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Wyoming's longtime election chief steps down

CHEYENNE (AP) — Wyoming's chief election official is stepping down after a nearly 20-year career with the secretary of state's office.

The Wyoming Tribune Eagle reports that Peggy Nighswonger confirmed her resignation on Monday as the state's elections director, citing "differences in philosophy" with Secretary of State Ed Murray, who was elected last year.

Murray wasn't immediately available Monday for comment.

Nighswonger, who oversaw elections, campaign finance disclosures and lobbying laws, says she's not sure whether she will continue working somewhere else or retire.

Jindal to make campaign stop in Cheyenne

CHEYENNE (AP) — Louisiana governor and presidential candidate Bobby Jindal plans to campaign in Cheyenne next month.



Bobby Jindal
Louisiana Governor
Presidential Candidate

The libertarian-leaning Wyoming Liberty Group will host Jindal's event Nov. 16 at Little America Hotel and Resort. Ticket prices will range from \$40 to \$750.

The higher prices buy better seats and access to as many as two receptions.

The Casper Star-Tribune reports Jindal will be the fourth presidential candidate to visit the Cowboy State. Ted Cruz, Rand Paul and Ben Carson have visited Wyoming in recent months.

Police defend use of Taser on city official in Texas

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (AP) — Police officials in a small, predominantly black Texas college town are defending the decision to use a stun gun on a city council member when he intervened as officers questioned his friends outside his apartment.

Police say they were questioning four men outside Prairie View City Council Member Jonathan Miller's apartment about suspicious activity in the neighborhood when Miller interfered on Thursday night. Miller, at a Monday news conference, said he was vouching for his friends and telling officers they were doing nothing wrong.

"It was just concern for my friends. That's all it was, and that's all it should have been," Miller said.

Video from police and from one of Miller's friends shows officers using a

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Plan One proposes existing site for Ten Sleep School

By Marcus Huff
Staff Writer

TEN SLEEP — At the request of Washakie County School District No. 2, Dan Odasz, vice president of Plan One, a state-sponsored architectural firm based in Cody, presented an extensive option for the future construction of the new Ten Sleep School at Monday's board of directors meeting.

Utilizing current school property, with outlying parking areas and an additional 10 acres for a football field, the proposed facility features a two-story design, and would be built just north of the current school.

As explained by Odasz, the proposed facility could be built while the current school is still in operation, with minimal impact to student life and activities. Upon completion, the current school building would be demolished to make way for a parent drop-off lane, visitor parking and a new shop building.

Also under the proposal, teacher parking could be provided by purchasing and demolishing the Ten Sleep Masonic Lodge, located at 421 Fir Street. The new football field, as outlined by Odasz, would be relocated to 10 acres of land east of the school, currently owned by Washakie County Commissioner Aaron Anderson.

In an interview with the Daily News, District No. 2 Superintendent Jimmy Phelps explained the proposal further. "The [Wyoming] School Facilities Department said they would purchase the Anderson property for a sports area if we built the school in its current location," Phelps said.

Manufacturing day tours

Local residents, business representatives tour Worland manufacturing locations

By Zach Spadt
Staff Writer

WORLAND — Oct. 2 marked National Manufacturing Day and area residents and business representatives had the opportunity to view Worland's manufacturing industry.

Manufacturing works partnered with the Washakie Development Association and Worland-Ten Sleep Chamber of Commerce Friday, Oct. 2 for a tour of various manufacturing plants in Worland. About a dozen people visited and toured Admiral Beverage, Bryant Honey, Crown Cork and Seal and Tommerup Machine.

Those involved in the event also had the opportunity to listen to Jerry Doerr of Amish Origins speak about his business.

Andy Rose, a field engineer with Manufacturing Works said the tour was a success, but added that he would like to see more people attend similar events. Rose added that manufacturing is a critical part of Worland's economy, despite not always being visible.

"We wanted to highlight (manufacturers) in Worland.

"To me, what I've always been impressed with is the diversity of manufacturing. There's such a wide variety of activities," Rose said.

People on the tour learned that Crown Cork and Seal manufactures more than 3 million cans daily.

Rose said the purpose of the tours was to recognize manufacturers and the work they do in addition to bringing awareness to the community about manufacturing. This month's tour was the first of its type in Worland, but Rose would like to see more in the



COURTESY/Plan One

Under a proposal by Plan One of Cody, the new Ten Sleep School facility would be built on pre-existing property, in addition to 10 acres of adjacent land for a football and track facility, and perimeter parking around the current school.

Phelps went on to explain that Plan One is under contract with the district and paid by the state to help with the concept phase of the planning. Once land has been purchased and money has been appropriated by the state for the design phase, the district will open bids for an official facility designer. In 2018, the district will formally request appropriations to open bids for construction.

"We asked them [Plan One] to provide us with a more realistic drawing of the proposed building," noted Phelps, "because, what we started out with was pretty rough."

Plan One has contracted with the state extensively in the past, consulting on and designing schools in Cody, Lovell, Cowley, Shoshoni, Buffalo, and the Wyoming Boys

School. In addition, Plan One designed the Eleutian Technologies headquarters in Cody, and was on the team that recently renovated the state capitol.

Before the conclusion of Monday's meeting, the District No. 2 board of directors held a closed-door executive session to further discuss land acquisition issues, with Odasz in attendance.

Casper wildfire burns at least a dozen homes

Fire marshal investigating cause that started fire at compost pile

CASPER (AP) — At least a dozen families lost their homes and residents are assessing livestock losses from a wind-driven grass fire that burned nearly 16 square miles in central Wyoming.

The fire started Saturday in a composting area at a regional landfill near Casper. Winds gusting up to 50 mph on Sunday pushed the blaze to the east, forcing evacuations in the Evansville area.

No injuries have been reported, said Natrona County Fire Marshal Bob Fawcett. He did not know the total number of buildings lost.

State Forester Bill Crapser said Tuesday that between 15 and 20 structures are lost to the fire that has burned some 15 square miles of rolling prairie 3 miles north of Casper. The fire also burned several sheds and other residential out-buildings.

Homeowner Daniel Clark tells the Casper Star-Tribune that along with his house and barn he lost six dogs, five cats, two horses, a cow and his wife's wedding ring. He was able to rescue two dogs and a horse before smoke forced him out of the area.

One of the horses that died was shot by a neighbor after it ran out of the barn in flames.

"It's a nightmare," Clark said. "I don't even know how to feel."

Officials expected to lift Sunday's evacuation order at 4 p.m. Monday, but it

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DAILY NEWS/Zach Spadt

A forklift operator carries a load at Crown Cork and Seal earlier this month. Manufacturing Works partnered with the Worland-Ten Sleep Chamber of Commerce and the Washakie Development Association and toured local manufacturing businesses, including Crown Cork and Seal Oct. 2.

future if there is interest.

"I would have liked to have seen more people.

"We've done this in the past (in other communities) and have had more than 30 people," Rose said, adding that Manufacturing Works has conducted similar tours in Cody and Powell.

"We'd do it every year, but there has to be enough local interest to make it work. It was very gracious of those bigger companies to open their doors. There needs to be more than just a small handful of people," Rose

said.

Manufacturing Works is an extension of the University of Wyoming. The organization works with Wyoming businesses increase their success.

"We work to provide technical solutions and training for manufacturing nad other businesses across the state.

"We do that through company-by-company engagements or interaction projects. We address technical issues ... it could be anything from standard design services to helping them expand," Rose said.

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Land Transfers

Land transfers filed during the month of September in the Washakie County Clerk's office include:

Kent R. Holiday to Virginia F. Holiday, warranty deed, Tract 63, 56; Sec 17, Twp 47, Range 088, Legal SE4SW4; Sec 20, Twp 47, Range 088, Legal NE4NW4

Kent R. Holiday to Virginia F. Holiday, warranty deed, Sec 20, Twp 47, Range 088, Legal NE4NW4

Pete Limbrunner et al, Rita Limbrunner et al and TSSPR LLC et al to Bart Lungren et al, Bobby Cothron et al, Brenda Cothren et al and Babco LLC et al, warranty deed, Block 9, Original Town of Ten Sleep; Part Block 9

Misty D. Jones to Landis S. Benson trustee, Janet G. Benson trustee and LJ Revocable Trust dated 9/28/2005, warranty deed, Lot 6, Block 9, Evans Addition

Thomas C. Bancroft et ux and Crystal L. Bancroft et vir to Brian David Mathews, warranty deed, Lot 1, Block 1, RJ Addition

Victor M. Ruiz to Jennifer Bon Robertson et vir and Douglas P. Robertson et ux, warranty deed, Lot 32, 33, 34, Block 2, Decker Addition

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Jim Hill AE and Christi Preuit, warranty deed, Lot 9, Block 11, Worland Addition (Original Town)

Northwest Community Action Program of Wyoming to Larry L. King, warranty deed, Tract 2-30, Sec 30, Twp 47, Range 092

Kenneth D. Rishel and Dawn D. Rishel to Tim Beason and Nancy Beason, warranty deed, Sec 35, Twp 47, Range 093, Legal NESE

Nationstar Mortgage to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, warranty deed, Lot 6, Block 1, Booker Addition

Suzanne Richards L. aka Suzanne L. Shelhamer et vir and Mitchell S. Shelhamer et ux to Francisco Davila

Perez et ux and Ana Rivas Davila DE, warranty deed, Lot 7, 8, Block 3, Pulliam Addition

Linda Engebretsen to John T. Bosley trustee, Pamela R. Bosley trustee, John T. Bosley living trust dated 12/15/2015, Pamela R. Bosley Living Trust dated 12/15/2010, warranty deed, Lot 4, 5, 6, Block 14, Original Town of Ten Sleep

Bradley C. Stromme to Bradley C. Stromme, Joymlly A. Hughes and Brian S. Stromme, warranty deed, Sec 36, Twp 48, Range 093, Legal NW4SE4

Sunlight Federal Credit Union to Transportation Commission of Wyoming, warranty deed, Lot 12, Block 17, Court Place Addition

Big Horn Federal Savings Bank to Transportation Commission of Wyoming, warranty deed, Lot 5, Block 22, Court Place Addition

Shane Earl Catlin et ux and Denise Joan Catlin et vir to Transportation Commission of Wyoming, warranty deed, Lot 53, Block 15, Evert Addition

Richard Scott Gaulke aka Richard S. Gaulke et ux and Pamela Ann Gaulke aka Pamela A. Gaulke et vir to Richard Scott Gaulke trustee, Pamela Ann Gaulke trustee and Gaulke Family living trust, warranty deed, Lot 84, Canyon Creek Village Subdivision; Lot 85, Canyon Creek Village Subdivision; Lot 3, 4, Block 10, Cloud Peak Addition

Lindsay Rae Pahl to Cody Sutton Smith, warranty deed, Lot 19, Block 6, Evans Addition

Matthew G. Lungren to Jeremy Jackson, warranty deed, Lot 16, 17, 18, Block 1, Decker Addition

Brush Property LLC to Eric Anderson et ux and Cheri Anderson et vir, warranty deed, Tract 1-30-E, Sec 30, Twp 47, Range 092, Legal E2NW4

Jerrad D. Schumacher to Ronald Melvin Henson, warranty deed, Lot 13, Block 6, Richins Addition

Wildfire

was extended into Tuesday. Residents were able to go back into the area with a sheriff's escort to check on and retrieve livestock and pets.

