

STATE-BY-STATE

News from across the USA

ALABAMA Birmingham: A U.S. district court ruled against environmental group Black Warrior Riverkeeper, which sought to challenge the permitting process associated with the Northern Beltline, a 52-mile highway project that would connect Interstate 459 in Bessemer with Interstate 59 in northeast Jefferson County, AL.com reported.

ALASKA Juneau: *The Capital City Weekly* welcomes reader-submitted images of art in unusual or unexpected places. Photographers of all levels of ability are invited to send in images of natural or urban subjects they find artistically inspiring or intriguing. Submit images to amy.fletcher@juneauempire.com.

ARIZONA Bagdad: An F-16 Fighting Falcon fighter jet assigned to Luke Air Force Base crashed northwest of the base, *The Arizona Republic* reported.

ARKANSAS Jacksonville: A pair of siblings were arrested after police said they found drugs and guns in the sister's apartment while following up on a street fight-turned shooting, *ArkansasOnline* reported.



CALIFORNIA Norden: A ski resort wants criminal charges against a snowboarder who alleg-

edly triggered an avalanche in a closed area at Donner Summit, the *Los Angeles Times* reported. A YouTube video showed snowboarder Christian Mares tumbling in the avalanche at the Sugar Bowl Resort.

COLORADO Denver: Colorado's graduation rate failed to improve last year after four years of consecutive growth, while the dropout rate grew slightly for the first time in nearly a decade. *The Denver Post* reported that public schools statewide graduated 77.3% of students in the spring of 2015. That was the same rate as the previous year.

CONNECTICUT Hartford: A 37-year-old East Windsor man faces a 30-year prison sentence after pleading guilty to fatally stabbing a 26-year-old man in a local store last year, the *Hartford Courant* reported.

DELAWARE Dover: Roos Foods, a Delaware cheese company that was the source of a listeria outbreak in 2014, has pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor criminal charge.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: The Transportation Security Administration has more than 140 dogs working at security checkpoints at more than 35 airports. By year's end, the agency aims to more than double the number of furry participants, *The Washington Post* reported.

FLORIDA Miami Beach: More than 20,000 people are expected to attend the Original Miami Beach Antique Show, the *Miami Herald* reported. The event starts Thursday at the Miami Beach Convention Center.

GEORGIA Savannah: Chatham County Superior Court Judge Penny Haas Freesemann ruled that Barry Davis, who was pardoned for his conviction in 1995

for sexually assaulting a 4-year-old girl, still must register as a sex offender, the *Savannah Morning News* reported.

HAWAII Honolulu: An effort to add more bike lanes here has some concerned about the effect on parking space for drivers.

IDAHO Idaho Falls: A 52-year-old woman waved a handgun and threatened people during her estranged husband's funeral, the *Post Register* reported. No one was injured.

ILLINOIS Chicago: Metra riders may have noticed a new Wi-Fi connection pop up on their

phones and other mobile devices during their commute. Metra began installing cellular "hot spots" on a select group of cars, spokesman Michael Gillis said, as part of an 11-car test run, the *Chicago Tribune* reported.

INDIANA Evansville: Mayor Lloyd Winnecke says the city has identified two ownership groups of minor league hockey teams that could move into the Ford Center and replace the departing Evansville Icemen, the *Evansville Courier & Press* reported.

IOWA Fort Dodge: Iowa Central Community College here is considering construction of more student housing.

KANSAS Hutchinson: The Hutchinson Public Library is asking for suggestions for what to do with a gift of about \$1.4 million from a former school teacher. *The Hutchinson News* reported that Deborah Mosier, who died in 2013, bequeathed the proceeds.

