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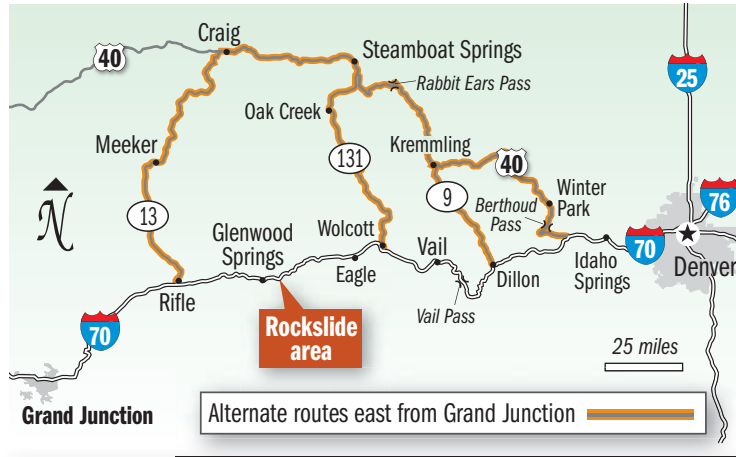
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# CANYON IN CRISIS

### Rockslide in Glenwood Canyon shuts down interstate

Interstate 70 remained closed in both directions Monday evening after boulders fell on the roadway about midnight Sunday.



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20 boulders rip through I-70; no one hurt in midnight slide

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State highway crews cast frequent and wary glances toward the cliff above them Monday as they scrambled to clear a jumble of fallen boulders that closed a major interstate highway through Glenwood Canyon.

Despite a gaping hole in the pavement and other damage caused by the rockfall, it's the threat of more boulders tumbling from the canyon wall that may determine whether Interstate 70 can be reopened later today.

Colorado Department of Transportation spokeswoman Stacey Stegman said one rock in particular that looks in a photograph to be about 20 times as large as the geologist who was inspecting it has fractures around it and needs to be brought down.

"In a perfect world," it will be dealt with today and one-lane travel each direction through the canyon will be allowed by the day's end, Stegman said. She said she's pretty hopeful that can occur.

Meanwhile, I-70 is closed for 17 miles between Glenwood Springs and Dotsero and motorists are being forced to make a detour of at least 200 miles of hours incorporating U.S. Highway 40 and passing through Steamboat Springs.

Highway officials say about 20 boulders fell onto about 100 yards of the interstate a little after midnight Monday just west



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**A GAPING HOLE** in Interstate 70 just west of Hanging Lake Tunnel in Glenwood Canyon is part of the damage from an early morning rockslide Monday. A threat of more boulders tumbling from the canyon wall worries state highway crews.

# Gunshot to head kills man

Neighbor intervened in dispute between couple, affidavit says

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A Grand Junction man accused of killing his neighbor told police he shot the man in the head after the neighbor had intervened in an argument between him and his wife, according to an arrest affidavit.

Robert JW McClelland, 31, 2541 Texas Ave., told arresting Grand Junction police officers he had drunk about four beers in several hours before he and his common-law wife argued Sunday night.

The neighbor, 27-year-old Andrew Boxa, walked over to McClelland's home to "try and calm him down," the affidavit said McClelland told officers.

McClelland and Boxa argued on the front porch, but Boxa never entered McClelland's home, the affidavit said. The two residences are across Texas Avenue from one another.

McClelland told police he went back to his bedroom and retrieved a Glock .40-caliber pistol, returned and pointed the weapon at Boxa, the affidavit said.

McClelland said he repeatedly told Boxa to "get the (expletive) away" and that Boxa retreated just a few feet but remained "confrontational," the affidavit said.

McClelland told officers he didn't believe Boxa was armed. McClelland said he fired a shot into his front yard, in front of Boxa, then fired again, wounding Boxa in the leg.

