



# THE REGION

# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

## Camas Prairie

High: 84 Low: 49  
Mostly sunny and warmer. Partly cloudy on Monday with highs in the mid 80s.

## Treasure Valley

High: 94 Low: 63  
Mostly sunny and warmer. Partly cloudy on Monday with highs in the mid 90s. A small chance of thunderstorms.

## Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 88 Low: 48  
Partly cloudy. Partly cloudy on Monday with a chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Highs around 90.

## Eastern Idaho

High: 88 Low: 48  
Partly cloudy with southwesterly winds 5-15 mph. Partly cloudy on Monday with a slight chance of showers.

## Northern Idaho

High: 92 Low: 62  
Mostly sunny and warmer. Partly cloudy on Monday with a chance of afternoon showers. Highs near 90.

## Northern Utah

High: 92 Low: 55  
Partly cloudy with 20 percent chance of showers and evening thunderstorms.

## Northern Nevada

High: 90 Low: 55  
Mostly sunny and warmer. Partly cloudy on Monday with highs near 90.

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High: 91 Low: 59 Mostly sunny and warmer. West winds 10-15 mph.	High: 94 Low: 54 Partly cloudy and hot.	High: 90s Low: 50s Mostly sunny.	High: 90s Low: 50s Mostly sunny.	High: 90s Low: 50s Partly cloudy.

## Idaho weather

Sunday, July 16  
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, low/high temperatures

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## National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Sunday, July 16.

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## UV INDEX FIRE DANGER

**UV INDEX:** 8 (high)  
Burn time: 20 minutes

**FIRE DANGER:** The BLM's fire danger in South-Central Idaho is Mountain: High Prairies: High

## SKYWATCH

Sunset today: 9:11 p.m.  
Summer (longer) day: 15.5 m.  
Lunar phase: Full, July 16; last quarter, July 24; now, July 31; first quarter, Aug. 7.

## ACROSS THE NATION

Nation: Severe thunderstorms dropped four inches of rain in parts of Florida on Saturday, and the Northeast was wet and cool.  
On the western side of the Florida peninsula, St. Petersburg reported 3.89 inches of rain during the morning and early afternoon, and several other locations reported similar rainfall totals. Flash flood warnings and warnings were posted throughout the region, and more rain was expected.  
Showers and thunderstorms also spread across the Northeast, with Caldwell, N.J., reporting nearly two inches of rain, and New York City recording more than an inch. Temperatures only rose to the upper 60s and low 70s throughout much of the region.  
The rest of the Southeast and southern Plains was dry with temperatures in the 90s. Heat advisories were issued for the northern Gulf Coast, Texas and Arkansas. With the humidity, it felt like 110 degrees in Biloxi, Miss.  
Clear and dry conditions dominated most of the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley regions; the northern Rockies and Pacific Coast were cool with highs in the 60s.

—The Associated Press

Twin Falls	89	60	Yesterday in Twin Falls	30
Last year	88	46	Month to date:	17
Normal	93	55	Normal, to date:	5.48
			Month year to date:	9.16
			Normal, year to date:	9.16

Idaho	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High, 95 at Hagerman, Low, 44 at Depue, 31 at Stanley.
Boise	88	58	.....	Nation: High, 116 at Death Valley, Calif. Low, 40 at Stanley, Ore., and Stanley, W. Va.
Burley	89	56	.....	
Coeur d'Alene	75	45	.....	
Grangeville	m	m	.....	
Lugerman	95	52	m	
Idaho Falls	90	45	.....	
Lewiston	82	58	tr	
Malden	49	39	.....	
Malla	m	m	.....	
McCall	73	46	.....	
Pocatello	92	48	.....	
Salmon	82	46	.....	
Stanley	81	34	.....	
Sun Valley	m	m	.....	

The Nation	Max	Min	Pcp	Comfort factors
Albuquerque	94	69	.....	Snow falling, 15%.
Anchorage	94	72	.....	Northwest: 10.15
Boston	76	66	.....	Patent and mail: 6.00
Chicago	104	81	.....	Pullen: 20, moderate.
Dallas	99	69	.....	Relief, 100%.
Denver	86	69	.....	Shots: 10.15, 15.00.
Detroit	77	63	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
Honolulu	103	77	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
Houston	103	77	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
Indianapolis	81	65	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
Kansas City	100	66	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
Los Angeles	79	61	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
Los Vegas	89	76	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
Miami Beach	94	78	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
Minneapolis	74	64	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
Mpls.	83	65	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
New Orleans	99	77	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
New York	73	67	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
Oklahoma City	99	71	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
Omaha	87	73	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
Philadelphia	87	65	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
Pittsburgh	70	59	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
Portland, Me.	75	64	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
Portland, Ore.	83	63	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
Reno	93	59	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
St. Louis	86	72	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
Salt Lake City	66	54	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
San Francisco	66	54	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
Seattle	76	65	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
Spokane	80	65	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
Washington	85	72	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.
Yuma	105	72	.....	High, 5000, 15.00.

Canadian Cities	High	Low	Chg
Montreal	83	68	ch
Toronto	83	68	ch
Vancouver	68	53	ch

## Fast fire facts

**Bureau of Land Management, Idaho**  
Over the past 10 years:  
On average, 234,000 acres burn annually.  
A total of 2.3 million acres have burned.  
In 1999, 342,000 acres burned.

**Sawtooth National Forest**  
Over the past five years:  
An average of 30 lightning-caused fires, covering 6,730 acres each.

**Idaho**  
An average of 21 human-caused fires, covering 9,000 acres each.

**Precipitation in Twin Falls**  
July average - .8 inch. This year - .49 inch.  
July average - .3 inch. This year - .03 inch.  
Average for the year so far - 9.14 inches. This year so far - 5.48 inches.

## Prepare

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It's a tinderbox out there. With just a little more than half the average rainfall so far this year, range and forest lands dried out earlier than usual and are drier than usual.

Already 70 fires, many started by fireworks, have burned 25,000 acres managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

A recent fire north of Bliss burned through about 12,000 acres of sagebrush grassland. In a normal year, that fire would have covered only about 100 acres, said Andy Payne, fire management officer with the BLM's Shoshone office.

The potential for huge, hard-to-control fires has spurred the BLM to ensure that extra fire-fighting crews and equipment are on hand, Payne said.

In an average year, about 80 percent of the lightning strikes that could start a fire actually start a fire. This year's number is 90 percent, he said.

One reason is that this year

the amount of flammable cheat grass and other dry plant material in some areas is the highest it has been in five years, BLM rangeland ecologist Mike Pellant said.

This year, the grasses dried out earlier and drier than normal, creating a potentially explosive fire hazard on some public range lands in southern Idaho, he said.

"When the sagebrush dries out, it takes less of an understory of grasses to carry the fire," Pellant said.

Conditions on national forests in southern Idaho are no different. The Sawtooth National Forest is drier than normal and fire danger is higher than normal, said Randy Richter, fire management officer with the Sawtooth National Forest.

Because of the increased risk of fire this summer, the Sawtooth forest has three additional fire engines on hand and officials are considering bringing in additional resources.

# Ill smokers won't see settlement money soon

**The Associated Press**

MIAMI - Hundreds of thousands of sick smokers slated to receive a share of the colossal \$145 billion punitive damage award levied against the tobacco industry may die before ever getting a penny from the tobacco companies.

Moments after Friday's devastating verdict, tobacco companies promised to appeal. The industry had sought a verdict of less than \$400 million and claim the historic damage award would put their industry out of business.

They also say no final order can be signed for decades until all smokers have their individual compensation claims heard.

Although the two-year-old trial officially concluded with the damage award, lawyers get only a weekend break before returning to court Monday, to discuss the next steps. Attorneys for 300,000 to 700,000 sick Florida

smokers will push the trial judge to issue a judgment needed to move the case to a state appeals court.

Meanwhile, some of the states that negotiated a \$257 billion national settlement with the industry in have expressed concern that Friday's jury award could threaten their ability to collect on the settlement.

Louisiana state Treasurer John Kennedy is afraid the jury decision could sharply lower his state's \$4.6 billion share and wants to "securitize" it by selling bonds. The Florida Legislature set up a bonding mechanism for its \$13 billion share last spring.

"We'll have a year ago I said we should sell a portion or even all of that settlement," Kennedy said. "This is just another reason why we can't afford to gamble. We've invested in education and health care and education on the future of the tobacco industry."

## Fires

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Cheatgrass already has invaded about 25 million acres of public land in the 130-million-acre Great Basin. Through the acreage is not available, cheatgrass is established throughout the 12 million acres BLM manages in Idaho.

BLM has proposed the comprehensive Great Basin Restoration Initiative to halt the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds and halt the loss sagebrush, key habitat for the declining sage grouse population.

"We will be protecting remaining shrublands and restoring plant diversity in critical areas," Pellant said.

In addition to helping the spread of cheatgrass, fire burns up forests for livestock and wildlife. And in southern Idaho, the most immediate threat is the loss of soil and its organic matter, primarily to wind erosion.

But fire still can be important in rejuvenating areas of native species. Fire stimulates new growth, removes unhealthy vegetation and recycles soil nutrients. And fire can be used to create a break that halts larger fires.

Human meddling also has had a profound effect on forest fire. Over the past century, effective fire suppression and changes in land uses have helped create the current trend toward more forest lands.

After cheatgrass takes hold, it literally opens the environment up to all kinds of undesirable invasive weeds," Pellant said.

Cheatgrass can be good livestock forage in the early spring while it's still green, but "it's not going to support any livestock if it goes to knapweed," Pellant said.

inense wildfires.

Fire long was an important part of the forest ecosystem. Lodgepole pines common in southern Idaho evolved with fire. The cones of the tree require heat to open and release its seeds. Ponderosa pines are designed to withstand the low-intensity fires that once passed periodically through most forests. The outer bark actually burns and flakes off, acting as a sort of natural fire-break.

Rather than destroying forests, fires historically helped maintain a diversity of species. Without periodic fires, stands of trees are more crowded and individual trees stressed, ripe for catastrophic fires.

Effective fire suppression in Idaho began in about 1910 and changed the effects of fire, mostly for the worse, forest officials say.

Several factors have increased the potential for larger, catastrophic fires.

- A decades-old policy of suppressing fire has allowed the buildup of dead, dry material that once was burned in small periodic fires.
- Livestock grazing and other land uses eliminated much of the grass that historically carried periodic small fires through forest undergrowth.
- Past logging practices removed the larger, more valuable trees.

Forest Service officials told the GAO that their efforts to reduce the risk of fire have been focused on areas with valuable commercial timber, rather than areas with high fire hazards.

"Most of the trees that need to be removed to reduce (fire hazard) are small in diameter and have little or no commercial value," the GAO report said.

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Idaho  
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NATION

# Somber history lesson at summit

### Midcast peace talks resume after end of Jewish Sabbath

THURMONT, Md. (AP) — President Clinton and the Israeli and Palestinian leaders moved Midcast peace talks back to high gear late Saturday after the end of the Jewish Sabbath, and some delegates took a somber tour of the Civil War battlefield in nearby Gettysburg, Pa.



