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Worland man is alleged shooter of Mont. couple

By Zach Spadt
Staff Writer

WORLAND — A Worland man has allegedly confessed to federal investigators that he was the shooter that left two dead and another injured.

Jesus Deniz, 18, of Worland, was identified as the suspect Wednesday. Deniz attended Worland High School, dropping out his sophomore year.

Worland High School Principal Kevin Smith called the event a tragedy and emphasized that Deniz is only alleged to have committed the crime.

"This is certainly a tragedy not only for the members of the Pryor community but also the Worland community as well because it happens to be one of our citizens in our community. It hurts, without a doubt. Our thoughts and our prayers go out to the family and Pryor.

"We certainly hold them in our thoughts and prayers," Smith said.

Smith said Deniz, who was raised by his grandparents, dropped out of Worland High School after his sophomore year.



Jesus Deniz

"He was a troubled young man.

"It's not easy on (his) family. We are thinking and praying for them as well. It has not been an easy time," Smith said.

The Associated Press reported Tana Shane, 47, drove by a young man who appeared to be stranded Wednesday morning, Ada Shane, sister of victim Jason Shane, said, relaying the story as told to her by her niece. The man said he had run out of fuel, and Tana Shane gave him a ride to a nearby gas station, but it

was closed.

"He's only 18, and he looked like an innocent boy," Ada Shane said. "Both my brother and sister-in-law have big hearts."

Tana Shane went by her house in the small town of Pryor on the reservation, picked up her husband and daughter and all four began driving back toward the stranded car, Ada Shane said. They didn't get far before the man allegedly pulled a gun and held it to 51-year-old Jason Shane's temple.

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Hot Springs County Fair wraps up

By Ryan Mitchel Collins
Staff Writer

WORLAND — On the last official day of the Hot Springs County Fair week in Thermopolis, Friday's events kick off with the Round Robin taking place in the multi-purpose building at 10 a.m.

"The Round Robin consists of the champion showmen in horses, beef, sheep and swine. All of those kids will take turns showing all of those different species and whoever has the highest point total at the end wins the Round Robin Showmanship Contest. It's kind of an overall showman award," said Joey Johnson, Hot Springs County 4-H educator.

The champion of the Round Robin Contest will take home a belt buckle, Johnson said.

The Parade of Champions will take place at 1 p.m. directly following the Round Robin Contest.

"The Parade of Champions consists of champions from throughout the week that ride the fire truck down Main Street," Johnson said.

Starting at 5 p.m. the buyers' dinner will commence, free to the public. The buyers' dinner will take place at the picnic area at the multi-purpose building. The buyers' dinner is the last event of fair week, an unofficial celebration of the end of the week long fair.

The livestock auction will begin at 7 p.m.

"It's been a really great week. The kids have worked extremely hard on their projects and we've certainly seen some improvement in their skills. They've done a tremendous job," Johnson added.

Washakie County man earns prestigious weather service award

Washakie County resident John Greet will be awarded the Edward H. Stoll Award for 50 years of service as a National Weather Service cooperative weather observer at a ceremony in Ten Sleep on Monday, August 3.

Officials from the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Riverton will honor Greet at an 11 a.m. ceremony in the Ten Sleep Town Park. Greet began his service as an observer in 1965 and has kept continuous daily records at his Upper No-wood ranch since that time. His volunteer duties include taking and recording daily maximum and minimum temperatures, liquid precipitation, snowfall, and snow depth. Greet records the daily weather on paper and online, and his observations become a permanent part of the nation's extensive climate record inventory.

The special 50-year service award is named for Edward H. Stoll who served as the cooperative weather observer in Elwood, Nebraska, from 1905 to 1981. Stoll began his career at the age of 19 and was the first to receive the prestigious recognition for 50 years of continuous service.

40-plus years on the job

John Elliott retires from Daily News; he's seen an industry transform, reshape

By Karla Pomeroy
Editor

He's turned molten lead into newsprint and key-strokes into the same. That's the umbrella that John Elliott has worked under and created in the 40-plus years at the Northern Wyoming Daily News. Elliott retired Thursday.

Elliott started at the Daily News as a printer's devil. "That meant you did all the dirty work," he said, adding it was all part of being an apprentice.

His work in the newspaper business didn't start with the Daily News. At age 14, he began working for a newspaper in Yukon, Okla.

He was born in Canada, grew up mostly in Montana and then the family moved from Oklahoma to Wyoming. "My parents were divorced and my mom's second husband was in the newspaper business. He took a job at the Daily News," Elliott said.

When a job came up his senior year of high school a teacher recommended he apply. "I started the last week of high school," he said. "I've come and gone a few times over the last 46 years." If you add it up, he said it amounts to just over 44 years.

Elliott said he had many mentors while working at the Daily News — Peary Gaskill, Bill Frederick (who eventually became publisher of the Daily News), Nash Mercado and Vince Tonkovich.

He started with the letterpress, worked on Linotype, offset press, CompuGraphic typesetters and eventually to PCs with all layout and typesetting being done on the computer.

He said working as a pressman apprentice he learned how to repair the Li-



Northern Wyoming Daily News graphic artist John Elliott works on an ad Thursday, his last day at the newspaper, retiring after 40-plus years on the job here in Worland.

notype machines, and since he was repairing them he wanted to learn how to use them.

"It was basically typesetting. The title has changed a number of times. I don't feel like I'm a graphic artist," Elliott said of his final title and role at the Daily News that included designing ads, laying out legal, comics, stocks and classifieds.

"The first 20-25 years I was excited to go to work. We had 16 people in our department. Now there's Jane (Elliott) and I and two pressmen.

"Basically the business has outgrown me. It's not as

fun anymore," Elliott said, but added that the people at the Daily News are "great" and he has enjoyed working with them all.

Elliott talks fondly of the Linotype days. "When we gave a tour it was great. Everything had moving parts," he said.

He added, "We had four Linotype machines; three just for news copy, and we had one on the end with multiple keyboards and about eight different fonts. If you wanted to change fonts you had to literally take this magazine that weighed about 50 pounds and replace it with another," he said.

The editors would hand them the story. They would typeset it with the linotype, then form the page.

The next day the lead from the previous day would be melted down to be used again.

He remembered one time when Tonkovich was gone and he and Mercado were handling the pages. Mercado was casting the plate for the press and Elliott was to "do the rest of it." He went through the process of tailing, routing and cooling the plate. When it was in the sink to cool he noticed a sunken

spot which would have left a blank spot on the page. He moved it to the pile of used lead. He said he told Mercado not to use it since it was wet, but he must not have heard him.

He said Mercado put the plate in the 700 degree molten lead vat and "it exploded," fortunately Mercado only suffered a few burns where drops of lead landed on his arms and face.

"I couldn't help but laugh when he turned around and looked at me. I felt horrible but there was solid lead all the way down him. I felt bad for laughing. We immediately got cold water on him," Elliott said.

Elliott has come through his newspaper days pretty much unscathed. "The worst I had, a few years ago I noticed a bump (pointing to his left bicep)." It turned out to be a piece of lead about a quarter-inch long. He said they used to use a table saw to cut the lead the right lengths and he believes a piece of lead shaving must have got in his arm without him ever realizing it.

A hot lead printer, he said, was a specialized position.

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COURTESY

John Elliott will be spending his free time on his Harley, including heading to Sturgis, S.D.

Livestock sale Saturday

Sale an opportunity for youth to raise funds from their projects

By Zach Spadt
Staff Writer

WORLAND — Livestock shows are winding down at the Washakie County Fair and as champions and reserve champions are chosen, it's almost time for them to be sold.

The Washakie County Fair Livestock Sale is slated for tomorrow at 2 p.m. Before that, there will be a luncheon open to those who are buying livestock.

The luncheon is open only to livestock buyers.

Various market animals including chickens, beef, swine, sheep, goats and rabbits will be auctioned off during the sale, according to Washakie County Fair Board Vice President Christy Swing.

The judges for the different market animal shows set the order in which they will be sold during the sale Saturday.

Swing said the animals are sold in an order concurrent with how they placed during their market showings. For example, champion market goat will be the first goat to sell, then the reserve champion goat will sell and so on.

Swing added that while the order of a specific species is set, various species aren't sold all at once.

"We're not going to sell all the goats and then move to something else," Swing said.

According to Swing, the sale of various animals is "intertwined;" that is, a market champion goat could sell, followed by a market champion beef, etc.

"(People buying livestock) can choose to have the animals butchered for themselves, or they can donate them back to the kids," Swing said.

If a buyer donates the animal back to the seller, the seller can then choose to have it put back on a resale truck or take it back home.

"It happens pretty frequently," Swing said.

The livestock sale helps raise money for kids who have worked throughout the year to raise an animal for market, with kids receiving more money at the fair sale than they would at a regular auction, Swing said.

Local businesses sponsor the event and help kids raising market animals be successful at the show.

"Sellers go to businesses in town that have supported them in the past and hand out (informational) pamphlets," Swing said.

"The community plays a large role in supporting the kids," Swing said.

Because there are still market shows in progress, it is unclear how many animals will be sold.

The final market show is the beef show, scheduled for 2 p.m. today.

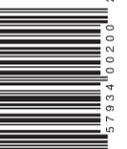
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Shooting

He ordered the father to stop the car and told everybody to get out, Ada Shane said. He told the family to give him their money, but the family said they had only change because they recently returned from a religious revival in Window Rock, Arizona.

Tana Shane told her daughter in their Native American language to run. Jorah Shane told her aunt that she heard a shot, started running, then heard bullets whizzing by her head. She fell, heard another shot, and started running again toward a church just as a car was pulling out.

She ran to the car, and the frightened driver leaped out, Ada Shane said. Jorah Shane jumped in the driver's seat and drove to her house with the shooter still firing at her, the aunt said.