About 130 firefighters worked Monday to try to contain the fire, but winds picked up at midday. Air tankers dumped retardant on the fire while helicopters dipped water from the nearby North Platte River.

Crapser blamed unseasonably dry weather with temperatures in the 70s and 80s for a destructive wildfire just outside Casper, which is practically unheard of at this time of year in the Cowboy State.

By fall, usually Wyoming has seen freezing temperatures and

possibly even a significant snowfall. But, warmer temperatures have been drying out the prairie since early September.

The National Weather Service warns of high fire danger across much of central and southern Wyoming. Still, Crapser says longer nights with temperatures dipping into the 30s and 40s should help firefighters working to contain the flames.

The Wyoming State Fire Marshal's office is investigating the cause of the fire, which remained 50 percent contained on Monday evening, Fawcett said.

Firefighters took advantage of calmer winds and cool nighttime temperatures to regain ground on a grass fire that has burned

at least a dozen homes in central Wyoming.

Crews with bulldozers worked overnight to block the fire along its northern flank. Containment is back up to 50 percent. Lighter winds compared to the past couple days should help.

Hundreds of residents are evacuated from the rural area.

The fire began Saturday at a compost pile at the Casper Regional Landfill. Strong winds blew the fire away from the landfill Sunday and fanned the flames again Monday afternoon.

Donations

The Red Cross is asking people to donate yard tools to help victims of the wildfire near Evansville, Wyoming.

Red Cross spokeswoman Pat Kondas said those who have lost their homes will need rakes, shovels and leather gloves to help search for any personal belongings left in the fire debris.

An evacuation order remains in effect after the fire flared up again Monday afternoon. Kondas tells KTWO Radio people are asking when they can get back to their homes.

Other help offered by the Red Cross includes vouchers to stay at motels, coupons for clothing and food, help getting medicine and medical devices, and counseling.

A temporary shelter for fire victims has been set up at Casper College.

Info sought on bull elk poached

CODY — The Wyoming Game and Fish Department is seeking information on a bull elk that was illegally shot and left to waste in Elk Hunt Area 66 near Meeteetse.

Meeteetse Game Warden Jim Olson said that a concerned hunter discovered the abandoned elk on the

Sleeper Ranch recently and reported the incident. "The bull was hit once with a clean shot to the vital area and the entire carcass was left to waste in the hay meadows near the ranch manager's house," Olson said. "We believe the bull was shot October 11, most likely in the evening.

The bull season in that area closed Sept. 30."

Anyone with possible information regarding this poaching incident, or who was in the area and may have noted suspicious vehicles or activities, is encouraged to call Meeteetse Game Warden Jim Ol-

son at 307-868-2212, the Cody Game and Fish office at 307-527-7125 or the STOP POACHING hotline at 1-877-WGFD-TIP (1-877-943-3847). Callers may remain anonymous and any information leading to the arrest and conviction may result in a reward of up to \$5,000.

Rangeland internship program – recruiting for the summer of 2016

CHEYENNE — The Wyoming Stock Growers Association (WSGA), Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts (WACD), and the Wyoming Chapter of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) are taking applications for the Rangeland Internship Program for the summer of 2016. Starting in 2013, this joint internship program was designed to offer students majoring in Rangeland Management or related resource management

fields hands-on experience and opportunities to network with land stewards, managers, government agencies and the private sector.

This program will give students a unique experience working on ranching operations to experience implementing the materials they have learned while in school. During this program interns will have the opportunity to work side-by-side with the opera-

tion's owner or manager though the learning experience. Free housing, monthly stipend, outdoor activities, networking opportunities and the prospect to obtain up to 3 hours of college credit for this internship is available. Students are responsible for working with their college or university to obtain all college credit hours.

Application deadline is Friday, Jan. 15. Applications received before this deadline will be pro-

cessed sooner. To download the Rangeland Internship Application and read additional information on the program please visit <http://www.wysga.org/rangeland-internshipprogram.aspx>.

Send all applications to: Wyoming Stock Growers Assn. Attn: Haley Lockwood, P.O. Box 206, Cheyenne, WY 82003 or by email to haley@wysga.org. Contact Haley Lockwood with any additional questions regarding the program.

VITALS & WEATHER

BIRTHS

None reported.

DEATHS

None reported.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

None reported.

DIVORCE ACTIONS

None Reported.

AMBULANCE CALLS

- Oct. 9 8:16 a.m. Worland Health-care and Rehab.
- Oct. 10 3:23 p.m. S. Rd. 11
- Oct. 10 5:22 p.m. S. 23rd St.
- Oct. 11 8:14 p.m. S. 16th St.
- Oct. 12 12:02 a.m. Law enforcement center.
- Oct. 12 7:00 a.m. Morgan Ave.

FIRE CALLS

- Oct. 10 1:03 p.m. Roam Hill Rd., Ten Sleep.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT

- Washakie County law enforcement for Oct. 9-13:
- Oct. 9 9:25 a.m. Circle Rd. Reporting party reported that their Denver Broncos flag was stolen.
- Oct. 9 9:29 a.m. Phone scam reported.
- Oct. 9 11:54 a.m. U.S. 20. Reporting person advised that the windows in his vehicle were broken.
- Oct. 9 11:56 a.m. Worland Health-care and Rehab. Possibly intoxicated subject removed.
- Oct. 9 12:37 p.m. First St., Ten Sleep. Accident reported.
- Oct. 9 2:47 p.m. Law enforcement center. Fraud reported.
- Oct. 9 4:15 p.m. Grace Ave. Disturbance reported.
- Oct. 9 5:21 p.m. Big Horn Ave. Accident, no injuries.
- Oct. 9 5:28 p.m. U.S. 20 MP 171. Drunk driver reported.
- Oct. 10 12:13 a.m. Rendezvous Lounge. Reporting party advised that a male subject followed her into the bar.
- Oct. 10 10:39 a.m. Spring Creek Rd., Ten Sleep. Reporting party advised that two individuals were driving well over the speed limit.
- Oct. 10 12:03 p.m. U.S. 16. Reporting party advised that a red sports car with Campbell County plates was speeding and attempting to run people off the road.
- Oct. 10 3:35 p.m. Old River Bridge, Worland. Reporting party advised that there was a kid walking funny and fell down while crossing the bridge.
- Oct. 10 7:39 p.m. Branding Iron Restaurant. Reporting party advised of a drunk driver.
- Oct. 10 8:21 p.m. S. 12th St. Reporting party advised of loud music.
- Oct. 10 9:21 p.m. Janet's Boutique. Reporting person advised of someone possibly on the roof.
- Oct. 11 8:44 a.m. St. Mary Magdalen Church. Reporting party advised that an approximately 3-year-old boy was in the church parking lot

wearing only a diaper.

- Oct. 11 5:35 p.m. Kiwanis Park. Three male subjects reported as driving fast and spun out, spraying rocks on the reporting party's daughter.
- Oct. 12 8:54 a.m. Morgan Ave. Reporting party advised that a vehicle drove up and that someone was in his/her window with a flashlight.
- Oct. 12 10:13 a.m. S. 6th St. Reporting person advised that his/her car was possibly broken into.
- Oct. 12 11:10 a.m. Russel Ave. Two-vehicle accident. No injuries.
- Oct. 12 4:20 p.m. Seventh Day Adventist Church. Reporting party advised that his/her snowblower was stolen.
- Oct. 12 4:47 p.m. Law enforcement center. Park phone call reported.
- Oct. 12 4:44 p.m. Holly Ave. Reporting party advised that his/her parents were fighting and requested help.
- Oct. 13 1:20 a.m. Sage Crossing. Reporting party advised that music was blaring from the adjacent apartment. Upon requesting that the neighbor turn down the music, reporting party was advised to "F-off."

WEATHER

Worland Temperatures: Monday High 75, Low 32
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 74. South wind around 5 mph becoming calm.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 40. East wind 5 to 7 mph becoming west after midnight.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 62. North wind 5 to 8 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 33. Light and variable wind becoming east around 6 mph.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 66. Calm wind.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 37.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 69.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72.
Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43.

Forecast provided by National Weather Service, weather.gov

Sunset tonight: 6:32 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow: 7:26 a.m.

LOTTERY

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Teton park's September visits set new record

JACKSON (AP) — Grand Teton National Park had its busiest September in the park's history by more than 50,000 visitors.

The Jackson Hole News and Guide reports that last month's visitation count totaled 475,000 people and jumped nearly 13 percent from the next busiest September, which was in 2010. There were 422,000 visitors that year.

September's visitation totals also surpassed those from September 2014 by 100,000, an increase of 28 percent.

Teton park spokesman Andrew White says total visitation so far this year is already up about 8 percent from last year, when the park's all-time visitation record was set.

Yellowstone National Park has already surpassed its visitation record ahead of the year's end.

Investigators release details of man killed by officers

CHEYENNE (AP) — Investigators say a man who fired at Cheyenne police was killed by a bullet matching the caliber used by the responding officers.

The Wyoming Tribune Eagle reports new information from the Wyoming Department of Criminal Investigation says Saige Hack fired his weapon six times on July 16. Cheyenne Police Sgt. Brett Durante and Officer Bryce Younkin fired back.

Investigators also confirmed in the report sent to Cheyenne Police Chief Brian Kozak on Oct. 6 that Hack's blood alcohol content was more than 4 1/2 times the legal limit to drive a car.

Durante and Younkin returned to active duty two weeks after the shooting. A Cheyenne Police Department review board will investigate whether the shooting falls within department policy.

Kozak doesn't expect Durante or Younkin to face disciplinary action.

Wyoming chief game warden reports himself for extra elk

CHEYENNE (AP) — Wyoming's chief game warden says he intends to pay a fine to settle a

Wyoming

citation charging he was an accessory to taking an extra cow elk.

Chief Warden Brian Nesvik says he and his 14-year-old son were hunting in the Washakie Wilderness in Park County last week.

Nesvik says he instructed his son to fire a second time when it appeared that he had missed an elk with his first shot at 280 yards. Nesvik later found that his son had killed two cow elk.

Nesvik says he alerted Game and Fish investigators and packed out the extra elk.

Nesvik says his son was not cited because Nesvik was responsible for his son's actions. Nesvik said he intends to pay a \$420 citation this week.

Fatal Sweetwater County ATV crash investigated

ROCK SPRINGS (AP) — Sweetwater County sheriff's officials say they're investigating an all-terrain vehicle crash that killed a Rock Springs woman.

The crash happened Saturday afternoon on White Mountain Road west of Rock Springs. Sheriff Mike Lowell says 64-year-old Janice Oliveto and her husband were stuck on a very steep slope in their ATV.

He says Oliveto was behind the wheel when the vehicle accelerated forward and rolled over several times down a slope.

Deputies tell the Rock Springs Rocket-Miner there is no indication alcohol was a factor.

Lawsuit dismissed against wilderness school in hiker's death

CHEYENNE (AP) — A contract that a young man signed releasing a Wyoming-based wilderness training academy from liability before his death on a 2011 backpacking trip to India bars his survivors from suing for damages, a federal judge has ruled.