Palestinian supporters of Hamas, a militant Islamic group, play out how they would like to liberate Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails Saturday, during a rally in the West Bank city of Nabulus.

kept to a slower pace. Taking a break from their own ancient quarrels, about 75 members of the Israeli and Palestinian delegations had a firsthand look at the scene of one of the greatest fraternal bloodlettings in American history.

The delegates took a two-hour tour of the Gettysburg battlefield, about 15 miles from Camp David and the site of the costly July 1863 engagement that was generally considered the Civil War's turning point. None of the tour participants was a member of the official negotiating teams, which are secluded at Camp David.

The three leaders' 90-minute late-night session Friday in a rustic cabin was an intimate gathering, held without delegation members, the White House said. Other than the leaders, only interpreters and note-takers were present. Since Clinton, Barak and Arafat first sat down together Tuesday, the summit's opening day, Clinton has shuttled between the two sides in talks described as contentious and difficult. Summit participants have agreed to disclose nothing of the substance of the negotiations, but U.S. officials briefing reporters have repeatedly used words like "grappling" and "struggling" to characterize the efforts. At one point, White House spokesman Joe Lockhart described the issues as "intractable."

As we approach Day Six, we will look for further intensification of these discussions," said the spokesman, P.J. Crowley. Clinton, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat had met until 11 p.m. EDT Friday in only the second three-way gathering at the talks that began Tuesday in Maryland's Catoctin Mountains, 60 miles northwest of Washington. The president met with Barak on Saturday evening, Crowley said, and more meetings were possible later. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who said as lead mediator for most of Thursday, was involved in the activity again Saturday, including a meeting

## Cohen soothes relations, but China remains upset

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — Defense Secretary William Cohen says U.S. military relations with China are back on track, albeit a slow and steady one. Still, it was clear after his visit last week to Beijing and Shanghai that there remains a deep divide on the subject of U.S. missile defense. "Differences remain," Cohen said in summing up his visit and response to his pitch on missile defense. Cohen's visit was his first since China agreed to resume military ties with Washington after a cutoff of all contact following the U.S. bombing of China's embassy in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, in May 1999.



Defense Secretary William Cohen

to export nuclear and chemical weapons and to not test nuclear devices. He also made clear that China is opposed to the United States sharing an Asia-theater missile defense system with Taiwan, because in China's view, that would infringe on what China considers its right to reclaim Taiwan, by force if necessary.

During his visit to Beijing, Cohen addressed the missile defense issue in a speech to the National Defense University, where officers are trained for senior leadership positions. In a question-and-answer session afterward, one officer attacked the U.S. rationale for seeking missile defense.

Among the modest signs of improving relations: a U.S. Navy ship and its sailors will visit a Chinese port, and Chinese Navy ships will make port calls in Honolulu and Seattle. Also, China agreed to send officers to the U.S.-sponsored Asia-Pacific Security Center in Hawaii, a forum on defense issues.

Cohen told President Jiang Jintan and other senior leaders that the main reason the Clinton administration is developing a nationwide anti-missile shield is the global spread of ballistic missile technology. The further it spreads, the greater chance a nation hostile to the United States one day will threaten to strike a U.S. city, Cohen said. This is a particularly sensitive subject in China because the United States accuses China of helping spread missile technology, violation of promises it has made in the past to control it. U.S. officials believe China has supplied Pakistan, Iran and Libya with either missiles or missile technology.

Cohen told reporters before leaving Shanghai for Sydney, Australia, on Saturday that one of the factors President Clinton will take into account before he decides — probably this summer — whether to move toward deployment of a national missile defense is the expected response by China and other nations. Clinton is expected to receive this month a new U.S. intelligence assessment of potential foreign responses, including the likelihood that China and Russia will increase their own offensive missile forces and export technologies designed to defeat the anti-missile system.

Clinton also will consider the technical feasibility of missile defense, its projected cost and the urgency of the threat from missile attack on the United States. "China's top arms control negotiator warned recently that a U.S. decision to deploy an anti-missile system would risk collapsing the entire structure of China's arms control and nonproliferation agreements. Sha Zukong, the Foreign Ministry's top arms control specialist, told The Washington Post in an interview Tuesday that the U.S. anti-missile shield could threaten agreements by China not

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The first local president of the Magic Valley Decorative Artists was Valerie Clark and the current president is Lavone Bonar.  
The Decorative Artists use many different mediums including: acrylics, watercolor, and oils. Their projects also vary from painting on canvas to tables and saw-blades to wood and decoupage.  
Many of these beautiful projects from the Magic Valley Decorative Artists are on display at the Homestead. We invite you to come in and check out the talents of this month's Artist of the Month.  
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NATION



Peter from England, who would not give his last name, walks Friday in front of a chapel built on the site of buildings destroyed by the fire at the Branch Davidian Compound near Waco, Texas. Peter has been staying with Davidians living on the infamous site.

## Immunity helps turn Waco case in government's favor

WACO, Texas (AP) — Long before an advisory jury decided the federal government was not responsible for the deaths of Branch Davidians in the Waco siege, U.S. attorneys had turned the case in their favor.

By invoking a federal law known as the discretionary function exemption, they eliminated several allegations in the \$675 million wrongful death lawsuit brought by survivors of the 1993 siege and relatives of those who died. That exemption gives federal officials room to make judgment calls and carry them out without fear of being sued, even if their decisions prove to be bad.

"Even before we got to trial, the case was whittled down significantly to relatively narrow legal issues in large part because a lot of the things we did are protected by the nature of discretionary function," said Thom Mrozek, a Department of Justice spokesman.

"The discretionary function exemption was designed to allow federal officials to exercise their best judgment in carrying out their responsibilities in matters involving the public interest — without exposing taxpayers to liability for their choices," said Marie Hagan, who helped defend the government.

In the Davidian case, On Friday, a five-member jury decided the government did not use excessive force in its attempt to serve search and arrest warrants on Branch Davidian leader David Koresh on Feb. 28, 1993. A gun battle broke out and four Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents as well as six Davidians were killed.

Jurors also decided the government's actions on April 19, 1993, the final day of the siege, were not negligent and did not contribute to the deaths of about 80 sect members. The government said suicidal sect members started fires in the building and were responsible for their own deaths.

U.S. District Judge Walter Smith doesn't have to follow the jury's advice. He will make his final ruling after he considers whether federal agents shot at the Davidians at the end of the siege.

The plaintiffs say they don't expect any change. Federal attorneys persuaded Smith last year that the FBI's decision to tear gas the compound on April 19 to force the Davidians out was a discretionary function.

Also taken out of consideration were tactics used during the standoff to persuade Davidians to

surrender, such as turning off the electricity and playing loud music.

Even with such absolutism, the case got a full airing, said U.S. Attorney Mike Bradford.

"Discretionary function played a role," Bradford said. "But most issues went to the jury and judge. It was fairly tried and the judge let all the other issues go to the jury."

Lead plaintiffs' attorney Michael Caddell disagreed: "There was a lot of evidence we didn't get to present." Originally, the federal government was nearly untouchable in liability suits. The concept that the government could do no wrong — sovereign immunity — was a holdover from English law when kings were considered infallible.

Congress changed that in 1946. "They realized they needed a way to end immunity, but not end it so broadly that all the money was used to pay claims," said Victor Schwartz, a partner at Crowell & Moring in Washington, D.C.

Baylor University professor Bill Underwood said the jurors' decision in the Waco trial was significant even though some aspects were never presented to the panel.

## Aquarium separates stingray from harem

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (AP) — Big Boy is getting the stingray's equivalent of a cold shower.

After fathering 13 baby stingrays with four females in less than a year, Big Boy's keepers at the Mall of America's Underwater Adventures aquarium have separated their only adult male stingray from his harem.

"We thought, Enough is enough. We've got to get him out of there," said Cindy Grzanowski, the aquarium's marketing director. "We just didn't expect that many."

Aquarium staffers aren't ruling out the possibility that some of the other five adult females are pregnant, too.

A bit overwhelmed with the

stingray baby boom, staffers decided to move Big Boy to a separate tank with some of his children, but no other adult females.

Aquarium staffers had actually wondered whether Big Boy would ever be a father. Big Boy had lived with two female stingrays since the aquarium opened in 1996 but never had offspring until this year.

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## Controversy over hanged teen centers on computer

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A computer owned by a black teenager who was found hanging in his front yard is the source of a fight between the victim's family, who believe the teen was lynched, and authorities, who want to find out if the computer contains a suicide note.

Raynard Johnson was found hanging from a pecan tree June 16 near the front door of his home hours after showing family members how to use the new computer.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson and family members say that and other agents prove the 17-year-old honor student was not depressed and contemplating suicide. They believe he was lynched because of his relationship with two young white women.

Two autopsies — one commissioned by the family — concluded Johnson's injuries were consistent with suicide.

District Attorney Buddy McDonald said Thursday that the

family has refused a request by authorities to turn over the computer. He said his office would rather work with the family to obtain it than seek a search warrant to seize it.

Johnson's mother Maria said she would let the FBI look at the computer in the house, but she will not turn it over to anyone.

"They are insisting there's something on that computer. There is no suicide note. He hadn't even had it 12 hours before he was killed," she said. "I'm not going to let them go in and put something into it."

The FBI would not comment on the case. Jackson has lobbied for a federal investigation since local and state authorities ruled the death a suicide. He and the Johnson family met with Attorney General Janet Reno in Washington last week. Jackson said he was satisfied with Reno's assurances that the FBI would follow every lead in the case.

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# Scientists study Greenland for clues to world weather

The Washington Post

**SUMMIT BASE CAMP, Greenland** - It hangs menacingly at the top of the map like a climatological sword of Damocles. And the threat, it seems, is getting thinner.

Greenland, the world's largest island and home of the planet's second-largest ice sheet (after Antarctica), is a key factor in the weather affecting half a billion people in North America and Europe.

Yet its climate dynamics - and in particular how and when its 650,000 square miles of ice might respond to global warming - are only beginning to be understood.

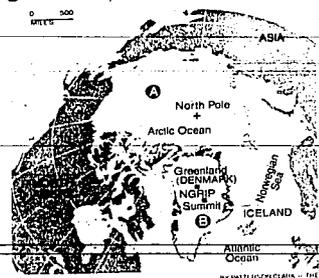
It is now clear that Greenland's climate has shifted drastically during the past 100,000 years over time intervals as short as decades. One new estimate indicates that during the last big warming (the interglacial period from 130,000 to 110,000 years ago, when average temperatures were a mere 3 to 4 degrees Fahrenheit above today's), melting of the Greenland ice added between 12 and 18 feet to world-wide sea levels.

Nobody knows exactly what prompted the melt or how it was related to other climate events on the planet. But the ice appears to be shrinking again: A NASA team determined that within a five-year period in the mid-1990s, the ice sheet grew by 10 inches at the center, but it thinned by three to six feet per year near the ocean.

That combination of scientific uncertainty and potential global impact is one reason that the National Science Foundation (NSF) has long supported major research efforts in Greenland. That includes the secluded and austere camp here at the 10,500-foot high point of the mammoth ice sheet (more than four times the size of California and a mile thick on average), which will be occupied continuously for the first time beginning this year.

