

Correction

The National Metal and Non-Metal Mine Rescue Contest in Las Vegas, Nev., was misidentified in Friday's Journal. The contest date was Wednesday, not Thursday as earlier reported.

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Mine rescue teams to compete

Nine metal and nonmetal mine rescue teams from Colorado, Montana, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming will compete in the National Metal and Nonmetal Mine Rescue Contest on Aug. 24 at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

Sponsored by the U.S. Labor Department's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), the contest will pit the top 33 mine rescue teams in the mining industry against each other to select the finest teams in the nation.

A panel of judges will evaluate each team as it performs a practical mine rescue problem in a simulated mine environment designed to approximate the actual conditions that might be encountered in a mine fire, flood, explosion or other mine emergency.

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■ **Rescue:** A rescue team from the Stillwater Mining Co. near Nye will compete against 32 other teams in the National Metal and Nonmetal Mine Rescue Contest in Las Vegas Aug. 24. Sponsored by the U.S. Labor Department's Mine Safety and Health Administration, the contest will select the top six teams in the country. A panel of judges will evaluate each team as it performs a practical mine rescue problem in a simulated mine environment. There will also be a "benchman's competition" for persons responsible for maintaining the mine's rescue equipment.

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■ Mine rescue teams go for the gold

Stillwater Mining Co. has two teams out of the 33 teams from across the nation that qualified to compete this week in Las Vegas at the National Metal and Nonmetal Mine Rescue Contest.

Ron Kleinhesselink said his company is proud of the two six-man teams because they worked their way up through the "novice ranks" to the championship during the first year of their mine's operation.

Mock disaster courses will be set up, and spectators will watch as the teams are put through their paces in Nevada.

The competition is serious, Kleinhesselink said, but the teams know the real purpose is to develop people who can respond to mine disasters across the country.

"I tell the guys that you are going to meet people you might be working with someday when you are trying to save some of their or your buddies for real," he said.

It was an honor to just make the finals, he said, "but we want that trophy."

**Won: Homestake Mining Co. won
the National Metal and Nonmetal
Mine Rescue contest, held at Las
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Vegas. The contest was sponsored by the U.S. Labor Department's



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Mine Safety and Health Administration. It featured 34 of the top rescue teams in the U.S. In another competition that tests individual skills, **Carl Sauer** of **Homestake**

was the national winner while teammate **Tom Reagan** placed third. The competition tested skills in maintaining rescue equipment.

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S.D. miners win top honors

LAS VEGAS, Nev., (UPI) — A team from the Homestake Gold Mine in Lead, S.D., won top honors Wednesday as the nation's premier mine rescue squad in a contest sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Karl Saver, of the Homestake Company's Silver Mine team, also of Lead, S.D., took first place in the benchman's competition, a contest for workers who maintain rescue team equipment.

Thirty-four rescue teams and 30 benchmen from mines across the United States competed in the one-day event at the Las Vegas Convention Center. Participating teams won local and regional contests to qualify for the national competition, said Mine Safety and Health Administration spokesman Tom Brown.

A panel of judges evaluated each five-member rescue team as handled

a practical rescue problem in a simulated mining emergency such as fires, floods and explosions.

The government-sponsored contests are held in even-numbered years for teams from the metal and nonmetal mining industry and in odd-numbered years for coal-mine rescue teams.

The rescue team from Cargill Salt Mine, Inc., Lansing, N.Y. finished second place followed by the squad from the Dravo Lime Company Raiders Mine in Maysville, Ky.

Fourth place went to the team from the International Salt Co. Cleveland Mine Coolers, Whiskey Island, Ohio; the fifth place team was Cominco American Cominco Mine, Bixby, Mo., and the sixth place finisher was International Salt Co. Retsof No. 2, Retsof, N.Y.

Finishing in second place in the benchman's contest was Art Davis of Amax-Henderson Mine, Amax Inc., Empire, Colo. Tom Regan of the Homestake Gold Mine in Lead, S.D. took third place and Bruce Dryden of the Big Island Mine, Stauffer Chemical Co. of Wyoming, Green River, Wyo., finished fourth in the benchman's competition.

UEA likes Wilson

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — The political action committee of Utah's largest teachers' union recently endorsed Democrat Ted Wilson over

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