U.S. District Judge Alan B. Johnson filed Cheyenne on Friday dismissed the suit filed by Elizabeth Brenner of Minnetonka, Minnesota, against the National Outdoor Leadership School, based in Lander, Wyoming. Brenner had claimed the school was negligent in the death of her 20-year-old son, Thomas Plotkin.

In a lengthy written opinion, Johnson stated the facts of the case are tragic and heart-rending, especially for a mother who has lost her son. However, Johnson emphasized Plot-

kin had signed agreements acknowledging that the NOLS program involved inherently dangerous activities and releasing the school from liability.

"Adults contracting to engage in activities that present extraordinary hazards and challenges should not do so lightly," Johnson wrote. The facts of Plotkin's death wouldn't support claims for gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct, Johnson stated.

According to court records, Plotkin slipped on a wet rock while carrying a heavy pack and fell down a 300-foot ravine into a raging river. His body was never found. The lawsuit alleged that he was among a group of hikers who were walking far ahead of their NOLS program leaders in rainy, dark conditions when the accident occurred.

Bruce Palmer, director of admissions and marketing for NOLS in Lander, said Monday that school officials feel a great sense of loss at Plotkin's death. "It's a tragic situation, certainly," he said. "Our thoughts definitely remain with Thomas' family at this point."

"We're pleased that the court recognized the value of the programming that we do, and recognized the risks that are inherent in these activities," Palmer said.

Paul D. Peterson, a lawyer in Woodbury, Minnesota, represents Brenner. Peterson said Monday that he's disappointed in Johnson's decision.

"We received the decision on Friday," Peterson said. "We're still reviewing it and also still reviewing our options."

Douglas man dies in crash near Glendo

CHEYENNE — A fatal crash north of Glendo on Oct. 10 has claimed the life of 34-year-old Johnny S. Vigil of Douglas. The crash occurred at 11:45 p.m. on Wyoming State Highway 319 near mile post 224 approximately 10 miles north of Glendo.

Vigil was driving a 2006 Dodge Charger northbound on WY 319 when the vehicle drifted off the highway. The Dodge continued north in the ditch, vaulted over a driveway access and became airborne. While airborne, the Charger rolled multiple times. Vigil was ejected during the crash as he was not wearing his seat belt.

Vigil was initially taken by ground ambulance to the Douglas airport and then by air ambulance to Wyoming Medical Center in Casper where he succumbed to his injuries in the early morning hours of Oct. 11.

Speed and alcohol use are being investigated in this crash. Vigil's death was the 116th highway fatality in Wyoming for 2015. There were 124 highway fatalities in Wyoming on Oct. 13 in 2014.

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COMMUNITY

Class of '65 gathers for reunion

WORLAND — The 50th class reunion of the Worland High School Class of 1965 took place Sept. 11-12 in Worland.

The Friday night meet and greet was on the patio of Firenze, with classmate Russ Misner and his brother Dave providing the music. Saturday morning,

Tammy Eckhardt Wilson hosted a brunch at her mother's house, Vera Eckhardt. Along with brunch, classmates enjoyed looking at old scrapbooks and watching the DVDs that Mary Jane Link had compiled of past reunions.

On Saturday night, dinner was at the Green Hills Restaurant. More than 50 classmates attended the weekend festivities.



Members of the Worland High School Class of 1965 gathered for a group photo during their reunion Sept. 11-12. They are (front row, l-r): Diana Sutherland Veile, Etta Herzberg Hunzicker, Cheryl Hook Pederson, Tammy Eckhardt Wilson, Jo Ellen Cook Deveraux, Gail Varney Patrick, Sandy Brown Brome, Bertha Alvarado Gudal, Geneva Fehlberg Norton, Maureen Tolman Flannery, Claudia Ellenberger Morea, Diane Allen Best, Carol Reynolds Thompson and Marla Shearer Smith; (middle) Gary Miller, Marilyn Pederson Montoya, Steve Page, Bill McKamey, Jean Scott Piel, Mary Jane Link Belden, Russ Misner, Wright Fujikawa, Allen Hefenieder, Marge Gotfredson Geis, Elvin Smith, Bonnie Cole Shoup, Kent Loveland and Russ Hoff; (back) Dave McKamey, Vicki Van Buskirk, Steve Grosch, Terry Blevins, Carole Ashland Grosch, Alice Hastings Kraft, Harlen French, Dan Frison, Lonnie Porter, Stan Abell Jr., Andy Williams, Larry Howard, Todd Humphrey, John Schwartz and Jack Nielsen. Those not pictured are Glenda Akers Wilken, Cyndi Stevenson Phillips, Susan Frederick Hoag and Holly Vandel Young.



DAILY NEWS/ Tracie Mitchell

Worland's Zion Lutheran church's new associate pastor Roger Dobson will be ministering to the 20-40 age group through Sunday school classes, home groups, bible studies and one-on-one mentoring.

Zion Lutheran church welcomes new associate pastor

By Tracie Mitchell
Staff Writer

WORLAND - The Zion Lutheran Church welcomes associate pastor Roger Dobson and his wife of 38 years, Diana back to its flock after a 10-year absence. During his absence Dobson and his wife spent eight years in Cody and two years in Casper.

Pastor Dobson was the associate youth pastor for the Zion Lutheran Church from 2000 - 2005 and is now the associate pastor for the 20- to 40-year-olds for the Lutheran church.

In 1980 he went to work for television evangelist James Robison until he felt the pull to do church ministry. "In 1980 I went to work for a television evangelist James Robison. I always knew that I had a call in my life to be in ministry. I worked for James for 15 years from 1980 to 1995 and in 1995 I felt led into church ministry instead of the ministry that James is involved in which is evangelistic ministry. Ever since 1995 I've been involved in bible school church ministry or full time church ministry of some kind," Dobson said.

According to the flyer handed out at the church on Sunday, "Roger is

well qualified for the position, having received both his Master of Divinity degree and ordination and having had extensive experience in pastoral ministry, counseling, youth work, preaching and music ministry."

As the associate pastor, Dobson will be ministering to the 20- to 40-year-olds. His ministering will be with Sunday school classes, home groups, bible studies and one-on-one mentoring, with a family oriented theme. "We are going to see what their (20- to 40- year-olds) interests are and what they want. We've heard a deep interest in strengthening marriages and strengthening families," Dobson said.

"We really want to make an impact in this specific age group 20- to 40- year-olds. Often times they are the most neglected in the church world. Statistics tell us that we (churches) do a pretty good job keeping up in the church with young people up until the age of 18, then we have a real gap of reaching the 18- to 45-year-olds and we do a good job of keeping up with the senior citizens. So we are really excited and focused on reaching them," Dobson said.

Thank You

Our family would like to give a heartfelt thank you to our many friends of the Worland Community! The support that has been shown to our family during this incredibly difficult journey we are on has been overwhelming. Thank you to the many friends that volunteered their time and put together the fundraiser for Treston on Saturday. Thank you to those that set up, cooked, served, donated items, bid on items, baked pies, came to the event, thought of us and prayed for us. As much as we would like to personally thank each and every person that has touched our lives and helped us, it is impossible to do. Please know you all have been weaved into our lives to be used as a gift from God. Thank you so much and we look forward to bringing our son home to this wonderful community.

The Schauble Family

Wedding bells and checkbooks

Dear Annie: Our 22-year-old son recently asked his girlfriend to marry him. They have been dating for two years. Now he wants us to meet with her parents to talk about the wedding. The big topic of conversation will likely be finances.

What is the proper way to discuss who pays for what in regards to the wedding? I am not sure how things work these days, and I assume the etiquette has changed over the years. He is our oldest son, and this is our first wedding. — Parents in Pittsburgh

Dear Parents: You are right that things have changed, and generally for the better. It is no longer the rule that the bride's parents pay for nearly everything. Adult children with decent incomes should be encouraged to pay for their own weddings, perhaps with help from both sets of parents. Some parents give the children a specific amount and let them plan from there.

Decide how much you are willing to spend (and can afford). Tradition says that the bride pays for such things as the invitations, flowers, photographer and reception

costs, while the groom covers the rings, the rehearsal dinner, the officiant's fee and the license. But we don't believe you must stick to that. Some families now split the costs right down the middle. Others split expenses entirely differently, but equitably, e.g., the bride's family covers the venue and the food and the groom's covers the flowers, photographer, liquor and orchestra. The bride's family may have their own ideas about the size and lavishness of the affair, so we urge you to be as agreeable as possible without going into debt. You can start this conversation by saying, "We are so

Annie's Mailbox



Kathy Mitchell and Mary Sugar

happy the kids are getting married. What sort of event did you have in mind?"

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Concerned Employee," whose boss is grieving over his wife and is drinking to excess, bringing the small business to ruin. I have a different suggestion.

"Concerned" must be practically running the business. Given that the employee has extensive knowledge of the place and was planning to start a similar business when the current owner retires, it is time for "Concerned" to step up and offer to take over while there is still something left.

"Concerned" should discuss it with the owner in the kindest of

terms — not as a hostile takeover, but rather a compassionate one, and take measures to make sure the family is on board. It might be possible to work out a schedule of payment that allows the owner to retire with dignity.

I worked for a wonderful boss who promised to pass the business down to me when he retired. That was all fine until he died in his sleep from a heart attack, and I found that there was no plan in place. So the business was closed and I found myself unemployed, with no health insurance or retirement plan, at an age where finding a job with the same benefits and pay was nearly impossible. "Concerned" should take care of his/her own future. — Learned My Lesson

Dear Learned: You've made an interesting suggestion. We hope the family is willing to consider allowing "Concerned" to buy out the owner.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@creators.com, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254.

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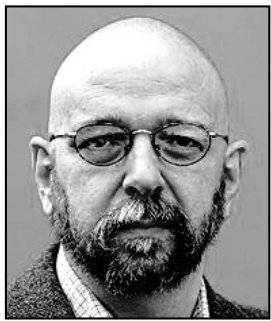
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OPINIONS

Let's all be soldiers, even the children

The thing about America is, anyone can be a hero. It's like those countries in Africa where one day, you're hanging around your starving little village, brushing flies off of your eyes, and then the army comes through and all of a sudden, you're a soldier.

Here in America, we love soldiers. We hate Muslims, union members, illegal Mexicans, pushing "1" for English, having the Ten Commandments ripped off the wall of the high school gym and "political correctness," but we love soldiers. They're all heroes and they're all "defending our freedoms," wherever they may be.



Marc Dion

That's why those of us who REALLY love America are thrilled to our patriotic cores every time there's some sort of public shooting. The twisted bodies of the sometimes underage dead may disgust you America-hating liberals, but we know better.

Here in semi-automatic nation, heroism and the nobility of dying for our rights is no longer restricted to people who have joined the army. It's no longer restricted to adults either, and there's no discrimination based on age or gender.

If you're 6 years old, you can head off to grade school one day, just another purposeless kid who likes pudding, and by the end of the day, you'll be in a combat situation. You're a soldier! You're a hero!

You can innocently go to a movie and, with no warning, some maniac bursts in, starts shooting and turns you into a soldier! In a real war! All gave some. Some gave all. You got clipped with an unchewed Raisinet in your mouth.

And you died, not purposelessly in a stupid mall massacre, but rather in the proud and noble struggle to protect our Second Amendment rights.