Yet when the two dozen scientists and support staff here close out their intensive summer sea-

- Year-round sea ice at the North Pole typically ranges from 10 to 100 feet thick.
- Greenland's ice dome is two miles thick in some areas.



son this week, they'll be leaving behind even more mysteries and surprises than they started with. For example: Average air temperatures directly above the snowy top of the ice sheet rose as much as 18 degrees during the 1990s, and this year is the warmest yet. "There has been no trend in the summer maximum temperature," said Konrad Steffen of the University of Colorado, "but enormous fluctuations and warming trends in the fall, winter and spring."

It's too soon to know what this means for the ice. Warmer air might increase snowfall or raise the water content of the surface. "Even a 2 percent change in water (content) makes the brightness shoot up," Steffen said. And the more sunlight the snow reflects, the cooler it and the air over it are.

"I suspect that the warming will not mean a lot until it drives the average temperature above freezing for a significant portion of the year so that melting can occur," said Michael T. Ledbetter, director of NSF's Arctic System Science Program. "Until melting outpaces freezing, the ice cap will be stable, even

growing, because warmer temperatures can mean more snow until it gets so warm that it rains instead. Stay tuned."

Meanwhile, another NSF-backed group has discovered a wholly unexpected phenomenon: Snow reacts with sunlight to give off various nitrogen-oxygen compounds (collectively called NOx) including nitrous oxide, a notorious greenhouse gas typically found over

car-clogged urban traffic corridors. "We're seeing a lot of weird stuff being produced in the snow," said Jack Dibb of the University of New Hampshire.

Between about four inches and three feet above the surface, NOx levels are 10 to 30 times higher than they are in the air 100 feet off the ground. "In effect, we're transporting L.A. smog chemistry to Summit." Moreover, the researchers found, the snow destroys ozone, apparently by somehow acting as a catalyst.

This could be worrisome news for scientists who study past climate by meticulously analyzing the gas content of ice that is hundreds and thousands of years old. "I think we're going to cause them big headaches," Dibb said.

"This is a relatively new but potentially very important area of atmospheric science," Ledbetter said. And although the discoveries will not challenge the long-term climate record, they "may cause some reinterpretation because there is an annual record of ice accumulation that can be observed in the ice core record, we have assumed that the snow chemistry at that layer reflected in some way the atmospheric chemistry during the period of snowfall that produced the ice."

"Now, however, we have to consider that the snow chemistry at depth may have changed because of the new-found photochemistry," Ledbetter said. "We are left with a very complicated picture that is still being developed."

The results will be of intense interest to a Danish-led team at the NGRIP (North Greenland Ice Project) ice-core drilling site 200

miles north of the Summit Base Camp. Researchers there first used a novel device that melts a tiny bit of the ice sample as it comes up, allowing immediate chemical analysis. It's so sensitive, said NGRIP's James Lambert, that "we should be able to discriminate individual annual layers from as long as 20,000 years ago during the last glacial maximum."

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## Report: Pressurized ocean water threatens East Coast

By Mark Jaffe  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA - You're sitting on the beach at the Jersey Shore, catching some rays, smelling the salt air and you look out at the Atlantic and what do you see? A giant wave, a wall of water bigger than a house rolling right at you.

A movie scenario? The ravings of a lunatic? A cheap ploy to sell newspapers? No. It's a computer's-eye view of what could happen if some prehistoric, high-pressure water, trapped under the ocean, busts out.

But even the researchers running the simulated computer model of the Jersey Shore say that while the scenario is possible, it isn't likely.

"You don't have to cancel your vacation. We're not saying it's definitely going to happen," said Peter Flemings, a Penn State University geologist. The results of Flemings' model and his offshore research appear Friday's issue of the journal Science.

The key to his scenario is water that has been trapped beneath the ocean floor for about a million

years. To find that water, Flemings went 100 miles off the New Jersey coast to the continental slope, the narrow region that connects the continental shelf and the deep sea floor.

There he drilled a hole in the sea floor about 1,800 feet deep. What he found was water trapped in the rock under intense pressure.

The water became caught in the rock strata when the melting glaciers of the Ice Age dumped massive volumes of salt and gravel into the ocean. Those porous deposits trapped water. And as that water got buried deeper and deeper, the pressure on it grew and grew.

"It's like a whole load of material got jammed into one end of a sausage (casing)," Flemings explained. "Now there is pressure to burst out of the sausage."

This may lead to cracking and slow seeps on the sea floor, or to big fissures and landslides. The researchers have seen signs of both phenomena.

Flemings said ridges on the sea floor look like erosion possibly created by landslides. There also are clearly, cracks and vents in the sea-bottom.

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# Ancient dig casts doubt on text

Los Angeles Times

Civilization began 5,500 years ago in the lush valley between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers in Mesopotamia, now called Iraq. We know because we learned it in high school.

Apparently we learned wrong, according to archeologists from the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute.

McGuire Gibson and his colleagues at the institute revealed in May that they have unearthed the remains of a 5,500-year-old Syrian city that is at least as old as the better-known cities 400 miles to the southeast in Iraq.

The discovery of the as-yet-named city suggests that the human urge to live together, pool resources and cooperate for the greater good arose substantially earlier than is now believed, and perhaps in more than one place.

"We have to rethink how we see civilization developing," Gibson said. The new discovery, according to archeologists, means that the development of kingdoms or early states occurred before writing was invented and before the appearance of several other civilizations that mark the beginning of the modern world.

Among the artifacts that mark the site as an early city are what appear to be massive city walls, a commercial-scale bakery, what may be the world's oldest known brewery and a large collection of seals.

These seals, which range from simple stones with incised markings to ornate, beautifully carved figurines, were used for making impressions in clay to seal and identify food and trade goods.

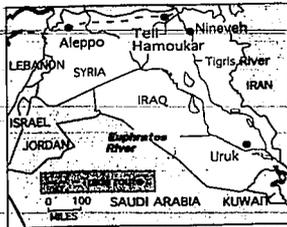
The seals suggest a hierarchy of authority with several layers of bureaucracy — a sure sign of civilization.

"This is really exciting," said archeologist Gil J. Stein of Northwestern University. "It fits nicely with the picture that has been emerging at other sites — such as the nearby Tell Brak — that sophisticated cities arose earlier than had been believed."

The first permanent settlements in the Middle East actually developed much earlier, perhaps around 9000 B.C., according to Salem of California State University, Long Beach. That was 2,500 years before the first settlements in China and 6,000 years before the first in Western Europe.

But these settlements lacked the characteristics we have come to associate with cities and civilization — such as city walls, commercial food production, breweries and bureaucracy.

According to Salem, the transition from a hunter-gatherer pop-



LESIE CARLSON / Los Angeles Times

ulation to a more settled one was triggered by climatic changes associated with the end of the last ice age about 10,000 B.C. As Middle Eastern deserts spread northward, he said, hunter-gatherers were forced to settle in areas with reliable water sources.

Those settlements led to the cultivation of plants and the domestication of animals, but it was a millennium or more before they turned into cities.

The newly discovered city was found at a massive mound called Tell Hamoukar, about five miles from the Iraqi border near a crossing point called Yarubiyah. A small village of mud brick houses sits on the southern and eastern slopes, a modern cemetery marks the crest, and the surface is littered with shards of ancient pottery exposed by rain and snow.

Unlike the cities of Uruk and Uruk in Mesopotamia, Tell Hamoukar is not on the banks of a river. It does, however, lie along a trade route that connected the ancient cities of Aleppo and Nineveh. That location, and the fact that the area produced abundant grain and grass for animal fodder, could have contributed to its growth.

Gibson's team was planning to excavate at several other sites in Syria that were in danger because of development or illegal digging. But a visit to Tell Hamoukar in April 1999 with officials from the Syrian Directorate General of Antiquities convinced them that it was in even greater danger because of the village and cross-

roads. They came back in August, mapped out the site and dug trenches down three of the mound's muddy slopes, where children had been sliding on sheets of cardboard and metal and on serving trays. They found more than they had bargained for, Gibson said.

"This site will add tremendously to what we know about

the beginnings of civilization," he said.

The lower levels of the excavation reveal the presence of a "surprisingly large" settlement dating to at least 4000 B.C., he said. That habitation spread out over 500 acres, which would make it comparable in size to some of the Middle East's largest ancient cities.

Gibson speculates that the site had not been inhabited at any one time, however. "Most probably, in this early phase, there was a village or a couple of villages that shifted location within that acreage," he said.

"We're not calling the earlier habitation a city, because we haven't trenched yet, but we could have a very large settlement from a much earlier time."

Beginning about 3700 B.C.,

Tell Hamoukar was a well-organized, prosperous town of about 30 acres enclosed by a defensive wall that was 10 feet tall and 13 feet wide. Archeologists will be digging at the site for years, but what they have already found is intriguing.

The city, whose name has not yet been discovered, did not survive long. Beginning about 3400 B.C., pottery and other materials from Uruk became much more common. "It's as if a whole new city was being formed," Gibson said, speculating that the region was conquered by the Mesopotamians. Archeologists have previously found evidence of Uruk-like cities from this period throughout Syria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia, suggesting an aggressive period of colonization or conquest.

And then, a few hundred years later, the Uruk-like city of Tell Hamoukar "came to a very sudden end. It was gone and replaced by something very different, something local again." Gibson hopes further excavations will shed light on how and why the Mesopotamian empire collapsed.

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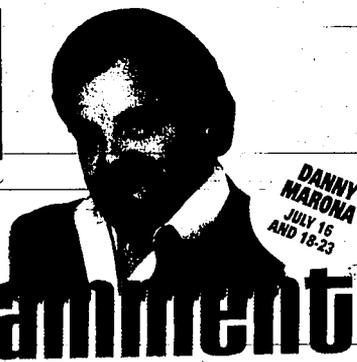
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Twisted metal and broken wood is all that is left of a trailer camp at Pine Lake, Canada, after a tornado touched down on Friday, killing nine and injuring 130.

# Tornado kills at least nine at campground in central Alberta

PINE LAKE, Alberta (AP) — A tornado that tossed trailers into a lake while devastating a crowded campsite killed nine people, sent more than 130 to the hospital and forced 400 to spend the night in temporary shelters, police said Saturday.

Injured campers, some with broken limbs, wandered in shock while others frantically searched for missing loved ones after the twister left the Green Acres campground by Pine Lake, about 50 miles north of Calgary. "It's like ground zero," RCMP Const. Dan Doyle said. "It's as though a steam roller had actual-ly gone through it and flattened it out."

The tornado touched down at the campground about 6:30 p.m. Friday and lasted some 20 minutes.

Oliver Mahoney, 32, said the twister picked up his trailer on the shores of the lake and flipped it like a matchbox, while he and eight relatives, including his four children, aged 3 to 9, desperately hung on inside.

"I told everybody to try to embrace the walls," he said. "They were screaming and yelling. It was terrible. It seemed like a bad dream. We had to climb to the top to try to get out."

Nine people were killed — including a 2-year-old child — and 132 were transported to hospitals in nearby Red Deer as well as Calgary and Edmonton, police said. Victims with less serious injuries were treated at the scene, and 400 people were taken to area shelters for the night.