Jorah Shane was later hospitalized. A bullet had grazed her head and she had a gunshot wound to the back. She didn't know as of Thursday that her parents had been killed in the shooting.

The AP reports that Jora

Shane is recovering from surgery. According to the AP, Special Agent Larry McGrail II's statement filed Thursday says Jesus Deniz opened fire because one of the victims laughed at him.

McGrail's statement was filed with a criminal complaint in U.S. District Court seeking a murder warrant for the 18-year-old Deniz, also known as Jesus Deniz Mendoza.

Deniz is being held in Wyoming after police arrested him near Meeteetse, about 120 miles away from the town of Pryor, where the shooting happened.

According to Washakie County Circuit Court documents, Deniz was arrested earlier this month for burglary. His bond was originally set at \$10,000 cash on July 6. However, on July 16, his bond was modified to a \$10,000 signature bond. He was subsequently released from the Washakie County Jail.

Sheriff Steve Rakness said Deniz had been abiding by his bond conditions of checking in twice daily up until yesterday.

Retiring

"You could get a job as a hot lead printer anywhere in the country. Now with desktop publishing everyone has become an expert."

What's next? First is a trip to Sturgis, S.D., something he has done every year since 1997, except last year. He said he is excited for this year as he is meeting some photography friends at Sturgis as well as

this being the 75th anniversary of the motorcycle rally there.

"I'm going to enjoy my free time. I like to shoot photos and travel and ride my motorcycle," Elliott said.

He and his wife Ruth have two sons, Gabe and John Jr., both of Worland, and they have seven grandchildren.



DAILY NEWS/File photo

John Elliott types up copy on a Linotype Model 32. Elliott has worked at the Daily News for 40-plus years.

Grand Champion Sheep at Washakie County Fair



DAILY NEWS/Zach Spadt

Brian Rice shows his sheep at the Washakie County Fair market sheep show Wednesday in Worland. Rice's sheep was the market show grand champion and will be among the livestock auctioned off tomorrow.

Student email privacy bill killed

CASPER (AP) — Wyoming lawmakers have killed a proposal that would have made Wyoming the first state in the country to keep from public view all college student emails, even those concerning student government actions.

The Casper Star-Tribune reports that Lawmakers voted Tuesday to

scrap the bill after a two-day meeting with the Wyoming Press Association in Sheridan.

Instead, representatives from the press and student government have formed a committee that will speak before The Task Force on Digital Information Privacy in September.

VITALS & WEATHER

BIRTHS

None Reported.

DEATHS

None Reported.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

- July 29. License issued to Eric Levi Scott Parmer and Trisha Ann Ferguson.
- July 30. License issued to Adam Mercer Redland and Briana Ryn Coble.

DIVORCE ACTIONS

None Reported.

AMBULANCE CALLS

- July 29 7:14 p.m. Law enforcement center.
- July 30 12:29 a.m. Morgan Ave.
- July 30 3:03 a.m. Morgan Ave.

FIRE CALLS

None Reported.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT

- Law Enforcement report for July 29 - 31:
- July 29 9:47 a.m. Tom Allred Office. Burglary reported.
 - July 29 2:04 p.m. Washakie Medical Center. Fraud reported.
 - July 29 4:24 p.m. Maverik Country Store. Minor backing accident. No injuries.
 - July 29 7:30 p.m. West Side School Property destruction reported: Reporting person advised he/she saw teenage kids jumping into a black car. Teenagers possible spray painted the climbing wall.
 - July 29 9:03 p.m. Lane 15. Domestic violence reported.
 - July 29 11:25 p.m. Sage Crossing. Suspicious vehicle reported.

WEATHER

Worland temperatures: High 90, Low 48 precipitation: 0.00

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 92. Calm wind becoming north around 6 mph in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 55. North northeast wind 5 to 9 mph becoming calm after midnight.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 95. Calm wind becoming north around 5 mph in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. Northeast wind 5 to 7 mph becoming calm after midnight.

Sunday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. Light and variable wind becoming north northeast around 5 mph in the afternoon.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 60.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 93.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Sunset tonight: 8:38 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 5:59 a.m.

LOTTERY

Winning Numbers for July 30, 2015
Cowboy Draw
8 22 24 28 42



Wyoming

Search still on for missing Yellowstone worker

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK (AP) — Search and rescue teams are continuing to search Yellowstone National Park for a seasonal worker from China who went missing July 23 while swimming.

The park says that 12 to 18 searchers as well as two teams of dogs and helicopters have continued to search for 21-year-old Feiyang "Isaac" Xiang. The seasonal park concessionaire is believed to be in a 6-mile segment of the Yellowstone River near its confluence with Hellroaring Creek.

Xiang of the Hubei province disappeared while swimming with friends in the river after the current pulled him away from the shore.

The area of the Yellowstone where Xiang is thought to be is known to have deep pools, rapids and rocks.

No signs of Xiang have been found.

As petition looms, Wyoming panel begins look at legal pot

CHEYENNE (AP) — Wyoming's anti-pot governor has a warning for a task force he's named to study the effects of legal marijuana: It CAN happen here.

Wyoming can't afford to ignore the problems other states' legal marijuana has caused, nor the ills yet to manifest should legalization happen in the Cowboy State, Gov. Matt Mead told his new Marijuana Impact Assessment Council on Wednesday.

Marijuana trafficking from legalization states has facilitated trafficking of other drugs, Mead told the council at its inaugural meeting.

"Once you can do that with marijuana, you can also do it with methamphetamine. You can do it with heroin. We are impacted — even if the law doesn't change one bit," he said.

The council met in a Cheyenne office building less than 10 miles

north of a state where marijuana is legal. Colorado voters approved recreational marijuana in 2012 and it became legal at the onset of 2014. To date, 19 states have legalized medical marijuana and four states and the District of Columbia also have legalized recreational marijuana.

With the possible exception of Jackson Hole, Wyoming is known more as a Budweiser or whiskey state than one for toking up by the corral.

Might its libertarian, live-and-let-live attitude bring about legal marijuana nonetheless? The answer could come by the end of next year.

The Wyoming chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, or NORML, is preparing to circulate a petition to put medical marijuana before Wyoming voters in the 2016 general election.

The group plans to get the petition to all 23 Wyoming counties by Aug. 10.

"We have people traveling those roads. We've got a little Pony Express going on here — the NORML Express. Most of these people have been connected to us online for a long, long time," Wyoming NORML Director Chris Christian said Wednesday.

She's got her work cut out. Wyoming has some of the most restric-

tive ballot initiative requirements in the U.S.

The activists will have until Feb. 8 to collect at least 25,673 verified signatures, or 15 percent of Wyoming's registered voters at the time of the 2014 election. The signatures also must represent at least 15 percent of those voters in at least two-thirds, or 16, of Wyoming's counties.

"In Wyoming, it's a complicated process. It's hard for a grassroots effort, really, to get an initiative on the ballot," state Elections Director Peggy Nighswonger said.

to pass, according to the Wyoming Secretary of State's Office.

Mead, a former U.S. attorney for Wyoming, doesn't equivocate: He opposes pot, period. The 20 council members include his appointed attorney general, Peter Michael, and an adviser, Michael Reed.

There are no pot activists on the council.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE

COTTONWOOD GRASS CREEK WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT DIRECTORS

On November 3, 2015, the Washakie County Conservation District and the Hot Springs Conservation District will hold a Board of Director election for the Cottonwood Grass Creek Watershed Improvement District, for the purpose of electing two (2) directors for a three year term.

Qualified candidates (must own land within the Cottonwood/Grass Creek Watershed Improvement District and be registered to vote) may file for election between August 5, 2015 and August 25, 2015. Interested candidates may obtain an application for election at the Washakie County Conservation District Office by calling 347-2456 ext. 101, or the Hot Springs Conservation District by calling 864-3488. The deadline for filing an application for the director election is August 25, 2015 and must be physically received by that date, to be valid.

Applications can be mailed to the Washakie County Conservation District at 208 Shiloh Road in Worland, Wyoming 82401 or the Hot Springs Conservation District at 601 Broadway, Suite A in Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443.

Filing Officer: Victoria Dietz

July 31, 2015

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Lifestyles

Washakie County Fair Rabbit Show



Oliva Shaeffer shows her rabbit to judge Rebecca Moncur during the rabbit show at the Washakie County Fair Thursday morning in Worland. Shaeffer received the 4-H junior grand champion showmanship award.



Magdelyn Rasmussen holds her rabbit while judge Rebecca Moncur examines it at the Washakie County Fair Thursday morning. Rasmussen received a yellow ribbon for participation in the peewee show.

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Raymond Crimm shows judge Rebecca Moncur his rabbits features during the rabbit show at the Washakie County Fair Thursday morning. Crimm won 4-H intermediate grand champion showmanship. According to Tara Davis Clover Buds 4-H Club leader, the rabbit show is a lot bigger this year than past years. In past years there have only been two entries.

WASHAKIE MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER
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 The Washakie Museum Board of Directors cordially invite all members of the Museum, volunteers and staff to help us celebrate
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Fair Agenda

- July 31**
 - 10 a.m. Breeding beef show
 - 1 p.m. Alpaca show
 - 2 p.m. Market beef show
 - 6:30 p.m. Tractor Pull
August 1
 - 9 a.m. parade
 - 10 a.m. Rhubarb Revival
 - 12:30 Livestock sales buyers luncheon
 - 2 p.m. Junior Livestock Sale
 - 7 p.m. Ranch Rodeo
 - 9 p.m. Dance

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Opinions

Flogging the flag where there is none

When South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley signed a bill to boot the Confederate flag from State House grounds earlier this month, it was a beautiful moment — if decades late. State lawmakers finally acted out of revulsion from images of a confessed shooter posing with the Civil War relic before he shot to death nine African-American church parishioners June 17. Flag apologists lost their stomach for defending the banner as an emblem of states' rights.



