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New police chief talks CHALLENGES



Loveland Police chief Bob Ticer chats with Janet Volmer, left, a volunteer in the records department, while making the rounds trying to get to know his staff on Friday during his first week of work.

JENNY SPARKS
Loveland Reporter-Herald photos

Bob Ticer began his duties Tuesday

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Twenty-five-year law enforcement veteran Bob Ticer has taken over the Loveland Police Department's leadership as of Tuesday — exactly five months after Loveland's former police chief stepped down to retire.

Ticer, who was chosen from a pool of six candidates, recently moved to Loveland from Avon with his two teenage sons and wife.

Ticer said this week he has focused on ensuring every employee at the department knows he is there to support them.

"When it comes to leadership, you know, people — they want

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Loveland's new police chief, Bob Ticer, is pictured Friday in front of the police department during his first week of work.

“When it comes to leadership, you know, people — they want their leaders to be around, they want them to be engaged, they want them to be present. And that's who I am.”

Bob Ticer
Loveland Police chief

Unsolved murder faces new top cop

Task force officials say detectives are looking into thousands of tips

It's been one year since William Connole Jr.'s murder in downtown Loveland, and investigators are still sifting through thousands of tips hoping to solve the 65-year-old Loveland man's death.

Connole was killed June 3, 2015, as he was walking late at night near East First Street and St. Louis Avenue — he was shot once in the chest and pronounced dead at the scene.

His murder came at a time when two other Northern Colorado shootings had residents worried for their safety and had multiple law enforcement agencies working together to solve the cases.

The first shooting was that of 20-year-old Miliken woman Cori Romero on the evening of April 22, 2015. She was driving south on Interstate 25, near Fort Collins, at night when she suffered a gunshot wound to the neck. Romero had surgery that night and survived.

The second shooting, on the morning of May 18, 2015, was that of 48-year-old city of Windsor

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Ali found icon status in blending politics, activism, sports

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — During the Beatles' first visit to the United States in 1964, clever publicity agents arranged a meeting with Cassius Clay, then training for the bout that would make him heavy-weight champion. The result



Ali

forces were beginning their path to global fame.

was a memorable photo of a whooping Ali standing astride four "knockout victims."

Two emerging cultural forces were beginning their path to global fame.

But as popular as the Beatles became, it was Muhammad Ali who went on to become the most-recognized person in the world. That picture was among the first to show him growing into that persona alongside the major cultural, political and entertainment figures of the era.

For a generation that came

of age in the 1960s and 1970s, Ali was far more than a boxer. With a personality that could deftly dance and connect politics and entertainment, activism and athletics, his identity blended boundaries. He was an entertainer, a man at the center of swirling political and cultural change, a hero — and a villain — to many for

his brash self-assuredness.

"Part of Muhammad's greatness was his ability to be different things to different people," retired basketball star Kareem Abdul-Jabbar wrote on Facebook Saturday.

"To sports fans he was an unparalleled champion of the

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Spotlight

Fort Hood soldiers' deaths in flood raise training questions

FORT HOOD, Texas — Nine Fort Hood soldiers who died when a rain-swollen creek swept their vehicle into rushing waters were in the right place for their intended training, according to the U.S. Army.

Yet the tragedy is prompting multiple investigations into the circumstances of the deaths and how the military may handle risky training conditions in the future.

The lead Army agency on safety and occupational health dispatched a team to Fort Hood on Friday to investigate the circumstances of the Thursday training exercise on the sprawling Army base.

"In this case, we see that there can be something learned in the way of future prevention," said Michael Negard, spokesman for the Army's Combat Readiness Center.

The center has previously produced reports with recommendations on how soldiers should approach inclement weather. However, Negard would not immediately release them and would not elaborate on whether the Army followed proper protocol when it continued with the training exercise, which turned deadly after days of heavy rain flooded a creek that Army officials said is not prone to flooding.

— Associated Press

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Denver police say 3 people killed in botched drug deal

DENVER — Denver police say three people are dead following a shooting in a home in northeast Denver that was blamed on a botched drug deal.

Police say the shooting happened Friday night. Two of the victims were found dead at the scene and the third victim died at a hospital.

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JUST WEIRD Gravediggers compete in race

DEBRECEN, Hungary — Digging their way to the top, 18 two-man teams of Hungarian gravediggers displayed their skills Friday for a place in a regional championship to be held in Slovakia later this year.

Participants in the contest held in plot 37A of the public cemetery of the eastern Hungarian city of Debrecen were being judged on their speed but also getting points for style — the look of the finished grave mounds.

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