero, was thrown into

the Elkhorn River and were searching the waterway Friday. Roberto Martinez-Marinero was arrested Thursday night after walking into the Douglas County Department of Corrections and telling jail staff that he was involved in the death of his mother, police said. The news release did not explain how he was involved. Martinez-Marinero was taken to Omaha Police Headquarters and interviewed by homicide detectives, police said. He has been arrested on suspicion of first-degree murder and a weapons count in the death of his mother. He could face additional charges, police said. "At this point in the investigation, there are no other

suspects being sought by the Omaha Police Department," the news release said. An Amber alert was issued Thursday for Josue, but was cancelled later in the day after the vehicle that police were looking for was found. Even though Josue was not found inside the vehicle and the boy was believed to be in danger, police said Amber alert rules require a definitive description of a vehicle involved in missing child cases. The Omaha home where Jesus Ismenia Marinero and the two younger boys had lived burned down two weeks ago. Omaha news outlets said the family moved in with a relative after the fire.

Hotel Built In Early 1900s Torn Down

ANDOVER (AP) — A hotel built more than 110 years ago has been torn down in a northeastern South Dakota town. The Aberdeen American News reports the Waldorf Hotel in the town of Andover was demolished Thursday. Parts of the building's north wall had collapsed Wednesday. Town board chairwoman Ilene Helmer says the building's owners were told it would have to be torn down for residents' safety. Helmer says the building was last open as a hotel and cafe in 1970. She says the property has gone through multiple owners who wanted to restore it.

Program Aimed At Preventing Lincoln Boys From Joining Gangs

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Officials hope a community program serving at-risk Latino boys in Lincoln provides them with a positive outlet that prevents them from joining gangs. Joven Noble, which is Spanish for "noble youth," is grant-funded and one of several citywide programs working to identify children most susceptible to gang influence, the Lincoln Journal Star reported. City officials say programs like Joven Noble can help the foothold gangs have in the area. Police have so far identified more than 30 gangs in Lincoln, with a total of 900 known members or associates, Chief Jim Peschong said. Gang-related crime increased last year after dipping in 2012 and 2013. Peschong said he plans to

add two investigators to look into reports of gang activity by this fall. Joven Noble is aimed at helping provide support for children between 10 and 18 and getting them to discuss with others problems they may be facing. Outside of weekly workshops, program officials say they'll organize soccer games, help the boys with schoolwork and connect them with mentors. "They're looking for acceptance or a family that accepts them," said Ryan Dvorak who works with boys entering the juvenile justice system for the first time through Operation Tipping Point. "If they're not getting it from society and the family at home, they go out and they try to find it elsewhere." A smaller-scale Joven Novble in Omaha has had a

recent graduate called Hernandez to come to his high school graduation. The young man had previously been kicked out of several schools and was on probation when he was 14. "The choices he was making could have led him down the path of being incarcerated," Hernandez said of the now 19-year-old.

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