Debra Saunders

The best part was that South Carolinians themselves had decided it was time for the bad flag to go.

The worst part is what is happening now as politicians in other states try to repeat that unique moment by passing their own anti-Confederate flag legislation. California lawmakers are poised to pass state Sen. Steve Glazer's bill that would ban naming any school, park, building or other piece of public property after generals or leaders of the Confederacy. Observe: Sacramento politicians had so much trouble finding Confederate flags to ban — after they banned them from public buildings last year — that they had to broaden the net to schools and buildings.

State lawmakers even have targeted teeny Fort Bragg, population 7,000. Glazer amended SB 539 to exempt city names, but then he wrote a letter urging Fort Bragg's mayor to change the city's name.

The Confederate flag is a poke in the eye to African-Americans. But how many Californians ever have been to Fort Bragg?

The California Legislative Black Caucus also urged Fort Bragg to change its name: "It is time that we move forward as a state and as a nation and stop commemorating those who defended the Confederacy and its cause." Problem: Fort Bragg was not named after Braxton Bragg to commemorate the Confederacy. Maj. Gen. Zachary Taylor named a military outpost near Mendocino after his former commander before the Civil War even started. Later, to Bragg's undying shame, he became a Confederate general and the owner of 105 slaves.

"Why would I change the name?" Fort Bragg Mayor Dave Turner told me. "You really can't airbrush history. Or you shouldn't airbrush history." He added: If no city can be named after a former slaveholder, say goodbye to Washington, D.C.

Don't bring up George Washington's slaveholder history, Glazer told me. He advocates "a much more narrowly tailored" approach that focuses on men who engaged in "treasonous activities against the United States of America." Though his bill would ban Confederate names for schools and other public buildings, he's not forcing Fort Bragg or any other city to change.

He just wants to start a conversation — that ends with Fort Bragg's changing a brand that until recently offended next to no one. It's a headline in search of a problem.

It's a crusade that ignores the sad lessons of history: 1) Politicians rarely say no to an opportunity to pick on lesser civil servants. 2) The more trivial the offense the easier it becomes for pandering politicians to rail against it. 3) Once they get rolling, purges are almost impossible to stop.

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Rubes

by Leigh Rubin



"Seriously, son? I know what I ordered, but I'll let you decide. Do I really look like I'd order one with extra pepperoni? ... Extra veggies, maybe. But extra pepperoni? ... I think not."

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Reader Views

New bill allows denial of passports without reason

Editor,
Looks like the U.S. State Department will soon have carte blanche to imprison, sort of, anybody the Secretary of State deems a likely supporter of foreign terrorists. A recent article in "The New American" tells us that the House of Representatives has

passed a bill authorizing the Secretary of State to either deny or revoke passports of folks he suspects of helping terrorists. Without the bother of a trial to prove it. Or any sort of recourse on the part of the victims.

While this isn't as harsh as putting someone in Gitmo with-

out a trial, it does effectively imprison suspects within U.S. borders without any semblance of due process.

The bill has not yet been passed by the Senate or signed by the president, so there's a chance it won't happen. A small chance. Given the movement we've seen

towards an all powerful police state since September, 2001, it's almost a sure thing this repressive bill will become law.

May be time to take off for distant shores while your passport is still good.

**Richard Miller,
Thermopolis**



The left's contempt for America

This past week, one of the greatest differences between the Left and Right — both around the world and in America — once again came to light: how each views America.

Every year for the past 67 years, the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner has been the major fundraising event for the Connecticut State Democratic Party. Not anymore. The party unanimously voted to drop the two Democratic presidents' names because they were slaveholders.

That is the way the Left sees American history. Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, the document that articulated the principle of human rights endowed by the Creator (thereby ultimately ensuring the end of slavery) and led to the establishment of the country that has served as the beacon of hope for people of every race and ethnicity — more black Africans have voluntarily emigrated to the United States to seek liberty and opportunity than came to America as slaves. But that is not how the Left views Jefferson or America.

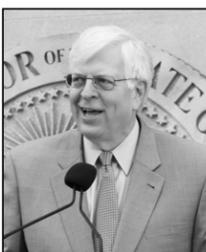
Conservatives view America as President Abraham Lincoln viewed it — as the "Last Best Hope of Earth." But the further left one goes the more negative the assessment of America today, as well as historically.

Here's an even more telling example. I once dialogued with Howard Zinn, probably the most influential left-wing historian in American history. A professor of political science at Boston University, Zinn wrote "A People's History of the United States," lauded by The New York Times as "required reading" for all American students and, as Wikipedia notes, "adopted as required reading in high schools and colleges throughout the United States."

His views perfectly represent the left-wing view of America. Here is the relevant part of our dialogue:
Prager: "I think a good part of your view is summarized when you say, 'If people knew history, they would scoff at ... the idea that the United States is a force for the betterment of humanity.' I believe that we are the country that has done more good for humanity than any other in history. What would you say?"

Zinn: "Probably more bad than good. We've done some good, of course; there's no doubt about that. But we have done too many bad things in the world."

The examples Zinn gave for the bad things America has done were "annihilating American Indians," the Spanish-American War, taking over the Philippines and "other countries," "establishing dictatorship, holding up dictatorships in Latin America," "killing several million people (in Vietnam) for no good reason at all, certainly not for democracy or



Dennis Prager

liberty," and the war in Iraq.

When I pressed him on his charge of America's "annihilating American Indians," he said America had actually killed 10 percent of the Indians. But as awful as that statistic is, one-tenth is a far cry from "annihilating."

But the left-wing view of America is so negative that in the Left's view, one-tenth is the same as annihilation.

For the Left, the moral flaws in American history are enormous, while the uniquely good is minimized or ignored.

The Left's attitude toward America betrays a broken moral compass, historical ignorance and, worst of all, ingratitude.

That all civilizations — including African societies — practiced slavery means that, at worst, those parts of America that practiced slavery were no better in that regard than other societies. The important moral and historical question, therefore, is not, "Did society x practice slavery?" They all did. The important question is, "Which societies abolished slavery?"

The first ones to do so were all rooted in the Jewish and Christian Bibles. Among them was the United States of America, which fought a horrific civil war that ended slavery. (Slavery was the reason for the Civil War. Every Southern state that seceded from the United States announced that Northern opposition to slavery and to its spread to new states was the primary reason for secession.)

In the meantime, America gradually became the least xenophobic, least racist nation in the world. In no country do people become accepted as full members of the society as do immigrants to America.

No country has fought for the liberty of others as much as America. That is why 37,000 Americans died in Korea, a country that offered America no economic gain.

Without America, the world would suffer from far more evils — such as genocide and totalitarian enslavement — than it does now. The countries where American troops have remained long after combat ceased — Germany, Japan and South Korea — have prospered economically and morally. Countries that America abandoned — Vietnam and Iraq, for example — experienced mass murder and genocide.

If one knew nothing about the Left and the Right other than their moral assessments of America, that is all one would need to know in choosing which ideology to adopt.

Dennis Prager's latest book, "The Ten Commandments: Still the Best Moral Code," was just published by Regnery. He is a nationally syndicated radio show host and creator of PragerUniversity.com.

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By Leigh Rubin



Animal Shows and Live Music at the Fair



DAILY NEWS/Zach Spadt

Worland's Shark Twain plays a set Wednesday night at the Washakie County Fair as a part of the week's festivities. Pictured from left to right are Trent Agee (bass) Shane Foote (vocals/guitar) Mike Montoya III (drums) and Tracy Kern (lead guitar)



DAILY NEWS/ Ryan Mitchel Collins

Josh Miller shows his turkey to judge Rebecca Moncur Thursday afternoon at the Washakie County Fair in Worland. Miller took home a first-place ribbon in the senior pultry class.



DAILY NEWS/Zach Spadt

Callie Klinghagen shows her sheep at the Washakie County Fair market sheep show Wednesday in Worland.



Zoe Lyn Leyva

Chris and Vanessa Leyva are happy to announce the birth of their baby girl Zoe Lyn Leyva.

Baby Zoe was born on July 8, 2015 at 12:35 p.m. weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces and measuring 21.3 inches.

Little Zoe is welcomed home by older sister Chole R. Leyva.

Maternal grandparents are Carla and Matt Thurin.

Paternal grandparents are Andy and Misti Leyva.

Willow Rae Wilson

Jamie Shepperson and Ronald David Wilson are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Willow Rae Wilson.

Baby Willow was born on July 23, 2015 at 8:46 a.m. weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces and measuring 21 inches.

Little Willow is welcomed home by older siblings Nancy, CJ and Jessie Wilson.

Maternal grandparents are Bertha and William Shepperson.

Paternal grandparents are David Wilson and Nancy West Rick.



Grooms mother takes control of wedding plans, causes family quarrel

Annie's Mailbox



Kathy Mitchell and Mary Sugar

Dear Annie: Our daughter recently became engaged and we couldn't be happier. She is our only child and is marrying a great guy. While we are excited about all of the planning for the big event, it appears that the groom's mother, "Dolores," is trying to take control.

For nearly every detail that my daughter and I agree upon, Dolores steps in and wants to make changes. While I appreciate her enthusiasm, is this the way that things are supposed to be? She is putting my daughter in the middle and making the situation terribly uncomfortable, especially since the groom is in the military and the wedding won't take place for another 18 months.

I'm not sure how long this can go on before we have words. My husband and I have given the bridal couple what we considered to be a generous budget, but Dolores keeps offering to pay for any additional expenses

so she can make it be the day she wants. While we can afford to give our daughter more money for the wedding, we would like them to spend wisely for this one-day celebration.

