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NEWS BRIEFING

A LOOK AT THIS MORNING'S HEADLINES

Two flight instructors from Oregon make it into elite pilots club



KLAMATH FALLS (AP) — Two Oregon pilots have joined an elite club of military fliers who have spent at least 3,000 hours in an F-16.

Maj. John Adkisson and Maj. Doug Dean, both flight instructors for the 172nd Fighter Group based at Kingsley Field, are the ninth and 10th pilots in the world to break into the club.

Sgt. Cindy Carpenter, who keeps track of flying hours, said she realized a few weeks ago that both men were creeping up on the 3,000-hour mark. A little creative scheduling brought them to within six minutes of one another before they both reached the mark Saturday.

Adkisson, 37, and Dean, 39, both consider themselves fortunate they've never been assigned, as Adkisson put it, to "flying a desk at the Pentagon."

Dean said the pair had to reach the 3,000-hour milestone in increments of 250 hours a year, which "means you've been around a long time."

The son of an Air Force jet pilot, Dean grew up with a passion for flying. He detoured into teaching for three years before entering pilot training in 1981.

The Michigan native left the Air Force for the Air National Guard in 1989, joining the 172nd Fighter Group — formerly the 114th Fighter Training Squadron — as one of its first F-16 instructors.

Adkisson, born and raised in Kentucky, graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1981 and started flying F-16s right away. His Air Force career took him around the country and to Nellis Air Force Base in 1986, where he and Dean became squadron mates in the 428th Fighter Squadron.

Like Dean, he came to Kingsley in 1989 about the time the squadron converted to F-16s.

Homosexuality issue at forefront of agenda for Protestant church



DENVER (AP) — As delegates to the United Methodist General Conference enter the convention center, gay Christians hold doors open for them — symbolic acts for the policy they want the church to adopt toward homosexuality.

Later, the 1,000 or so delegates to the policy-making body of the nation's second-largest Protestant church are invited to hear a more traditional perspective from the conservative Good News movement.

Homosexuality once again is at the forefront of the agenda for the 8.5 million-member church's quadrennial meeting, just as the issue will dominate the July meeting of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Albuquerque — and just as it's dominated nearly every national gathering in the last generation of the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Dole faces potential platform changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — It is just 98 words, one paragraph on page 24 of the official Republican Platform, unequivocal from the outset: "We believe the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to live which cannot be infringed."

At times, Bob Dole wants to rewrite this paragraph, as do some top political advisers, and even some prominent anti-abortion leaders. But is messing with the Republican Party's anti-abortion plank worth the potential bloodbath?

Dole must deal with that question as he looks ahead to accepting the GOP presidential nomination in August. Indeed, abortion is the issue being handled most gingerly as the Dole campaign considers potential platform changes.

Jungle fire near India threatens survival of Royal Bengal tiger



DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — Forestry experts worked Sunday to protect more than 400 Royal Bengal tigers threatened by fires in the southern jungle the endangered species calls home.

An emergency plan is being devised to save the tigers from the fires in their sanctuaries in Sundarban Jungle, which runs into neighboring India, Forestry Department official Shaymal Das said. He gave no details.

He said water shortages were hampering efforts to control the fire, which started Friday.

The fire has already engulfed 10 miles of the forest, located 85 miles southwest of Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh.

A wildlife expert called for international help to fight the fire ravaging the Sundarban, the world's largest mangrove, or coastal-type, forest.

The blaze, if controlled in a couple of days, would pose no threat to tigers, who could easily cross rivers and channels to reach safety, said Zakir Hossain, a professor at Dhaka University.

Hasna Moudud, the president of non-government Coastal Area Resources Development and Management Association, said: "The government should deploy airborne guides to help the tigers reach safer patches in the jungle."

The exact cause of the fire was not immediately clear. Das said it could have been caused by the current hot spell or by honey collectors, who light fires to smoke bees out of their hives.

Tigers were once plentiful across Asia, but hunting and forest clearing have reduced their numbers drastically. Many species — including the Royal Bengal — are considered endangered and near extinction.

Union: OPEU doesn't want to strike

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If the state system does not agree with the proposal sent to them last Tuesday, OPEU plans to declare an impasse, meaning both sides failed to come to a resolution. This will lead to a 30-day "cooling off period," during which mediation will continue. If the two sides do not come to an agreement within that time limit, OPEU can give a 10-day strike notice.

"We are optimistic that we will come to a settlement. We don't want to strike," Deery said.

In hopes of speeding the negotiations, OPEU employees gathered more than 1,000 signatures from students, faculty and management at higher education institutions across the state and gave them to the Oregon State Board of Higher Education at its monthly meeting at Portland State University on Friday.

OPEU workers took part in similar rallies at campuses across the state. Their aim was to send a message to the board of higher education that they want

to be treated as important, equal members of the higher education community and to be compensated accordingly, Deery said.

Speakers attending the rally included Springfield state senator and U.S. Senate candidate Bill Dwyer, who urged the OSSHE board to work toward a quick resolution.

"I'm encouraging the chance to settle the contract in a fair and acceptable manner," Dwyer said. "The workers here are the grease that keeps this University running."

University President Dave Frohnmayer missed the rally because he was in Minnesota with his daughter, who has leukemia.

"Many people here today haven't seen a pay increase for four years, while the cost of living has gone up by 12 percent," said Tony Corcoran, state representative for Lane County.

Other speakers at the rally were state representative Cynthia Wooten and Eugene mayoral candidate Tim Laue.

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