Every single borderline lunatic in this country has the cherished, God-given right to own more guns than an infantry regiment. He may be a bag of broken cookies but, if he can pass the half-serious background check and if his relatives keep their mouths shut, he can buy a garage full of automatic weapons. Remember, he's a "law-abiding gun owner" until the spiders in his head get loose.

Yup. Freedom isn't free, as the bumper sticker says. People have to die for freedom. You have to die for freedom. Your mother has to die for freedom. Your kid in community college has to die for freedom. Your kid in grade school has to die for freedom. You can't go to the store for a gallon of ice cream without risking your life for freedom.

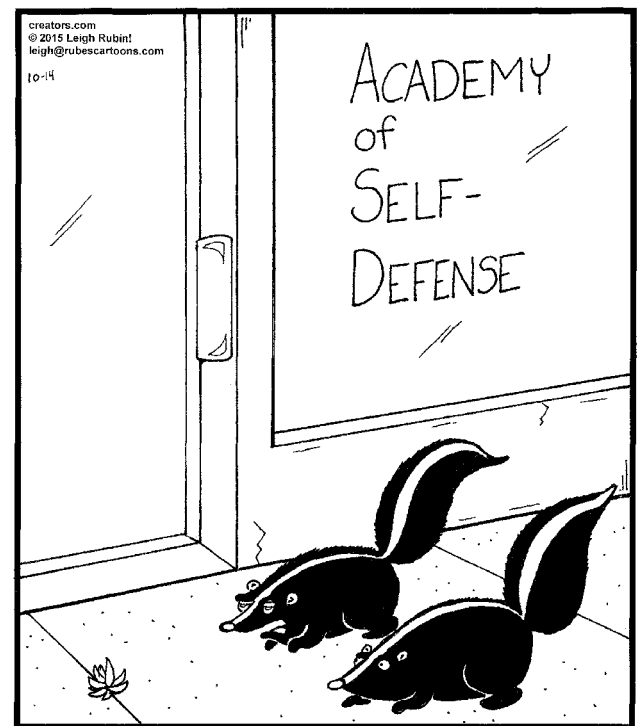
It's a brave damn country, and we're all soldiers in the war against the Second Amendment, which is threatened every day. If you don't die for the Second Amendment, then how are people going to know it works?

Line your kids up, left to right by order of height, even the little one who still sleeps with a pacifier. Tell them they're soldiers. Make 'em salute. Then, send 'em off to school to die for our rights.

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Rubes

by Leigh Rubin



"My opinion? ... Complete waste of money."

Reader Views

Lack of volunteers caused 4-H to stop recycling

Dear Editor:

I would like to THANK the parents, members, and leaders (past and present) of the Ten Sleep Sage Stompers 4-H Club for shouldering the bulk of the responsibility of recycling in Ten Sleep for the last 20-plus years. Recycling in Ten Sleep has been "managed," in some form, by the Sage Stompers since about 1998.

Sometimes it was an unpleasant task. Aluminum cans just thrown loose into the dumpsters. 4-H members and their parents climbing into the dumpster with shovels to bag pop cans. Dirty dia-

pers, rotting food, garbage, and other non-recyclables were often thrown in recycling bins - more things to be sorted from actual recyclable materials. Other nasty things to deal with, like attacking wasps attracted by rotting food and the remains of beer/soda in the cans. But it gave the club an opportunity to serve the community, and to learn and grow from this service.

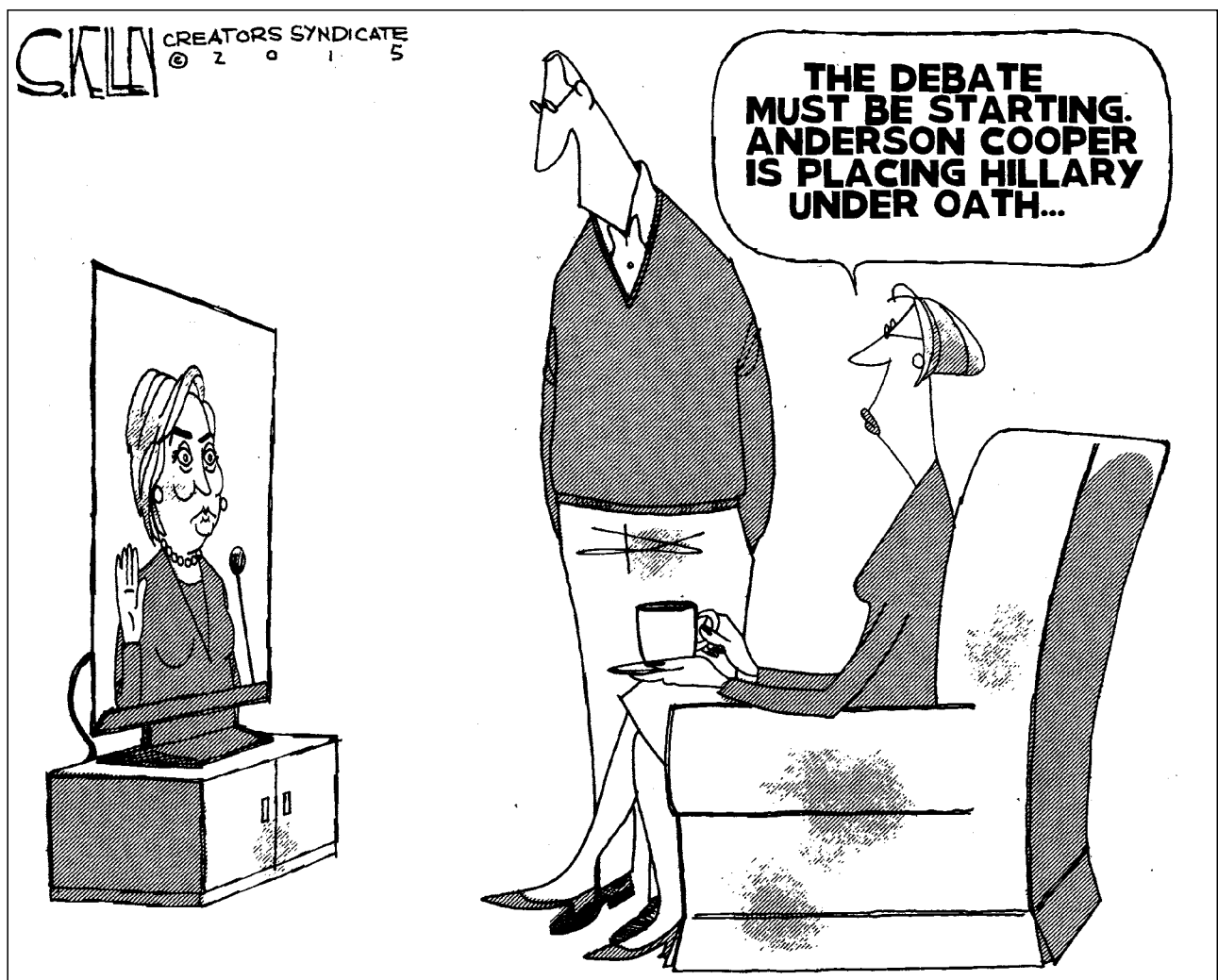
It also gave the club a chance to earn some money. While they did receive \$50 per trip from the Washakie County Conservation District, it was thanks to parents

and leaders, who pulled that trailer at their own personal expense, that the club "made" money on the recycling project. (And of course, thanks to the Washakie County Conservation District, who paid the \$50 per trip!) The money the club earned was then used to fund further community service opportunities and club activities. While the Sage Stompers were "allowed to keep the money from pop cans" (between \$15-\$40 per month), all pop can proceeds were actually donated to the Ten Sleep Food Bank. Once again, it was a super opportunity for the club to serve and

give back to our community.

Due to dwindling numbers, the Sage Stompers no longer had adequate volunteers to shoulder this responsibility. Ten Sleep is definitely feeling the loss of the recycling program. I truly hope that there's some other brave organization willing to take the endeavor over! Our town needs it! But in the meantime - thank you to all those dedicated 4-H leaders, parents, and members who kept this valuable program going for so many years.

Nikki Erickson,
Ten Sleep



Don't take your guns to town, Paul

The honor of it all aside, Rep. Paul Ryan would do well to decline the speakership of the House. For it is a poisoned chalice that is being offered to him.

The Republican Party is not, as some commentators wail, in "chaos" today. It is in rebellion, in revolt, as it was in the early 1960s when Barry Goldwater's true believers rejected Eisenhower Republicanism and Nelson Rockefeller to nominate the Arizona Senator for president.

A similar and bristling hostility to today's establishment has arisen, in the GOP Congress, the country, and the presidential race.

The acrimony attendant to this militant revolt explains why Speaker John Boehner packed it in, singing "Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah," and why Donald Trump remains far out in front for the nomination.

Ryan's popularity and pleasant persona are not going to be able to smooth over those divisions. For they are about ideology, and about issues such as free trade and amnesty for people here illegally, where Ryan stands squarely with the establishment and against the revolt.

Many House rebels and Trump supporters look on the hollowing out of America's industrial base as the direct result of trade treaties negotiated for the benefit of transnational corporations, whose profits are contingent on cutting production costs by moving factories out of the USA.

Ryan voted for all of those trade deals. And Ryan voted for fast-track, the unilateral surrender of Congress's power even to amend the trade treaties that Barack Obama brings home.

Should he become speaker, Paul Ryan would have to round up Republican votes for the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal Obama has negotiated. But not only are Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton opposed to TPP, Trump calls it a "disaster" that fails to address the critical issue of "currency manipulation."

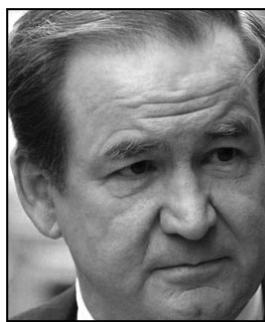
The TPP has already been rechristened by Republican rebels as "Obamatrade." If Ryan harbors ambitions to be president, he will steer clear of this coming battle between nationalism and globalism.

As former Speaker Newt Gingrich suggests, a Speaker Ryan would be embattled as soon as he took up the gavel:

"It's easy to get 218 on the first vote, and then you get to keep the government open through a continuing resolution, and then you get to the debt ceiling, and, if you're not careful, by Christmas you resemble John Boehner."

On the issues of mass immigration and illegal immigration that have roiled the Republican race, Ryan is regarded as an open-borders man. Says Rosemary Jenks of NumbersUSA, which is fighting to halt the invasion:

"He (Ryan) has been ... pro-amnesty, pro-mass immigration, pro-



Pat Buchanan

placing American workers with foreign workers ... all of his career."

In the early 1960s, the Goldwaterites demanded "A Choice, Not an Echo" in the title of Phyllis Schlafly's best-seller, an updated version of which is now in print. Those conservatives did not want to compromise with their adversaries in the Republican establishment or Democratic Party. They did not want to work together. They wanted to change policy. They wanted to change the direction of the country.

Backing the Freedom Caucus in the House and the "outsiders" in the GOP presidential race are men and women of a similar mindset, who have been recognized and re-identified by the National Journal's John Judis.

They are the Middle Americans Radicals, the "MARS."

Their temperament is that of their forebears in the '60s and '90s, but their issues are today's. Patriotic and nationalistic, they cherish the country they grew up in and do not want it changed by mass migration. They want illegal immigrants sent back. On whether a devout Muslim should be president, they are with Dr. Ben Carson.

