

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

TUESDAY

All day, really - Yep, plenty more vehicles slid off, wrecked, rolled, and otherwise crashed due to icy roads and people not driving for the conditions. A few crashes resulted in minor injuries.

9:29 a.m. - Three men ransacked property and stole copper wire where another man who was squatting outside Milton-Freewater off Highway 11.

10:03 a.m. - An lone parent reported her young teenage daughter told her and school officials a man contacted her and said she was old enough to have sex.

10:29 a.m. - A resident on East Hooker Road, Hermiston, reported a horse wandered into her yard and ate her hay.

5:25 p.m. - Pendleton police received a report of a prowler looking in vehicles at Hal's Hamburgers, 2001 S.E. Court Ave.

5:34 p.m. - A Hermiston caller on Southwest 11th Street told police someone stole her keys from her home.

6:54 p.m. - Juveniles caused a disturbance at the Hermiston Bi-Mart, 200 S. First Place.

9:40 p.m. - A resident on Follett Lane, Hermiston, reported the theft of a 3-gallon and a 1-gallon gas tank from his house.

10:19 p.m. - A Umatilla caller reported a prowler tried to get into her car on Madison Street and then walked toward Powerline Road.

10:59 p.m. - A caller in the Hermiston area reported her friend showed up at her house after being the victim of a domestic assault.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

Tuesday

•Pendleton police arrested Brandon Joseph McLane, 24, of Pendleton, for first-degree robbery, menacing and unauthorized use of a vehicle.

•Pendleton police arrested Bobbi Gail Carson, 53, of Pendleton, for felony violation of post-prison supervision, possession of methamphetamine and interfering with a peace officer.

•An Oregon State Police trooper warned a man for littering after he dumped a large amount of trash on Rieth Road near mile point 3.5. Mail in the trash led police to identify the man, who lives in the Pendleton area. He returned to the site and loaded the trash into his vehicle to take it to the waste transfer station, also on Rieth Road.

In addition to the warning, the trooper cited the man for driving without a license. State police, however, in its bulletin did not identify the man.

Wednesday

•Hermiston police arrested Joshua Brian Davis, 38, of Hermiston, for misdemeanor and felony fourth-degree assault and two counts of harassment, all constituting domestic violence.

DEATH NOTICES

David Ochoa

Hermiston
Aug. 4, 1957-Feb. 6, 2017

David Ochoa, 59, of Hermiston died Monday, Feb. 6, 2017, in Hermiston. He was born Aug. 4, 1957, in Owatonna, Minnesota. A family gathering will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Roxanne "Roxie" Hamilton

Pasco
Jan. 30, 1958-Feb. 5, 2017

Former Hermiston resident Roxanne C. "Roxie" Hamilton, 59, of Pasco died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017, in Pasco, Washington. She was born Jan. 30, 1958 in Portland. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017, at 1 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2004 N. 24th Ave., Pasco. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Douglas Paul Magnaghi

Milton-Freewater
Aug. 14, 1957-Feb. 5, 2017

Douglas Paul Magnaghi, 59 of Milton-Freewater died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017, at his home. He was born Aug. 14, 1957, in Walla Walla to Frank R. and Shirley A. Davee Magnaghi. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater. Funeral services are Friday, Feb. 10, 2017, at 11 a.m. at the Milton-Freewater First Christian Church. Concluding services and interment will be at the Milton-Freewater Cemetery, followed by a luncheon at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mariah-grace Magnaghi College Fund through the funeral home.

Donald L. Fritts

Hermiston
August 4, 1932-Feb. 7, 2017

Donald L. Fritts, 84, of Hermiston died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017, in Hermiston. He was born Aug. 4, 1932, in Parma, Idaho. A private family gathering will be held. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

UPCOMING SERVICES

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

KAPUS, VICKY — Graveside service and inurnment at 1:15 p.m. at Mt. Tahoma National Cemetery, 18600 S.E. 240th St., Kent, Washington.

