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DAILY BRIEFING

LOCAL

Alturas residents killed in crash

ALTURAS — Two Alturas residents were killed in a car crash last week after their vehicle collided with a deer and rolled off the road down a steep embankment, California Highway Patrol officials said. **See page A7.**

Arrest made after rental dispute

A Klamath Falls man was arrested at gunpoint late Friday after he allegedly forced his way into a home and pointed a rifle at one of the occupants as he searched for a former tenant of one of his rental properties. **See page A2.**

NATION

Tropical storm may miss oil well

NEW ORLEANS — Tropical Storm Alex steamed across the Gulf of Mexico on Monday on a path that could keep it away from BP's busted well but could still stir up heavy winds, rain and choppy seas that drive the oil deeper inland and bring much of the clean-up to a standstill. **See page A8.**

Market report

Monday

Dow Jones industrials -5.29
10,138.52

See page A5 for stocks.

Coming Wednesday



101 Things to Do

There is plenty of fun around the Basin this summer, and we'll point you in the right direction in this month's edition of 101 Things to Do in Wednesday's Herald and News.

Murder suspect returns to jail

Matthew Avina-Norris, deemed mentally unfit for trial, was in state psychiatric hospital

By **TY BEAVER**
H&N Staff Reporter

A Klamath Falls man accused of two murders in August 2007 is back in the

Klamath County Jail following a stay at a state psychiatric hospital in Salem.

Matthew Avina-Norris, 25, is scheduled for a status hearing July 13 in Klamath County

Circuit Court. He was supposed to go to trial on murder charges earlier this month, but was determined mentally unfit to proceed.

It's not known whether Avina-Norris' return and upcoming

hearing indicates his case is moving forward. His attorney, Duane McCabe of Bend, said his client has dementia, a mental defect that can't be fixed.

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Paying for music



Submitted photo

The Klamath Union High School marching band plays in a competition in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. The band had to raise money to afford the trip.

Budget cuts in city and county schools force music programs to raise their own funds to compete, travel

the other KIDS

First in a series about the impact of budget cuts on arts and extracurricular programs in city and county schools.

By **RYAN PFEIL**
H&N Staff Reporter

Henley High School graduate and four-year choir student Sean Carter believes choir and band classes keep some students in school.

"They're a safe haven for those that maybe can't get into the honors classes or the ones that aren't the athletes," said Carter, who will attend Brigham Young University this fall. "It's just

kind of a nice thing for them to belong to. It definitely kept them in school."

Educators in the Klamath County School District and Klamath Falls City Schools say the districts have done a good job of maintaining music programs in the midst of millions of dollars in budget cuts.

But how these programs are supported financially is changing.

See **MUSIC**, page A3

Foster children back at Kleos

Deschutes, Jackson child welfare offices working with group home, but not Klamath

By **TY BEAVER**
H&N Staff Reporter

CHILOQUIN — A children's home near Chiloquin is again caring for foster children, though none of them are from Klamath County.

Gordon Hankins, who runs Kleos Children's Community with his wife, Vicki Hankins, said the organization has seven foster children placed by the Oregon Department of Human Services. One child was placed privately.

Despite the need locally for foster parents, beds for foster children at Kleos had been empty for months because of a rift between the Hankinses and Klamath County's Department of Human Services child welfare office.

The foster children placed at Kleos recently were from other areas, primarily Salem and Bend.

Jackson County's child welfare officials are scheduled to visit the facility and consider it for some of its foster children as well.

The Hankinses and the Klamath County child welfare office tried to reconcile, but still are not working together.

See **KLEOS**, page A7

Justices extend gun owner rights nationwide

Supreme Court rules guns used for self-defense can be owned anywhere

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court held Monday that Americans have the right

to own a gun for self-defense anywhere they live, expanding the conservative court's embrace of gun rights since John Roberts became Chief Justice.

By a 5-4 vote, the justices cast doubt on handgun bans in the Chicago area, but signaled that some limitations on the Constitution's right "to keep and bear

arms" could survive legal challenges. On its busy final day before a three-month recess, the court also ruled that a public law school can legally deny recognition to a Christian student group that won't let gays join, jumped into the nation's charged immigration debate by agreeing to review an employer sanctions law

from Arizona and said farewell to Justice John Paul Stevens, who is retiring after more than 34 years.

A short distance from the court, the Senate Judiciary Committee began confirmation hearings for Elena Kagan, nominated by President Barack Obama to replace Stevens.

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