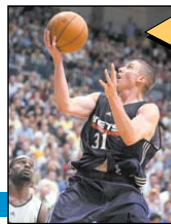


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Bale accused of assaulting mother, sister

LONDON (AP) — Batman star Christian Bale was arrested Tuesday over allegations of assaulting his mother and sister, police and British media said.

The 34-year-old actor spent four hours at a London police station before being released on bail.



Bale

British media had reported that Bale's mother and sister complained he had assaulted them at the Dorchester Hotel in London on Sunday night, a day before the European premiere of his latest film, "The Dark Knight."

The Sun newspaper said police did not question the actor Monday because they did not want to interfere with the premiere of the movie.

Asked Tuesday whether Bale had been arrested, a London police spokesman did not refer to him by name but said: "A 34-year-old man attended a central London police station this morning by appointment and was arrested in connection with an allegation of assault."

The spokesman spoke on condition of anonymity because force policy did not authorize him to be identified. British

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Definition of the Week



A closer look at words in the news

bilas *n.* 1 a line, cut or sewn diagonally across the weave of cloth, as in making seams, binding tape, etc. 2 a mental leaning or inclination; partiality; bent 3 **Lawn Bowling** a) the bilge in the side of the ball (the bowl) that causes it to roll in a curve b) this curve or tendency to curve c) the force causing this 4 **Radio** the fixed voltage applied to an electrode circuit to control the mode of operation, usually measured with the cathode voltage as reference 5 **Statistics** any systematic error contributing to the difference between statistical values in a population and a sample drawn from it

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BRHD going to 4-day workweek

By Charles Geraci
staff writer

The Bear River Health Department will follow the state's lead and move to a four-day workweek early next month.

On Monday, the Board of Health approved the new schedule for a one-year trial period.

Roughly 17,000 state employees will start working Monday through Thursday on Aug. 4 as part of Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman Jr.'s plan to cut energy costs and commuter expenses for employees.

Lloyd Berentzen, the Health Department's executive director/health officer, noted that the change will not affect providing essential public health services or emergency response.

"There are certain things that we still have to do," Berentzen said. "We've got to do HAZMAT responses. Let's say we have somebody who may be potentially suicidal — we've got to respond."

While the department's two buildings in Cache County will be closed to the public on Fridays, Berentzen said they could still be

used on an "as needed basis."

In general, the department will not be providing immunization services, clinics for sexually transmitted diseases or issuing birth and death certificates, for example.

Berentzen said the agency relies on several state departments — such as the Utah Department of Health and the Department of Human Services — for support services during the week.

"All of their consultation and general support is now not available (on Fridays)," he said. "The

governor's direction in doing this has the greatest impact on our decision to follow."

The department's extended hours will be from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, beginning Aug. 4 when the state makes the transition.

"Our hope is that people will take advantage and that it will be a convenience as they now have these extended hours," Berentzen said.

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Valley science

USU digging for clues



Meegan M. Reid/Herald Journal

Dr. Tammy Rittenour, center, and fellow geologists gather inside the East Cache Fault trench near Avon on Monday.

Geologists: Evidence along East Cache Fault points to inactivity

By Kim Burgess
staff writer

After examining a deep trench along the East Cache Fault, Utah State University geologists believe they have uncovered some good news.

So far, the research near Avon has not turned up any evidence of recent earthquakes along this section of the fault.

While more tests need to be

done, USU geology master's student Stephanie Davi doesn't imagine that any tremblers happened here in the last 10,000 years — the cut-off point for an "active" fault. Davi is leading the investigation, which is funded by a grant from the federal National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program.

"I'm just not seeing anything that young," Davi said, pointing to rock layers revealed along the side of the trench's 9-foot

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walls. "If there is something that is less than 10,000, it sure isn't expressed. ... So I'm thinking it may not be anything that recent. That's where I'm leaning."

USU geology associate professor Susanne Janecke agreed with the assessment and explained that, if it is correct, there is

a smaller chance of a "large, future damaging earthquake" in the southern part of Cache Valley.

"The (earthquake danger) is possibly significantly less than we anticipated (near Avon)," Janecke said.

An inactive fault would simplify the area's development rules, according to Davi's advisor, geology professor Jim

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Hurricane Dolly headed for land

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Dolly spun into a hurricane Tuesday, heading toward the U.S.-Mexico border and the heavily populated Rio Grande Valley, where officials feared heavy rains could cause massive flooding and levee breaks. Dolly was upgraded from a tropical storm Tuesday afternoon with sustained winds near 75 mph, and some strengthening of the Category 1 storm was forecast before landfall Wednesday. At 8 p.m. EDT, the storm's center was about 130 miles east-southeast of Brownsville, moving northwest at about 11 mph. A hurricane warning is in

effect for the coast of Texas from Brownsville to Corpus Christi and in Mexico from Rio San Fernando northward.

In Mexico, Tamaulipas Gov. Eugenio Hernandez said officials planned to evacuate 23,000 people to government shelters in Matamoros, Soto La Marina and San Fernando.

Texas officials urged residents to move away from the Rio Grande levees because if Dolly continues to follow the same path as 1967's Hurricane Beulah, "the levees are not going to hold that much water," said

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AP photo

Mike Pittman, right, and his son, Tyler, wait as their Hurricane Dolly T-shirts are made at a shop Tuesday in South Padre Island, Texas.

Traffic deaths drop as price of gas climbs

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Rising prices at the gas pump appear to be having at least one positive effect: Traffic deaths around the country are plummeting, just as they did during the Arab oil embargo three decades ago.

Researchers with the National Safety Council report a 9 percent drop in motor vehicle deaths overall through May compared with the first five months of 2007, including a drop of 18 percent in March and 14 percent in April.

Preliminary figures obtained by The Associated Press show that some states have reported declines of 20 percent or more. Thirty-one

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