

Small Austrian town debates future of house of Hitler's birth

Building owner left with decision to create memorial or apartments

BY GEORGE JAHN
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BRAUNAU, AUSTRIA — Living space in Braunau is scarce, but an imposing Renaissance-era building stands empty in this postcard pretty Austrian town because of the sinister shadow cast by a former tenant: Adolf Hitler.

With its thick walls, huge arched doorway and deep-set windows, the 500-year-old house near the town square would normally be prime property. Because Hitler was born here, it has become a huge headache for town fathers forced into deciding what to do with a landmark so intimately linked to evil.

The building was most recently used as a workshop for the mentally handicapped, which some saw as atonement for the murders of tens of thousands of disabled people by the Nazi regime. But that tenant moved out last year for more modern quarters.

The departure reignited debate on what to do with the house that burst from the town hall chamber into the public domain last week after the mayor declared that he preferred creating apartments over turning the building into an anti-Nazi memorial.

"We are already stigmatized," Johannes Waidbacher told the Austrian daily Der Standard. "We, as the town of Braunau, are not ready to assume responsibility for the outbreak of World War II."

That sparked a storm of criticism, with Waidbacher accused of trying to bury memories of the Nazi past.

The comments were particularly ill-received due to the fact that Braunau's town council only withdrew honorary citizenship from Hitler last year, 78 years



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Exterior view of Adolf Hitler's birth house in Braunau am Inn, Austria, on Thursday.

after the Nazi dictator was given the accolade — as did nearly a dozen other towns and cities after checking their archives.

Stung by the criticism, Waidbacher has since stepped back, saying he can conceive of "all possible uses" for the building.

On Thursday, Waidbacher expressed surprise at the vehement reaction his comments caused, saying he did not mean to make light of the significance of the house. "Our town has definitely done its homework as far as its past is concerned," he told The Associated Press.

Nonetheless, concerns about the building's fate continue to reverberate on the ancient cobble-stoned streets of this town of 16,600.

One major fear: The house could fill up with Hitler worshippers if converted into living space.

"These are certainly people we don't want here," said town council member Harry Buchmayr, noting that most visitors are not normal tourists but neo-Nazis stopping to pay homage to Hitler, even though he spent only the first few months of his life in the building.

And it's unclear who else might want to take up residence in the house.

"I wouldn't want to live there," said 19-year-old Susanne Duerr, as she paused from pushing her baby carriage to gaze at the yellow stucco building. "I think I would have a bad conscience."

Other townsfolk old

enough to remember the Fuehrer echo that sentiment. Georg Hoedl, 88, recalls Hitler as the man who dragged Germany out of the kind of abject poverty that forced him to go begging. But he also is aware of the evil Hitler spawned.

"There should be something else inside, something cultural. But apartments — I'm not for that," he said.

Wife Erika, 73, says that bearing the burden of the house's legacy "wouldn't be pleasant for the tenants — once they moved in they would be asked about this all the time."

Austria's Interior Ministry has rented the house since 1972 from the owner, a woman in her 60s who refuses to be identified publicly. The ministry has been careful to subtlety only to tenants with no history of admiring Hitler. Asked about the debate, Interior Ministry spokeswoman Sonja Jell said the ministry remained "particularly sensitive" about the future uses of the building considering its legacy.

The owner refused a request by Braunau officials to let the city mount a sign on the house warning of the evils of the Nazi past. But an inscription on a chunk of granite on public property near the building calls out to passersby: "Never again fascism, never again war."

The building still has the initials MB in the iron grillwork above the massive wooden doorway. It stands for Martin Bormann, Hitler's private secretary, who bought the house shortly before World War II with thoughts of turning it into a shrine to the dictator.

The house is one of the few remaining structures directly linked to Hitler.