When Trump says, "We never win anymore," that resonates to these folks. They see 21st-century America as a nation that cannot win its wars, or secure its borders, or build an infrastructure of roads, bridges, rails and airports to match those rising in other countries.

Moreover, the spirit of revolt in the GOP, indeed, in both parties today, is not confined to the USA. It is roiling Europe. In Britain, France, Spain, Italy and Belgium, nationalism is tearing at the seams of nations. Secession from the EU appears to be an idea whose time is coming.

Popular resistance to the dictates of Brussels and Angela Merkel's Berlin, and to mass migration from the Middle East and Africa that threatens to swamp the smallest continent, are familiar to the Americans of 2015 as well.

Paul Ryan is not going to be able to unite a House Republican caucus that is splitting on issues like this. As chairman of the House Committee on Ways & Means, he is better off working on supply-side tax cuts.

After the GOP capture of the House in 2010, Ryan, with new Majority Leader Eric Cantor and Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy, wrote a book about what they were going to do, titled, "Young Guns."

"Young Guns" Cantor and McCarthy are now lying toes up in the OK Corral, and if Paul Ryan becomes speaker, he will end up the same way.

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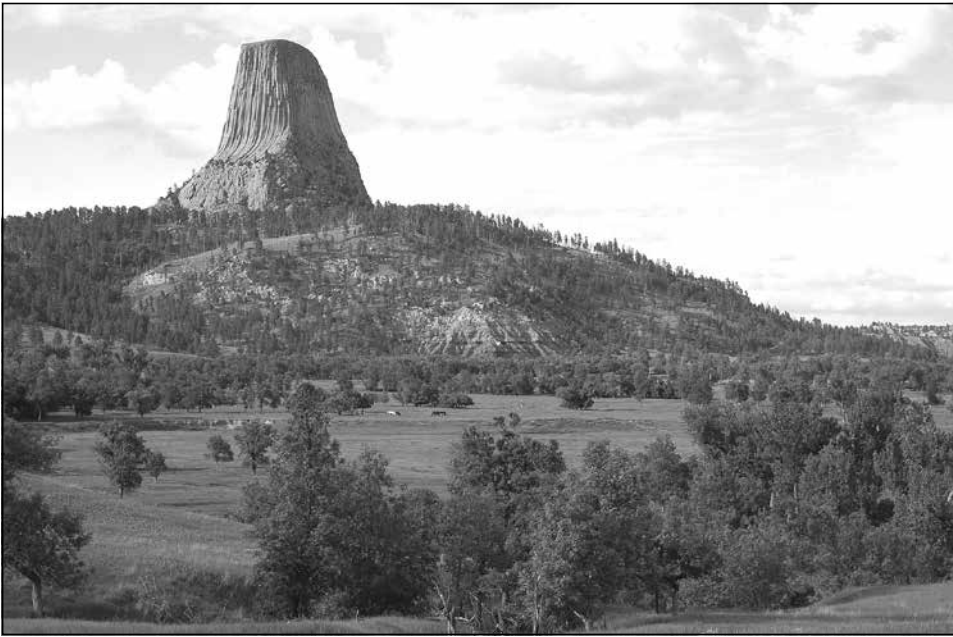
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Devils Tower can be seen across the conserved land.

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Private lands at Devils Tower conserved in perpetuity

DEVILS TOWER -- An agricultural conservation easement on almost 5,000 acres south and west of Devils Tower has been completed by the Driskill family and the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust. The primary purpose of the conservation easement is to protect the agricultural values of the property; additionally, the easement will conserve the wildlife and open spaces enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of annual visitors to the nation's first national monument, designated by President Theodore Roosevelt on Sept. 24, 1906.

The conservation easement was made possible by the generosity of the Bear Lodge Cattle Co. and Ogden and Zannie Driskill who contributed a significant portion of the value of the conservation easement. No stranger to supporting conservation, Ogden Driskill stepped off the Board of Directors of the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust prior to making application for the project. More recently, he served on the Board of Directors of the Land Trust Alliance, a national organization of more than 1,600 land trusts throughout the United States. Driskill also served as Chairman of the Partnership of Rangeland Trusts until 2014 and continues service on its Board.

"I can't think of a better legacy to leave for future generations than to keep a ranch in production forever," said Driskill. "In an era where nothing is permanent, it gives me great pride in knowing that the ranch will continue providing clean water, wildlife habitat and food and fiber for generations to come."

Significant funding for the project was received from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), through the Farm and Ranchland Protection Program.

Kim Berns, Director for Easement Programs for the NRCS, thanked the Driskill family for their commitment to voluntary conservation. "Keeping large landscapes intact across a mosaic of ownership -- federal, state and private -- can only be achieved through voluntary conservation efforts. NRCS, in concert with our partners, the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust, thank the Driskill family for their commitment to the conservation of working land."

Wyoming's Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust contributed match dollars to the project in recognition of its special significance; according to Bob Budd, "The viewshed around Devils Tower is iconic for all of us. Most of us learned about our first National Monument in the fourth grade, and there is something incredibly spiritual about this place. This easement maintains those values, and along with them, the rich agricultural and wildlife heritage of Crook County and the Black Hills."

Additional contributions were received from individuals across the state and from the Stock Growers Land Trust's Cultural Landscape Fund in memory of Alvin Wiederspahn, former Land Trust chairman and an enthusiastic champion of the project.

The capstone contribution to the project was supplied by The Conservation Fund, which made a grant available through its Northern Great Plains Conservation Initiative. "Native grasslands are disappearing at an alarming rate, and innovative conservation efforts like this can both protect important ecological resources and maintain the economic value of ranches," said Gates Watson, Northwest Director with The Conservation Fund. The Stock Growers Land Trust stated that the project could not have happened without this final critical funding component and the support of each of the project partners.

"Conservation easements can be effective and appropriate when landowners, conservationists and others work cooperatively for and agree on the benefit," said Wyoming Governor Mead. "They can help to preserve our agriculture heritage, protect natural resources and contribute to the open spaces that attract visitors to our state."

The conservation easement is on land which is part of a larger livestock operation known as the Campstool Ranch, one of the oldest ranches in northeast Wyoming. The first of the Driskill family to settle in Wyoming was William Walter "Tobe" Driskill who first came to the region with his brother Bud when they trailed cattle from Texas to northeast Wyoming in 1879.

The Campstool Ranch was purchased by Jesse Driskill in 1910 at a sheriff's auction. The Campstool Ranch has been owned and operated by the Driskill family for more than 100 years. Conservation easements will help the family's succession planning as the 6th generation assumes ranch management.

"Link" Driskill was part of the contingent of "Rough Riders" organized by famed Deadwood Sheriff Seth Bullock that were the hit of President Roosevelt's inaugural parade.

Today, more than 400,000 visitors a year come to Crook County, and Devils Tower is the main attraction. The Monument is an important economic

development generator for the northeastern corner of the state and is a favorite stop for bikers and other travelers on their way to and from nearby Sturgis and Mt. Rushmore. Visitors to Devils Tower National Monument will continue to enjoy the scenic views of the Belle Fourche River conserved by the easement. In addition, portions of the property can be viewed from Wyoming State Highway 24 which passes east of Devils Tower.

Tim Reid, National Park Service Superintendent for Devils Tower National Monument, said, "The world-class viewshed surrounding Devils Tower is important to many people on many levels. This conservation easement is a testimony to family vision and collaborative partnerships coming together in protecting the singular natural, agricultural, historic and spiritual values that comprise this important landscape."

In the 1930s the importance of Devils Tower to many Plains Indians was recorded in first-person narratives. Devils Tower also has a devoted niche of climbers who ascend it each year according to schedules that protect important tribal ceremonies and the nesting season of peregrine falcons.

This historic ranch provides important yearlong, seasonal, and transitional habitat for a variety of wildlife, including a substantial number of avian species such as bald and golden eagles, peregrine and prairie falcons, herons, grebes, osprey, egrets, terns, hawks, sharp-tailed grouse and Mirriam's turkey. The peregrine and prairie falcons that nest on Devils Tower find substantial hunting opportunities on the hay meadows and along the banks of the Belle Fourche River, or "beautiful fork" as named by French explorers.

Because it is situated so close to Devils Tower, the ranch is especially vulnerable to subdivision and development. Such development would eliminate the open spaces that are required for the local communities of birds of prey and severely limit or eliminate habitat for the ground-dwelling birds in the area.

Youth pheasant hunting opportunities

CHEYENNE -- The Wyoming Game and Fish Department invites young hunters to pursue pheasants this fall with days and areas set aside specifically for youth.

"Pheasant hunting is a great way to first try hunting," said Scott Talbott Game and Fish Director. "It can be an incredible experience for a family to go out together in the fall. On these youth hunts we encourage parents or mentors to be with the young person, they are not allowed to hunt, but being there to answer questions and support their child can help introduce hunting."

For those in central Wyoming

and in the Big Horn Basin, there are youth hunts on the Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Management Area near Riverton and the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Area near Lovell. The youth hunt day for these areas is Nov. 21. A description of lands where these hunts will take place is in the Upland Bird Regulations.

In southeast Wyoming, the Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area near Yoder offers youth only days Oct. 24 and Nov. 1. Youth hunts will also take place Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29 at Glendo State Park.

Those eligible for these hunts include any youth who has not turned

18 before Oct. 1, 2015. Resident youth under 14 do not need a bird license, but all hunters, regardless of age, must have the pheasant management permit to participate in these hunts. Wyoming does not have a minimum age for bird or small game hunting, but hunter education certification is required of youth or the Hunter Mentor Program may also be an option for those new hunters who have not yet taken a hunter education course.

For more information call Game and Fish regional offices or headquarters in Cheyenne at 307-777-4600.

ZomBee Watch helps scientists track honeybee killer

HURLEY, N.Y. (AP) -- Call them "The Buzzing Dead."

Honeybees are being threatened by tiny flies that lead them to lurch and stagger around like zombies. The afflicted bees often make uncharacteristic night flights, sometimes buzzing around porch lights before dying.

Well-documented on the West Coast, some zombie-bee cases also have been detected in eastern states by volunteers helping track its spread. This comes as honeybees have already been ravaged in recent years by mysterious colony collapse disorder, vampire mites and nutritional deficiencies.

"We're not making a case that this is the doomsday bug for bees," said John Hafernik, a biology professor at San Francisco State Uni-

versity. "But it is certainly an interesting situation where we have a parasite that seems to affect the behavior of bees and has them essentially abandoning their hive."

Hafernik in 2012 started a project to enlist people to track the spread of zombie bees called ZomBee Watch. Participants are asked to upload photos of the bees they collect and photos of pupae and adult flies as they emerge. They have more than 100 confirmed cases.

The fly had already been known to afflict bumblebees and yellow jackets. Then in 2008, Hafernik made a discovery after scooping up some disoriented bees beneath a light outside his campus office. Before long, he noticed pupae emerging from a bee.

That led to the first of many zombie honeybee cases found in the San Francisco area and beyond. Researchers believe Apocephalus borealis flies attack bees as they forage. The flies pierce the bees' abdomens and deposit eggs, affecting the behavior of the doomed bees.

