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Man Sentenced In Sexual Contact Case

PIERRE (AP) — A South Dakota man who admitted to sexually abusing a woman on the Rosebud Indian Reservation has been sentenced to three years in federal prison.

U.S. District Judge Roberto Lange ordered the 31-year-old Cyprian Night Shield to follow his prison term with five years of supervised release. The Rosebud man earlier pleaded guilty to one count of abusive sexual contact.

Federal prosecutors say Night Shield was at his home on Aug. 15, 2014, when a woman visited him. Authorities say Night Shield took the woman to a back bedroom and locked

the door, showed her pornography and sexually abused her. Night Shield is now under the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service.

Police Investigate Shooting Inside Club

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - A 28-year-old man was fatally shot this weekend after a fight broke out inside a downtown Omaha nightclub near the end of a concert.

Omaha Police said Jamar Fields was wounded after 1:30 a.m. Sunday at the Slowdown on the north edge of downtown.

Shots rang out after officers quieted the fight. Then officers found Fields with wounds in his torso and leg.

He died later at Creighton University Medical Center.

Detectives and forensic experts are investigating the homi-cide. No arrests had been made Sunday morning.

Lake Maloney SRA Campground Opens

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The Kansas Point Campground at Lake Maloney State Recreation Area is open for camping now that electrical upgrades have been completed.

Crews replaced the original units that were installed for the 56-pad campground in 1983. The upgrades were needed to provide uninterrupted service to campers.

Each of the campground pads now has 50-amp hookups for small and larger RVs that use the popular camping area.

Kansas Point sees more than 35,000 visitors per year that camp, fish and boat at the SRA. Lake Maloney SRA is located just south of North Platte on U.S. Highway 83.

County Drops Restriction On Breweries

VALLEY SPRINGS (AP) - Officials in Minnehaha County have dropped a restriction on rural breweries after getting a request from the owners of a hop farm who are interested in making beer.

The Argus Leader reports Anderson Hop Farm in Valley Springs asked Minnehaha County commissioners to change the zoning ordinance to allow breweries and distilleries on agriculture land. Before the restriction was lifted, wineries were the only type of alcohol manufacturers allowed in the county.

The newspaper reports commissioners also did away with a requirement that property owners or operators live on the site where their alcohol is manufactured. Now, they are required to live within a half-mile.

Hops are mostly used as a flavoring and stability agent in beer. They impart different characteristics to beer such as bitterness or citrus flavors.

NE Utility Gets \$7.9 Million From USDA

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A Nebraska utility is getting a \$7.9 million loan from the federal government to help pay for upgrades to electric grid in rural parts of the state.

The USDA's Rural Development office says Midwest Electric will receive the loan.

Most of the money will be used to build or improve 194 miles of transmission or distribution lines across Nebraska.

The rest of the money will be used for smart grid technol-ogy that helps utilities better manage the electric grid.

Solar Challenge To Stop At Monument

BEATRICE, Neb. (AP) - Officials say Homestead National Monument in southeast Nebraska will serve as a stop for American Solar Challenge cars next year.

University teams the world over will be designing and building solar-powered cars that will be driven 1,800 miles during an eight-day rally, July 30-Aug. 6. The cars are scheduled to stop at Homestead on Aug. 4

The rally is part of the National Park Service's centennial celebration.

The monument sits four miles west of Beatrice, along Nebraska Highway 4.

Council On Indian Education Looks For Revival In SD

BY BOB MERCER State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE - Members of South Dakota's advisory council on Indian education decided Sunday they should rejuvenate the panel's efforts and work to produce accomplishments.

Council members who are interested plan to spend one morning next month discussing how to proceed and developing an action plan.

The full council will meet that afternoon on Dec. 16 for its formal meeting.

Junior Bettelyoun, a council member and educator from Rapid City, said Sunday that people are looking for positive change.

Mato Standing High, state director of Indian education, said he supports the council's revival.

"I think it would be a good idea. We're talking about getting things done," Standing High said.

Standing High, a Rapid City lawyer, quietly was appointed director earlier this year. He had been serving as a facilitator for another state group working on Indian education.

That panel, called the Native American Student Achievement Advisory Council, resulted from an executive order issued by Gov. Dennis Daugaard.

Standing High said Sunday the NASAAC panel will meet for its final time

Nov. 17-18 and issue its final report no later than Dec. 1. The report is likely to recommend

that schools in Indian country be allowed to experiment with different formats that have produced better results in New Mexico and Colorado.

The NASAAC report will be publicly presented during the Lakota Nation Invitational tournaments in Rapid City

on Dec. 17 and Dec. 18.

The Indian education advisory council will hold its planning discussion and full meeting during the LNI tournaments on Dec. 16.

