

MIDWEST SUMMARY

Permit For Wind Farm Approved

PIERRE (AP) — The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission has approved a construction permit for a 103-megawatt wind farm about 10 miles northeast of Newell. The Willow Creek Wind Energy Facility to be built by Wind Quarry LLC will include 45 wind turbines and will interconnect to a 115-kilovolt transmission line owned by the Western Area Power Administration. Construction of the wind farm and substation could begin next month, and the farm could be operational as early as December 2017.

Wind Quarry filed its application on May 27, and the PUC held a public hearing in Newell in July. The commission approved the permit on Thursday.

The National Renewal Energy Laboratory says South Dakota ranks fourth in the nation for potential to generate energy from wind.

Dairy Farm Debarred From Visa Program

VOLGA (AP) — A federal administrative law judge has upheld the findings of a U.S. Department of Labor investigation that debarred a Volga dairy farmer and an Aberdeen-based employment agency from a program that allows employers to hire temporary foreign labor for agricultural work.

The Labor Department says Employment USA LLC, its operations manager, Kevin Opp, and Old Tree Farms LLC have been debarred for three years from the H-2A temporary worker visa program for falsifying documents to employ temporary foreign agricultural workers on a year-round basis.

Wage and Hour Division administrator David Weil says the violations denied U.S. workers access to jobs and wages they deserved and gave the employment agency and the dairy operation an unfair advantage over competitors.

Messages left with the employment firm and farm were not immediately returned.

Opponents Of Plant Lose Court Challenge

PIERRE (AP) — A judge has handed a setback to opponents of an ethanol plant just outside of Onida.

Opponents had argued in court that Sully County leaders improperly gave Ringneck Energy a conditional use permit. They wanted the judge to overturn the decision.

KCCR radio reports that Judge John Brown recently affirmed the decision by Sully County officials.

The plant will produce 70 million gallons of ethanol fuel annually from about 25 million bushels of corn. Dirt work has already begun, and the company plans to file for a building permit soon. Construction is to start in the spring.

The County Commission earlier this year rezoned a parcel of land to pave the way for the plant that will employ about 40 people. Voters in June overwhelmingly backed the zoning change.

US Capitol Christmas Tree Rolls Through SD

MITCHELL (AP) — A 74-foot-tall Christmas tree bound for the U.S. Capitol passed through South Dakota.

The semitrailer hauling the tree made a short stop in Rapid City on Wednesday, and on Thursday it stopped at the Corn Palace in Mitchell.

Mitchell Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Katie Knutson tells *The Daily Republic* the Mitchell visit wasn't in the original travel schedule for the tree. One of the people caring for the tree during its journey across the country saw the Corn Palace last summer and decided to add the stop.

The Lutz spruce was chosen from the Chugach National Forest as part of a program run by the U.S. Forest Service. The tree will be decorated with more than 2,000 ornaments made by Alaska children, residents and tribe members.

Zoo CEO Says Elephants Could Arrive Soon

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The head of Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium says elephants could arrive within months. The *Omaha World-Herald* reports the zoo has filed a permit, along with zoos in Wichita, Kansas, and Dallas, to bring 18 elephants from Swaziland to the U.S., of which six would go to Omaha.

The Big Game Parks Trust in Swaziland planned to kill the elephants to prevent overgrazing in a game reserve and national park but reached an agreement for the zoos to take them. The zoos will contribute \$450,000 to a black rhino conservation effort.

The Omaha zoo filed a report with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in November 2014 and the matter is open for public comment.

Zoo chief executive officer Dennis Pate says the hard chore is staying patient.

Lincoln Considers New Dog Parks

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Lincoln could eventually open three new dog parks under a plan proposed by the city's parks department.

The *Lincoln Journal Star* reports the department recently completed a draft master plan for dog parks that is being considered by an advisory board.

The draft plan calls for new dog parks in northeast and southwest Lincoln as well as downtown. The parks department also supports making improvements to the Rickman's Run park and relocating the Oak Lake Dog Park.