A beekeeper in Burlington, Vermont, detected the first zombie case in the East, in 2013. Then this summer, amateur beekeeper Joe Naughton of Hurley, New York, discovered the first of two recently confirmed cases in the Hudson Valley, north of New York City.

It's not clear if zombie bees can be linked to colony collapse disorder, a syndrome in which whole colonies fail after the loss of adult worker bees.

4-H Youth Science Experiment



DAILY NEWS/ Tracie Mitchell

Cate Munger, Eli Fox, Carlee Lowry and Tanner Lowry create a four-car collision during the 4-H Youth Science Experiment at the After-school Club in Ten Sleep last Thursday as part of National 4-H Week. The experiment is about motion, after creating the head-on collision they watch a video of their crash in slow motion to learn what happens to the people in the cars during the collision.

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FBI: 20 teens rescued in Colorado, Wyoming in sex sting

DENVER (AP) — Authorities in Colorado and Wyoming say they've rescued 20 teenage victims and arrested seven pimps as part of an annual crackdown on child sex trafficking.

FBI officials on Tuesday announced the results of the year-long operation, which targets the problem nationwide. Across the

country, authorities rescued 149 young victims and arrested 153 pimps as part of Operation Cross Country.

In Denver and Wyoming, the victims ranged in age from 13 to 17.

In one case, investigators found a 14-year-old Denver girl who was being trafficked by a

gang member. Officials and victim advocates helped reconnect her with her family and get treatment.

Those arrested face lengthy sentences.

The special agent in charge of the Denver FBI office, Thomas Ravenelle, says such crimes won't be tolerated.

Oddities

Woman sues nephew over his exuberant greeting

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP) — A woman is suing her 12-year-old nephew in Connecticut for \$127,000 for injuries she says she suffered from his exuberant greeting at his birthday party four years ago.

The Connecticut Post reports that New York City resident Jennifer Connell says the Westport boy acted unreasonably when he leaped into her arms at his eighth-birthday party.

She says he caused her to fall to the ground and break her wrist. She is asking a six-member Superior Court jury to find the boy liable.

A listed phone number couldn't be found for the youngster's father.

The 54-year-old Connell testified she loves her nephew but thinks he should be held accountable.

She says when the child jumped she tumbled to the ground as she tried to catch him.

Church gives pizza driver \$1,000 tip

PICKERINGTON, Ohio (AP) — An Ohio church congregation ordered a pizza from Domino's during a service, then tipped the driver more than \$1,000 that had been collected for the offering.

The driver brought the \$5.99 pizza to Sycamore Creek Church in Pickerington in suburban Columbus on Oct. 4. The Rev. Steve Markle brought her onstage and asked her the biggest tip she'd ever received. She said about \$10.

That's when Markle told her the teaching at the church had been about generosity so the congregation had taken up an offering for the driver. She broke into tears.

The Columbus Dispatch reports that the congregation was wrapping up a sermon series on "I was Broke. Now I'm Not." The church draws about 500 to 600 people each week.

Running couple says 'I do' at Chicago Marathon

CHICAGO (AP) — One couple ran away to get married ... at the Chicago Marathon.

Stephanie Reinhart says she just wanted a "short and sweet ceremony." Mark Jockel wanted a big wedding surrounded by friends and family. The 35-year-old Reinhart and 46-year-old Jockel compromised, marrying at the 8-mile mark of Sunday's Chicago Marathon in the city's Boystown neighborhood.

Reinhart wore a white running outfit and held flowers. Jockel wore a tuxedo T-shirt. They exchanged vows under a garden arch decorated with race medals. The ceremony took less than four minutes.

Reinhart says she got her simple wedding and Jockel got "several thousand guests."

Chicago Marathon organizers gave the couple customized bride and groom bibs. They toasted with Gatorade.

The couple met two years ago through the Chicago Area Runners Association.

Hunter survives 6 days without water

PERTH, Australia (AP) — A 62-year-old recreational hunter lost in a hot and arid region of the Australian Outback survived without water for six days by eating ants, police said Tuesday.

Reg Foggerdy left a car driven by his brother late Wednesday in pursuit of a camel in the Great Victoria Desert in Western Australia state, Police Superintendent Andy Greatwood said.

After his brother alerted authorities, police trackers found the former miner sitting under a tree on Tuesday morning 15 kilometers (9 miles) from where he became lost.

"He just spent the last two days under a tree eating black ants and that sustained him," Greatwood said. "When we found him, he was extremely dehydrated, disoriented and basically delusional."

A paramedic immediately gave Foggerdy intravenous fluid and he recovered quickly.

"The good news is he was sitting up and talking," Greatwood said.

Foggerdy was airlifted by the Royal Flying Doctor Service to the Kalgoorlie Hospital. He was admitted in stable condition, hospital spokesman Peter Cogan said.

The brothers had been driving back to their camp 170 kilometers (110 miles) east of the nearest town, Laverton, after a day's hunting when Foggerdy went missing, wearing only a T-shirt, shorts, a cap and flip flops. Temperatures reached up to 37 degrees Celsius (99 degrees Fahrenheit), Greatwood said.

Greatwood would not speculate on how much longer Foggerdy could have survived.

"It was probably good will and a miracle that he survived as long as he did under those conditions with no water," Greatwood said.

Foggerdy's wife Arlyn said she cried when she heard he had been found alive.

"How you can survive without water and food is a

miracle," she said.

Camels were brought to Australia in the 19th century as pack animals to pioneer the island continent's dry interior. Hundreds of thousands of feral camels now run wild in remote regions.

Student sorry for mac and cheese meltdown

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A University of Connecticut student who went on an obscenity-laced tirade against food service workers when they refused to sell him jalapeno-bacon macaroni and cheese has apologized.

Luke Gatti acknowledged in a 2 1/2-minute video posted online that he was drunk and said he was ashamed of his behavior.

Gatti, a 19-year-old freshman from Bayville, New York, was due in court Tuesday on charges of breach of peace and criminal trespass stemming from his Oct. 4 outburst at the university's student union food court in Storrs, where the university is based. His mac and cheese meltdown was captured on video and has been widely viewed online.

Police and food service supervisor Dave Robinson said Gatti was refused service because he was carrying an open alcohol container. Gatti was shown on video arguing with and shoving Robinson.

"Nobody deserves to be treated that way, ever," Gatti says of Robinson in his apology video. "At the time I was, to say the least, very intoxicated."

He says he was shocked when he first saw the video of his tantrum.

"I was just watching it and saying 'Oh, my God, like what the hell is wrong with me?'" he says.

He says he has personal problems he's addressing and what happened at the student union was a "wake up call."

Gatti shot the apology video, titled "Drunk UConn Student Apology Mac and Cheese," and uploaded it to YouTube on Sunday, his father, Vincent Gatti, told the Hartford Courant.

Black flags and beards equal good deeds

HELSINKI (AP) — Alerted by a passer-by that bearded men with a black flag were acting suspiciously at a castle ruins in southern Sweden, police found to their relief that it wasn't a group of Islamic State sympathizers but a meeting of hirsute do-gooders.

John Ekeblad, co-founder of the Swedish chapter of the Bearded Villains, says the incident Saturday ended with police acknowledging their mistake and even ignoring the brotherhood's illegal parking on the roadside by Brahehus Castle, outside the city of Jonkoping.

Ekeblad said Monday the incident was "hilarious," and that police drove off laughing. He explained the group promotes equality and does charity work in Sweden.

Bearded Villains, founded in 2014 in Los Angeles, calls itself "a brotherhood of elite bearded men from all over the world" on its website.

Prison garb mix-up means more coats for homeless

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Hundreds of winter coats earmarked for inmates near Philadelphia will instead warm the homeless because they arrived in a too-familiar shade of prison blue.

Officials say the tan coats they ordered for the Bucks County Jail arrived in a shade similar to the coats worn by guards.

So women inmates in Doylestown, Bucks County, have helped with some tailoring.

The Bucks County Courier Times reports that the 400 coats now have a new flap over the word "inmate" and are on their way to homeless shelters and outreach programs.

County spokesman Chris Edwards says the county won't have to pay for the items because of the shipping error.

Public official quits, can't get job back

SPARTA, Mich. (AP) — A village council member in the Grand Rapids area has buyer's remorse after declaring, "I resign," during a long, contentious meeting.

The Sparta council took Paul Hibbard at his word — and won't give him his job back.

Hibbard plans to ask to be appointed to the open seat on the council. But if that doesn't work, he'll run for election in 2016.

Hibbard tells The Grand Rapids Press that he shouldn't have said "resign" on Sept. 14. He says he was tired and thinking about a family funeral and used a "bigger word than I should have."

Hibbard asked the council to erase his resignation but was turned down, 4-2. Village President Kristi Dougan says, "You ... can't yell 'I resign' and not have repercussions."

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Mason Kelly (left) looks on as Khalid Khan fires a 12-gauge over-under shotgun Monday. Students in Mark Mortimer's advanced physical education class are shooting trap this week at the Worland shooting complex.

Region

Utah opponents of Common Core headed to court

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Opponents of Common Core are expected in court Tuesday to argue that the Utah state Board of Education violated the law when it adopted the education standards.

They say Utah officials didn't properly consult parents and teachers and get approval before implementing the standards in 2010.

State education officials say they followed the proper steps before adopting the benchmarks in 2010. Common Core was developed by a bipartisan group of governors and state school officials and promoted by President Barack Obama's administration.

Common Core is designed to replace a patchwork education benchmarks around the country, but a conservative backlash has sprung up in Utah and across the country, with opponents calling the standards an inappropriate federal overreach.

Officials in Utah defend NSA's role fighting cyber-attacks

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A National Security Agency official and a Utah congressman are defending the federal agency's role in fighting cyber-attacks from hostile foreign governments.

NSA Utah director Dave Winberg didn't speak specifically Tuesday about what happens at a \$1.7 billion data center south of Salt Lake City. But he said during a cyber-security panel at a conference in Salt Lake City that the U.S. and its leaders have never been more vulnerable to cyber-attacks from enemies because everyone uses the same networks.

U.S. Rep. Chris Stewart, R-Utah, host of the conference, said the data center provides language translation, transcription, analysis development services to several operations levels of the NSA.

Montana State University student stabbed off campus


BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — A Montana State University official says a student was stabbed and made his way to the student union, where he was found bleeding.

MSU spokesman Tracy Ellig said Tuesday the stabbing happened off campus and there is no threat to the student body.


The wounded student was seen walking down a hallway before sitting on a bench in the Strand Union Building at around 12:30 p.m. Ellig says the student received medical assistance before being taken to the hospital.

He says a suspect has been identified, and campus police are searching for that person along with the Bozeman Police Department.

Ellig did not release the name of the victim or the suspect.