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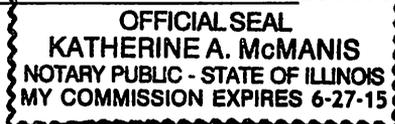
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POLICE AND COURTS

South Peoria man pleads guilty to drug charges

PEORIA — A South Peoria man pleaded guilty Friday to federal drug-dealing charges.

Aaron J. Campbell, 38, of 2323 W. Antoinette St. faces up to 40 years in prison on the single count of possession of heroin with intent to distribute when sentenced Feb. 27, 2013, by Senior U.S. District Judge Joe B. McDade.

On Aug. 23, police raided an apartment at 1606 N. Great Oak Road and found 46.6 grams of heroin. When they went to Campbell's house, they found an additional 5.8 grams of heroin. In an interview with police, he admitted the drugs were his, according to federal court records.

Campbell was later indicted Sept. 19, by a federal grand jury on the drug charges. He remains in custody of the U.S. marshals pending his sentencing.

Peoria man pleads guilty to child porn charges

PEORIA — A South Peoria man pleaded guilty Thursday to downloading child porn off the Internet.

William E. Crail, 46, of 1015 S. Greenlawn Ave. now faces up to 20 years in prison for the charge of receipt of child pornography when sentenced March 20 by Chief U.S. District Judge James Shadid. Until then, he remains in the custody of the U.S. marshals.

According to a criminal complaint filed earlier this year, a detective with the Washington Police Department, who was working with the Central Illinois Cybercrime Unit, downloaded several images and a video earlier this year from an Internet address linked to Crail.

Police went to the house in Peoria, but found that Crail didn't live there. Later, when police met with Crail, he allegedly admitted he downloaded the illicit images. When he learned police were looking for him, he tried to "wipe" his hard drive clean of the photos and videos.

In 2005, Crail was convicted in Louisiana of "indecent behavior" with a 10-year-old and sentenced to probation.

Table Grove man injured in collision with train

VERMONT — A 61-year-old Table Grove man was taken by LifeFlight to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center after his truck collided with a train Friday night.

Earnest Saville was traveling north on County Road 13 one mile north of Vermont when he failed to stop at a railroad crossing. His truck hit the side of a Burlington Northern train, according to a news release from the Fulton County Sheriff's Department.

Saville was treated at the scene before being taken to St. Francis, and was given a notice to appear for driving with a revoked license, driving under the influence of alcohol, no insurance and possessing a firearm without a valid firearm owner identification card.

CITY OF PEORIA

Drug arrests

Gregory A. Atkins, 27, of 309 Jefferson St., Kingston Mines and **Dale E. Doran**, 27, of 5317 S. Lafayette St., Bartonville, were arrested at 3:41 p.m. Friday at 1841 S. Laramie St. and booked on a charge of possessing a controlled substance.

Joshua J. Jones, 28, of 317 S. Clarence Place, Bellevue, was arrested at 5:32 p.m. at his home and booked on a charge of possessing a controlled substance.

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Frank, Griffin Christopher, son, Oct. 30, 2012, to Christopher and Karen (Everett) Frank of Peoria. Grandparents are Chris and Debi Frank and James and Christine Everett, all of Peoria.

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Frans, Corbin Ray, son, Oct. 10, 2012, to Matthew R. and Amy S. (Bostic) Frans of East Peoria. Grandparents are Frans and Barb Frans of Peoria and Bob and Lonna Bostic of Sherrard.

Man pleads guilty to having burglary tools

GALESBURG — One of two men who admitted to burglarizing the Purple Hanger resale shop this summer pleaded guilty to possession of burglary tools Thursday.

Michael Tory Watkins, 22, was sentenced in Knox County Circuit Court to 18 months in prison and one year of supervised release. Charges of burglary and theft were dismissed.

Watkins and George Anthony Woods, 19, were arrested July 24 when police were called to Holiday Inn, 2285 Washington St. A man said he observed two people — later identified as Watkins and Woods — hopping the fence and circling the hotel as if they were about to break in, prosecutors said.