Dolores has already married off a daughter. I'm only going to be the mother of the bride once in my life. Is it too much to ask that this day belong to me? How do I keep peace with my daughter and make this the day that we have dreamed of without constant conflict with her mother-in-law? — Once in My Life

Dear Once: These days, the bride's family doesn't get to control every aspect of the wedding. Grooms also get a say. And many families split the costs right down the middle, giving each an equal voice in the planning. This day does not belong to you. Your daughter is the one who decides how to handle her future mother-in-law and what compromises she is willing to make. For your sake, as well as hers, please take one step back and be as gracious and accommodating as possible. It's a good lesson to teach your daughter.

ter. It may not be the wedding you dreamed of, but it could ease the way for your daughter to have the marriage she wants and a better relationship with her in-laws. Isn't that what counts?

Dear Annie: Recently a reader complained that you never write about the good stories. Here's one I hope you will share.

I want to publicly thank my husband's ex-wife for being a dear and special person. For the first 10 years of my marriage, I experienced the animosity that many ex-wives inflict on the new wife (and vice versa). Then I extended an olive branch, and we both put away our resentful and angry feelings and found out we had a lot in common, in addition to the man we both had married.

We "grew up," and our relationship flourished over the next 15 years as we shared birthdays, graduations, marriage, a grandchild, holidays at each other's homes, even family vacations. We recognized that jealousy and hate only destroy one's self, and that harmony brings peace and contentment to the soul. It's a wonderful feeling to have such

a treasured friend. — Truly Grateful Friend

Dear Grateful: We love this. Please make a copy to show your husband's ex-wife. It will make her day.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to annies-mailbox@creators.com, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. You can also find Annie on Facebook at [Facebook.com/AskAnnie](https://www.facebook.com/AskAnnie). To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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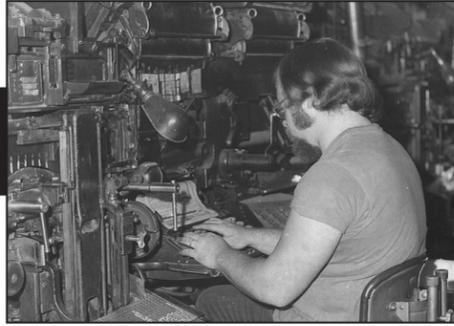
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Sports



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Above left, Worland's Hannah Griemsman chases down a calf during breakaway roping event and above right, Addie Griemsman heads for the finish line after completing her run in pole bending during the youth rodeo held at Washakie County Fairgrounds in Worland on Thursday.

Secondary a concern for Cowboys as fall camp approaches

By Robert Gagliardi
WyoSports

LAS VEGAS – There are a lot of unknowns for the University of Wyoming football team heading into the 2015 campaign.

But the biggest is the defensive secondary.

Second-year coach Craig Bohl said that is an area of concern as he spoke Tuesday at Mountain West football media day activities at the Cosmopolitan Las Vegas.

"Position of need, emotional maturity and physical ability," said Bohl of what he and his staff use to decide if newcomers – in particular true freshmen – are ready to play right away. "We're thinner than we like to be in a lot of positions, but that's where the recruiting cycle comes into play."

Bohl said true freshmen cornerbacks Davion Freeman and Antonio Hull as well as true freshman free safety Andrew Wingard will get serious looks in fall camp, which begins Aug. 10.

According to its pre-fall prospectus, UW lists no safeties with previ-

ous playing experience at the college level.

Bohl said junior Xavier Lewis will not play this season as he continues to recover from a stroke he suffered last December. He will serve as a student assistant coach.

Senior safety Chad Reese is no longer with the team for academic reasons. He quit UW just prior to the end of the 2013 season. He returned as a walk-on in the spring.

Sophomore Tim Kamana is listed as a strong-side outside linebacker and nickel back after playing safety last season. Senior D.J. May moved over from running back.

And UW announced last week that sophomore cornerback Ryon Winters left the team for personal reasons.

The only cornerbacks who return for UW with game experience are senior Tyran Finley and sophomore Robert Priester. Priester is coming off knee surgery after the end of last season.

"Our feedback this summer from our strength staff of some of those defensive backs and receivers has been positive," Bohl said.

About those receivers, Bohl said he expects some of UW's five true freshmen who signed back in February to compete for playing time.

Senior running back Shaun Wick said Justice Murphy, a 6-foot, 180-pounder from Vancouver, Washington, looked good in summer workouts.

Player turnover

Winters and redshirt freshman defensive end Jonathan Kongbo are the latest players to leave UW for personal reasons.

Since Bohl and his staff took over before the start of last season, a handful of other players left for the same reasons.

"I think it's about normal," Bohl said of the player turnover since he's been the coach. "Unfortunately, when you're going through it, you think it's a little bit more than normal. I certainly was disappointed when some of the guys left. But I found out a long time ago to coach the guys who really want to be here."

Facility update

Bohl said he and other UW officials have been meeting with architects for the \$44 million renovation to the Rochelle Athletics Center, which was announced in mid-April.

UW must raise \$24 million, and the state will provide \$20 million in matching funds. UW is still in the fundraising phase of the project.

The Laramie Boomerang reported last week that UW has raised more than \$16 million.

No groundbreaking date has been announced, but it is hoped it could begin as soon as next spring.

"Fundraising has gone extremely well," Bohl said. "Many of our private donors have stepped up to the plate. Stay tuned. I think you're going to like what you see."

Wick, Yarbrough remain humble, hungry as they approach UW football records

By Robert Gagliardi
WyoSports

LAS VEGAS – Shaun Wick and Eddie Yarbrough are two of the faces of the University of Wyoming football team this season.

They represented UW at Mountain West football media day activities this week at the Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas.

They have been productive players and will be counted on as leaders for a young and inexperienced team.

They also could leave UW being the best at what they do.

Yarbrough, a senior defensive end, needs eight tackles for loss to break the Cowboys' career record.

A two-time First Team All-MW selection and a preseason pick this season, Yarbrough has 28.5.

The record is held by former defensive end John Fletcher (36) from 2005-09.

As the season approaches, Yarbrough is sixth in the nation among active players in career tackles for loss and first among active players in the MW.

He also holds three of the top 10 UW single-game records for tackles for loss.

He had four in 2012 at UNLV and 3.5 in games against San Jose State last year and Idaho in 2013.

"I had no idea," Yarbrough said Wednesday about the approaching record. "I don't pay attention to the numbers game. I feel like a lot of times guys get caught up in numbers."

"If I get the record, that would be awesome. But if I put my best foot forward and put forth my best effort, I will be content leaving the University of Wyoming knowing I did all that."

Yarbrough has had 152 tackles, 22.5 for loss and 10.5 quarterback sacks the last two seasons.

But his production in first-year coach Craig Bohl's 4-3 scheme dropped a bit last season from 2013 when the Cowboys were a 3-4 team.

Yarbrough said this season he is "going to be freed up a lot more and coming off the edge a lot more," in UW's defensive scheme.

"I will be used more as an edge rusher and also used as a hybrid where I will be standing and playing more as an outside linebacker," he said. "I love that. In high school, I played Mike linebacker, so it feels like I'm going back home."

Wick has played running back for UW since he was a true freshman in 2012.

His 2,082 career rushing yards are 882 shy of breaking the school's

mark of 2,963 yards, set by Devin Moore from 2005-08.

"Just to think that I'm this school's leading rusher is something to be excited for," Wick said. "If you don't want that, why would you want to be a running back here?"

"That's a personal goal. That's what motivates me to shoot for 1,000 yards this year and get that title of being the top rusher in Wyoming history."

He also is looking to become the Cowboys' first 1,000-yard rusher since Moore in 2008.

If Wick runs for 109 yards in the Cowboys' season opener against North Dakota, he will move into sixth place on UW's career list.

He has rushed for 1,732 and 15

touchdowns over the last two seasons and missed most of four games last year with a broken hand.

"The past two years, there was always something keeping me from getting 1,000 yards," Wick said.

"My sophomore year (979 yards in 12 games) I didn't get a lot of carries in the last game against Utah State, which had a great defense. Last year breaking my hand when I was averaging 100 yards a game. I can't be denied it this year."

Wick is tied for ninth at UW with 19 career rushing touchdowns. The record is 34 by Eddie Talboom from 1948-50.

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Worland's Buck Butterfield grabs the flag before making a dash towards the finish line in the flag race during the youth rodeo held at the Washakie County Fairgrounds in Worland on Thursday.

Blue Jays land David Price in Toronto's 2nd big trade of week

DETROIT (AP) — Toronto acquired All-Star left-hander David Price from the Detroit Tigers on Thursday, the second major move in less than a week by the Blue Jays as they chase their first postseason appearance since 1993.

After acquiring slugging shortstop Troy Tulowitzki from Colorado, the Blue Jays tried to shore up their rotation by adding Price, likely the top remaining starting pitcher on the market. Johnny Cueto was traded from Cincinnati to Kansas City, and Cole Hamels is headed from Philadelphia to Texas.

The Blue Jays sent left-handers Daniel Norris, Matt Boyd and Jairo Labourt to the Tigers in the deal. Price can become a free agent after this season.

Toronto has scored more runs than any team in

the major leagues but still had a .500 record heading into Thursday night's game against the Royals. The Blue Jays trailed Minnesota by two games for the AL's second wild card and were seven behind the AL East-leading New York Yankees.

Price was traded at the deadline for a second straight year.

He went from Tampa Bay to Detroit in a three-team blockbuster last July — one of several bold moves the Tigers have made over the last few seasons while winning four straight AL Central titles.

Although the Tigers were only 3 1/2 games behind a wild-card berth, they were in fourth place in their division entering Thursday's game at Baltimore.

This deal was made with an eye toward the future. Detroit could be a contender again in 2016,

but the coming days, weeks and months will probably include plenty of changes.

Now it's the Blue Jays who are making the biggest news before this week's trade deadline.