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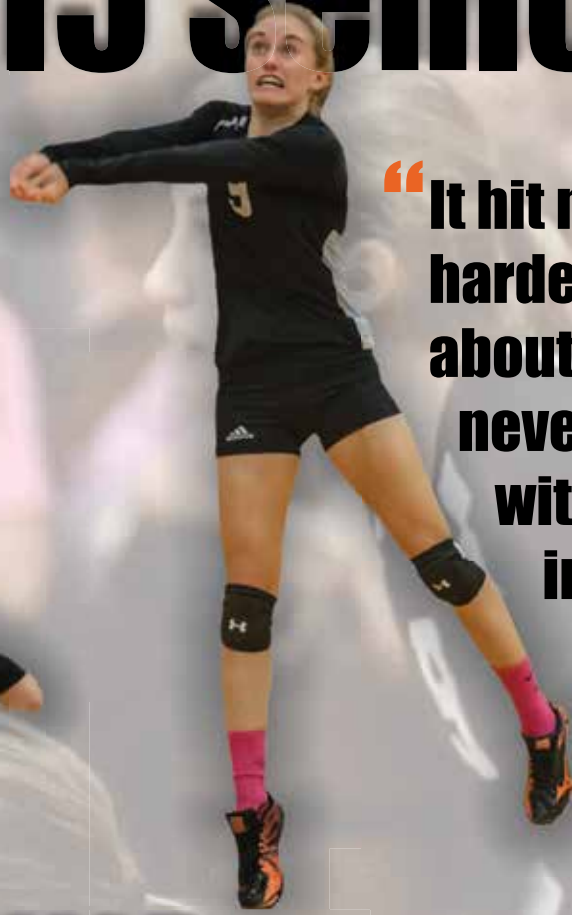
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“Volleyball has been a big part of who I am and this team has been a big part of who I am ... I’m not ready to let go of it yet.”



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Business News

US stocks drop as investors assess earnings, deals

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NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks dropped on Tuesday for the first day in five as investors assessed company earnings and the latest corporate deal news. More evidence of weakness in China's economy also unsettled the market.

Ryder System led industrial stocks lower after the transportation and logistics company cut its profit forecast for the third quarter. Molson Coors surged on speculation that a tie-up between the world's two largest brewers would give it an opportunity to expand its own business.

The stock market started October with strong gains, rebounding from a big slump in the previous two months as investors worried about a slowing Chinese economy. This week investors are focusing on corporate earnings as they try and measure the impact that slowing global growth is having on profits.

Companies that are focused on the U.S. are likely to do well as consumer confidence improves, said Jerry Braakman, chief investment officer of First American Trust.

"It's been a rally here and the question is: 'Is this just a bounce?'" Braakman said. "The earnings season will help us a little with that. Looking at the consumer numbers here in the U.S., they are still very strong."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 13.77 points, or 0.7 percent, to 2,003.69. The Dow Jones industrial average declined 49.97 points, or 0.3 percent, to 17,081.89. The Nasdaq composite dropped 42.03 points, or 0.9 percent, to 4,796.61.

Stocks started the day lower after a report showed that China's imports fell in September by an unexpectedly wide margin.

Imports dropped 20.4 percent after a 5.5 percent decline in August. It was the latest sign of weakness in the country's economy and indicates anemic demand in the world's second biggest economy.

"We don't think that this is a hard landing (for China's economy) in the making," said Stephen Freedman, Senior Investment Strategist, UBS Wealth Management Americas. "But we do acknowledge that there has been some spillover into the U.S."

Among individual stocks, Ryder System was the biggest decliner in the S&P 500. The transportation and logistics company cut its earnings forecast for the third quarter, blaming lower-than-forecast growth at a unit that provides services to companies that own and operate truck fleets. Its stock dropped \$7.02, or 9.3 percent, to \$68.63.

Chemicals company FMC Corp. fell \$1.18, or 3.1 percent, to \$36.35. The company lowered its earnings outlook late Monday and will lay off up to 850 workers, citing the rapid devaluation of the Brazilian real. The falling real is hurting its agricultural solutions business and FMC said it can't raise prices fast enough to compensate. The company makes almost a quarter of its sales in Brazil.

Overall, earnings for companies in the S&P 500 are forecast to contract by 5.4 percent for the third quarter, according to S&P Capital IQ. Much of the slump is attributable to a collapse in earnings at energy and material companies, where profits are shrinking as oil and commodity prices have plunged.

Molson Coors was the biggest gainer in the S&P 500.

The brewing company surged after AB InBev announced that it had reached an agreement to buy SABMiller. If the deal goes ahead, Molson Coors may get the opportunity to buy full ownership of its MillerCoors joint venture, which sells beers including Miller Lite, Coors Light and Blue Moon in the U.S. Molson Coors' stock jumped \$7.83, or 9.9 percent, to \$86.58.

Government bond prices rose, pushing the yield on the 10-year Treasury note down to 2.04 percent. The euro strengthened to \$1.1384, while the dollar weakened to 119.76 yen.

Stocks fell in Europe. Britain's FTSE 100 declined 0.4 percent and Germany's DAX slid 0.9 percent. France's CAC 40 dropped 1 percent.

The price of oil slipped Tuesday. Benchmark U.S. crude fell 44 cents to close at \$46.66 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, used to price international oils, fell 62 cents to \$49.24 a barrel in London.

In metals trading, gold edged

up 90 cents to \$1,165.40 an ounce. Silver climbed 4.3 cents to \$15.91 an ounce and copper fell 2.8 cents to \$2.39 per pound.

In other energy futures trading on the NYMEX:

— Wholesale gasoline fell 2.7 cents to close at \$1.314 a gallon.

— Heating oil fell 3.2 cents to close at \$1.471 a gallon.

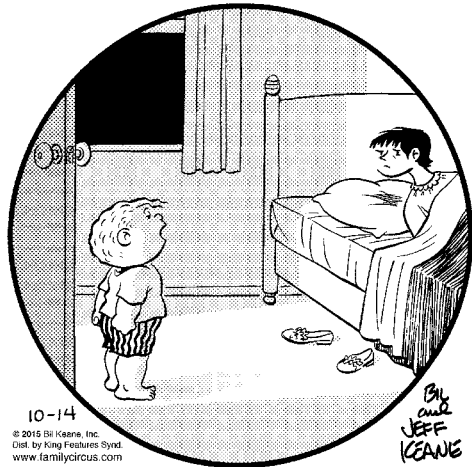
— Natural gas fell 3.7 cents to close at \$2.498 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Grain futures were higher Tuesday on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Wheat for December delivery gained 12.25 cents to \$5.19 a bushel; December corn was up 3.75 cents to 3.8450 a bushel; December oats were 3.50 cents higher at 2.32 a bushel; while November soybeans advanced 26.50 cents to \$9.14 a bushel.

Beef was mixed and pork rose on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. December live cattle was off .37 cent to \$1.3720 a pound; November feeder cattle was unchanged at \$1.8660 a pound; while December lean hogs added 1.07 cents to \$6.757 a pound.

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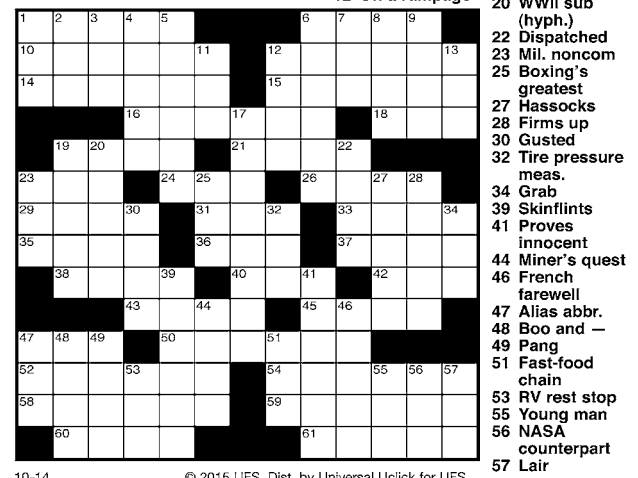
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SUDOKU

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.

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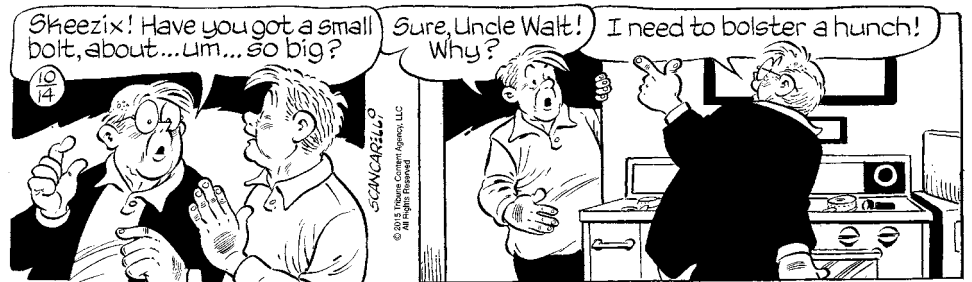
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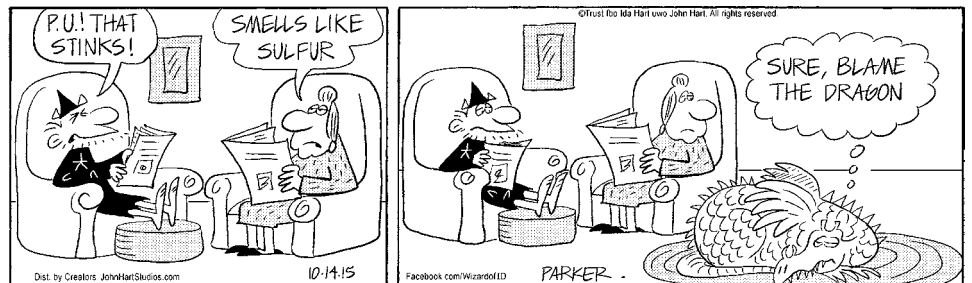
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Spurrier resigns, takes blame for South Carolina's slide

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Steve Spurrier knew it was time. South Carolina was struggling and the gregarious and once innovative coach was a big reason why. Always one to do things his way, Spurrier believed he needed to step aside, and no one was going to change his mind.

Spurrier resigned as Gamecocks coach Tuesday, resisting pleas from the University of South Carolina president and athletic director to stay through the season — accepting the harsh reality that the team's awful first half was oh him.

"You can't keep a head coach as long as I have (coached) when it's heading in the wrong direction," Spurrier said.

The 70-year-old Spurrier considered leaving several times during his 11 seasons at South Carolina, most recently after last year's 6-6 regular season. But a win over Miami in the Independence Bowl re-energized him and gave him hope for better things ahead.

The Gamecocks, though, have struggled at 2-4 and are 0-4 in the Southeastern Conference for the first time in Spurrier's 23 seasons in the league.

"I'm responsible. I'm the head coach," Spurrier said. "It's time for me to get out of the way and let somebody else have a go at it."

Spurrier said he felt he needed to step down now because he doesn't believe there is accountability with players if they know the coach won't be back next year. He also said he would be a recruiting liability.

Spurrier said it was unlikely he'd ever be a head coach in college again because of the recruiting aspect.

He did hope to consult for a team one day and promised players he'd still see them in the weight room and around town.

He tried to keep things light hearted throughout the press conference.

"Why's everyone all dressed up?" Spurrier said entering the room. "This isn't a funeral."

Spurrier's decision ends a 16-year run for South Carolina football, which was led by two of college foot-

ball's all-time greats in Lou Holtz (1999-2004) and Spurrier.

Spurrier had never had a losing season in 25 previous seasons coach at Duke (1987-89), Florida (1990-2001) or South Carolina, where he has been since 2005 talking about achieving things that hadn't been accomplished before with the Gamecocks.

"I was the best coach for this job 11 years ago, but I'm not today," he said.