A search of trailers that were knocked into Pine Lake by the storm began at dawn and had the lake and touched down at a rural subdivision on the other

side. About a dozen homes there were seriously damaged or ruined.

"There were hundreds of people walking around with scrapes, bruises, people being carried out on stretchers," Andrew Schultz, a writer and reporter for a Red Deer television station, said of the campground.

Webb said the campground, located on a hillside by the lake, had 600 spaces and was at the height of its summer season. People rent spots for the summer and park trailers there that they use on weekends or when they can get away. While the campground was "pretty full," he said, it wasn't clear how many people were there when the storm hit.

Newspaper photographer Craig Douce said the campsite looked like "a bomb went off" when he arrived 30 minutes after the storm.

"There were people partially trapped within their mangled motor homes," he said, describing how he saw a man watching as his wife was cut out of their trailer with a chain saw.

Felicia Cacace told how her trailer suddenly lurched about with her inside.

"I was flying up and down," she said. "I held onto the television, and then we crashed to the ground."

Mahoney had been on the lake in a motorboat when his wife called him to come in. They started to tie down their belongings as the storm kicked up.



A man clutches his dog as he looks out on the devastation caused by a tornado Friday in central Alberta.

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# Mexican president's home state offers possible glimpse of future

**SILAO, Mexico (AP)** — Amid the straw-bent fields and grazing cattle, a sparkling industrial building rises from the side of the highway. Inside, 500 employees in crisp uniform dress shirts assemble electronic parts for General Motors. The American flag flaps outside.

More than anything else, plants like American Axle are the crowning achievement of Vicente Fox's second term as governor of Guanajuato. Now that he has been elected president, they offer a hint of the future he envisions for Mexico.

Eduardo Acosta, a 22-year-old assembly-line worker at American Axle, likes that Mexico just fine. He has worked here since the

plant opened a year ago, drawn by Fox's aggressive courting of foreign business investment.

"This is the best there is," Acosta said during a break from his 12-hour weekday shift. "All the work here provides people with a living and more opportunities to learn technical skills."

But not all 4.6 million inhabitants of Guanajuato state are so enthusiastic. Critics — and there are many — say Fox's economic expansion programs may have been flashy, but came at the expense of social services like health care and education.

"Foreign investment and economic growth have been the greatest successes of Vicente

Fox's government," said Emeterio Guevara, a political analyst at the University of Guanajuato. "But the benefits have not always been equally distributed."

Since 1995, when Fox became governor of the rural, central state of Guanajuato, foreign investment and exports have boomed. Between 1995 and 1999, the state's gross domestic product grew 21 percent. Exports shot up from \$1.6 billion in 1995 to \$4.2 billion in 1999.

Foreign companies arrived in droves. Total investment in the state was more than \$2.1 billion between 1995 and 1999, creating nearly 50,000 new jobs. In 1999, the state's unemployment rate

was half the national average.

"Our goal is to double the economy and the number of jobs this coming year," said Manuel Ayala, international investment adviser for the state Secretariat of Economic Development. "And we hope president Fox will help us out."

Since Fox initiated a state technical university system in 1996, some 8,000 students have graduated with marketable skills.

But in 1998, the latest year for which figures are available, illiteracy rates were still the ninth-highest in the country and school attendance for children between ages 6 and 14 ranked 24th among the 32 states.

Malu Micher, a state legislator from the opposition Democratic Revolution Party, said wages have remained low in Guanajuato even as the economy grew. Micher said

the low unemployment rate is deceiving, because seasonal agricultural workers and people who are underemployed are not included.

## Iran says missile test will be used to strengthen defense

**TEHRAN, Iran** — Iran test-fired the Shahab-3 missile Saturday, Tehran television reported, the second trial in two years for the medium-range weapon capable of reaching Israel or U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia.

The state broadcast said the test was in line with Iran's "policy of strengthening its defense capability on the basis of the principle of deterrence."

"This test is not in any way a threat to another country," it quoted an unidentified military source as saying.

The Defense Ministry refused to comment on the report.

In Israel, Deputy Defense Minister Ephraim Sneh expressed concern Saturday about the missile test "because Iran actively and relentlessly undermines the peace process through various terrorist organizations."

**World in brief**

**Survivors of garbage dump collapse to sue government**

**MANILA, Philippines** — Residents of a squatter community crushed by the collapse of a mountain of garbage at Manila's biggest dump said Saturday they will sue the government.

At least 160 bodies have been recovered and about 150 others are still missing under the tons of rain-soaked garbage that crashed onto the slum last Monday, local officials said. Three groups representing the victims and their relatives, however, say 500 people remain unaccounted for.

Human rights lawyer Romeo Capulung, head of the Public Interest Law Center, said residents decided Friday to file suit for damages, charging negligence.

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**OPEC: Saudi Arabia has started pumping extra oil**

**DAHA, United Arab Emirates** — Saudi Arabia has started pumping the extra oil it had promised earlier this month in an effort to ease fuel prices, an official from an OPEC country said Saturday.

The unilateral Saudi move comes despite criticism from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and a lack of consensus among members.

OPEC President Ali Rodriguez, also Venezuela's oil minister, was in Iran on Saturday as part of a tour of OPEC countries. In the meetings, the Iranian president and other officials called for OPEC producers to restrain from pumping more oil, saying the cartel needs to remain united and firm if it is to remain effective.

OPEC producers need to bring an additional 708,000 barrels a day on the market starting this month, but the hike so far has not reduced prices.

Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi has said his country would like to see current prices of about \$30 a barrel come down to \$25 a barrel. Analysts said that for prices to come down, Saudi Arabia had to stick to its announced plans

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# Milosevic stirs fear of war

Yugoslav leader could be ready to push West again

By Jonathan S. Landay  
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Since 1991, Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic has bedeviled the United States and its NATO allies, instigating four wars that cost hundreds of thousands of lives and endangered stability in post-communist Eastern Europe.

Round Five may be looming. A little more than a year after NATO's airstrikes, the Serbian strongman is testing the alliance anew, this time in Montenegro, a tiny, democratic republic that with Serbia composes all that remains of Yugoslavia.

Recent political maneuvering by Milosevic is raising fears that he may try to oust Montenegro's pro-West government, which has threatened to secede. That could ignite serious unrest — possibly civil war — that could spread into neighboring Serbia, rocking the precarious peace that NATO-led troops are struggling to keep in Kosovo, a province of Serbia.

Such are the worries that Russia, Milosevic's main foreign sympathizer, joined the world's leading industrial powers Thursday in chastising him. They blamed him for increasing tensions by pushing through constitutional changes July 4 that effectively rendered Montenegro a powerless appendage of Serbia.

An upheaval in Montenegro would represent a serious dilemma for the United States and its European partners that would once again put their credibility at stake.

The United States and the European Union have invested enormous political capital and tens of millions of dollars to keep Montenegro's cash-poor government afloat and build up its reformist president, Milo Djukanovic, as a model alternative to Milosevic.

NATO has troops in adjacent Kosovo and Bosnia, and it has warned Milosevic of "serious consequences" if he moves on Djukanovic. Should he do so, NATO would be under pressure to intervene.

Yet there is little support within NATO for another showdown with Milosevic, which could reopen rifts in the alliance and set back relations with Russia and China anew. Milosevic may be banking on that resistance.

He also may be gambling that with Vice President Al Gore in an uphill fight for the presidency and the GOP-run Congress weaning of the U.S. role in the Balkans, President Clinton will be unwilling to intervene in Montenegro.

Furthermore, it would be much harder for the West to justify intervention there than it was in 1995 in Bosnia, where the warring parties consented, or last year in Kosovo, where NATO cited a threat to regional stability from the Serbian onslaught, which drove almost 1 million ethnic Albanians into Macedonia and Albania.

Many analysts believe Milosevic is stepping up pressure because, having neutralized the main opposition and silenced independent media in Serbia, he may think the time is right to defuse Montenegro's defiance of his rule.

The United States and its European allies have prevailed on Djukanovic not to respond to

## Montenegro and Serbia

Yugoslavia now has only two of the six republics it had in 1990 — dominant Serbia and little Montenegro. A look at the unequal federation:



Milosevic's provocations by holding a referendum on independence as he has threatened to do. In any case, Djukanovic is uncertain of winning the support of a majority of Montenegro's 680,000 people, many of whom consider themselves Serbs.

Yet the situation could become more dangerous if Milosevic steps up his efforts at destabilization and fuels Montenegro's pro-independence forces. If Montenegro goes, there would no longer be a Yugoslav federation. Milosevic would be out of a job, and the Yugoslav Navy would lose its only access to the sea.

Still, some experts do not believe Milosevic will go too far. "Any conflict in Montenegro can provoke bigger (anti-

Milosevic) demonstrations in Serbia," said Nabausa Medojevic, a pro-independence activist in Podgorica, the Montenegrin capital. "Conflict would not be good for Milosevic. Tensions are."

U.S. officials and other experts agree that even an upheaval short of civil war would be a devastating blow to the Western policy of trying to isolate Milosevic while bolstering his opponents.

U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright called Djukanovic on Thursday to reassure him of U.S. political and economic support.

Washington this year has provided \$60.5 million to Montenegro; an additional \$16.5 million is awaiting congressional approval. The EU has provided \$100 million since 1998.

# Colombia: U.S. can forget testing fungus

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — The Colombian government says it has no intention of testing or even further studying a fungus promoted by the United Nations and the United States as a potential "silver bullet" for killing coca plants.

In an interview, environment minister Juan Mayr said the U.S. State Department "told lies" when it reported last week that Colombia had agreed to field test the fungus before deciding whether to use against cocaine-

producing plants. "We will not accept the introduction of any foreign element, which is what they have offered us under the name Fusarium oxysporum," Mayr told The Associated Press on Friday, adding that "We have told them to forget it."

Mayr said a team of scientists from the government, Bogota's National University, and several prestigious private institutes examined the plan presented several months ago under U.N. aus-

pices, and rejected it categorically. They warned of possible mutations and adverse effects on people and the environment in the delicate Amazon basin, where most of Colombia's coca is grown.

Based on expert opinions, "I think it makes no sense to permit the entry of an external biological agent that can have an adverse effect on our ecosystems," said Mayr, who has the authority to reject the use of any herbicide based on the fungus in Colombia.

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## EDITORIAL

# Hospital lease offers opportunity and risk

Patients should always beware of the miracle cure.

So should the officials who run a hospital.

The idea of leasing out Twin Falls County-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center sounds like a fiscal elixir. It carries the promise of free money — payments to the county from the outfit that leases the hospital.

These things are never so impossible as simple, of course. A lease could work, and it bears a closer look. But it demands a careful review, and an open one.

Leasing is a better option than simply selling off Magic Valley Regional — an ill-conceived, take-the-money-and-run idea floated by hospital officials a couple of years ago. That's not to suggest a lease arrangement is without risks, though.

Here's a quick map to a few pitfalls:

• A lease isn't necessarily conducive to cost-effective health care. A lessee could be tempted to wring as much money as possible out of patients, in order to make its payment to the county while maximizing profits.

• By the same token, a lease gives the county a financial stake in hospital operations — and no real incentive to act as the patient's advocate. If the county views Magic Valley Regional as the ATM that spits out money for sheriff's patrol cars and employee salaries, there's little reason for the county to push for cost containment.