When police caught up with the two men, they found two screwdrivers and a hammer, cash and 19 assorted packs of cigarettes, according to police.

In August, Woods pleaded guilty to burglary. He was sentenced to two years of conditional discharge and ordered to pay \$276 in restitution.

Peorian gets 25 years in child sex exploitation

PEORIA — A Peoria woman was sentenced Thursday to 25 years in federal prison for filming a preteen girl engaged in sexual activity five years ago.

Ann M. Piper, 47, pleaded guilty in July to sexual exploitation of a child.

According to a complaint filed in U.S. District Court, police were investigating another person last year in Oregon and found a picture of a woman and a young girl engaged in sexual activity. Authorities learned the woman was Piper and that the photo was taken in Peoria.

She was arrested in April. Authorities said she admitted to making the pictures in May 2007, saying she used a webcam to transmit pictures to a man in New York.

Man faces new child porn charge

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Convicted felon again being held for allegedly downloading illicit images

BY ANDY KRAVETZ
OF THE JOURNAL STAR

PEORIA — A Granville man, convicted a decade ago in Peoria's federal court on child porn charges, was arrested earlier this month for allegedly downloading illicit images.

Michael J. Borostowski, 42, appeared Friday in U.S. District Court on one count of distribution of child

pornography. He remains in custody of the U.S. marshals pending a bond hearing on Wednesday.

According to a complaint filed Friday in federal court, federal authorities learned about Borostowski through an informant who allowed police to use his e-mail address. Over several weeks, an officer and Borostowski traded e-mails, and Borostowski allegedly sent him at least three videos and some images involving minors engaged in sexual activity.

In those e-mails, he would brag about the videos or

pictures he had and often stated he wanted to have sex with young girls, according to court records.

Later, police went to his home and found an external hard drive, which Borostowski said he used for his child porn. When questioned, Borostowski admitted he had a problem with the illicit images but denied doing anything with a minor, saying such conversations were just "fantasies."

In 2003, he was sentenced to just shy of five years in federal prison for child porn possession. At the time, he

told a judge that he thought his actions were "disgusting" and that his views had changed after therapy.

At the time, Borostowski was arrested under Operation Candyman, a national push to stamp out child pornography over the Internet. For more than a year, federal officials in Texas spearheaded an undercover investigation into an online porn related community called "TheCandyman."

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'Taxi' message: Choose your ride

Tazewell project urges potential drunken drivers to consider next move

BY MICHAEL SMOTHERS
OF GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

PEKIN — Is it a police car or a taxi?

Robert Huston realizes the vehicle he unveiled Friday and its decoration, which includes "Sheriff Huston's Taxi Co.," might confuse some people. But he's not opening a side business.

Tazewell County's top police officer is lending his name to a new project he and leaders of the Tazewell Teen Initiative hope will give potential drunken drivers pause to consider their next ride — a taxi or a

squad car.

"Everyone who sees that thing will be talking about it, and that's the point," Huston said during a news conference to show off his department's newest tool to curb drunken driving.

With a grant from State Farm Insurance Co., the department applied yellow plastic wrap to the back half of a white, department utility car clearly marked as a sheriff's vehicle. The result is a combination of auto detailing intended to convey the message, "Choose Your Ride."

Several deputies proposed the idea after they learned of a similar project in Texas, Huston said.

"At first I thought they were kidding me," he said.

"It looked a little strange. But it's a gentle, almost fun way" to deliver a message that could save lives.

That has been the goal since 2006 of TTI, a coalition of area police and health department and teenage representatives organized by the county health department after 15 teenagers were killed in accidents within 15 months. The coalition applied the insurance company grant funds it received to the taxi-squad idea.

Huston said the vehicle already has demonstrated its worth.

A deputy who drove it to Pekin from Springfield noticed a car speeding from behind at about 90 mph, Huston said. The driver apparently believed he was

approaching a cab until he pulled alongside the vehicle and realized its true identity.

"Then it was like his brakes locked," Huston said.