Toronto hasn't played in the postseason since Joe Carter's home run won the 1993 World Series against Philadelphia, the longest playoffs drought in the major leagues.

Price is 9-4 with a 2.53 ERA this season. The 2012 AL Cy Young Award winner will anchor a Toronto rotation that includes Mark Buehrle and 2012 NL Cy Young winner R.A. Dickey. The Blue Jays may not need stellar pitching down the stretch with a lineup that includes Tulowitzki, Jose Bautista, Josh Donaldson and Edwin Encarnacion, but Price gives them a true ace — which could come in handy if Toronto does end up in the one-game, wild-

card playoff.

The Blue Jays will pay the roughly \$7 million remaining on Price's \$19.75 million salary this season.

Detroit's rotation has faltered badly after being among the game's best in 2013 and 2014. The Tigers lost Max Scherzer to free agency last off-season, and Justin Verlander has made only eight starts this year because of injury problems. Anibal Sanchez has struggled a bit, leaving Price as the only consistently effective starter.

The 22-year-old Norris was ranked by Baseball America as the game's 18th-best prospect earlier this month. He's gone 3-10 with a 4.27 ERA with Triple-A Buffalo this season.

Boyd, 24, split 2015 between Buffalo and Double-A New Hampshire, going 9-2 with a 1.68 ERA.

Brady lawsuit transferred to NY court

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Brady's lawsuit against the NFL in which he wants his four-game suspension overturned will be heard in New York instead of Minnesota.

Brady and the players' union filed their suit Wednesday in Minnesota. But the NFL already had filed papers Tuesday in New York, moments after announcing that Commissioner Roger Goodell upheld the suspension for Brady's involvement in the use of underinflated footballs in the AFC championship game.

U.S. District Court Judge Richard Kyle, based in Minnesota, ordered the transfer. The judge wrote that he "sees little reason for this action to have been commenced in Minnesota at all." He noted that Brady plays in Massachusetts, the union is headquartered in Washington and the NFL in New York, Kyle added that "the arbitration proceedings took place in New York and the award was issued in New York."

Jeffrey Kessler, the lead attorney for Brady and the union, wasn't concerned about this game of musical witness chairs.

"The court decided the case should be heard in New York because the NFL filed first there," he told The Associated Press in an email Thursday. "We are happy in any federal court, which unlike the arbitration before Goodell provides a neutral forum, and will now seek our injunction in the New York court."

Kessler had said the lawsuit should be heard in Minnesota because it was related to a case involving Adrian Peterson's suspension last season. Kyle countered that the union made "only a fleeting attempt"

to link the Brady case to Peterson's.

Kyle reasoned that the union's argument would mean, for example, any court that had heard a racial discrimination case against a large corporation would then hear every other racial discrimination case against that company.

The union asked the court to throw out the suspension before Sept. 4.

That would keep Brady from

missing any practices before the Patriots' Sept. 10 season opener against the Pittsburgh Steelers. The lawsuit argues that the NFL made up its rules as it went along and misapplied the ones that were already on the books. Kessler called it "offensive" that the league accused Brady of destroying his cellphone to obstruct the inquiry by investigator Ted Wells, a claim Goodell made in upholding the suspension Tuesday.

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you're thinking about a new roof,
why not use someone local!
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for that financial emergency. 515
South Railway Street. 347-2055.

160 Help Wanted

BORN Again Clothing, Etc. is look-
ing for an individual that has the
following skills: Great customer
relations, operate a cash register
and debit/credit card machine, be
18 years or older and able to lift
50 lbs., follow instructions, be ma-
ture, organized/creative/neat in
appearance, work well with oth-
ers. Hours needed are Tuesday
thru Friday 9:30am to 5pm and
work every other Saturday
9:30am to 3pm. Applications
available at 734 Big Horn Ave. No
phone calls please.

FULL or part-time counter help.
Apply in person at Bloedorn Lum-
ber, 100 So. Rd. 11.

PART-TIME Fry Cook: Thursday,
Friday & some Saturday
evenings, 5:30pm to 10:00pm.
Call 431-1957 or pick up appli-
cation at Worland Elks.

PART-time Laundry & Housekeep-
ing position available at Worland
Healthcare & Rehab. Apply with-
in, 1901 Howell.

WE are looking for mature individu-
als to work 3-4 short shifts/week
(approx. 3 hrs.). One lunch time
position & one dinner time posi-
tion available. On the job training
with polite & experienced staff or
management. Pleasant work en-
vironment guaranteed! Please
apply in person (the old fashioned
way) at Sally's Classic Pizza.

160 Help Wanted

CLOUD Peak Counseling Center
is hiring a part-time **Mental
Health Technician** to work at
Cloud Peak Lighthouse. Mental
Health Technicians assist mental-
ly impaired or emotionally dis-
turbed clients, while working un-
der the direction of clinical and
medical staff in a 24/7 Crisis Sta-
bilization Center. MHT's must be
able to: Create and maintain a
therapeutic environment for men-
tally ill clients; Work as part of a
team; Assist client with activities
of daily living as needed; Partici-
pate in recreational activities with
clients; Provide transportation for
clients as needed; Maintain total
client confidentiality; Work nights,
weekends, and/or holidays as as-
signed. Starting wage is
\$10.00/hr. Applicants must have
a High School Diploma or equiva-
lency. No experience necessary.
Applications available at the
Cloud Peak Counseling Center of-
fice. Please submit application or
resume to: Cloud Peak Counsel-
ing Center, Attn: James, 401 S.
23rd St., Worland, WY 82401 or
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The Wyoming Retirement Center
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cellent customer service and
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ing positions are available:
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come (\$24.19-\$30.24/hr)
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come (\$17.11-\$21.39/hr)
Excellent State benefit package
for full time and part time posi-
tions includes health, dental
and life insurance. Vision and
disability insurance also avail-
able. Apply online at
http://agency.governmentjobs-
com/wyoming. Background
checks will be completed
through Wyoming DCI and DFS.
Pre-employment drug testing
will be conducted for all direct
patient care positions. Annual
influenza vaccination is re-
quired. For more information
contact the Wyoming Retire-
ment Center 307-568-2431.
EEO/ADA Employer.

FIRENZE Italian Steakhouse is
now recruiting additional team
members for open dining room.
Server positions, and a part time
custodial position. **Custodian Job
overview:** 5 days a week 10/12
hours. Custodian will be respon-
sible for daily restaurant detail-
ing, managing custodial work room,
supplies inventory, etc. This posi-
tion does not include kitchen
cleaning. Employment applica-
tions may be picked up and re-
turned at the Reception desk of
Firenze Italian Steakhouse, 625
Big Horn Avenue - Worland.

JV LUMBER now hiring full-time!
Construction experience pre-
ferred. We are willing to train the
right person if you have a great
attitude. Must be well kept and
have great people skills. Will re-
quire some heavy lifting. Apply at
JV Lumber, 1214 So. Flat Rd.

KENNEDY Ace Hardware has
full-time positions available. If
interested, apply in person at
801 Big Horn Ave.

NIGHT Stockers: 40 hrs. per week,
benefits available, 10:00pm to
6:00am, rotating weekends. Ap-
ply in person, Blair's Market, 1801
Big Horn Ave.

WORLAND Youth Learning Center
is currently accepting applications
for 3 part-time positions. For
more information, please contact
Shannon or Ciara at 347-4899.

160 Help Wanted

CLOUD Peak Counseling Center
is hiring a Full-time **Mental
Health/Substance Abuse Therapist**.
Therapist will provide counsel-
ing to individuals and groups to
promote optimum mental health.
May help individuals deal with ad-
dictions and substance abuse;
Family, parenting and marital
problems; Suicide; Stress man-
agement; Problems with self-es-
teem; and issues associated with
aging and mental and emotional
health. Candidates must be able
to: Counsel clients, individually
and in group sessions, to assist in
overcoming dependencies, ad-
justing to life, making changes,
and developing skills and strate-
gies for dealing with their prob-
lems; Provide and coordinate
case management services to
meet client's treatment goals;
Maintain total client confidentiality;
Participate in covering on-call
emergency services; Maintain
professional and respectful work-
ing relationships; Modify treat-
ment activities and approaches as
needed to comply with changes in
clients' status; Prepare and main-
tain all required documentation in
accordance with CPCC Policy and
Procedures, HIPPA laws, and
healthcare compliance regulations.
Documentation includes, but is
not limited to: Clinical assess-
ments, evaluations, treatment
plans, progress notes, discharge
planning, ASAM's, DLA's, and
MIS forms. Benefits include vaca-
tion, sick leave, on-call pay, in-
centive pay, medical, dental, and
vision insurance, and retirement.
Salary DOE. Applicants must
have Master level degree, meet
current State of Wyoming Depart-
ment of Health standards as a
mental health and/or substance
abuse therapist, and eligible for,
or have, a license with the
Wyoming Board of Mental Health
and Substance Abuse. CPCC is
an EOE. Please submit applica-
tion and resume to: CPCC, Attn:
James Donahue, 401 S. 23rd St.,
Worland, WY 82401 or email:
james@cloudpeakcc.org

FIRENZE Italian Steakhouse is
now recruiting additional team
members for Back of House/
Kitchen positions. Must be pro-
fessional, neat in appearance,
and have a friendly personality,
able to work either an AM or PM
shifts, the flexibility to work any
day of the week, including week-
ends and holidays. Employment
Applications may be picked up
and returned at the Reception
desk of Firenze Italian Steak-
house 625 Big Horn Avenue,
Worland.

IF YOU'RE an ambitious and en-
ergetic Reporter, we have a spot
for you at our daily newspaper in Sid-
ney, NE. We're looking for some-
one with weekly or small-town dai-
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160 Help Wanted

LOOKING for Journeyman or Mas-
ter Electrician. Worland area.
Please call 307-388-0701.