• The county could easily grow dependent on lease money. The temporary nature of the lease, one of its key selling points, would require county officials to be prudent. If the county uses the lease money to bankroll ongoing budget items — such as staff salaries — it can easily spend itself into trouble if a lease payment ever decreases.

• The county could easily sell short its hospital. It shouldn't just settle for a tidy little lease payment. It should insist that a lessee make capital improvements at the hospital.

A lease would inevitably shift some of Magic Valley Regional's decision making out of the

Magic Valley — to a health-care provider based in Boise, Salt Lake City or beyond. That's not necessarily a bad thing, but there are plenty of health-care companies more interested in profit than patients.

No lease is better than a bad lease. Officials shouldn't just go into this process with open eyes. Open discussion is a must.

A lease is far too important a decision to be done at the exclusion of the public. It shouldn't be hashed out in private.

A hospital lease would affect everyone who pays taxes in Twin Falls County, and everyone who goes to Magic Valley Regional for health care. That's a pretty broad constituency; officials need to make sure to hear from as wide a group as possible.

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## LETTERS

### Prescott doesn't deserve criticism

The Times-News editorial staff and a few Jerome County residents have taken it upon themselves to pour venom and hate into The Times-News forum in recent months regarding a fine Jerome County public servant, namely, Roy Prescott. This may come as a surprise, but there are many who do not agree with your impression of Commissioner Prescott.

He was chosen by his peers to be a full-time county commissioner, taking time away from his family and personal business to serve the county in a multitude of roles. Countless hours on numerous boards, attending meetings nearly every evening of the week along with his daily activities as a full-time commissioner for relatively little money, respectively, communicate to me that he has been and will remain a dedicated public servant. He has undertaken this responsibility and attended to it with care for the citizens and the community of Jerome County. Unfortunately, my opinion cannot comprehend and find uniformed and thankful.

Roy, in my opinion, is not only a fine family man but cares greatly about the county he lives in and serves. His continuing vision of expanding business opportunities and prosperity to Jerome County and its citizens speaks volumes of his dedication to our ongoing growth professionally and personally. He exhibits a genuine concern for persons in all walks of life as proven continually through his service in a thankless political office and again recently by not lowering himself to the station of rebutting the slanderous assertions made regarding his service record and personal motivations made by those of you who are less than informed regarding his total contribution of time and energy to the betterment of Jerome County.

I hold Roy Prescott in the highest regard, as do many others, and wish to thank him for his tireless service to the

community and to his family for allowing us to live in the fine father and husband those many evenings and weekends during his time as a community servant.

Those that know only criticism should serve in this or any elected position. I firmly believe your criticism would be tempered by walking in those boots for a short time. Most likely, you would offer an amended opinion afterward. Thanks again, Roy, for all your time. We shall miss you.

SCOTT HAUERT  
Jerome

### Is Al Gore 'born again'?

Vice President Al Gore, the self-proclaimed Guru of the Internet, says he is "born again."

We know he is in favor of the ultimate form of child abuse, murdering babies before or during delivery. We know he is a supporter of homosexuality as a healthy, government-endorsed lifestyle. We see by his writings, "Earth in the Balance," that he is far closer to pantheism than a saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Is Al Gore "born again"? It must depend on what your definition of is, is.

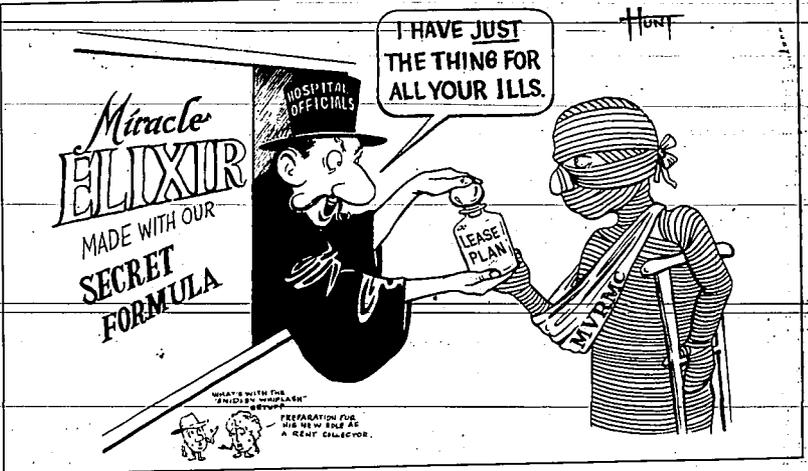
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### Does rancher deserve sympathy?

The front page (July 10) of The Times-News featured a story to grab our hearts: a ranching family was hoping to preserve their way of life. They'd been running cattle for a quarter of a century. But now beef prices are down and the environmental bureaucrats are nipping at their heels.

But wait! That rancher's name is so familiar to me, Bert Brock. It wasn't that the guy who got all that money from the Air Force, \$765,000 worth of cash and grazing leases in 1998? What happened? Did he spend it all? Why are we supposed to feel sorry for this guy?

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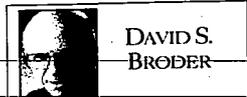
# Why young Americans don't vote

Two weeks before the Republican National Convention is to open here, the news is all about the threatened demonstrations that will take place inside the hall. Interviewing voters the other afternoon in a middle-class suburb, I found exactly one four-day Republican extravaganza — a high school history teacher.

The conventions are supposed to be the events that awaken a slumbering public to the fact that a presidential election campaign is under way. But it is beginning to dawn on both the George Bush and the Al Gore campaigns — and on hundreds of other down-ballot candidates — that the challenge this year may lie more in mobilizing hard-core partisans to vote than in persuading the undecided to come aboard.

Of all the recalcitrants, the polls say, young Americans are the hardest to get. In 1996, when slightly less than half the eligible voters turned out, only a third of those between 18 and 24 cast ballots. In the midterm election of 1998, only one out of five young Americans showed up.

Any number of people have tried to figure out why the next generation is not voting — and what might be done about it. Particularly vexing are the youths Elton Shearer and Jack Doppelt, called in their book, "Nonvoters: America's No-Shows,"



DAVID S. BRODER

the "doers" — young people who volunteer for civic projects but shun politics. Erin Ashwell, a Harvard undergraduate, sent me a copy of a survey she and others did for the Institute of Politics last spring, in which they questioned a random national sample of 800 college students. Like Shearer and Doppelt, the Harvard students found a huge gap — 60 percent of the students had been actively involved in community service but only 16 percent had joined a political or issues-related organization and only 7 percent had volunteered or said they planned to volunteer in a political campaign.

Overwhelmingly, they said, community service will do far more to solve the problems facing the country than political engagement.

They share their elders' distrust of government, of politics and especially of the influence of money on candidates. But in all these studies, the young people also complained that the candidates rarely talked to them — and when they do, they don't talk straight.

This week (July 18), the Aspen Institute will release a report from a task force headed by former Rep. David Bonior of Colorado that picks up that cue and tries to help the current crop of candidates find ways to motivate what the report calls "the 30 million missing voters."

The Aspen "tool kit for candidates" is remarkably common-sensical: Find where the young people in your constituency gather and meet them on their own turf. Level with them — "admit mistakes and (acknowledge you) don't have all the answers." Show the connection between the election and getting action on the things they care about.

One key finding from the 18 focus groups Aspen conducted with a wide variety of young voters was that college students — is that candidates do not need a separate "youth agenda." Skaggs told me, "As a barely recovered candidate, I shared the same problems that get into their heads: you almost have to approach them as an alien species. That is wrong." Aspen found the top issues for the youths were much the same as for their parents —



GEORGE W. BUSH  
Texas Governor

education, violence, health care. Another insight from all three of these studies and a survey done last year for the National Association of Secretaries of State: Young people think voting is serious business, and many of them lack confidence in their own ability to do it right. Many are unfamiliar with voting machines, and don't want to embarrass themselves by having to seek help. Programs like Kids Vote, which bring grade school and high school students to actual voting places for mock elections, help overcome that fear.

But, these studies say, young people often feel they don't know enough to vote. So part of Aspen's tip sheet says, "Make it easy for young adults to find out about the campaign and understand your positions. Web sites and campaign literature should include detailed information on your background, specific issue positions and substantive accomplishments."

All this sounds pretty elementary. But it obviously hasn't been happening. As the Institute of Politics report says, there is a crying need to show young people "that politics is a practical and productive way to effect change, and that it is a noble and honorable form of public service."

David Broder is a Washington Post columnist.



AL GORE  
Vice President

### Hold candidates accountable

The commissioners are appointing a citizens group to study the confined animal feeding operation problem. This same thing happened five years ago, and the committee was stacked with dairymen. This was wrong and never should have been allowed.

After protests from some committee members, the county's prosecuting attorney took a stab at crafting the ordinance which also proved unacceptable. The board eventually came up with the current livestock containment ordinance, despite significant public comment, that it wasn't sufficient to withstand the growth the industry planned for the county.

While the county considered the new ordinance, the Idaho Rural Council formed a local chapter in Twin Falls. The

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to the industry to the detriment of the general public welfare, which is why you have such public outcry today and the reluctant admission from commissioners that the current LCO is flawed.

I share this past history for a few reasons. To point out that had the public been listened to back then, many of today's problems would not exist now. The county's inability to enforce the current LCO proves beyond doubt that an enforcement policy is a must. I also want to caution those citizens about to embark on the attempt to craft a new LCO not be duped into believing they will make a difference without a fight. And this is an election year, which may be the only reason you've come this far. Stay involved, fight for your rights, choose your candidates carefully and start holding them accountable.

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OPINION

# Story about founders actually flounders

**A**s the story goes, five men who signed the Declaration of Independence were charged with treason, tortured by British troops and ultimately killed. Nine other of the 56 signers "fought and died from wounds or the hardship" of the Revolutionary War.

**DAVID DALEY**

One signer, Thomas McKean, patriotically served in the Continental Congress without pay while in hiding from the British troops relentlessly trailing him and his family. The British seized his fortune, and he did impoverish, with his sons begging neighbors to help pay for his funeral.

They're inspiring stories to tell when Independence Day comes around. They've appeared everywhere — in Ann Landers' column, on Paul Harvey's newscast, on Rush Limbaugh's radio show and in a chain-letter e-mail titled "The Price They Paid."

Nevertheless, amplified by the Internet's ability to convert myth into apparent fact in the time it takes to forward an e-mail, "The Price They Paid" has not only reached more people than ever this year, it has fueled debates between broadcasters Limbaugh and Harvey and even contributed to the suspension of a prominent Boston Globe columnist.

The real story is that five signers were captured, but none for treason, and all were eventually released. Only two, it appears, were wounded in action, and none died of war wounds. As for McKean, well, the Pennsylvania Historical Society confirms that he became the state's second governor and died a wealthy man in 1817.

The tale dates back at least five decades. James Elbrecht of Schenectady, N.Y., whose Signer's Index Web site provides the most thorough account of the myth's history, traces it back at least as far as 1958, when Harvey published it in his book, "The Rest of the Story." Its popularity led Harvey to reprint the tale on its own in 1975 in a pamphlet called "Our Lives, Our Fortunes, Our Sacred Honor."