The Choose Your Ride car will not be used in regular police work, although after the episode with the high speeder, it will be equipped with a radar gun, according to Huston. Rather, the car will serve as a traveling billboard that prompts this question:

"Do you want to go home in a sheriff's car or a taxi?" said Jody Heavilin, the health department's TTI chairwoman.

Huston said the car also will be displayed at area festivals and other outdoor events.

Accident shuts down Baker bridge

Motorcycle wreck forces traffic to back up, detour

PEORIA — A motorcycle accident around 7:30 p.m. Saturday resulted in the Murray Baker Bridge being shut down for nearly two hours.

A 48-year-old man wrecked his motorcycle, and no other vehicles were

involved, according to police.

The identity and condition of the rider were unavailable.

Some vehicles stuck on the bridge were asked to back up, turn around, and drive up an on-ramp into Downtown Peoria.

Originally, Peoria police were called at 8 p.m. to the bridge to divert eastbound

Interstate 74 traffic into

Downtown. A short time later, the East Peoria Police Department determined they needed the bridge cleared for an investigator to reconstruct the scene of the accident.

After traffic was stopped on the bridge, a second accident occurred. Information on any possible injuries or the cause of that

crash were unavailable.

The bridge was reopened at 9:45 p.m. following the reconstruction of the accident scene, according to police.

Sometime between 8:45 and 9 p.m., the vehicles that remained on the bridge were allowed to pass through to East Peoria.

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Governor set to face key test

Pension deadline, gambling fight on tap in coming weeks for Quinn

BY SOPHIA TAREEN
OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Through his own insistence, the next few weeks will offer a critical test of leadership for Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn.

He has set an early January deadline for solving the state's pension crisis — a decades-old problem he says he was "put on this earth" to solve. He's facing lawmakers intent on expanded gambling in the state despite his veto. And all of it is magnified by the emerging 2014 campaign for governor, with Republicans already lining up to take him on and a few of his party colleagues considering it too.

A self-styled outsider whose first job was cleaning up after the Rod Blagojevich corruption scandal, Quinn's leadership has been challenged from the start. His populist style, his wavering on some issues, his almost-singular focus on pensions at times and his ability to work with lawmakers all have been questioned.

But Quinn confidently rattles off a list of accomplishments from his first three years in office, and expresses a characteristic mix of optimism and idealism both about the daunting tasks ahead and his ability to ward off challengers.

"I know how to compete and don't underestimate me when it comes to election campaigns," he told The Associated Press in an interview last week. "But it's not time for that. It's time for problem-solving in a bipartisan way, to really put some of these issues behind us in Illinois so we can go forward."

For the past year, Quinn has been intensely focused on overhauling the nation's worst state pension crisis, with Illinois \$95 billion behind in funding its liability. After an emerging solution fell apart last spring over a



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Gov. Pat Quinn speaks at a news conference in this photo taken Aug. 26, 2009, in Chicago. After keeping a low public profile leading up to the 2012 November election, Quinn now faces one of the most critical times of his tenure where his every move will be scrutinized by Republicans.

proposal to shift some pension costs to local school districts, Quinn called lawmakers into a costly special session and even hosted a junior high forum on the topic. Legislative leaders have recently stressed some areas where they have common ground, but no new compromise ideas have emerged publicly.

On a Sunday afternoon last week — the traditionally quiet day he held news conferences when he was a political reformer — Quinn introduced a social media campaign intended to galvanize public support for pension reform, but mostly generated buzz by featuring a cartoon snake, "Squeazy the Pension Python."

The move left some legislators scratching their heads, including members of a pension committee who say they haven't been contacted since before the election.

"I'm embarrassed for him," said Rep. Jack Franks, a Democrat who chairs the State Government Administration Committee. "As a leader he should be coming up with ideas and meeting with rank and file and all those stakeholders to come to an agreement."

Legislative leaders argue

that the governor needs to be more effective in their meetings.