"McClelland said by this time they were standing in the street in front of his house but Boxa still would not leave," the affidavit said.

The affidavit said McClelland admitted taking aim at Boxa's head and firing once.

Although he told officers



**ROBERT McCLELLAND**  
In Mesa County Jail on \$1 million bond

that he'd been drinking, McClelland refused to submit to breath or blood tests for alcohol in his system, the affidavit said.

Witnesses told The Daily Sentinel they heard a gunshot, then after several minutes, three to four more shots.

McClelland's wife was among the first witnesses greeting arriving officers, yelling, "He shot him." Officers initially were called to McClelland's home at 8:55 p.m. on a reported verbal disturbance.

When they arrived and ordered, with guns drawn, McClelland to drop the weapon, he removed the magazine from the gun and placed both on the front porch, the affidavit said.

"I think he realized pretty quickly this wasn't a bad dream," said a man who lives near McClelland, speaking on the condition he not be named.

McClelland and his wife have two young girls, one weeks old and another just more than a year old, who were home when the shooting occurred and were later taken to stay with their grandparents, the neighbor said.

Loud verbal spats between the couple were fairly common, he said. "They sometimes would lead outside."

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## Artifact cases to proceed despite death of source

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY — Federal prosecutors in Utah said Monday that despite the death of an undercover informant they'll move ahead with cases against more than 20 people charged after a long-running artifacts looting investigation.

The operative's death may prompt prosecutors to change their strategy at trial, but the setback isn't enough for them to scrap the cases, said acting U.S. Attorney for Utah Carlie Christensen. She declined to provide more details.

"We think we have enough evidence to move ahead with the case," Christensen said Monday morning after a status

conference at federal court in Salt Lake City.

Defense attorneys indicated they'll ask federal judges to limit what kind of evidence can be presented at trial when it comes to Ted Gardiner, a Utah businessman who worked with the FBI and the Bureau of Land Management for two years. He secretly recorded deals for American Indian artifacts in the Four Corners area.

Gardiner provided hundreds of hours of footage for investigators that are central to prosecutors' cases. He died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound March 1 in what police called an apparent suicide.

## Acceleration test rigged, Toyota says

By THE DETROIT NEWS

Toyota Motor Corp. pushed back against its critics Monday, producing engineers who said a widely publicized experiment by a professor claiming to show unintended acceleration in Toyota vehicles was rigged.

The engineers said professor David Gilbert of Southern Illinois University had rewired the circuitry in a way that would cause uncontrolled acceleration not only in Toyota vehicles but in all the cars they tested.

"Any circuit can be taken and re-engineered and rewired to perform what it is you want it to do," said Matthew Schwall, an engineer at Menlo Park, Calif.-based Exponent, a firm retained by Toyota to examine its vehicles.

Gilbert created a stir on Feb. 23 when he told a U.S. House committee holding hearings on Toyota's recalls that he had discovered an electronic flaw in the acceleration



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**AN EXAMPLE** of a pedal with modifications performed by a Southern Illinois University professor, shown during a live webcast Monday at Toyota Headquarters in Torrance, Calif.

system — an assertion he had made on an ABC News television program.

Rep. Steve Buyer, R-Ind., raised doubts about Gilbert's experiment, alluding to a

notorious, staged crash shown years ago on the TV show "Dateline" in a story about faulty gas tanks exploding on impact.

But Gilbert's testimony stoked concerns that Toyota may not have found all the causes of unintended acceleration.

Toyota's move to challenge Gilbert signaled an aggressive effort by the Japanese automaker to limit the damage from its big recalls — and persistent concerns about the causes.

Chris Gerdes, a professor of mechanical engineering at Stanford University, said he spoke with Gilbert, who confirmed that he had stripped insulation from wires connecting the pedal to the throttle and connected wires that were normally too far apart to touch in his experiment.

"Dr. Gilbert's demonstration is not evidence of a design flaw or a safety risk,"

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