180 Situations Wanted

LOOKING for rental home or
lease/option to buy. 2-3 bed-
rooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage,
preferably with property. Mature
responsible couple. Dudley, 307-
431-8481; Sheri, 307-431-1277.

200 For Rent



**3 Bedroom
Apartments
Available**

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APARTMENTS**
3316 Paintbrush
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ACCEPTING applications for one
and two bedroom apartments.
HUD subsidized senior citizen
housing, equal housing opportuni-
ty; Worland Gardens! Call 431-
1985 or 347-6324, leave mes-
sage.

FIVE Bdrm., 2 Bath, 2 car garage,
fenced yard, no smoking, pets ne-
gotiable, 6 mo. lease, \$1,350/mo.
Including gas. Please call 307-
431-1900 or 307-840-0770.

FOR RENT: 800 sq. ft. with drive
up window, off street parking, air
conditioning. 388-9599 or 347-
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FOR RENT: Newer office or retail
space with off street parking.
Handicapped rest room, carpeted,
air conditioned. 2,400 sq. ft. 347-
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FOR RENT: Office or retail space in
newer building with off street
parking. Freshly painted, handi-
capped rest room, air conditioned.
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9599.

FOR RENT: Open House showing
everyday until rented. Three bed-
room, 820 So. 13th at 4:00pm.

IMMACULATE 2 Bdrm., 1 bath
house with garage, no smoking,
no pets, available August 1st,
\$750/mo. + deposit, one year
lease. Call 431-1479 for details.

ONE Bdrm. House, \$550/mo., \$250
deposit + electricity. Call 431-
5186.

ONE bedroom apartment. Utilities
paid. 12 month lease, references
required. \$450/month, \$400 de-
posit. No pets, no smoking. 307-
431-0590, please leave a mes-
sage.

TRAILER space for rent. 347-2267
or 431-5732.

200 For Rent

Accepting Applications for
**2 Bedroom Townhouse Apartments
Sage Creek Apartments**
Furnished with appliances, laundry room available.
2010 SAGE CROSSING -Office #24
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00-1:30 p.m.
307-347-4786
This Institution is an equal opportunity provider & employer.

280 For Sale: Real Estate

COUNTRY LIVING - BUYER FRIENDLY

820 Swan Place - Large lot with East and West Mountain views. On private road with access to 23rd Street. Two patios, 2 fireplaces, new roof, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2-car garage. Beautiful lawn. \$211,900.

955 E. Highway 16 - Country living close to town on 2.29 acres. Three bedrooms, 2 baths, new paint and new carpet on main level. Two-car detached garage with 2 additional outbuildings. \$204,500.

845 Highway 20 near Basin - Super horse enthusiasts' 3 bedroom, 2 bath on 4.5 acres. Insulated/heated shop; barn with loft over tack room. Master bedroom has view of Cloud Peak Wilderness. \$199,500.

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200 For Rent

ONE & TWO Bdrm. Apartments,
\$475/mo. & \$575/mo. First
month + deposit. 805-233-1313.

QUIET 2 Bdrm., all utilities paid ex-
cept lights, no pets/smoking,
washer/dryer facility. 388-2127.

RECENTLY remodeled 2 Bdrm.
House, garage, fenced yard, near
school, \$700/mo. No smoking.
Ready August 1st. 431-1800.

SPACIOUS 2 Bdrm. House with
washer & dryer, no smoking, no
pets. \$650/mo. 431-1800.

TEN Sleep: Commercial office
space, TSI building starting at
\$150. 307-272-3814.

THREE Bdrm., 2 bath, central air
and heat, new wood stove, updat-
ed kitchen, unattached single car
garage, 15,000 sq. ft. lot, fenced,
two storage sheds, sprinkler sys-
tem, mower provided. \$900/mo.
plus \$350 deposit and utilities.
Available 08/15/2015. Call 307-
431-6612 for application.

TWO Bdrm. Apt., stackable
washer/dryer. Available immedi-
ately. 347-3289.

TWO Bdrm. House for rent just out-
side of Worland. 347-2223.

TWO Bdrm., 1 1/2 Bath Apartment,
washer/dryer hookup, \$650/mo.,
\$500 deposit, no pets. So. 20th
St. 388-0919.

220 Garage Sales

2113 GREGG (in garage in alley),
Saturday, 8:00am to ??? Couch,
kitchen items, kids & adult
clothes, furniture, toys, lots of mis-
cellaneous.

Downsizing Estate Sale
615 So. 8th St.
Saturday, 8:00am to 2:00pm.
Hundreds of treasures!

GARAGE Sale???
Better yet...Parking Lot Sale!
Carhartt, MT Silversmiths,
Bearpaw, Performance Tools,
Dickies - ALL NEW! Two day
sale, starting today! Hasco Indus-
trial Supply, 415 Big Horn Ave.,
Worland.

GOT JUNK? We do! 347-2667,
Garage Sale, 1921 Big Horn Ave.

MULTI-PARTY Yard Sale: Friday,
3:00pm to 7:00pm & Saturday,
8:00am to 12:00pm. Miscella-
neous kids items, toys, household
items, vintage items, ladies golf
set, Avon and much more! 2290
Gregg Ave. (corner of 23rd &
Gregg).

SMALL Garage Sale at 1122 Wil-
son Dr., Saturday, 7:00am to
11:00am. Home decor items, ac-
cent tables, approx. 90 sq. ft. of
ash flooring, aluminum truck tool-
box, tools, etc.

YARD SALE:
405 Obie Sue
9:00am to 3:00pm
through Saturday.
50 year collection of stuff!
Old & new!

YARD Sale: 500 So. 16th. Some-
thing for everyone, lots of miscel-
laneous. Friday 31st, 3:00pm to
7:00pm & Saturday 1st, 8:00am to
4:00pm

YARD Sale: 716 Thomas Ave., Fri-
day and Saturday, 8:00am to
Noon. Clothes, camping and
computer stuff, baby and kitchen
items.

220 Garage Sales

FOUR-Party Garage Sale. Satur-
day only! 1633 Rd. 13, Worland,
8:00am to ??? Brand new dia-
mond plate fuel & tool, H&S per-
formance mini-maxx diesel turner,
antique furniture, home decora-
tions, full size wooden bed with
mattress, carpet shampooer, an-
tique looking wall mount bathtub
faucet w/hand held sprayer, cloth-
ing, shoes, toys & much more!

**280 For Sale: Real
Estate**

BRAND NEW...3 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath-
rooms, 3 Car Garage: 305 Aspen
Lodge Drive, \$369,000. For sale
by owner - call for showing 307-
469-2290. View at zillow.com.

LOOKING for rental home or
lease/option to buy. 2-3 bed-
rooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage,
preferably with property. Mature
responsible couple. Dudley, 307-
431-8481; Sheri, 307-431-1277.

OPEN YOUR OWN OFFICE
OR STORE!
Nice building in downtown
Thermopolis, approx. 2,700 sq. ft.
\$115,000. 307-864-3385.

SOLD by Real Living Hake Realty:
664 Sunnyside Lane. 347-3271.

290 Livestock & Feed

1ST CUTTING alfalfa, \$130/ton,
Worland. 307-272-8736.

HAY for Sale:
Small squares, grass/alfalfa
mix \$100 per ton.
307-867-2222 or 431-9807

320 For Sale: Misc.

EIGHT person Cal Spa jacuzzi,
\$900. 431-1800.

FRESH green beans for canning,
cucumbers, onions, peppers &
more! Stiver's Garden, 388-0708.

SADDLE & tree, \$300; Large oak
dining table (3 sizes) & chairs,
\$250; Womens 5 spd. mountain
bike, \$100; HP laserjet printer 5M,
\$100; Exercise machine, \$25; &
miscellaneous chairs. 347-8327.

330 Miscellaneous

FIREARM TRANSFERS
David, 307-431-9176.

350 Wanted

WE Pay Cash for used firearms.
Buy, sell, trade. The Outdoors-
man, 632 Big Horn. 347-2891.

400 For Sale: Trucks

LIKE New! 2006 Pontiac G6, GTP
retractable hardtop convertible,
black, always garaged,
black/brown leather interior, 18"
inch stock alloy wheels, like new
tires, disc brakes front & rear, re-
mote start. This car has all op-
tions available in 2006. Only
12,647 miles! This is a must see!
Asking \$16,500 OBO. Call 347-
2013.

440 For Sale: Cars

PETE Smet Recycling now selling
used cars & trucks. Will trade.
Call Pete, 307-347-2528.

400 For Sale: Trucks

THE ULTIMATE TRUCK PULLING, ROCK CLIMBING MACHINE!!

1984 Chevy
400+ HP
custom built
on Mercedes
Benz
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axles, three
transfer
cases.

\$10,500
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Stock Markets

WALL STREET — NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks ended the day mostly flat on Thursday, recovering from broad losses earlier in the day. Investors continue to focus on corporate earnings, and Thursday's batch brought mostly disappointing results from Procter & Gamble, Facebook and others.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 5.41 points, less than 0.1 percent, to end at 17,745.98. The index had been down 110 points at the beginning of the day.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index closed effectively unchanged, up 0.06 of a point at 2,108.63. The Nasdaq composite rose 17.05 points, or 0.3 percent, to 5,128.78.

Several companies made big moves after reporting their quarterly results. This is the busiest week for corporate earnings, with 174 members of the S&P 500 reporting.

Consumer products giant Procter & Gamble fell \$3.23, or 4 percent, to \$77.39. The maker of Tide detergent and Gillette razors reported softer sales than Wall Street analysts had expected. The company, like many others, has been negatively affected by the strong dollar, which makes U.S. products more expensive abroad.