Limbaugh's father wrote a similar, especially engaging essay, that his son touts regularly

on July Fourth. That essay has been reprinted by the Daughters of the American Revolution and appears on Limbaugh's official Web site, RushLimbaugh.com. Limbaugh has suggested on air that his dad inspired Harvey. (Harvey's office didn't return calls seeking comment.)

Those two accounts, and all their errors, have been magnified and plagiarized over the years, but never as they have in the past 10 days.

"This year I've read copies of the e-mail on over 200 Rootsweb lists," Elbrecht said.

"I've personally seen at least eight variations of the story," said Walter Tucker Jr., editor of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution's newsletter. And that's before it hit the newspapers. "Ellen in New Jersey" forwarded the e-mail to Ann Landers, who reprinted it without correcting the historical inaccuracies as her July Fourth column. Landers and her correspondent Ellen at least admitted that they didn't know who wrote the column or where it came from. That's one better than Jonah Goldberg of National Review Online, who did not attribute Harvey, Limbaugh or the e-mail in his July 1-2 column partially based on it.

Then there's Oliver North, whose MSNBC column borrows liberally from the e-mail. The most egregious example looks like this:

From the e-mail, as posted by the Connecticut Society for the Sons of the American Revolution: "Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags." From North's column: "Carter Braxton, a wealthy trader from Virginia, saw his armada of trading vessels swept from the seas in battle. To pay his debts, he sold all that he owned and died in rags in 1797."

One Ohio politician, Lynn Olman, didn't do any better, simply printing, under his name, the entire e-mail in his weekly news-

paper column, with the title "Signers of the Declaration Paid the Price for Freedom."

And, when Boston Globe columnist Jeff Jacoby attempted to correct the historical record in a column last week — correcting the five-were-tortured and nine-died-fighting myths — the Globe suspended him for four months because Jacoby did not mention that the flawed e-mail was the impetus for the column idea.

Indeed, the actual authorship is as murky as could be. Elbrecht, who traced the essay as far back as Harvey, has been bird-dogging journalists and columnists who repeat the myths, hoping that they might lead him to the original author. Instead, he's been led through circles of flawed-history books.

He first became interested in the essay in 1998, when he received the e-mail on a genealogy list, and then discovered another essay debunking it by professor Brooke Harlowe on the Web site of the Connecticut Society for the Sons of the American Revolution. (Both the

e-mail and the Harlowe response can be found at [www.ctsuar.org/articles/](http://www.ctsuar.org/articles/).)

And now e-mail just makes it that much easier for stories to spread that much faster. "It's like the telephone tree game," Tucker said. "You're a kid in school, and you pass a sentence down the line, and by the time it gets to the end, it's vastly different."

Elbrecht, however, notes that although the Internet can be used to quickly spread these myths, plenty of Web sites are available to debunk them. In addition to his, (<http://home.nycap.rr.com/telbrec/h/signers/signerindex.html>), there's the urban-myth clearinghouse (snopes.com) and the reporting of Timothy Noah on Slate.com. "I'm amazed at how quickly this year, so many more folks are trying to quell the legends while still honoring the real men behind them," Elbrecht said. And that, says Tucker, is what's really important.

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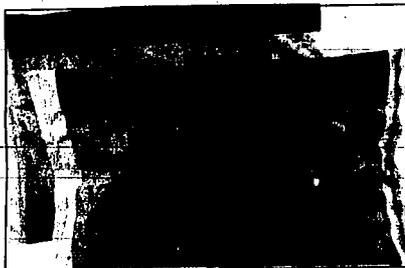
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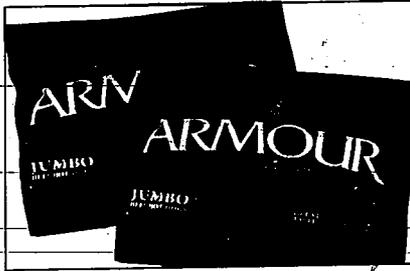
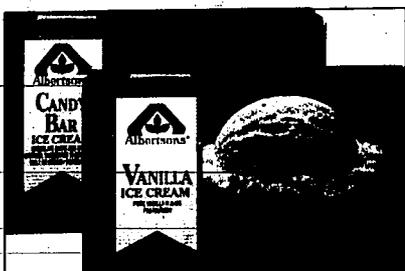
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The Times-News

Sunday, July 16, 2000

## Why are you watching 'Survivor'?

When we were sophomores, Russell Maccorrey nearly got kicked out of Highland High School for peering into the girls' locker room. Never mind that it was a victimless crime - Russell stood in the breezeway and was busted while trying to crane his neck around a cinderblock partition: It was a big deal at the time.

His parents had to come talk to the principal. Russell had to write a letter of apology that got posted on the bulletin board outside the girls' shower, and none of the cool guys would hang out with him anymore.

I mention this because I think Russell's finally been vindicated. Or haven't you been watching "Survivor"?

The French have a word for this, as they do for most human folly. "Voyeur" means "he who sees," and that pretty much describes America nowadays.

"Survivor" isn't pulling in 25 million viewers a pop because it's an interesting sociology experiment: Folks tune in to see the dwindling number of contestants who always get shaved - and live on camera, if you please.

The second most-watched TV show in America, by the way, is "Big Brother," in which 10 strangers move in with each other and 28 cameras to see which can resist the temptation to homicide the longest. Shoot, even PBS is doing it: "1900 House" puts a family in fin de siècle surroundings and dares it to make do with live soap and your Aunt Fanny's bloomers.

All of this, stridently speaking, isn't TV programming; it's leering - the same reason people slow down to watch car wrecks, or buy the National Inquirer.

And we as a society just can't get enough of it.

Alfred Hitchcock described that phenomenon as it did in 1954 movie, "Rear Window." He put James Stewart, a photographer recuperating from a broken leg, in pajamas and gave him a telephoto lens. Convinced that he was watching a murderer at work across the courtyard of his New York apartment complex, Stewart's character soon ignored all else: personal hygiene, safety - even Christmas.

Substitute a Sony big screen for the Nikon and Christine Aguilera for Princess Grace, and that's us in the summer of '00.

CBS, which has grown very prosperous very lately with "Survivor" and "Big Brother," argues that this is just compelling human drama. I don't think so.

None of the real-life characters in these series seem to learn much, except cynicism. None of them transmit disappointment into wisdom. No one manages to figure out the Rubik's Cube that is life.

That's because, in the real run, just showing up doesn't count. It's a point that George Orwell tried to make in "1984," I think: Passive people - observers - sooner or later get the unhappiness they're looking so hard for.

There's a moment in the movie "The Truman Show" when Jim Carrey's character finally figures that he's the object, not the subject, of his life. It's chattering, for humans are creatures born to understand - not reflect - their private mysteries.

My Uncle Dan, who was the youngest of eight children, was always delegated by my grandmother to accompany his older sisters to the picture show when they went out on a date. Danny wouldn't sit between the couple, just a few benches to the back and to the side, watching the movie.

He told me years later that he never paid any attention to what his sisters and their beaux were up to; he didn't need to. The perception of being watched made the couples do the absolute opposite of what came naturally.

Truth is, voyeurs always need to know how what they're watching is gonna turn out. That's why, like quantum theory in physics, a big enough TV audience invariably affects the reality of what's being observed.

Oh, you should know that when he got old enough to be interested in girls, Uncle Danny always got to go to the movies without a chaperone. No one left to watch him.

Steve Crump is the Times-News features editor.

## Skaters gather in Sun Valley for competition

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

**SUN VALLEY** - Seven-year-old Sarah Armstrong took two short hops across the ice and then did a 3-6-0 spiral, her pink polka dot skating outfit fluttering in the breeze she created. The crowd erupted in cheers.

Well, in her imagination, at least. Actually, the Michelle Kwan wannabe did receive a nice round of applause Saturday for her efforts at the Sun Valley Summer 2000 Championships, an event that attracts skaters from as far away as California every year.

The standing ovation will come later, she says, when she's able to pair the skating skills of Tara Lipinsky with the singing talent of Shania Twain to be a talented skater who can show off one mean "shoot the duck" (skating lingo for being able to hold your leg out in front of you while you skate on the other).

The Scotty Hamiltons and Marina Witts of tomorrow are in Sun Valley this weekend at the championships. There are about 150 of them, ranging in age from 3 to adults. They come from as far away as Florida, New Jersey, Michigan, Colorado, Wyoming, California, Utah, Washington



Melinda Gark, left, and Rory Grant, of Littleton, Colo., officiate to a skating outfit just before Saturday's Sun Valley Summer 2000 figure skating championships.

and Oregon. Another 50 are from local figure skating organizations in Sun Valley and Boise. They bring with them some of the top-notch coaches from across the United States.

And they put on quite a show - a little girl in flapper costume skating and juggling to Ray "90s music, a little boy in a Russian peasant outfit skating to tunes from "Elder on the Roof," another little girl dressed in Heidi costumes, her braids bouncing to the "Sound of Music."

Others, barely a yard high, were dressed in their princess gowns, their hair stuck up on their heads like it was Prom Night.

Today, five skaters of all ages will put on a showcase exhibition in costume (don't be a dummy). Please see SKATING, Page B3

## OUT OF CONTROL



Wendy Auker of Dietrich mows down a safety cone on a course at the Lincoln County Fair that is designed to simulate the effects of drunk driving. Auker wore special goggles designed to simulate a blood alcohol level from .08 percent, the legal limit in Idaho, all the way up to .22 percent.

## Fair-goers drive while 'tipsy'

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

**SHOSHONE** - Under a clear blue sky, the golf cart plowed over the strategically placed orange street cones on the driving course at the Lincoln County Fair. But this was no regular driving course.

"It was a drunk driving course. I was all over the place," said 11-year-old Mayda Auker after taking out almost all of the dozen or so cones on the course. "My equilibrium was so off."

Auker was one of more than 175 children and adults who have taken the test since the fair opened on Thursday.

The drunk driving course is a first for the Lincoln County Fair. The course allows people to experience what it feels like to drive under the influence of alcohol without the alcohol.

"This is an experiential activity," said Bev Ashton of the

Department of Juvenile Correction's 5th District. "We have learned that kids learn better through experiential activities." The course consists of a video about drinking and driving, followed by a set of tests, including the more well-known "walking the line" and "finger-to-nose" tests.

But there's a catch. Test-takers have to put on a pair of goggles designed to simulate an alcohol impairment rate from .08 percent, the legal limit in Idaho, all the way up to .22 percent.

Drivers hopped behind the wheel of a golf cart with Lincoln County Sheriff Steve Southwick sitting shotgun. Drivers then put the pedal to

the metal and tried their best to stay on the course without knocking over the cones.

"We had two guys that only took out about two cones a piece," Southwick said.

Most people averaged at least 10 cone knock-downs, however.

"This gives people the opportunity to see just what being impaired in the vision does," Southwick said. "The impairment is

immediately visible." Lincoln County has a high underage drinking and driving rate, a reason for the new program, Southwick said.

"Kids out here average about one alcohol-related fatality a year," Southwick said, but added that was only a guess.

Sponsored by the Regional Substance Abuse Authority, program organizers plan to take the course to Lincoln County schools, Ashton said.