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

HIERSCHE HILL, EMOGENE — Celebration of life at 3 p.m. at the Pendleton Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1401 S.W. Goodwin Place.

MAGNAGHI, DOUG — Funeral services at 11 a.m. at the First Christian Church, 518 S. Main, Milton-Freewater. Concluding services and interment will be in the Milton-Freewater Cemetery, followed by a luncheon at the church.

WOHLCKE, RICHARD — Service at 10 a.m. at Skyview Memorial Park, 70116 Highway 395, Pendleton.

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

GRAY, GARY — Celebration of life at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 850 S.W. 11th St., Hermiston.

TEWS, BILL — Celebration of life at 2 p.m. at the Ione American Legion Hall, 325 W. Second St.

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LOTTERY

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| Tuesday, Feb. 7 | Pick 4 |
| Mega Millions | 1 p.m.: 1-6-3-1 |
| 23-28-37-56-71 | 4 p.m.: 5-1-1-1 |
| Mega Ball: 12 | 7 p.m.: 4-1-7-5 |
| Megaplier: 5 | 10 p.m.: 6-3-6-9- |
| Estimated jackpot: \$25 M | |
| Lucky Lines | Wednesday, Feb. 8 |
| 2-8-12-13-20-21-25-30 | Pick 4 |
| Estimated jackpot: \$33,000 | 1 p.m.: 8-0-0-4 |

Trump criticism of Nordstrom raises conflict concern

NEW YORK (AP) — Where the White House saw a father standing up for his daughter, an ethics expert saw an implicit threat.

President Donald Trump lashed out Wednesday at Nordstrom, the latest company to draw his Twitter attention, saying the department store chain that decided to stop selling his daughter's clothing and accessory line has treated her "so unfairly."

Though Trump has tweeted in the past about companies such as the U.S. automakers, Boeing and Carrier, his action

drew a rebuke from ethics experts saying the fact that this one was about a business run by his daughter raised conflict-of-interest concerns. Trump's tweet follows revelations that First Lady Melania Trump expected to develop "multi-million dollar business relationships" tied to her presence in the White House, according to a suit she filed.

In the tweet, Trump said, "My daughter Ivanka has been treated so unfairly by (at)Nordstrom. She is a great person — always pushing me to do the right thing!

Terrible!" Posted first on his personal account, it was re-tweeted more than 6,000 times in less than an hour. It was also retweeted by the official @POTUS account.

Trump's presidency has raised unprecedented concerns about ethical conflicts. His plan to separate himself from his sprawling real estate business has been criticized by ethics experts, who say it doesn't do enough to make sure that Trump won't make decisions to personally benefit himself, his family or his company. The first lady

has yet to step away from her companies that manage her royalties from her namesake products, business documents show.

Kathleen Clark, a government ethics expert, said the Nordstrom tweet is problematic because other retailers may think twice now about dropping the Ivanka Trump brand for fear of getting criticized publicly by the president. She said it was especially disturbing that Trump retweeted his message on the official White House account.

"The implicit threat was that he will use whatever authority he has to retaliate against Nordstrom, or anyone who crosses his interest," said Clark, a law professor at Washington University in St. Louis.

Clark defended the president's right to use his personal Twitter account to express his views, noting that government workers recently set up alt-EPA accounts to criticize the president's policies. "A government employee, even a president, is allowed to tweet in his personal capacity."