The proposals came after gathering ideas from an online survey, meeting with dog park advocates and examining dog facilities in other communities.

J.J. Yost, of the parks department, says the soonest work could begin on new parks would be next year.

Region's Farm Income Fell Sharply In 3Q

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The Federal Reserve says farm income fell sharply during the third quarter in Midwestern and Western states, so farmers cut back on major purchases.

The U.S. Agriculture Department predicts farm income will fall 36 percent this year.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Mo., said Thursday agriculture bankers across the region are reviewing their loans to make sure farmers can make payments.

But at most banks fewer than 5 percent of loans had been placed on watch lists at the end of September.

About 65 percent of the bankers surveyed reported declining capital spending on farms. But only about 35 percent said farm capital spending was lower than last year.

The 10th Federal Reserve District covers Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Colorado, northern New Mexico and western Missouri.

More Than 12 Stores Rid Of Tainted Beef

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — More than a dozen Nebraska and Council Bluffs grocery stores have eliminated tainted beef from suppliers that used products from an Omaha meat-processing facility.

The *Omaha World-Herald* reports that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention hasn't listed any E. coli outbreaks in Nebraska or Iowa this week. The newspaper says local health departments weren't available for comment Wednesday.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a nationwide recall last week for more than 167,000 pounds of All American Meats Inc. ground beef products for possible E. coli contamination. The bacteria can cause death or illness.

More than 100 retailers in about 20 states were on a USDA-issued list of locations that might have tainted meat on their shelves.

World Summary

Raid Video Gives Rare Look At Murky Israeli Unit

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JERUSALEM — Security camera footage of a deadly Israeli arrest raid in a West Bank hospital on Thursday gave a rare glimpse into the murky undercover units that Israel contends are a key tool in preventing violence and Palestinians revile as a ruthless symbol of Israeli occupation.

In the footage, Israeli officers disguised as Palestinian civilians in Arab garb, including some wearing fake moustaches and beards or dressed as women, burst into the hospital and dragged away a wanted Palestinian in a wheelchair.

One man was shot to death during the sweep, identified by hospital workers as the Palestinian suspect's cousin.

The pre-dawn raid in the volatile West Bank city of Hebron, outraged Palestinians and drew accusations that Israel had improperly used force in a building that should be immune, or at least insulated, from military operations.

"This is an outright crime," said Jihad Shawar, director of the Al-Ahli Hospital. "No one should violate hospitals, but Israel did."

Israel has long used undercover units to arrest wanted suspects. But rarely are their activities captured on camera so vividly.

The hospital released security camera footage showing about a dozen men entering a hospital ward shortly before 4 a.m. A person in a wheelchair suddenly stood up as the security men pulled out their weapons and walked down the hall.

One officer was disguised as a Palestinian woman in a black niqab, a garment that completely covers the face and body. Another, wearing a headscarf, was dressed as a pregnant woman, walking slowly and holding her back. Others wore thick moustaches, Palestinian kaffiyehs or a long beard, typical of devout Muslims.

At one point, the bearded man shouted and pushed a bewildered hospital worker. Roughly two minutes later, the officers were seen pushing a man in a wheelchair, presumably the suspect, back down the hallway.

As they left, one officer turned to the hospital worker and motioned, apparently to let him know that someone was shot. As the officers exited, a pair of hospital workers rushed toward the area of the shooting.

The Israeli military identified the target of the raid as Azzam Shalaldeh, a Palestinian accused of stabbing and severely wounding an Israeli man in the West Bank late last month. It said Shalaldeh, who is about 20, was in the hospital being treated for a gunshot wound he suffered after being shot by his stabbing victim.

The statement said that during the raid, the forces shot to death another man who attacked them. Hospital workers identified him as Shalaldeh's cousin, Abdallah, and said he was shot as he emerged from a bathroom. The army said the cousins are "known Hamas operatives."

Iraqi Kurds Cut Islamic State Supply Line

SINJAR, Iraq (AP) — Supported by U.S.-led airstrikes, Kurdish Iraqi troops on Thursday seized part of a highway that is used as a vital supply line by the Islamic State group, a key initial step in a major offensive to retake the strategic town of Sinjar from the militants.