"The governor's style has been very grass roots, I don't think that's the best style for the position he's in," said Senate Republican Leader Christine Radogno, who opposes Quinn on making schools pay for pension costs. "He never seems to be able to utilize the leverage he has as governor to get what he wants to get done."

Quinn likens his leadership approach to something of a peacemaker: Gather everyone together. Try for consensus. But as the Chicago Democrat enters the next critical weeks, he seems more at home in those old ways as the populist, rallying the public rather than lawmakers.

Some critics say it's a sign that even after three years, Quinn hasn't fully transitioned from gadfly to governor. Supporters insist he's succeeded at his biggest challenges — keeping the governor's office relatively scandal free, playing a key role in approving civil unions in Illinois, abolishing the death penalty and traveling globally to promote Illinois exports. But others contend that Quinn

has not been aggressive enough nor acted quickly enough.

Quinn made a name for himself as a political watchdog in 1970s and 1980s, leading successful efforts to bar legislators from collecting all their pay in advance and cutting the number of Illinois House members by a third. He helped found the consumer watchdog Citizens Utility Board. He was elected to one term as state treasurer in 1990 and was lieutenant governor for six years before being called upon to replace Blagojevich after he was indicted and impeached.

"He has been a solo operator during most of his adult life. He's had difficulty making the transition to being a chief executive who needs to bring together people from varying perspectives," said Mike Lawrence, an adviser to former Republican Gov. Jim Edgar and former head of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

Edgar, in an interview, said one problem for Quinn may be the intense focus on one issue.

"He's spent a lot of time on the pensions. I'm not sure it's been that effective," Edgar said. "As governor you've got to have about seven balls up in the air at the same time. He's got also to worry about other issues and make sure that he doesn't wait until the pension (problem) is resolved."

The governor says he's ready for a competitive re-election campaign. Potential Republican challengers include 2010 nominee and state Sen. Bill Brady, state Sen. Kirk Dillard, state Treasurer Dan Rutherford and Republican U.S. Rep. Aaron Schock.

But Quinn said his focus is on the pension crisis, and that a solution is both crucial and possible by early January.

"There's a new attitude, I've noticed already, among folks who have been in the Legislature," he said. "They understand that this is our moment of truth."

Congressmen: Jackson suffering

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Davis, Rush say former lawmaker needs time before he will be ready to address the public

BY SARA BURNETT
OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Two Chicago congressmen reiterated their support for Jesse Jackson Jr. on Saturday, saying the former Illinois congressman is suffering greatly and needs time to get healthy before he can address the public.



JESSE JACKSON JR.

U.S. Reps. Danny Davis and Bobby Rush joined about 200 people for the weekly service at the Rev. Jesse Jackson's Rainbow PUSH Coalition in Chicago. The service included a special prayer for Jackson Jr., and his family.

The Chicago Democrat resigned from the U.S. House this week, citing his battle with bipolar disorder. He also acknowledged he is the subject of a federal probe and said he's cooperating with investigators. Federal investigators are reportedly looking into Jackson's possible misuse of campaign funds. He has not been charged with a crime.

Jackson did not attend the service Saturday, and has barely been seen in public since taking a leave of absence in June to seek

medical treatment. After Saturday's service, Davis and Rush said they have not seen Jackson and don't know where he is. But they said they understand why he has not yet spoken publicly about his resignation.

"He can't take the pressure," Rush said.

Rush said when he and Davis visited with Jackson a few weeks ago, the 47-year-old son of a civil rights icon broke down in tears several times. They said they don't want others to see him that way.

"He's suffering under a tremendous, tremendous toil," Rush said. "And chief among that toil is he says he does not want to be an embarrassment to his children, to his family, to the people of the 2nd Congressional District ... That's what he is concerned about."

The Rev. Jesse Jackson spoke briefly during the service and thanked supporters. He did not comment afterward.

