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Crowton is out; Meyer's 'dream job' has opened

Changes: BYU will announce its coach's ouster today; with Notre Dame looking, the U.'s miracle man might get an offer he can't refuse

By STEVE LUHM
The Salt Lake Tribune

The college football coaching merry-go-round shifted into high gear Tuesday.

At Notre Dame, Tyrone Willingham was fired, clearing the way for Utah's Urban Meyer to become the next coach at one of America's most fabled universities.

Meanwhile, BYU administrators called a news conference for noon today, when, *The Salt Lake Tribune* has learned, embattled Gary Crowton will be relieved of his coaching duties.

Sources said Crowton could be reassigned within the university, but he will not return for the fifth and final year of his original BYU coaching contract.

Lance Reynolds, the Cougars' assistant head coach, will be placed in charge of the program until a new head coach is hired. Reynolds, a BYU graduate, has coached at the school for 22 seasons.

While making its announcement, BYU said neither school administrators nor members of the coaching staff would be available for comment until the Crowton news conference. See **CHANGES, A4**

• Read more about the coaches in Sports. **B1**

Dutch hospital euthanizing fatally ill babies

By TOBY STERLING
The Associated Press

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — A hospital in the Netherlands — the first nation to permit euthanasia — recently proposed guidelines for mercy killings of terminally ill newborns, and then made a startling revelation: It has already begun carrying out such procedures, which include administering a lethal dose of sedatives.

The announcement by the Groningen Academic Hospital came during a growing discussion in Holland on whether to legalize euthanasia on people incapable of deciding for themselves whether they want to end their lives — a prospect viewed with horror by euthanasia opponents and as a natural evolution by advocates.

In August, the main Dutch doctors' association KNMG urged the Health Ministry to create an independent board to review

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Ridge to leave Cabinet

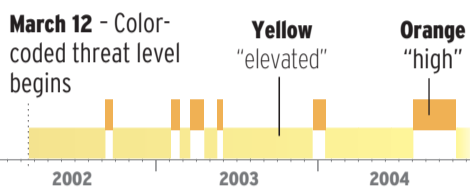
Romney, Leavitt may be among candidates for the homeland security job



Ridge's record

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, who presided over six "orange alerts," announced his resignation Tuesday.

Risk of terrorist attack



October - Ridge was sworn in as the nation's first White House homeland security adviser

NOTE: 2004 orange alert was for select financial institutions in New York, northern New Jersey and Washington, D.C., only

Source: Department of Homeland Security

By EUNICE MOSCOSO
Car News Service

WASHINGTON — Tom Ridge, the nation's first secretary of homeland security, announced his resignation Tuesday from the tough job created to safeguard the nation after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

He is the seventh Cabinet member to announce plans to depart before President Bush's second term.

Ridge, 59, led the new Department of Homeland Security through a historic restructuring of government in which 22

agencies were merged into one. The resulting 180,000-employee department garnered mixed reviews, and was sometimes ridiculed for its five-color terror alert system. Several high-level officials have left the department after brief tenures.