The course is also available to other counties, she said.

Wendy Auker, mother of Mayda, also took the test and said she thinks it's valuable for both adults and children.

"You see it on television and you say 'Oh, it can't be that bad,' but it is," Auker said.

Auker said she has known people personally who have been involved in alcohol-related automobile accidents.

"My friend in high school was killed in a drunk-driving accident," Auker said. "I think everybody should take the test at least once."

Times-News staff writer John T. Huddy can be reached in Twin Falls at 733-0931, Ext. 259, or by e-mail at "jhuddy@magicvalley.com"

## Thirty fast to boost Hispanics' wages

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** - Many of the Christians who came to St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert on Friday had been fasting.

The purpose of the fast was spiritual, even if the issue behind it was political.

About 30 people from Minicassia took turns fasting this week in peaceful support of future legislation that would include farm laborers in Idaho's minimum wage laws.

But the fast itself was not political, said Gloria Lara, a former farm worker and the local treasurer for Idaho Community Action Network, who she stood on the lawn of St. Nicholas Church.

"It's our hope the Lord will help us get these things done," said Lara, who fasted last Sunday.

Since last Sunday, five people at a time have been fasting a full 24 hours. The fast ended with a 6 p.m. service at St. Nicholas for those who had fasted and for their supporters. "To thank the Lord that we could be fasting," said Lucille Silvas.

The fasting is going on statewide, said Adan Ramirez, state chairman of the Idaho Community Action Network which spearheaded the fast. The Idaho Women's Network, United Vision for Idaho, Legal Aid and the AFL-CIO are also supporting the statewide fast.

Although minimum wage legislation has been an issue for three consecutive years, it hasn't been successful. Prior to the last session, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said the farm economy was so depressed to consider such legislation at the time.

Some legislators say most

workers are already paid the minimum \$5.15 an hour and they're reluctant to require regulations for the minority of employers who don't pay minimum wage. Others say the numbers prove that at least 10 percent of farm workers are not being paid minimum wages.

Following a rally by hundreds of farm workers and their supporters in March, the House Agricultural Affairs Committee voted to create an interim legislative committee to study the issues of mandatory minimum wage for farm workers, piece workers and licensing farm labor contractors.

That committee will take comments July 27 in Burley. Ramirez, said he wants both farm workers and farm owners to express their opinions on the minimum wage issues.

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Gloria Lara, a former farm worker and the local treasurer for Idaho Community Action Network, was one of 30 people to fast this week at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert. Lara and Jesse Johnson, background, support the inclusion of farm workers into Idaho's minimum wage laws.

## Making the list

County comes up with citizen panel to look at ordinance

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The county has chosen a citizens committee that will look at possible changes to the county's liquor ordinance.

The panel is made up of seven people: two laymen, Dave Condallo and Alvin Sautney, an insurance agent, Dave Swenson, a banker, Jack McCall, a member of the county's planning and zoning commission, Libby Lucas, and two other residents, Jim DeKleinman and Ed Smith.

"A lot of these people have expressed an interest and we checked on them and they are qualified. We tried to keep it balanced."

Commissioner Chairman Bill Brockman said, "I'm really pleased with the list. It's not so much made up of people for or against. It's made up of people that are open-minded and have the best interests of the community at heart."

Brockman said there will always be people who aren't happy with the list's balance, however.

"We've already had a bunch of those calls," Brockman said. "They wanted one side or the other to be represented more strongly."

"But this committee will be able to work together, Brockman said.

"I think it's a list of people that can sit down at the table and come up with a reasonable agreement between them," he said. "We don't think they have a political agenda and they can't have one because we have to come up with an ordinance that everyone can live with."

DeKleinman, who requested a moratorium on animal operations along with fellow resident Dave McCall last month, said he didn't know the other committee members well enough to say if the mix will work or not.

"I think we're just going to have to wait for the first few meetings to see if the committee and the rewrite will work," DeKleinman said Friday.

DeKleinman said he thinks several things must be added to the ordinance.

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# MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

## New look at Old West: Carriage rides give visitors different view of Jackpot

By Sam Feltman  
Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. — People are taking a trip back in time to the Old West by taking free carriage rides through the streets of Jackpot.

Pat Cantrell, general manager of West Star Resort, said the resort offered the rides on the Fourth of July and they were so popular, the resort decided to continue offering the rides on Wednesdays through the end of the summer.

"The phone rang off the wall," Cantrell said. "We had 30 or 40 calls that night."  
The resort is also using the carriage as its shuttle service.

Jackpot tourists and residents

### Get a free ride

Free carriage rides are available from 2 p.m. to sundown Wednesdays in Jackpot. People can board the carriage at the West Star Resort or flag down the driver. Barbecues are held at 4 p.m. Wednesdays in the West Star Resort parking lot. The barbecue is \$4.95 per person.

alike said they enjoy the rides. "It makes you slow down and get a different view of Jackpot," said Jackpot Tourism representative Terry Dunn. "It is an Old West experience."  
Bob and Julie Groves of Elkton are the owners of the carriage

and Percheron horses Nick and King which were pulling the carriage last Wednesday.

The couple owns 14 horses in all, including four Belgians, which they've had from colts and trained themselves. They say the horses are part of their family.

"Really, they are just like our kids, but they mind a lot better," Bob Groves said.  
For \$4.95, people can also enjoy an outdoor barbecue on Wednesdays. The barbecue includes choice of rib-eye steak, hamburger, or hot dog along with side dishes.

Times-News correspondent Sam Feltman can be reached in Jackpot at 276-765-2351.

## Jackpot Airport to close for seal coating

By Sam Feltman  
Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. — The airport is going to be closed for a few days to get a seal coating and a fresh splash of paint.

Public Works Supervisor Ed Ellis told the city Advisory Board on Thursday that the airport will be closed July 24 through July 28.

Also Thursday, the city was asked for help with a study on the city's day care needs. Frank Maggio, employee development manager at Cactus Petes, asked the Advisory Board for the city's help with a feasibility study to see if there is a need for a day care center. He said NUVision/Fundamentals Childcare Corporation would do the study and help set up the center if the study shows the city is in need of day care services. Cactus Petes would pay half of the \$8,000 bill for the study.

"If it is feasible to do it, it would be a great benefit to our community," said Cactus Petes General Manager Dave Albrecht.

In other action Thursday, Jackpot Tourism representative

### Note the change

The Jackpot Advisory Board has changed its meeting day. The board now meets at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month.

Terry Dunn told the Advisory Board that Jackpot has received

\$22,000 in grant funds for Jackpot brochures, web page designs and magazine advertising. Jackpot Tourism is now designing a new brochure promoting the city.

Times-News correspondent Sam Feltman can be reached in Jackpot at 775-755-2351.

## ATV rider finds ex-mayor's body

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A former Midvale mayor who left a retirement home for a walk was found dead in St. George.

Charles "Chic" Clayton, 78, was last seen July 2 at the Beehive Home in St. George.

His body was discovered Friday by a person riding an all-terrain vehicle. Police Det. Gary Jorgensen said. "He was in the general area where he normally walks," Medical Examiner Don Reid said. "There was no evidence of foul play."

Clayton suffered from dementia and was vulnerable to getting lost away from the retirement home.

## School to get walking trail, exercise stations with grant

By Almee Wilson  
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — Gooding Recreation District manager, Kent Seifert told Gooding School Board members Tuesday the district had been awarded a \$33,000 Century 21 grant.

The grant will be used to build a fitness walking trail. The 1,200-yard trail will take about three years to complete.

The first phase of the project will include lawn excavation and putting down compressed granite. The second phase will include construction of benches and stations where people can do

push-ups, pull-ups and other exercises. The third phase of the project will add shade trees and possibly rock the trail.

"The needs for this are great," Seifert said.

Other School Board business: School Board member Craig Muchow was given a heartfelt thank you from other board members for more than a decade of serving the children and community of Gooding.

Cathy Thompson was appointed board clerk and treasurer. New board member Doyle Rogers was sworn in. The board will choose a chairman and vice chairman at the next board meeting.

## Highway could bury much of wetlands

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — The leading route for the Legacy Highway would bury 114 acres of Great Salt Lake wetlands, according to a long-awaited environmental study by the Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps' final environmental impact statement says the state would compensate by protecting another 1,251 acres of wetlands in a nature preserve.

# HOSPITAL

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER and Ada Vogel of Jerome.  
Released Hector Vasquez-Vargas of Jerome.  
Admitted Alaina Lefler and Tod Matney, both of Twin Falls.  
Some names are omitted at patients' request.

# OBITUARIES

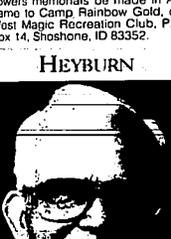
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**KIMBERLY**



**Alvin G. Puckett**  
Alvin George Puckett, 84, of Kimberly, passed away July 13, 2000, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. He was born March 13, 1916, in Oil City, Oklahoma, the son of John A. and Jewell Ora Baylett Puckett. He was raised in Oklahoma and came to Burley, Idaho, in 1937, where he married Vivian Kidd in 1939. They were later divorced in 1962. He married Shirley Haynes on Thanksgiving 1966, and moved to Kimberly, where he resided since. He was a mechanic all his life, working for Union Motors and Yourie Motor Co., retiring in 1978.  
He was an avid fisherman and hunter. He was a life member of the Twin Falls Elks Lodge #1133, a member of the American Legion, as well as a member of the West Magic Rec Club where he spent much time after retiring, and also was part of the Twin Falls Sheriff's Mounted Posse. He served four years in the Air Force, in WWII, with overseas duty in Guam.  
He is survived by his wife, Shirley of Kimberly, Idaho; one daughter, Suzanne, member of Glenns Ferry, Idaho; one stepson, Mike Kinsetla of Boise, Idaho; one stepdaughter, Theresa Reeves of Kimberly; three brothers, Charles Puckett of Hernando, Florida, Kenneth Puckett of Marion, Indiana, and Bill Dacker of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; one niece, Jerry Marie King of Edmond, Oklahoma; and six grandchildren.  
Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, 2000, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home. Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Private Family Inurnment will follow the ser-

**HEYBURN**



**Maria D. Estrada**  
Maria Dolores Estrada, 85-year-old Heyburn resident, died Friday, July 14, 2000, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert. She was born December 29, 1913, in Trinidad, Santa Barbara, Honduras, the daughter of Luis and Josepha Banegas Paz. She married Domin Martinez, who preceded her in death. She then married Manuel Estrada on June 19, 1977. He also preceded her in death. In 1974, they moved to Heyburn from Central America. She was a good caregiver, taking care of her children and was very fond of all her grandchildren. She was a member of the Apostolic Church, where she sang in the church choir. She loved to sew.  
She is survived by her children, Luis (Natalia) Martinez of Burley, Elgia Martinez of Heyburn, Sonia (Elias) Vicencio of Heyburn and Gloria (Gloria) Vicencio of Burley; her grandchildren, Luis Martinez, David Mabey, Junior Vicencio, Matthews Villanor, Maria Villanor, Marcy Estrada, Nancy Gonzales, Veronica Gomez, Stacio Maybe, Ina Brenda Lopez, Suloma Vicencio and Mariano Martinez; great-grandchildren, Junior Villanor, Alex Villanor, Christopher Estrada, Ryan Gonzales and Luis Roberto Martinez and Josue Martinez. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sons, Florencio Martinez and Josue Martinez.  
Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, July 17, 2000, at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel with Stan Sullivan officiating. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday evening, July 16, 2000, at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel and from 10 a.m. until time of service on Monday, July 17, 2000. Additional services and burial will be held Friday, July 21, 2000, in Bremerton, Washington.