One topic under consideration is whether the Indian education advisory council can be a force to help accomplish changes recommended in the NASAAC report.

The attempt to revive the Indian education advisory council's role comes amid major changes underway within the state Department of Education regarding American Indian students.

State Education Secretary Melody Schopp recently terminated a management contract with Mid Central Education Cooperative at Platte, after two state audits questioned various financial activities.

Two investigations are under way, one financial and one criminal, after the Mid Central business manager, his wife who also worked there, and their four children died Sept. 17.

Authorities described the crimes as five murders followed by the husband's suicide. State Attorney General Marty Jackley plans to hold a press conference in Platte at the community center on Tuesday at 1 p.m. CT.

The killings came less than one day after Schopp gave notice to Mid Central's executive director Dan Guericke the contract wouldn't be renewed.

Her decision represented a 180-degree turn.

Schopp previously had given more and more responsibility to Mid Central in recent years to run much of the department's Indian education program.

Those steps had included an outside panel paid specifically to oversee the position of state Indian education director, even though the director remained a state employee.

There was repeated turnover in that position since mid-2009 and several times it was vacant for months.

The council began in 2003 on the recommendation of then-Gov. Mike Rounds' interim secretary of education, Tom Hawley.

The purpose, according to the state Department of Education's website, was to advise on re-establishing a state office of Indian education in the department.

The office's main goal was to "address the achievement gap disparity between Native American and non-Native American students in South Dakota."

The office also was to "research and develop a plan to improve the educational outcomes for American Indian students across the state."

For approximately the past seven years, the office's role and the council's role in the department have dwindled.

One of the problems identified by several council members Sunday was many people appointed to the council seldom or never attend the meetings. In 2007 the Legislature at the request

of Gov. Rounds passed state laws formally establishing the Indian education office and the advisory council.

The laws also required teachers certified after 1993 to complete a three-hour course in South Dakota Indian studies and called for start-up of a South Dakota American Indian language program to offer instruction in Lakota language to teachers and to offer instruction to students.

One product of the emphasis on Indian education during the past two decades was the annual summit. The council meeting on Sunday came at the start of the 2015 summit in Pierre.

Gambling Foes Gear Up For New Casino Campaign

BY GRANT SCHULTE Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — A group that helped thwart repeated attempts to expand gamup again to fight a ballot casinos at licensed horse racing tracks.

Life will campaign against the casino ballot measure and is looking for possible legal challenges similar to one last year, which knocked a historic horse racing proposal off the 2014 general election ballot. The group also plans to follow and videotape petition circulators to see if any violate state

rules. "Nothing's off the table," said Pat Loontjer, the group's executive director. "We're going to fight this tooth and nail, because we're fighting for our children and grandchildren. It's not about the money." The petition group, Keep the Money in Nebraska, began gathering signatures last month to place three gambling-related proposals on the November 2016 ballot. The group has raised nearly \$255,000 so far, mostly from Ho-Chunk Inc., the economic development arm of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. Ho-Chunk has said it wants to reopen Atokad Downs, a South Sioux City race track that closed in 2012, and operate a casino on the site. Former state Sen. Scott Lautenbaugh, a spokesman for Keep the Money in Nebraska, said the coalition plans to gather signatures at festivals and other events with large crowds. Petition circulators have spent recent weekends at Nebraska football games. The group has until July 7, 2016, to submit signatures for each measure. Lautenbaugh said casino gambling would generate an estimated \$90 million to \$100 million a year in tax revenue for local and state governments. He said Nebraska already has the social ills caused by gambling - bankruptcies, divorces, gambling addictions - because of its proximity to casinos around the border. Supporters have also argued that the extra tax revenue could help pay for bridges, roads, schools and property tax relief.

have gambling," he said. The Rev. Al Riskowski, executive director of the Nebraska Family Alliance, said attorneys are reviewing the petitions to gage what impact they could have on the state if passed. He pointed to language in the proposals that would allow casinos to sit as far away as 2,500 yards about 1.4 miles — from an

actual race track. Riskowski said his group will work with Gambling with the Good Life to fight the measure, and plans to raise money starting in early 2016.

'We expected at some point that there would be another large-scale attempt to bring casinos into Nebraska, he said. "It's not surprising.

