

# DEATH TOLL, MELTDOWN FEARS GROW

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## Forced DUI testing gets mixed reviews

Wyoming Rep. Keith Gingery hopes that drivers will decide to comply when the new law takes effect July 1.

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JACKSON – Rep. Keith Gingery was fresh out of high school in 1989 when his friend Laurel Rudd was killed by a drunken driver on the Snake River bridge along Highway 89.

The 17-year-old's death shook the community, Gingery said, and he has thought of her during the many years he has worked to strengthen the state's driving under the influence laws.

Gov. Matt Mead recently signed a bill sponsored by Gingery that will eliminate drivers' rights to refuse chemical testing. With a warrant, police will be able to force a person to submit to testing. The new law will take effect July 1.

"I hope this gives some solace to her friends and family," Gingery said, "that she did not die in vain and her death spurred others to work hard on this issue."

But not all see Gingery's bill as a trouble-free solution. Both a defense lawyer and a police officer underlined problems that could be lurking.

Jackson Police Chief Todd Smith said the law could put his force in more conflict situations. Attorney Dick Stout said the broad measure trammels

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## More light wanted for 17th Street

AN OUTDOOR LIGHTING PLAN BEING CONSIDERED BY THE DDA HAS A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF ABOUT \$260,000.

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CHEYENNE – The Cheyenne Downtown Development Authority is considering an outdoor lighting plan for a portion of 17th Street.

The concept would light a one-block section on both sides of the street in the downtown restaurant area.

Restaurants on the block include Ruby Juice, Sanford's, Two Doors Down and Pizzeria Venti.

The lighting would extend on 17th Street from Warren to Capitol avenues. Architect Douglas A.

Selby explained the plan Thursday to DDA board members. No one objected.

Each light pole would be equipped with two lights – one to light the street and one to light the sidewalk.

Lights also would run along the sidewalks for a softer glow, said Christie DePorter, DDA executive director. Strings of lights would span above the street, as well.

The project involves electrical work, replacing some of the sidewalk and adding tree grates, benches, paving squares and trash cans.

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## Houston, we have liftoff ...

Everything's bigger in Texas, including this year's NCAA Tournament field

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## Pilots lock down cockpit on praying passengers

Pilots on an Alaska Airlines flight locked down the cockpit and alerted authorities after three passengers conducted an elaborate orthodox Jewish prayer ritual during their Los Angeles-bound flight.

Airline spokeswoman Bobbie Egan says the crew of Flight 241 from Mexico City became alarmed Sunday after the men began the ritual, which involves tying leather straps and small wooden boxes to the body.

The cockpit was placed on a security lockdown – meaning the door couldn't be opened even for pilots to leave briefly.

FBI and customs agents, along with police and fire crews, met the plane at the gate at Los Angeles International Airport.

Airport police say three men – all Mexican nationals – were escorted off the plane, questioned by the FBI, and released. They were not arrested.

## Spanking 1-year-olds is common in depressed dads

Just like new moms, new fathers can be depressed, and a study found a surprising number of sad dads spanked their 1-year-olds.

About 40 percent of depressed fathers in a survey said they'd spanked kids that age, versus just 13 percent of fathers who weren't depressed. Most dads also had had recent contact with their child's doctor – a missed opportunity to get help, authors of the study said.

The American Academy of Pediatrics and many child development experts warn against spanking children of any age. Other studies have shown that kids who are spanked are at risk of being physically abused and becoming aggressive themselves.

The researchers said spanking is especially troubling in children who are only 1, because they could get injured and they "are unlikely to understand the connection between their behavior and subsequent punishment."

The study was released online today in the journal Pediatrics.

The authors analyzed data on 1,746 fathers from a nationally representative survey in 16 large U.S. cities, conducted in 1999-2000.

Weather  
Records: 70 (2003)  
Avg: 43  
-4 (1996)

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Very warm, mostly sunny through this week with gusty winds Tuesday

Colorado Lottery  
Cash 5: 1, 9, 10, 18, 30

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