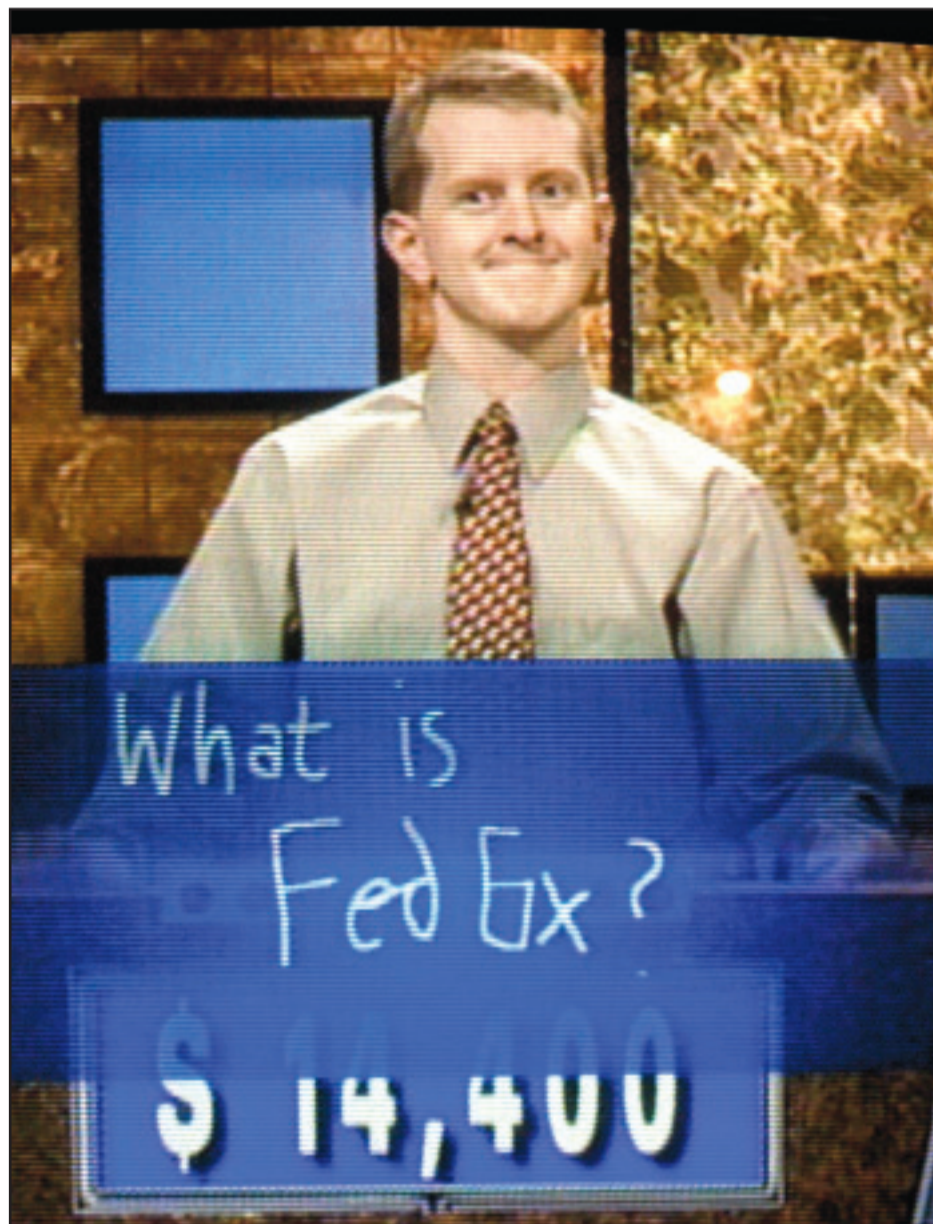
One of Ridge's undersecretaries, Asa Hutchinson, is a candidate for the job. Others mentioned as possible successors include White House homeland security adviser Frances Townsend; Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who headed the committee that staged the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City; former New

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Jennings' magic ends

The record-setting 'Jeopardy' champ 'disoriented' by loss

By VINCE HORIUCHI
The Salt Lake Tribune



Ken Jennings gets it wrong in Tuesday's "Jeopardy!" broadcast, ending his record-breaking run. LEAH HOGSTEN/*The Salt Lake Tribune/Channel 4 TV*

Sure enough, "Jeopardy!" champ Ken Jennings encountered the two inevitables in life: death and taxes.

The 30-year-old Murray whiz on the longest winning streak in game show history finally met his demise in Tuesday night's broadcast, and it was a Final Jeopardy question about tax preparation that did him in.

The category: Business and Industry. Answer: "Most of this firm's 70,000 seasonal white-collar employees work only four months a year."

Jennings' opponent, Ventura, Calif., real estate agent Nancy Zerg, scribbled down the correct response: "What is H&R Block?" bringing her total to \$14,401.