It's just disappointing." widest ranges of gambling. went over them with a fine-One gambling proposal Nebraska residents generated toothed comb," he said. would amend the state Keep the Money in Neconstitution to give voters nearly \$327 million in gross the power to legalize casinos revenue for Iowa casinos in through ballot measures. The 2013, according to a consult listed as petition sponsors second ballot proposal would ant for the Iowa Racing and along with two horse racing groups, the Nebraska Horsechange state law to officially Gaming Commission. Total allow casinos, while creating gross revenue for the casinos men's Benevolent & Proteca Nebraska Gaming and Ractive Association and Omaha was \$1.4 billion, but only ing Commission with seven 53 percent came from Iowa Exposition & racing, Inc. gamblers. members appointed by the governor. Last year, the Nebraska Su-The third would require capreme Court invalidated a bal-Nominate The 2015 Yankton Citizen **Of The Year Nomination Deadline: Monday, November 30 Please Mail Your Nominations To:** Citizen Of The Year Yankton Press & Dakotan 319 Walnut, Yankton, SD 57078 or visit www.yankton.net/coy My nomination for the 2015 Citizen of the Year is: This person should be the Citizen of the Year because: My Name: My Address:

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sinos to pay a one-time state licensing fee of \$1 million, and would impose a 20 percent tax on each casino's gross gambling revenue. Of that revenue, 75 percent would go to the state and 25 percent would go to the local government in the city or county where the casino is located.

Nebraska allows keno, horse racing and a lottery, but voters have resisted video gambling machines. A ballot measure to authorize video keno was defeated in 2006. In 2004, voters rejected two proposals to allow casino gambling — one through a petition backed by Las Vegas casino interests, and the other approved by the Legislature.

Across the Missouri River, lowa offers one of the nation's

lot measure that could have allowed electronic betting on previously recorded horse races shown on machines resembling casino slots.

The court ruled that the measure violated the constitution by squeezing two issues — whether to allow the machines and how the tax revenue is spent — into a single yes-or-no ballot question. The machines would have allowed bettors to view statistics about the horses before each race, with information that would identify specific horses or races removed.

Lautenbaugh, who introduced the horse racing amendment while in the Legislature, said he believes the new petitions can withstand a legal challenge. Attorneys

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Gambling with the Good

BHSU To Increase Visibility Of 'H'

SPEARFISH (AP) — Black Hills State University has received permission from Spearfish officials to increase the visibility of an "H" painted on the northern range of Lookout Mountain.

For the past three years, the university has wanted to remove shrubbery, grasses and other foliage detracting from the letter's visibility and reapply paint to keep the "H" looking bright. The letter stands for "Hills" and is meant to encourage school spirit, the *Black Hills Pioneer* reported.

Students used to repaint the "H" before homecoming every year as part of an annual tradition dating back to the fall of 1955. The tradition, however, was discontinued in the late 70s after about 100 students were burned by the whitewash mixture, according to a history of the school written for its centennial in 1993.

We'd like to bring back the tradition but in a safe nonhazardous way," said Jane Klug, director of student services at Black Hills State University.

Students have hiked up to the "H" sporadically over the past few years to touch up the letter with white spray paint, but the school wants to re-establish the tradition as an organized annual effort, she said.

The Spearfish City Council approved the school's request two weeks ago and will hash out specific details about the letter's maintenance during future meetings.

The "H" initially appeared in the middle of Lookout Mountain, below its main peak, and eventually was moved to the northern range.

3-Year-Old May Have Fallen From Window

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A 3-year-old boy may have fallen from a second-floor window in Council Bluffs, but managed to avoid major injury.

KETV reports Council Bluffs police are investigating the incident that happened around 10:20 a.m. Sunday. The boy was taken to the University of Nebraska Medical

Center in Omaha for treatment after the fall.

Police say the initial tests and X-rays didn't reveal any major injuries.

Researchers Have Drones To Start Burns

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Researchers at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are developing an unmanned aircraft that can drop flaming balls to help firefighters safely set prescribed burns

The *Lincoln Journal Star* reports that a prototype has been developed that can be programmed to fly over a certain area and drop balls that will ignite several seconds later.

Firefighters already used the balls that contain a powder that will ignite several seconds after being injected with liquid glycol, but they are dropped from manned aircraft that are often considered too costly or expensive to be used.

"The idea is to provide a safe mechanism for people to perform fire management tasks with less risk and higher efficiency," said Sebastian Elbaum, a computer science and engineering professor.

Prescribed burns are done according to a plan to reduce the risk of wildfires and the spread of invasive species.

Indoor tests of the prototype have been encouraging, but researchers probably won't get a chance to try their drone in the field until next spring at the earliest. The team is waiting for Federal Aviation Administration approval for outdoor tests.

Researcher Carrick Detweiler said the drones might be able to replace manned flights or the use of hotshot firefighting teams in some situations.

"The reality is, Nebraska is surrounded by states that



7:40 am Yankton County Commission (Todd Woods) 8:20 am YHS Band Show (Dan Rafferty) Tuesday, November 3 7:40 am Yankton Library (Kathy Wibbels) 8:20 am Meditation (Michael McVay, Pastor Jim)

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