

# Fatality on South Kaibab Trail at Grand Canyon National Park

At 4:05 p.m. on Sunday, September 13, the Grand Canyon Regional Communications Center received a call reporting that an unidentified male was possibly struck by lightning on the South Kaibab Trail.

Paramedics were able to locate the unresponsive individual near Ooo-Aah Point, approximately one mile down the South Kaibab Trail. Medics were unable to resuscitate the man who has been identified as Jonathan Crowden, 21, of Alfredton, Australia.

An investigation into the incident is being conducted by the National Park Service, in coordination with the Coconino County Medical Examiner. No additional information is available at this time.

Park rangers advise that lightning can strike 10 miles across the canyon.

Park visitors and residents should stay away from exposed points during storms and lightning activity. The safest place to be during a thunderstorm is inside a building or a vehicle with the windows closed. Avoid touching metal railings when lightning activity is nearby.

If in an open area during a storm, it is recommended to assume the lightning position which will reduce the chances of getting a direct strike. Individuals should squat or ball up to be as low as possible, without lying flat on the ground. Wrap your arms around your legs, keep your feet together, and if possible, use a sleeping pad or other insulated object to sit on; avoid sitting on backpacks with metal frames.

Serious injuries and fatalities have occurred at

Grand Canyon National Park in the past as a result of lightning strikes. Visitors to the park are reminded that if the sound of thunder follows a lightning flash within 30 seconds or less, they should seek shelter in a building or vehicle, or proceed to the nearest bus stop to get on a park shuttle.

Remember, "if you see it, flee it; and if you hear it, clear it."

For more on how to be "lightning smart," please visit Grand Canyon National Park's web site at <http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/upload/LightningDanger.pdf>.

Additional information about staying safe outdoors can be found at the National Weather Service website <http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/outdoors.shtml>



A drawing of the Kanab Civic Center Site Plan. A public meeting is being held on Monday, September 21 at 5 p.m. in the Commission Chambers for input on the plan.

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Canyon was still inaccessible to Search and Rescue crews, but they were able to follow its course and glimpse in it at several locations. There was no response to verbal calls. The search continued downstream into Clear Creek.

- 1:30 p.m. One body was located.
- 2:30 p.m. A private canyoneering group went through Keyhole Canyon and reported one body inside.
- 4:00 p.m. The search was continued in Clear Creek, Pine Creek and the Virgin River. A third body was located.
- 5:15 p.m. A fourth body was discovered.

## Civic Center

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and bleachers compressed, this building would provide one large open concrete floor space of around 15,000 sq. ft. where expos, car shows, quilt shows, etc. could be held.

**Amphitheater:** This outdoor facility space would provide temporary seating for 500+ people to view outdoor entertainment.

The public is encouraged to attend the public hearing to ask questions and state their feelings about this project.

### Watch for highway crossings for G2G

The Grand to Grand Ultra management would like to advise the public that there will be highway crossings at certain points on the course during the Grand to Grand Ultra event from September 20 to 26. These crossings will be marked with caution signs. Drivers are asked to take special care when driving down 89A through House Rock Valley on Sunday, September 20 during the first stage.

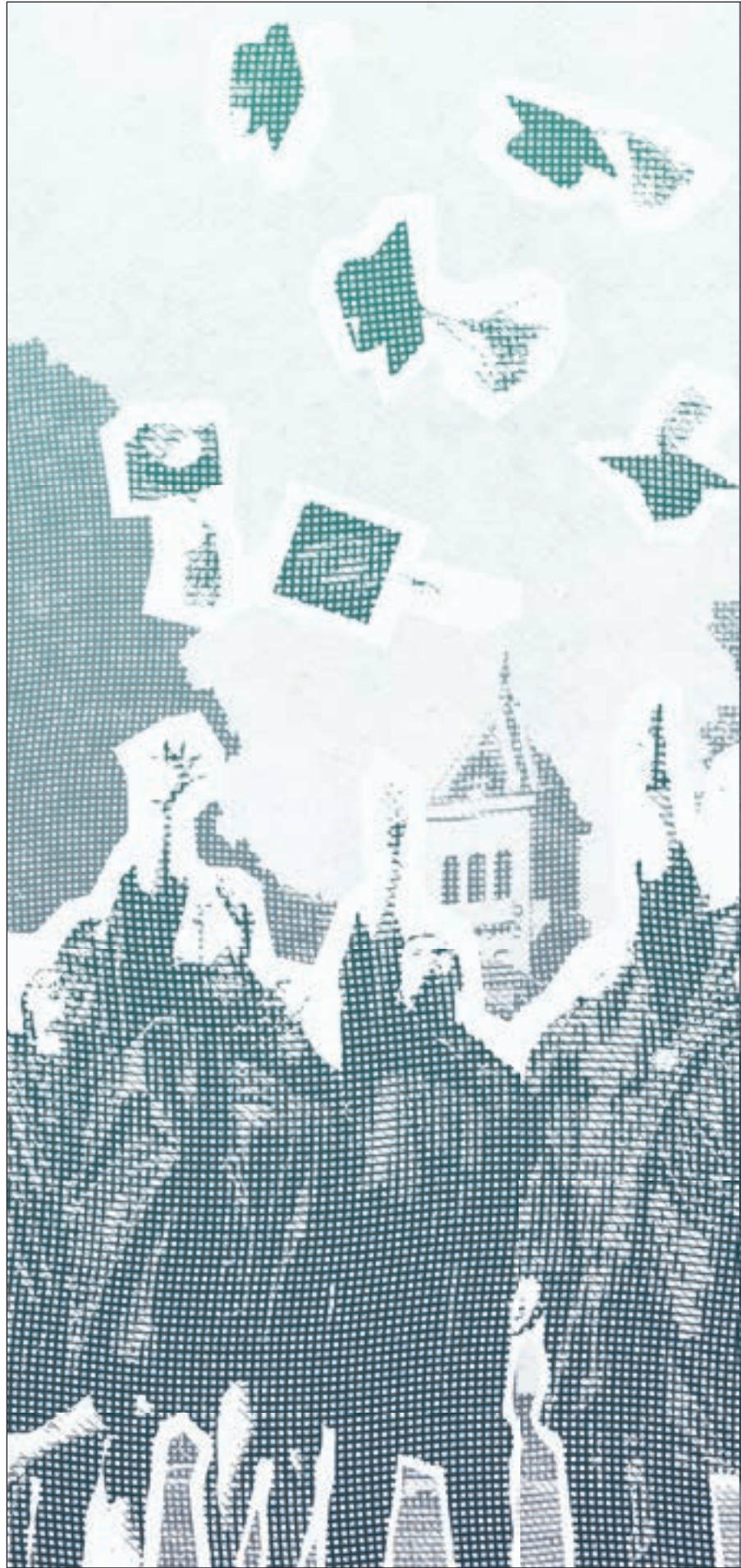
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point of the G2G Ultra as they pass through Angel Canyon at Best Friends on Tuesday, September 22.

You can read about the competitors on the G2G Ultra website <http://www.g2gultra.com/race-coverage/2015-competitors> to get a sense of the amazing world-class athletes who are participating. And stay tuned for some feature stories next week – romance may be in the air.

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