Jennings answered "What is Fed Ex?" dropping him to \$8,799. The audience groaned, then applauded Jennings.

Jennings said learning he had lost left him "disoriented."

"It was like, 'Whoa, usually there's a close-up of me at this point. I've been in this situation 74 times and it never goes like this.'" Jennings told *The Salt Lake Tribune* on Tuesday from New York City, where he was about to make an appearance on the "Late Show With David Letterman." "Then the next thing was relief, knowing the end of the story. I finally know how it ends, and I can finally move on."

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Game show feats for \$100, please

Here is a by-the-numbers breakdown of "KenJen's" remarkable leap from humble software engineer to the nation's No. 1 game-show geek.

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Number of times he swept a category.

2,586

Correct answers.

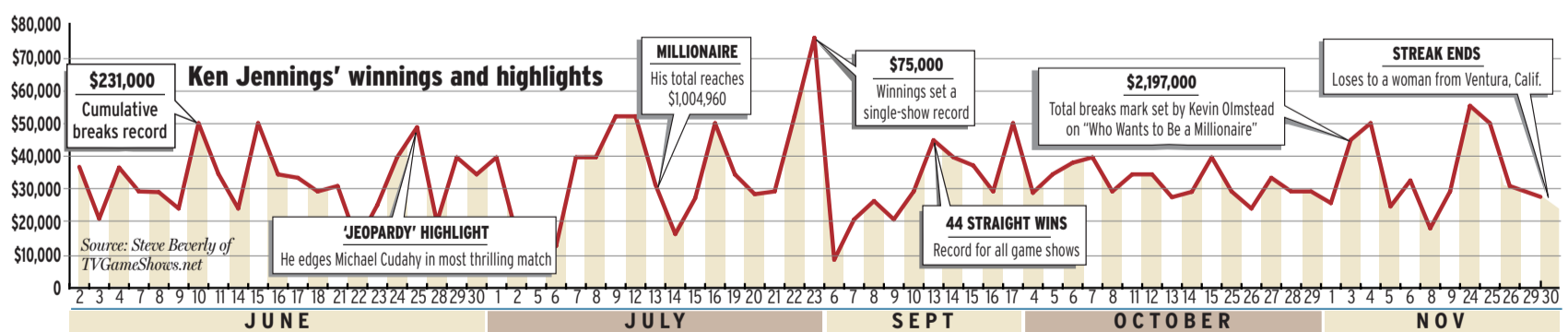
\$33,643

Average daily winnings.

\$75,000

Biggest one-day winnings.

Source: TVGameshows.net



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Mostly cloudy and still cold. Highs for northern Utah in the mid 30s; mid-40s for the south.



Moving on

NAACP President Kweisi Mfume said Tuesday he is leaving the post he has held for nearly nine years. **Nation, A9**

Feds say Monticello neglecting mill tailings

Uranium contamination: The Energy Department is concerned about the city's diversion of funds earmarked for maintaining the site

By ROBERT GEHRKE
The Salt Lake Tribune

WASHINGTON — The Energy Department's inspector general says Monticello City is neglecting a public park built atop a shuttered, contaminated uranium mill, posing a risk that erosion could uncover radioactive "hot spots" buried below.

Instead of taking care of the site,

Inspector General Gregory Friedman wrote in a recent audit, the city spent \$3.2 million in federal money to add nine holes to a nearby golf course and \$1.1 million to improve the city's water system.

The Energy Department already has stepped in to stave off further erosion, and federal taxpayers could continue paying the bill since the southeastern Utah city may not be able to afford it.

The mill site was buried under an earthen cover because the radon gas, radiation and heavy metals posed an excessive cancer risk to residents of the town. The audit did not address what health risks might be posed by "hot spots" uncovered by erosion.

City Manager Trent Schafer took issue with the inspector general's criticism. He said Monticello has tried to keep up the site, but the prolonged drought made it impossible to grow vegetation to hold the topsoil in place.

"We're in the sixth year of a drought, and

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