The town was overrun by the extremists as they rampaged across Iraq in August 2014, leading to the killing, enslavement and flight of thousands of people from the minority Yazidi community. The U.S. later launched an air campaign against the Islamic State



AP PHOTO/ NASSER SHIYOUKHI

Palestinian mourners carry the body of 27-year-old Abdallah Shalaldeh, during his funeral in the West Bank village of Sa'ir, near Hebron, Thursday. Israeli forces disguised in traditional Arab outfits, including one impersonating a pregnant woman and others appearing to have fake facial hair, burst into a hospital overnight Thursday, killing Shalaldeh during an arrest raid caught on video.

militants, also known as ISIL, ISIS and, in Arabic, as Daesh.

Hours into Thursday's operation, the Kurdish Regional Security Council said its forces controlled a section of Highway 47, which passes by Sinjar and indirectly links the militants' two biggest strongholds — Raqqa in Syria and Mosul in northern Iraq — as a route for goods, weapons and fighters.

Coalition-backed Kurdish fighters on both sides of the border are trying to retake sections of that corridor as part of Operation Free Sinjar.

"By controlling Highway 47, which is used by Daesh to transport weapons, fighters, illicit oil and other commodities that fund their operations, the coalition intends to increase pressure ... and isolate their components from each other," a coalition statement said.

Students Complain Of Casual Racism

BOSTON (AP) — It's not always the slurs and the other out-and-out acts of racism. It's the casual, everyday slights and insensitivities.

Sheryce Holloway is tired of white people at Virginia Commonwealth University asking if they can touch her hair or if she knows the latest dance move. At Chicago's Loyola University, Dominic Hall says groups of white guys stop talking when he walks by, and people grip their bags a little tighter. And Katiana Roc says a white student a few seats away from her at West Virginia University got up and moved to the other side of the classroom.

As thousands of students took part in walkouts and rallies on college campuses across the country Thursday in a show of solidarity with protesters at the University of Missouri, many young black people spoke of a subtle and pervasive brand of racism that doesn't make headlines but can nevertheless have a corrosive effect.

There's even a word on campuses for that kind of low-grade insensitivity toward minorities: microaggression.

"It's more the daily micro-aggressions than the large situations," said Akosua Opoku-Achampong, a sophomore at Boston College. "Those also hurt."

Black Administrator Named Interim Head

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — One of the University of Missouri's first black law school graduates was appointed Thursday to lead the four-campus system through a tumultuous period of racial unrest, drawing praise from students who said he's well-equipped to confront the problems they felt his predecessor largely ignored.

Michael Middleton, 68, has spent 30 years at the university — as an undergraduate, law student, faculty member and finally, administrator. At a news conference announcing his appointment as the university system's interim president, he vowed to take on the racial problems that inspired the protests that helped force Monday's abrupt resignation of President Tim Wolfe and another top administrator.

"I have seen the system grow and excel over the years and I look with great optimism in the future," said Middleton.

He said the university "has faced its share of troubling incidents and we recognize that we must move forward as a community. We must embrace these issues as they come, and they will come to

define us in the future."

MU Policy Now, a student group made up of graduate and professional students, had been pushing for the president's role to go to Middleton, who retired as deputy chancellor of the Columbia campus in August and had been made a deputy chancellor emeritus. He had been working part-time to assist Loftin design a plan to increase inclusion and diversity on campus.

Twin Suicide Bombs

BEIRUT (AP) — Twin suicide bombings struck a southern Beirut suburb that's a stronghold of the militant Shiite Hezbollah group on Thursday evening, killing at least 43 people and wounding scores more in one of the deadliest attacks in recent years in Lebanon.

The attack was quickly claimed by the extremists Islamic State group, which is fighting in neighboring Syria and Iraq but has not had a recognized affiliate in Lebanon, though the tiny Mediterranean country has seen deadly spillovers from the civil war next door.