Rush and Davis also said they were disappointed that more politicians didn't attend Saturday's service. Davis called them "fair-weather friends," saying when people are running for office or have a problem they frequently turn to Rev. Jackson and Rainbow PUSH.

"My question remains now, when this family is in need, where are they?" Rush said.

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POLICE

Vandals damage dozens of vehicles in East Bluff

PEORIA — Vandals apparently damaged dozens of vehicles parked on an East Bluff thoroughfare, according to Peoria police.

The damage took place sometime Friday night or Saturday morning on Atlantic Avenue, according to police, who have no suspects.

Punctured or slashed tires were reported on 37 vehicles near the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and Republic Street, police stated. On some vehicles, multiple tires were damaged.

CITY OF PEORIA

Weapons arrest

Christopher D. Womber, 50, of 711 E. Ravine Ave. was arrested at 4:10 p.m. Saturday at 1600 N. North St. and booked on aggravated assault with a firearm and felon in possession of a firearm.

BRIMFIELD

Theft

A theft of \$4,000 in cash taken between 10 p.m. Wednesday and 3:30 p.m. Thursday was reported at Heinz Brothers Trucking Car Wash, 430 W. Knoxville Ave.

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Capie, William Joseph, son, Nov. 12, 2012, to Kevin and Amy (Godsill) Capie of Peoria. Grandparents are Bruce and Doris Capie of Barrington, N.J., and Mike and Marie Godsill of Mapleton.

Cowser, Kendall Ashway, daughter, Nov. 6, 2012, to Alan and Kathryn (Snyder) Cowser of Princeville. Grandparents are Andy and Carol Cowser of Laura and Jerry and Becky Snyder of Kickapoo.

Melton, Finley Lukas, son, Oct. 11, 2012, to Brad and Casey (Kelch) Melton of Peoria. Grandparents are Steve and Peg Melton of Peoria, Shelly and Earl Kettle of Washington and Pat and Terry Kelch of Brimfield.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

Aimone, Ara Lorenza, daughter, Oct. 5, 2012, to Joseph and Audrey (Wiseman) Aimone of Pekin. Grandparents are JoAnn Aimone of Peoria, Janey Hoffhuhr of Morton, Pauline Filarski of Pekin and Gerald and Pat Wiseman of Morton.

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 Actor **RON RAINES** is 63.
 Country singer **JOHN WESLEY RYLES** is 62.
 Broadcast journalist **STONE PHILLIPS** is 58.
 Actor **DENNIS CHRISTOPHER** is 57.
 Actor **STEVEN BAUER** is 56.
 Country singer **JOE HENRY** is 52.
 Rock musician **RICK SAVAGE** (Def Leppard) is 52.
 Rock musician **NATE MENDEL** (Foo Fighters) is 44.
 Actress **SUZU NAKAMURA** is 44.
 Actress **RENA SOFER** is 44.
 Actress **LUCY LIU** is 44.
 Rapper **TREACH** (Naughty By Nature) is 42.
 Tennis player **MONICA SELES** is 39.
 Singer **NELLY FURTADO** is 34.
 Pop singer-celebrity judge **BRITNEY SPEARS** is 31.
 Actress-singer **JANA KRAMER** is 29.
 Actress **DANIELA RUABUS** is 29.
 Actor **ALFIE ENOCH** is 24.
 Actresses **DEANNA** and **DANIELLA CANTERMAN** are 20.

Protests flare in Bahrain for Kardashian visit

MANAMA, BAHRAIN (AP) — Just hours after reality TV star Kim Kardashian of Bahrain about her impressions of Bahrain, riot police fired tear gas to disperse more than 50 hardline Islamic protesters denouncing her presence in the Gulf kingdom.

The clashes took place just before Kardashian opened the Bahrain branch of her Millions of Milkshakes shop.

A journalist saw protesters chanting "God is Great" near the shopping complex in Riffa, some 12 miles south of the capital Manama. The demonstrators were cleared before Kardashian appeared late Saturday.