Whole Foods plunged \$4.74, or 12 percent, to \$36.08. The company reported a sharp slowdown in sales growth last quarter, partially hurt by the recent news that some Whole Foods locations in New York City were overcharging customers.

Facebook fell \$1.78, or 1.8 percent, to \$95.21 after the company's results, while positive overall, included a sharp 82 percent jump in expenses as the company invested in growth. Facebook's stock hit an all-time high on July 21.

Many U.S. companies reporting second-quarter earnings have struggled to increase sales despite modest growth in the U.S. and elsewhere. That was evident Thursday in the results reported by P&G and Whole Foods.

FactSet estimates that revenue at companies in the S&P 500 has decreased 4 percent from a year ago, largely due to weakness in the energy sector. Even when energy is excluded, revenue is still up only 1.8 percent from the same period a year earlier.

"It's really a reflection of how lackluster this economic growth has been," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank in Chicago. "Profits can be manipulated by cutting costs, buying back shares, but your top line is your top line and if you aren't growing sales, it's very hard to mask that."

Investors had one batch of economic data to work through. The U.S. economy grew at a 2.3 percent annual rate in the April-June quarter, rebounding from a harsh winter. Leading the growth was a surge in consumer spending, the backbone of the U.S. economy, and a recovery in foreign trade. While positive, the data looks at the U.S. economy three months ago and did little to boost stocks.

The dollar rose 0.4 percent to 124.34 yen and the euro edged down 0.6 percent to \$1.0903.

Precious and industrial metals futures ended mostly lower. Gold lost \$4.60 to settle at \$1,088.70 an ounce, silver gave up five cents to settle at \$14.70 an ounce and copper fell three cents to \$2.38 a pound.

OGDEN — white wheat 5.46, up 1; hard red winter 4.61, down 4; DNS 5.86, up 1; barley 6.00, unchanged; corn 8.00, up 25;

PORTLAND — no bids for soft white or white club; hard red winter 5.42-5.62, down 4; DNS 6.11, down 3; corn 4.57-4.60, up 6; oats 265.00/ton or 3.8475 bushel, unchanged;

NAMPA — Soft white new crop 8.85, unchanged cwt; 5.31, unchanged bushel.

LIVESTOCK AUCTION — Idaho Livestock in Idaho Falls on July 29.

Breaker and boner cows 96.00-106.00; cutter and canner 75.00-102.00; heiferettes none; feeding cows 95.00-110.00; slaughter bulls 122.00-136.00; feeding and cutting bulls none;

steers: heavy 170.00-190.0, no light or stocker;

heifers: heavy 170.00-200.00, no light or stocker;

Remarks: Cows and bulls steady to 2 lower. Not enough feeders for a test.

FMCCorp 48.37 +.30
FootLockr 70.29 +.88
Form 15.10 -1.11
GenDynam 150.28 +.32
GenElec 26.12 -1.14
GenMills 58.26 +.77
Halliburtn 42.29 -1.00
HeclaM 2.06 -0.06
Hess 60.33 +.29
HewlettP 30.62 +.32
HowWillntI 105.38 -1.16
Idacorp 61.32 +.86
IBM 160.96 -1.13
IntPap 47.47 +.48
JohnJn 99.84 +.11
LockhM 206.47 -1.68
Loews 38.31 +.01
LaPac 14.62 +.18
MDURes 19.05 +.17
MarathnO 21.86 +.10
McDnlds 99.17 +.96
McKesson 217.36 -9.49
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NCRCorp 27.61 -2.77
NorthSo 85.80 -1.17
NorthropG 175.41 +1.97
OcciPet 71.40 +.54
Olin 23.02 -1.18
PG&ECp 52.18 -1.16
Penney 8.26 -0.03
PepsiCo 96.63 +.10
Pfizer 35.73 -0.03
Praxair 114.27 -1.66
ProctGam 77.39 -3.23
Questar 21.84 +.02
RockwAut 117.10 +.74
SempraEn 100.86 +.27
SouthnCo 44.38 +.81
Tegna 28.95 -0.26
Textron 44.18 +.18
3MCo 151.57 +.12
TimeWarn 88.44 +.33
Timken 33.49 +.44
TrContl 21.29 +.04
UnionPac 97.70 -0.83
Unisys 15.94 +.02
USSteel 20.09 +.05
VarianMed 86.00 -4.39
VerizonCm 46.67 +.11
ViadCorp 25.30 -0.09
WalMart 72.16 -0.07
WellsFargo 58.15 +.19
Weyerhsr 30.46 +.16
Xerox 10.77 +.01
YumBrnds 88.02 +.25

LISTINGS — Thu.'s closing New York Stock Exchange selected prices:

Stock	Last	Chg
AT&TInc	34.80	+1.11
AerojetR	22.64	-0.56
Alcoa	9.98	-0.18
Altria	54.20	-0.20
AEP	56.32	+0.38
AmIntlGrp	64.53	-0.01
ApldIndIT	38.41	+0.19
Avon	5.51	+0.13
BPPPLC	37.68	+0.29
BakrHu	58.69	-0.98
BkofAm	18.13	-0.03
Boeing	143.01	-1.13
BrMySq	64.46	-0.43
Brunswick	51.92	-1.16
Caterpillar	78.35	+1.02
Chevron	93.03	-0.22
Citigroup	58.88	+0.01
CocaCola	40.56	-0.03
ColgPalm	68.02	-0.91
ConocoPhil	52.07	-0.83
ConEd	63.15	+0.81
CurtisWrt	67.97	+0.73
Deere	93.51	-0.12
Disney	120.03	+0.19
DowChm	47.42	-0.01
DuPont	55.59	+0.13
Eaton	61.08	-0.17
EdisonInt	59.53	+0.45
ExxonMbl	83.01	-0.13

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Greeted the crowd
- 2012 Pixar film
- Wrinkle-free
- Trumpeted
- Fire-starting material
- Postal meter units
- Health resort
- Repeatedly
- Diamond stat
- Tower over
- U-turn from ESE
- Charged particle
- Pandora's boxful
- German industrial region
- Polish
- Small drum
- Twinkle

DOWN

- Humorous one
- Jackie's second
- Max — Sydow
- Finals

Answer to Previous Puzzle

KFC	ERIC	ODOR
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5 Type of pie
6 Cliff
7 Tiramisu
8 Rainbow
9 Notch's shape
10 MS polishers



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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concepts Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Answer to previous puzzle

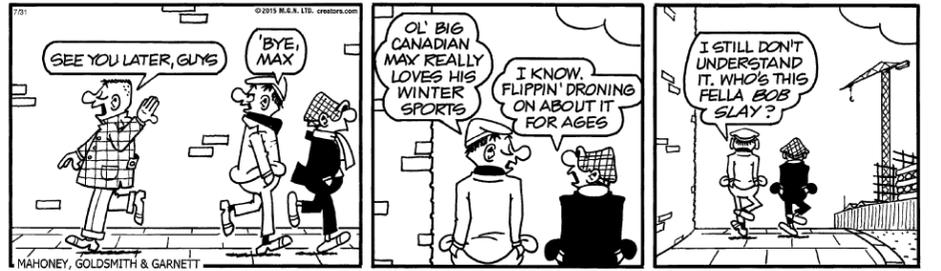
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5	1	2	6	3	9	4	7	8
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U.S. Senate passes long-term highway bill

Wyoming and rural priorities included

WASHINGTON, DC —Thursday, U.S. Senator John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) released the following statement after the Senate passed a 6-year bipartisan surface transportation bill, the Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act (S. 1647). The bill provides long-term funding for state and local governments to improve our roads, bridges and other transportation projects.

Barrasso was successful in including key provisions that provide regulatory relief and flexibility for rural states like Wyoming.

"Ensuring the safety of our nation's roads, bridges and infrastructure is absolutely critical," said Barrasso. "Today, the Senate took the lead in passing a bipartisan, long-term solution to our transportation challenges. This bill doesn't just address the needs of urban communities. It includes a number of important provisions that will provide flexibility for rural states like Wyoming, as well as communities across Indian Country. The House should waste no time in passing this bill immediately so we can send it to the president to sign into law as soon as possible."

Background on Barrasso Provisions included in the bill:

Rural Road Waivers

This provision provides the Secretary of Transportation with new authorities to provide exceptions and exemptions that provide regulatory relief and flexibility for rural road and rural bridge projects.

Indexing Categorical Exclusion Projects

This provision allows projects with categorical exclusions to adjust the project dollar amounts for inflation. MAP-21 currently allows for categorical exclusions for projects for any highway or transit project that receive less than \$5 million in Federal funds. Unless those amounts are adjusted for inflation, the value of the categorical exclusion will degrade over time.

Critical Rural Freight Corridor Designation Flexibility

This provision provides the states with more flexibility to designate rural routes as critical ru-

ral freight corridors. This would include designating routes to agricultural and forestry facilities or energy development that connect to primary freight networks or interstate highways.

Tribal Transportation Program Funding

This provision includes language from Senator Barrasso's Tribal Infrastructure and Roads Enhancement and Safety (TIREs) Act that increases available funding for the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP).

Tribal Administrative Expenses

Decreases administrative expenses paid by the Tribes to the Bureau of Indian Affairs from 6 percent to 5 percent of the total amount of the project. This provision will put more money into tribal projects instead of bureaucratic expenses.

Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program

This provision reinstates flexibility for states that have at least one nonattainment area to use CMAQ funding for rural transit operations or street sweeping equipment to limit particulate pollution in attainment areas.

Assistance for Major Projects Program (AMPP)

Provides language to ensure that, under the new assistance for major projects program, projects in a low population density state like Wyoming would be eligible at lower dollar amounts than the eligibility threshold for projects in more densely populated states.

TIFIA Qualification

Provides language in the bill to ensure that Wyoming "rural" projects would qualify for lower interest rates and require a lower project dollar amount in order to be eligible under the program.