The explosions hit minutes apart during rush hour in an area of southern Beirut called Burj al-Barajneh, a Hezbollah stronghold. The Shiite group has been fighting in Syria along with Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces. The area has been hit in the past and Sunni militant groups have threatened to carry out more attacks there.

Along with the 43 killed, the bombings also wounded 239 people, the Health Ministry announced. It was not immediately clear how many attackers were involved. According to a Lebanese security official, the first suicide attacker detonated his explosives' vest outside a Shiite mosque, while the second blew himself up inside a nearby bakery.

Expert: Shooting Of Boy Was Justified

CLEVELAND (AP) — A white Cleveland police officer had no choice but to fatally shoot a 12-year-old black boy carrying a pellet gun, an expert on police use of force said in a report released publicly Thursday by the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office.

Retired Florida police officer W. Ken Katsaris is the third expert who has concluded that patrolman Timothy Loehmann was justified in shooting Tamir Rice outside a Cleveland recreation center Nov. 22, 2014.

The release of the latest report comes at a time when a county grand jury is hearing evidence from prosecutors to determine whether criminal charges should be filed against Loehmann, who was a rookie a year ago, and his training officer, patrolman Frank Garback.

"This unquestionably was a tragic loss of life," Katsaris wrote. "But to compound the tragedy by

labeling the officers' conduct as anything but objectively reasonable would also be a tragedy."

Katsaris testified for the prosecution at the trial of white Cleveland patrolman Michael Brelo, who was charged with two counts of voluntary manslaughter for firing the final 15-rounds of a 137-shot barrage that killed two unarmed, black people at the end of a high-speed chase three years ago. A judge acquitted Brelo of the charges in May.

Mobster Acquitted

NEW YORK (AP) — An aging mobster who stayed mostly in the shadows for decades by adhering to the Mafia's strict code of silence was acquitted Thursday of charges he helped plan a legendary 1978 Lufthansa heist retold in the hit film "Goodfellas."

A federal jury reached the surprising verdict at a Brooklyn racketeering trial where it heard testimony that portrayed 80-year-old Vincent Asaro as a throwback to an era when New York's five organized crime families comprised a secret society that committed brazen crimes and settled scores with bloodshed.

Asaro jumped up, pumped his fist and clapped after the verdict. When he walked out of the courthouse, he threw his hands up in the air and hollered: "Free!"

"I was shocked, I was really shocked," Asaro said outside. "I've got two years in, and I'm dying to get home."

He said he would be headed home to have a good meal with his family.

Prosecutors Seek 12½ Years For Spokesman

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Jared Fogle's attorneys asked a judge for leniency Thursday, saying in court documents that the former Subway pitchman "is profoundly sorry" as he awaits sentencing on child pornography and sex-crime charges.

Fogle's lawyers are asking for a five-year prison term at next week's sentencing, the minimum they said they would seek when he agreed in August to plead guilty to one count each of traveling to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor and distribution and receipt of child pornography.

Prosecutors submitted their own sentencing memorandum Thursday requesting a 12 ½-year term — the most they'd agreed to seek under the plea deal — and a lifetime of supervision following his release.

However, federal judges have wide discretion, and Judge Tanya Walton Pratt could go beyond the prosecution's recommendation at the Nov. 19 sentencing. The child-porn charge carries a maximum 20 years in prison, and the sex with a minor count is punishable by up to 30 years.

Lesterville Community Center
Annual Poultry Party
Saturday, Nov. 14
Serving from 4:30 - 7:30pm

Soup, Taverns, Hot Dogs, Pies & Desserts.
Cake Walk, Bingo, Pitch & Santa Claus
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Mel, When I Lost You
I wish I could see you one more time
come walking through the door
But I know that is impossible
I will hear your voice no more.
I know you can feel my tears
and you don't want me to cry
Yet my heart is broken
because I can't understand
why someone so precious had to die.
I pray that God will give me strength
and somehow get me through
As I struggle with this heartache
that came when I lost you.

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His family requests a card shower.

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