Earlier, she posted glowing remarks about Bahrain on her Twitter account, calling it "the prettiest place on earth." It was re-Tweeted by Bahrain's foreign



A young Bahraini smiles after having his picture taken with TV star Kim Kardashian, in Riffa, Bahrain.

minister. Kardashian was in Kuwait earlier this week to open another branch of the shop.

Katy Perry named Billboard woman of year

NEW YORK (AP) — Billboard named Katy Perry its woman of the year, but the pop star thought her year was 2011.

"I felt like my year was last year. ... I thought my moment had passed," Perry said in an interview with Jon Stewart at Billboard's Women in Music event Friday in New York City.

Perry released "Teenage Dream" in 2010, and the double platinum album sparked five No. 1 hits on the Billboard Hot 100 chart that spilled over to 2011. She tied the record Michael Jackson set with "Thriller" for most hits from a

single album. She re-released the two more hits and a top-grossing 3-D film.



KATY PERRY

Perry thanked her fans, who stood outside of Capitol hoping to catch a glimpse of her.

"I don't really like to call myself a role model for my fans, but I hope I'm an inspiration, especially for young women," she said when she accepted the honor.

Perry also thanked her mom at the event, which honored women who work in the music industry. Carly Rae Jepsen was awarded the rising star honor.

Underwood to play Maria von Trapp

NASHVILLE, TENN. (AP) — Carrie Underwood will star in NBC's live broadcast of "The Sound of Music" next year.

A news release says the former "American Idol" champion and Grammy-winning country star will play Maria von Trapp. It will air during the holidays in 2013.



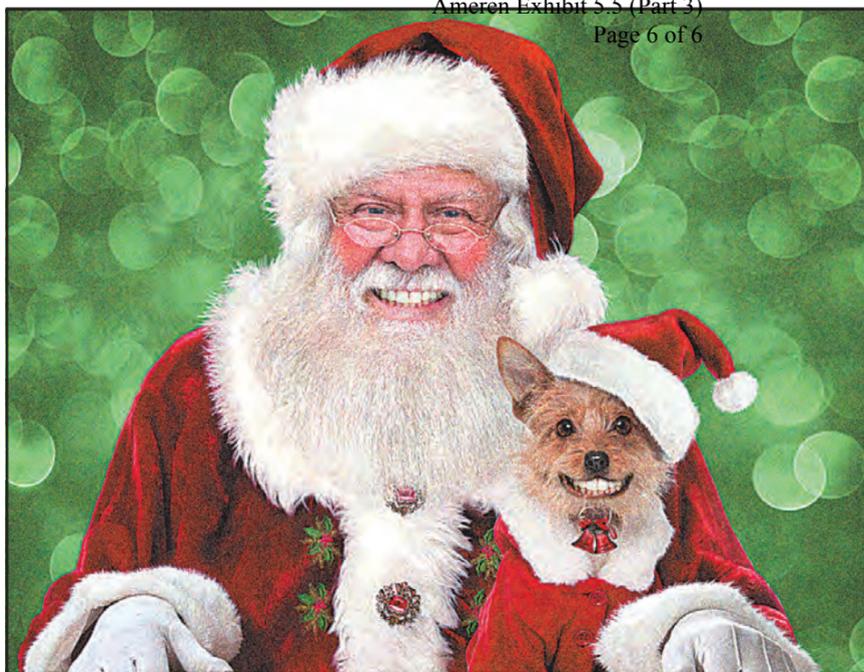
CARRIE UNDERWOOD

Wonder cancels show for Israeli group

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — Stevie Wonder is calling off a concert for a group that raises money for the Israeli military.

Wonder was slated to perform Dec. 6 for Friends of the Israel Defense Forces, which raises money for soldiers and their families.

Wonder said the United Nations recommended canceling his performance because he is an official "Messenger of Peace" for the organization. He said in a statement he was canceling with a heavy heart.