MEETINGS

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

MORROW COUNTY ROAD COMMITTEE, 9 a.m., Bartholomew Government Building upper conference room, 110 N. Court St., Heppner. (Sandi Putman 541-989-9500)

UMATILLA-MORROW COUNTY FARM BUREAU, 12 p.m., TBA, Pendleton. (Julie Sprattling 541-457-8045)

BOARDMAN RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 1 p.m., Boardman Fire Department, 300 S. Wilson Lane, Boardman. (541-481-3473)

HERMISTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. (541-567-5521)

ATHENA CITY COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m., Athena City Hall, 215 S. Third St., Athena. (541-566-3862)

UMATILLA SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Umatilla School District office, 1001 Sixth St., Umatilla. (541-922-6500)

FRIDAY, FEB. 10
EASTERN OREGON TRADE & EVENT CENTER AUTHORITY, 7 a.m., EOTEC main building, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. (541-289-9800)

MONDAY, FEB. 13
IRRIGON FIRE DISTRICT, 7 a.m., Irrigon Fire Department, 705 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon. (541-922-3133)

PENDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6 p.m., Pendleton School District office, 107 N.W. 10th St., Pendleton. (541-276-6711)

HERMISTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6:30 p.m., district office, 502 W. Standard Ave., Hermiston. (541-667-6000)

MILTON-FREEWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6:30 p.m., Central Middle School, 306 S.W. Second St., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-3551)

HEPPNER CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St., Heppner. (541-676-9618)

HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Hermiston City Hall council chambers, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. (541-567-5521)

MILTON-FREEWATER CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-5531)

After extradition of El Chapo, U.S. prosecutors seek a rival

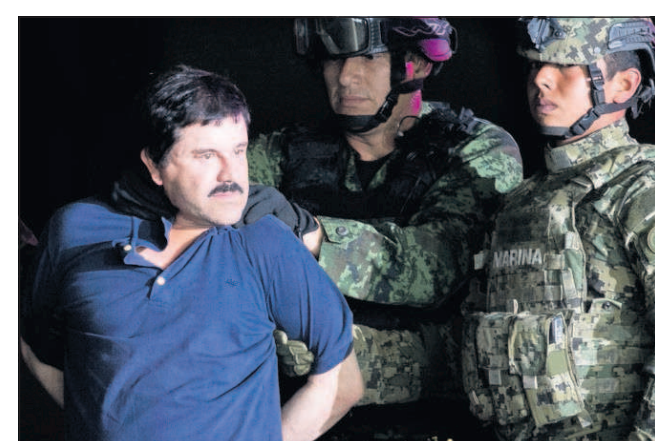
FARGO, N.D. (AP) — With notorious drug trafficker Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman now behind bars in New York after he was extradited from Mexico last month, federal prosecutors in North Dakota have their sights set on bringing one of his organization's onetime rivals to the United States to face charges.

In court documents unsealed Tuesday, authorities say Juan Francisco Sillas-Rocha was a top lieutenant for the Arellano Felix cartel, which smuggled cocaine, marijuana and other drugs into the United States and competed against the Sinaloa cartel led by Guzman, once considered the most wanted man in the world. Authorities have described Sillas-Rocha as a prolific hit man responsible for killing 20 to 30 people a month during the cartel's heyday in Tijuana.

Sillas-Rocha was arrested six years ago in Mexico, but his federal case in the U.S. had remained sealed from public view until this week. Tim Heaphy, former U.S. attorney from Virginia, said it's common to seal such cases to preserve an investigation and protect witnesses. Those fears tend to evaporate when a defendant is in custody for a long time.

U.S. Attorney Christopher Myers, the lead prosecutor, declined to comment on the case. Court documents in Mexico listed no attorney of record for Sillas-Rocha.

Sillas-Rocha, known as "Ruedas," or "Wheels," is charged with three counts, including conspiracy to commit murder for a continuing criminal enterprise. He has been fighting extradition to North Dakota, where federal officials a decade ago began gathering incriminating evidence on the Arellano Felix cartel after one of its members killed a Minnesota man over a drug debt. Sillas-Rocha



AP Photo/Eduardo Verdugo, File
In this Jan. 8, 2016 file photo, a handcuffed Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman is made to face the press as he is escorted to a helicopter by Mexican soldiers and marines at a federal hangar in Mexico City.

was arrested in Mexico in November 2011 and paraded in front of reporters by police in riot gear and masks. He remains in jail there.