Interim head coach Shawn Elliott said his job was to help the team move forward.

"Our team is not in shambles, as some might say," he said after Spurrier left the podium. "Not sure the change is what they've needed but the change is what they've got. Going to do everything we can to make the University of South Carolina proud of this football program."

Athletic director Ray Tanner said he would form a search committee and hire a firm to help identify candidates going forward. Tanner said Elliott would be a candidate to earn the full-time job.

Spurrier was in the middle of his 11th season at South Carolina and while the Gamecocks are struggling, university officials praised his accomplishments and impact he has had on the football program.

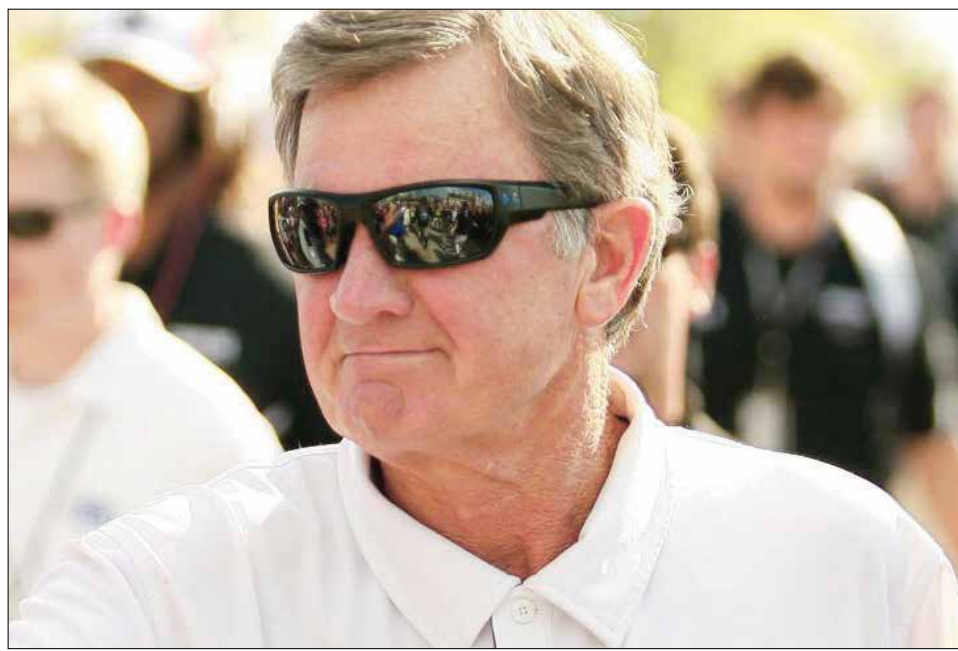
The winningest coach at Florida and South Carolina, Spurrier joins the late Bear Bryant as the only coaches to win the most games at two SEC schools.

Some questioned Spurrier might want to last long enough to surpass the Bear's mark of 159 SEC wins.

"Had I wanted to break that record, I would've stayed at Florida," Spurrier, who finishes with 131 league victories, said in 2013.

Spurrier said this summer he planned to coach two or three more years, then extended that to four or five years when several recruits who had committed to South Carolina backed away before signing day in February.

Then in July, Spurrier held a defiant news conference, telling Gamecocks fans not to listen to "enemies" questioning his commitment level, or implying he could no longer effectively coach at his age.



Steve Spurrier

Former South Carolina football coach

"We haven't lost it," Spurrier said in the summer. "We've got a dang good team."

But things have quickly spiraled downward this season.

The Gamecocks lost to Kentucky at home in the season's second week, then were blown out by SEC Eastern Division rival Georgia, 52-20, a week later.

Losses at Missouri and No. 6 LSU last week guaranteed Spurrier no better than a break-even season in the SEC.

South Carolina's inconsistency on offense this sea-

son has surely frustrated Spurrier, a Heisman Trophy winning quarterback at Florida who played for San Francisco and Tampa Bay in the NFL. After beginning his coaching career in the USFL, and leading Duke, he returned to the Swamp and took the Gators to a national championship with a high-flying, Fun-Gun attack.

The Gamecocks are 11th in total offense in the SEC, averaging 341 yards a game.

South Carolina plays at home against Vanderbilt (2-3, 0-2) on Saturday.

NFL acknowledges game clock error in Steelers-Chargers game on Monday Night Football

(AP) — For the second week in a row, the NFL is acknowledging an officiating error during a nationally televised game.

This time, the problem was twofold: 18 seconds were incorrectly run off the clock late in the fourth quarter of the Pittsburgh Steelers' 24-20 victory at the San Diego Chargers — and not one of the game officials noticed the gaffe and corrected it.

In a statement emailed Tuesday, league spokesman Michael Signora said that "an error by the clock operator" after a touchback allowed the extra time to tick away, and "it is the responsibility of the side judge to supervise the timing of the game."

The statement added: "Had

the side judge or any of the other six on-field officials noticed the timing error, they could have corrected it."

In last week's Monday night game, an official missed a late-game call in Seattle's 13-10 victory over Detroit, giving the Seahawks the ball even though one of their defenders knocked a fumbled ball out of the end zone, which should be a penalty.

The most recent mistake happened after San Diego kicked a field goal to take a 20-17 lead with 2 minutes, 56 seconds left Monday night. The ensuing kickoff went for a touchback, so the clock never should have started. Instead, it rolled down, and by the time Pittsburgh lined up for the



first play of its crucial drive, only 2:38 remained.

As it turns out, the Steelers managed to make it all the way downfield in time to score the go-ahead points on the final play from scrimmage, a 1-yard TD run

well that ends well.

"It didn't define the outcome of the game," Tomlin said Tuesday, "so I'm moving on with my work week."

The truth is, of course, there really is no way to know how the outcome of the game could have been different had those extra 18 seconds not been "lost." Perhaps San Diego would have been left with enough time for a play or two — or a kickoff return for a TD. Or perhaps Pittsburgh would have called things differently on offense with more room on the clock, maybe running time down

to nothing, anyway.

Who knows?

Signora's statement noted: "The performance of the clock operator and game officials will be reviewed per the standard procedure for reviewing every play of every game."

Each game-clock operator is hired by the league, not the home team, and lives near the stadium hosting a regular-season game. In the playoffs, the league uses operator who don't live in the area.

"We proceed with the assumption," Tomlin said, "the clock is going to be managed properly."

Unbeaten Broncos have long list of fix-it items on offense

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Peppered with questions that made it seem like the unbeaten Broncos were winless — like whether he'd consider benching his five-time MVP quarterback to fix his sputtering offense — Gary Kubiak welcomed the reprieve.

Are you able to enjoy this 5-0 start? he was asked. "You're damn right I am," Denver's first-year coach responded during a Monday news conference dominated by questions about an offense that's making too many mistakes and not enough yards or points.

"I think in coaching you're always searching for perfection and obviously we're far from it," Kubiak said. "We've got some tremendous things going on defensively and we're battling offensively right now. But it's hard to win in this league, and I've been doing it long enough to know you'd better appreciate it."

The Broncos are unbeaten because they own the league's best and deepest defense, one that's collected 22 sacks and 14 takeaways and was unaffected when its best player, DeMarcus Ware, left Sunday's win at Oakland with a bad back that's expected to keep him out of next weekend's game at Cleveland, too.

They're 5-0 because of a special teams unit that has blocked two kicks and features the NFL's best kicker in Brandon McManus, who has four field goals of 52-plus yards.

The problem is an offense that ranks 30th in the league.

Peyton Manning has more interceptions (seven) than TD throws (six) and is playing behind a patchwork O-line that's surrendered a dozen sacks so far and can't bore holes for a ground game that's averaging 71.6 yards a game.

The Broncos moved the ball well through the air between the 20s in their 16-10 win at Oakland on Sunday, their NFL-record-extending 14th straight divisional road victory, but Manning was picked off in the end zone and Demaryius Thomas and Ronnie Hillman both dropped passes in the end zone.

The solution isn't inserting backup quarterback Brock Osweiler, as a radio reporter wondered.

"No," Kubiak said curtly. "Peyton's doing just fine."

Actually, Manning is off to his worst start since his rookie season. But there's plenty of blame to go around.

Taking a page from the Colts' playoff win at Denver last year, teams have been daring Manning to hit deep sideline passes, and he's been unable to do so often enough, either overthrowing Emmanuel Sanders or underthrowing Thomas like he did Sunday when Charles Woodson recorded his second interception of the game.



Peyton Manning
Denver Broncos quarterback

So, teams have stacked the box, making it all the harder for the running backs to find lanes and yards. They've had 29 runs that went for no gain or negative yards, a big reason Kubiak punted on fourth-and-1 at the Oakland 44 with two minutes left.

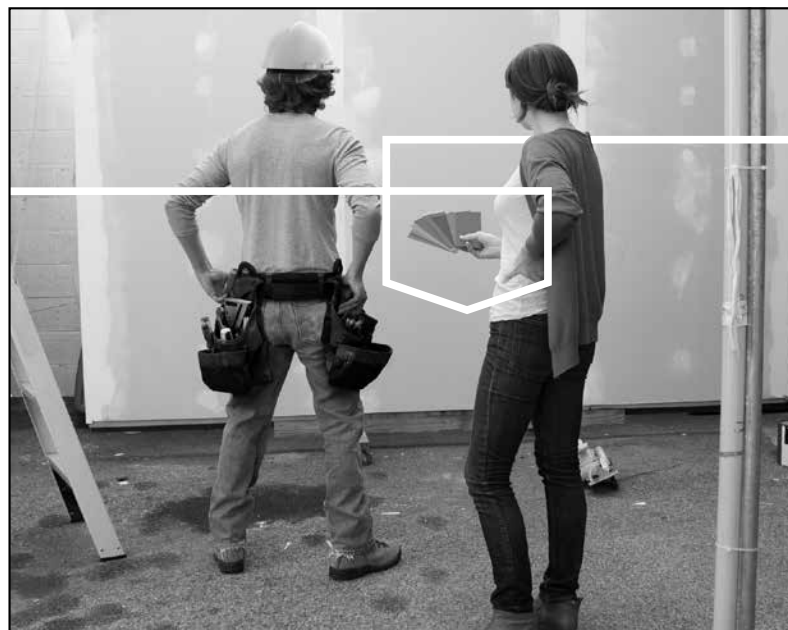
Tight end Owen Daniels said he's confident things will soon start clicking "just because of the guys that we have, the players that we have in the room. We're hard on ourselves in terms of how we play and pretty critical of ourselves. So, we're going to keep on working. This group's not afraid to put in the work to get better."

Tyler Polunbus, who played 33 snaps at left tackle in relief of a banged-up Ryan Harris (25 snaps), said the Broncos' early season struggles in their first year under Kubiak are understandable.

"I've been around this offense for a long time and it always takes guys time to get used to that run-zone scheme," he said. "And I've yet to be a part of this scheme where it hasn't finally started to click. So, I'm confident that it will here also."

Chris Harris Jr., whose pick-6 sealed Denver's victory Sunday, said the star-studded defense believes the offense is "going to pick it up. We have faith in Peyton. We all have faith in him. We know it's not just him. We know we need to get the run game going, get everybody going."

"We know that once they start clicking, it's going to be over."



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