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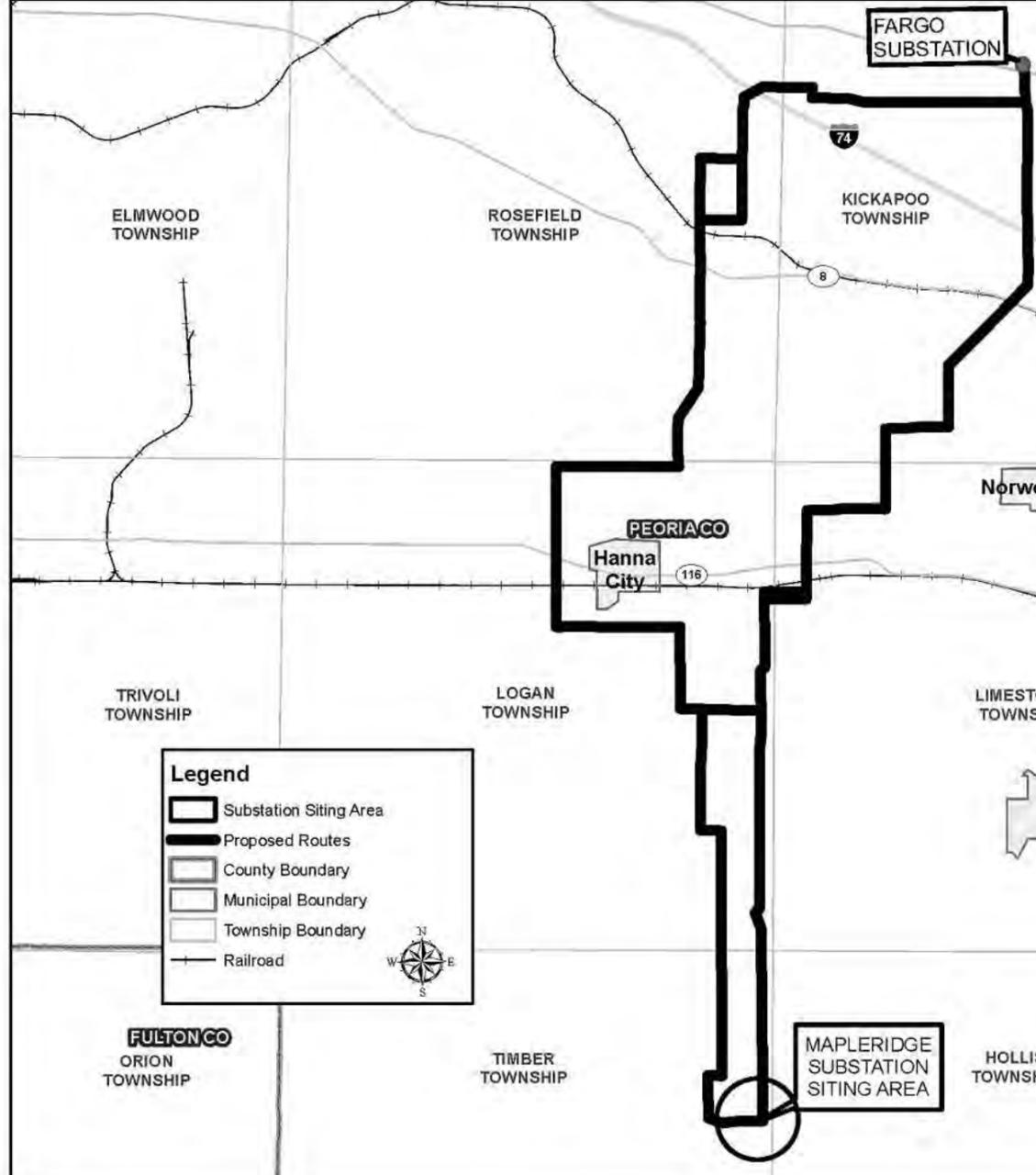
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