Rural Road Data Collection Flexibility

Provides language in the bill that would provide an exemption from a MAP-21 requirement that State DOTs collect that same amount of data on a gravel road as a major intersection in Cheyenne.

Freight Program Requirement Delay

Provides language to ensure a reasonable transition period for states before the effective date of new requirements to establish a freight state advisory committee and a state freight plan under a freight program of the overall highway program.

Nation, World

Afghan Taliban confirm Mullah Omar's death

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The Taliban confirmed the death of longtime leader Mullah Mohammad Omar and appointed his successor Thursday, as a new round of peace talks was indefinitely postponed amid concerns over how committed the new leadership is to ending the militant group's 14-year insurgency.

The Afghan Taliban Shura, or Supreme Council, chose Mullah Omar's deputy, Mullah Akhtar Mansoor, as its new leader, two Taliban figures told The Associated Press, saying the seven-member council had met in the Pakistani city of Quetta.

Mansoor is considered close to Pakistani authorities who hosted peace talks earlier this month, and his election could widen an internal split between fighters who favor negotiations with the Afghan government and those who want to continue an insurgency that has gained speed following the end of the international combat mission last year.

Mansoor has effectively commanded the movement for the three years since Mullah Omar's previous deputy and co-founder of the movement, Mullah Abdul Baradar, was arrested by Pakistani authorities.

Wing part could help solve what happened to MH370

SAINT-ANDRE, Reunion (AP) — A barnacle-encrusted wing part that washed up on a remote Indian Ocean island could help solve one of aviation's greatest mysteries, as investigators work to connect it to

the Malaysia Airlines flight that vanished more than a year ago.

The surprise discovery of the debris on a rocky beach stirred hopes and emotion among families of the missing, after a year and a half of grieving and frustration at a lack of answers, despite a wide, deep and expensive multinational search effort in the southern Indian Ocean, the China Sea and the Gulf of Thailand.

Even if it is confirmed to be a long-awaited first clue to the disappearance of Flight 370, there's no guarantee that investigators can still find the plane's recorders or other remains a year and a half later.

The coming hours and days will be crucial. French authorities moved the plane piece from the beach to the local airport on Reunion, and will send it next to the city of Toulouse, where it may arrive Saturday morning, according to the Paris prosecutor's office.

Fire chief: More training planned after dispatcher hung up

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — All Albuquerque Fire Department employees in emergency situations will undergo additional training after a dispatcher told a 911 caller trying to help a teenage shooting victim to "deal with it yourself."

The department will start giving crisis intervention training to all firefighters and dispatchers next week, Fire Chief David Downey told reporters Wednesday. A department spokeswoman said she was not sure if some employees had previously received the training.

The dispatcher, Matthew Sanchez, should not have hung up on the 17-year-old caller in such a traumatic situation, Downey said.

Street Work in Worland



Jay Hergert cuts into the corner of Eighth Street and Robertson on Wednesday morning. The city is re-patching rough spots and sink holes around town.

DAILY NEWS/ Ryan Mitchell Collins

Oddities

Chicken, beer a bad recipe for home burglar who fell asleep

LAKE WORTH, Fla. (AP) — Chicken and beer make for a bad burglary.

A Florida family tells police they came home to chicken bones and empty beer bottles scattered about their kitchen floor and a would-be robber passed out on their couch.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office reports that deputies found 22-year-old Jacob Miller still asleep when they responded Monday to the Lake Worth home in South Florida. After taking Miller into custody, deputies found numerous items of jewelry on the man that belonged to the family.

The Palm Beach Post reports that Miller told deputies he went into the home because he needed a place to stay but refused to answer any other questions.

Miller was charged with burglary and theft. Records also showed an open warrant in Texas for burglary.

Michigan taxidermist recreates football rivalry

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A Lansing-based taxidermist used the longtime rivalry between Michigan State University and the University of Michigan as inspiration for his latest creation.

Nick Saade, a full-time taxidermist for 18 years, recently made a football display with 22 stuffed chipmunks wearing little Spartan and Wolverine helmets. The chipmunks are mounted to a small-scale football field in passing, throwing, catching and tackling positions.

Saade enlisted the help of his son, who's a football coach at Sexton High School, to help him plan the layout and plays in his display.

Saade, who owns Taxidermy by Nick Saade, told the Lansing State Journal that display shows the Spartans as they're about to score the winning touchdown, with the chipmunk quarterback winding up to throw the football to his teammate in the end zone.

The Wolverine players from the University of Michigan look "kind of cool, but everybody knows MSU is better — even the chipmunks," Saade said.

Four referees will be added to the display when another one of Saade's relatives, a doll-maker, is finished creating their uniforms.

After the display is complete, Saade plans to sell his creation for \$1,500.

"I don't even care if it sells or not. It's just a cute thing," he said.

Saade said he doesn't kill animals specifically for his projects, and instead he uses road kill, nuisance animals and leftover parts from the hunting and fishing trophies he makes.

The chipmunks in the football display were trapped by several friends who wanted to rid their cabins of the rodents. When a friend donated a chipmunk, he put it in the freezer, then waited until he collected enough of them for his project.

Businessman finds cellphone that fell from plane

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — A Texas businessman used an app to find his iPhone in a rural pasture after it fell about 9,300 feet during a flight from Houston.

The Wichita Falls Times Record News reported Thursday that Ben Wilson says his cellphone still works.

Wilson says he and a pilot were traveling home Monday in a Beechcraft Bonanza when a pressure change caused the passenger door to slightly open. Wilson didn't realize his cellphone fell out until after landing.

Wilson, who owns Gas Corporation of America in Wichita Falls, and an employee used an app to narrow the search to near Jacksboro, more than 50 miles away.

The pair set on their search Tuesday, and ended up in a rural pasture. They found the cellphone under a mesquite tree.

Aggressive cobra found at Texas high-rise apartments

HOUSTON (AP) — An aggressive 2-foot-long cobra captured at a luxury high-rise apartment complex in Houston has been euthanized.

Houston police were summoned to the complex after residents spotted an albino monocol cobra on the third floor over the weekend. Police used a broom to corner and capture the snake. No injuries were reported.

Authorities aren't sure how the snake, which is native to Southeast Asia, ended up in the building or who owned it.

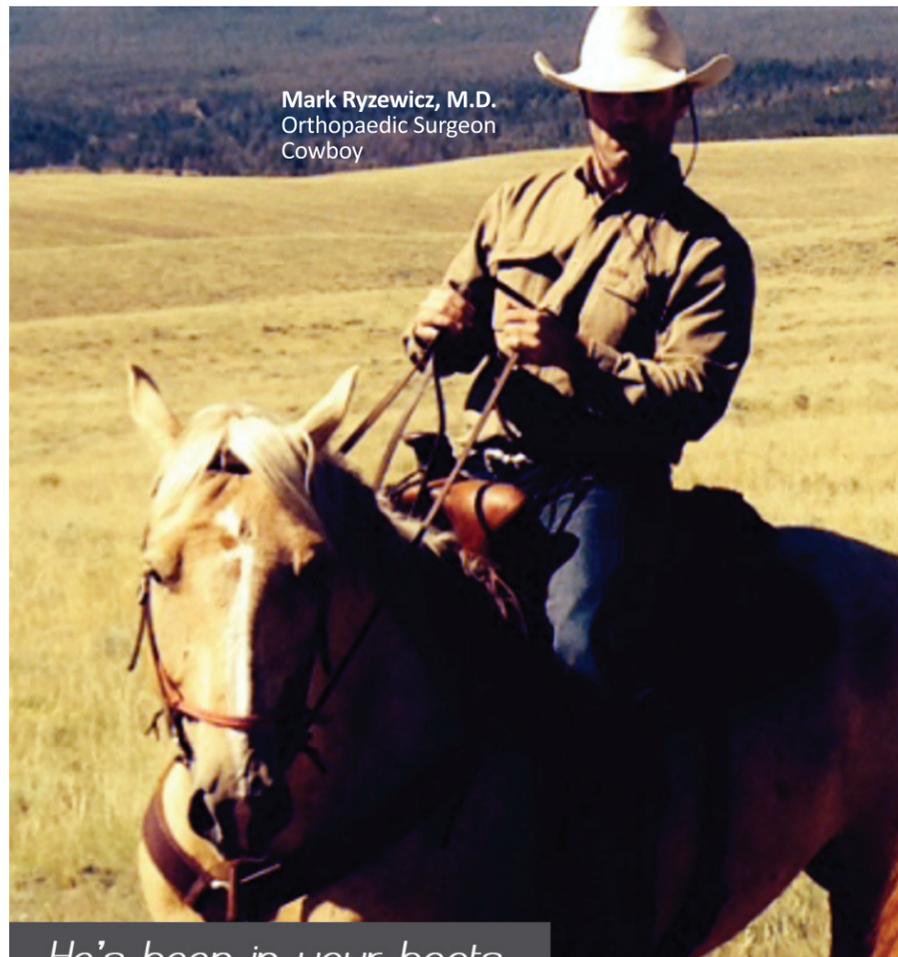
Josie Moss says her pest control company tried to find a home for snake, but found little interest due to its aggression. Moss said Thursday that the snake was extremely dangerous and its venom can be deadly.

Grenade found

MILLBROOK, N.Y. (AP) — It's not every day you find a grenade while removing a tree stump. Fred Hill did, but luckily for the Hudson Valley tree service worker the explosive wasn't live.

Hill tells the Poughkeepsie Journal he was working to clear away a tree stump outside a home Wednesday morning in the Dutchess County village of Millbrook when he hit something "hard and metal-like" while digging.

The 36-year-old employee of Mike's Tree Service in Clinton Corners then picked a dirt-covered object that was the size of a baseball. It turned out to be a grenade.



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