The case wound up in North Dakota after Jorge "Sneaky" Arandas, a member of the Arellano Felix gang, set up shop in the Red River Valley of North Dakota and Minnesota. Investigators say Arandas ordered the killing of Lee Avila, of East Grand Forks, Minnesota, in June 2005 for failing to pay for five pounds of methamphetamine that Arandas originally received from Sillas-Rocha. Arandas told police he feared that he would be killed for not paying Sillas-Rocha, so he had Avila murdered to show strength.

The indictment filed against Sillas-Rocha in March 2011 said that in addition to drug trafficking, Sillas-Rocha was involved in the supervision of crews that "participated in murder, attempted murder, kidnapping, human trafficking, public corruption of government officials, money laundering and other illegal conduct" meant to make money for the cartel.

The document accuses Sillas-Rocha of attempting to arrange the killings of two California residents. He allegedly offered a San

Diego street gang \$25,000 to kill them, paying \$4,000 in advance. When the gang couldn't find his targets, Sillas-Rocha upped his offer to \$50,000 if the killings could be done quickly. He later ordered another man to kill an entire family inside their home, investigators said.

Mexican authorities say Sillas-Rocha participated in the 2010 kidnapping of three women in the family of Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada, who was at the top of the Sinaloa cartel at the time alongside Guzman. Sillas-Rocha allegedly was retaliating for the disappearance of his sister that year.

Heaphy said he believes Mexican officials wanted the extradition of Guzman just before Trump took office to be "an Obama victory, not a Trump victory." He said the extradition process will likely become more difficult under Trump, who has riled Mexicans with his pledge to build a border wall and deport people living in the U.S. illegally.

"I would worry about the potentially acrimonious relationship between our new executive and the Mexican government," Heaphy said. "Extradition is one of the few chips that they have to use in this game of international relations."



AP Photo/LM Otero, File
In this 2008 file photo, a Pilgrim's Pride contract chicken farmer walks amid three-week-old chicks at a farm just outside the city limits of Pittsburg, Texas.

Chicken farmers say processors treat them like servants

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Former chicken farmers in five states have filed a federal lawsuit accusing a handful of giant poultry processing companies that dominate the industry of treating farmers who raise the chickens like indentured servants and colluding to fix prices paid to them.

The farmers located in Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Texas allege that the contract grower system created by Tyson Foods, Pilgrim's Pride, Perdue Farms, Koch Foods, and Sanderson Farms pushed them deep into debt to build and maintain chicken barns to meet company demands.

They say the companies colluded to fix farmer compensation at low levels to boost corporate profits, making it difficult for the farmers to survive financially. They are seeking class action status for the suit filed in federal court in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

The scheme keeps farmers in a state of indebted servitude "living like modern-day sharecroppers on the ragged edge of bankruptcy," the lawsuit filed on Jan. 27 says, quoting from the 2014 Christopher Leonard book "The Meat Racket: The Secret Takeover of America's Food

Business." Under the contract system, farmers provide the barns and labor to raise the chickens and the company provides chicks, feed and expertise to raise birds to slaughter weight.

The companies named haven't yet responded to the lawsuit in court, but one denied the allegations.

"We want our contract farmers to succeed and don't consult competitors about how our farmers are paid. These are false claims," said Gary Mickelson, a spokesman for Tyson.

He said the average contract farmer has been raising chickens for the company for 15 years and the compensation paid is clearly outlined in contracts farmers voluntarily sign.

The five farmers who filed the lawsuit have quit raising chickens, and some of them say they are tens of thousands of dollars in debt.

The farmers and their attorney declined to comment beyond the details in the lawsuit. But other chicken farmers who could be represented if the case is certified as class-action, spoke of going deep into debt to build modern chicken barns as long as two football fields with the promise of generous profit.

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