**MARIA D. ESTRADA**



**WOODY HOOSER**  
Woody Hooser, 87-year-old Heyburn resident, died Thursday, July 13, 2000, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.  
He was born November 25, 1912, in Vera, Texas, the son of William and Julie Dickerson Hooser. He married Ann Foster in 1935, and she preceded him in death in 1987. He retired from Civil Service Heating Plant Operator. He married Frances Moseley in 1989 in Twin Falls, Idaho. They then moved to Yerington, Nevada, later moving to the Heyburn area in 1996.  
He is survived by his wife, Frances; three sons, Woody S. Hooser of Fort Orchard, Washington, Charles "Willie" Hooser of The Dalles, Oregon, and Laurence L. Hooser of Rupert; eleven granddaughters, Anita Loreno Sulciff of Blaine, Washington, Lorraine Genzler of Rupert and Dixie Hill of Cascade, Idaho; eleven granddaughters, thirteen grandsons; forty-four great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughters, his wife, Ann; three brothers; and four sisters.  
Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Monday, July 17, 2000, at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel with Stan Sullivan officiating. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday evening, July 16, 2000, at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel and from 10 a.m. until time of service on Monday, July 17, 2000. Additional services and burial will be held Friday, July 21, 2000, in Bremerton, Washington.

# SERVICES

Richard H. Dunn of Albion, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

John Daryl Manning of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Rupert and Heyburn, passy at 7 p.m. today and memorial funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Monday, both at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. in Rupert (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Colin "Bevo" Jensen of Buhl, graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at the West-End-Cemetery. Friends may call from 9-10:30 a.m. Monday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Michael Gene Kechter of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave. in Burley. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Mae J. Drake of Kennewick, Wash., and formerly of Gooding, graveside service at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Elizabeth Hendry Neyman of Hailey, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Hailey LDS Church. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Wood-River-Chapel-in-Hailey and one hour before the service on Tuesday at the church.

Dana James Freeman of Bellevue, graveside service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Ketchum Cemetery (Wood River Chapel in Hailey).

# DEATH NOTICES

**William Specht**  
HEYBURN — William Specht, 59, of Heyburn and formerly of Buhl, died Friday, July 14, 2000, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.  
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

**Robert L. Daniel**  
TWIN FALLS — Robert Lee Daniel, 69, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, July 15, 2000, at his home.  
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

**Arthur W. Craft**  
TWIN FALLS — Arthur "Art" William Craft, 92, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, July 15, 2000, at the Twin Falls Care Center.  
The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour before the service on Wednesday at the funeral chapel. The family suggests memorial donations to Hospice Visions, 1300 Kimberly Road No. 11, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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# Aryan World Congress is calmer in 2000

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — This weekend's Aryan World Congress is much quieter than last year's gathering, which drew crowds of protesters.

One reason may be that the Aryan Nations, which sponsors the annual gathering of white supremacists, faces a trial next month against a lawyer-seeing to bankrupt it.

In any event, a man who answered the phone Saturday at Aryan Nations headquarters said a rumored Saturday rally at a local park would not occur. That means the three-day gathering that got under way Friday will be held only on private property — the group compound near Hayden Lake.

Last year, a park rally turned into an angry confrontation between Aryans and anti-racists. There was a number of fights, but no arrests.

Speakers this year include

August B. Kreis III — a leader of the Posse Comitatus, a violence-preaching anti-government sect — who joined the Aryan Nations founder Richard Butler in greeting early arrivals and at a news conference.

Butler, who said he expected 100 people to attend this weekend's congress, delivered the same anti-Jew, anti-black message he serves up every year.

Kreis, 45, of Ulysses, Pa., told reporters he joined Aryan Nations a week ago and plans to be Web master for the group's Internet site.

"Wake up, you white men," Kreis says on his Posse Comitatus Web site. "There's a bloody war to be fought, and it will be racial, religious and ideological."

Butler said he is looking to the Internet to spread the "Aryan message."

"We will plant the seeds for continuation of the white race, he

said, seated at a table draped with a German war flag held in place by a Bible and a copy of Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf."

Posse Comitatus members consider themselves the armed, white Christian arm of the local sheriff. Butler was an active member when he moved to northern Idaho in the mid-1970s from California.

The Southern Poverty Law Center — the organization suing the Aryan Nations — says posse leaders, Kreis and James Wickstrom recently glorified fugitive Eric Robert Rudolph, wanted by the FBI for bombings at the Atlanta Olympics and at abortion clinics.

The center, based in Montgomery, Ala., is suing Butler's group on behalf of Victoria Keenan and her son, Jason, who say Butler followers chased and fired shots at them outside the compound a few days

before the 1998 gathering. Two of the men involved have been convicted of criminal charges, and a third man remains in jail.

The trial on the lawsuit, which seeks unspecified monetary damages, is scheduled to begin Aug. 28 before 1st District Judge Charles Hosack.

Center attorney Morris Dees has won numerous legal victories over racist organizations, including a \$12.5 million award for the family of an Ethiopian immigrant beaten to death by neo-Nazi skinheads in Portland, Ore. The center has won a total of \$57 million in judgments against the white supremacist Ku Klux Klan.

"It puts a dent in their operations. From our experience, it does have an impact," Dees said of the tactic during a February speech in Spokane, Wash. "It makes them cautious if they know it is going to come out of their pocketbooks."

# Royal family wants princess bride back

### It doesn't mention husband, formerly of '11'

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Relatives of a Bahraini princess who eloped to the United States with an U.S. Marine want the teenager to return, saying they are prepared to forgive her transgression, a government official said Saturday.

"Her family loves her and is really hoping that she will return home," an Information Ministry official said of Mariam Al Khalifa, 19. "She made a mistake and they are willing to forgive her."

The official refused to comment when asked whether Al Khalifa's husband, Pfc. Jason Johnson, also would be welcome in Bahrain.

Johnson graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1994. His parents now reside in Las Vegas. Bahraini royalty rarely marry outside the family circle. They also belong to Islam's main branch, Sunni sect. Islam forbids Muslim women to marry non-Muslim men, though Muslim men can marry outside their faith.

Al Khalifa met Johnson, who is a Muslim, last year at a mall in the Bahraini capital of

Manama, where the 25-year-old Marine was assigned to a security unit. As his deployment was ending late last year, he forged U.S. military documents used by Al Khalifa to fly to the United States on a commercial airplane. Immigration officials in Chicago discovered the ruse.

The Marine Corps demoted Johnson from lance corporal to private first class and assigned him extra duty. The couple, who married in Las Vegas, live on the Camp Pendleton military base, north of San Diego.

The U.S. State Department wants Al Khalifa deported. She has requested asylum, saying she is a non-Muslim if she returns to Bahrain. She is to appear at an immigration hearing Monday.

The Information Ministry official said Al Khalifa would not be harmed.

Al-Khalifa has won support from U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer, a California Democrat, who urged U.S. immigration officials in a letter Thursday to allow her to remain in the country.

# Projects aid a very dirty river

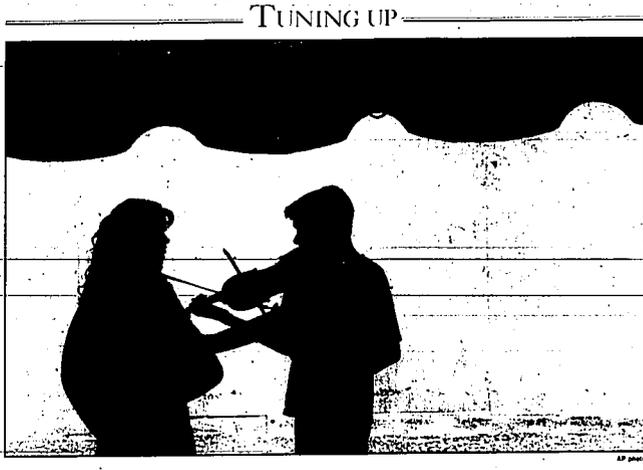
IMPERIAL, Calif. (AP) — The New River is known as one of the nation's dirtiest, an 80-mile drain that catches raw sewage and industrial waste from the Mexican border city of Mexicali and mixes it with agricultural runoff from the irrigated fields of the Imperial Valley.

But after years of hand-wringing and bad publicity, the New River is getting the kind of attention this summer that could end its notoriety.

A federally financed project to create artificial wetlands that would cleanse millions of gallons of river water is nearing completion and the U.S. and Mexican governments last month announced \$50 million in financing for badly needed upgrades to the Mexicali sewage treatment system.

"The combination could go a long way to removing the pesticides, fertilizers, raw sewage and industrial solvents carried by the river into the Gulf of California," said the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Eventually, with what we're doing and what they're doing we'll clean up a lot of the problems with this river," said Leon Lesicka, a lifelong Imperial Valley resident and chairman of a task force that is coordinating river cleanup projects.



Seth Mattelson, right, and his sister, Bethany Mattelson, warm up for the Fiddle Festival Friday at the Canyon County Fair in Caldwell.

# President signs bill to give Los Alamos residents relief

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton signed a bill last week to spend \$661 million compensating governments, businesses and individuals for a devastating New Mexico wildfire set by the National Park Service.

The law sets up a \$500 million fund to compensate fire victims in and around the city of Los

Alamos, where more than 200 homes burned.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has 45 days to get the compensation program up and running.

"It is now incumbent on FEMA to act promptly and begin making right what went so wrong at the hands of the federal govern-

ment in May," said Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

The fire compensation is part of an \$11.2 billion emergency spending bill that also includes aid for fighting drugs in Colombia and peacekeeping in Kosovo. Congress passed the measure just before leaving for the Independence Day recess.

# East

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Lara came out of church Friday sporting a button of the 1960s American labor leader Cesar Chavez. Known for his commitment to non-violent, organized opposition to labor laws, Chavez

is the model for the Idaho Community Action Network's week-long fast. Ramirez, for one, wants to resolve the issue with dialogue, not with force.

"We're not having a fast to hope the farmers go broke,"

Ramirez said. "We hope everyone will come out as a winner."

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# Panel

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"I think we have to do everything we can in the code to make sure we are protecting the groundwater and doing everything we can to eliminate odors," he said. "That should be the goal of the ordinance. It should protect the county and the dairymen."

The county commissioners recently imposed a three-month moratorium on animal operations

in the county, a move that will give the citizens committee time to form and rewrite the ordinance.

"I had been opposed to moratoriums in the past, simply because I didn't know what to do with a moratorium in place," Brockman said. "But when Gary (Grindstaff) came up with the idea to revisit the ordinance, it all made sense."

DeKleinhaus said three months

should be enough time for the committee to get its job done.

"I would hope the committee would come up with a draft proposal within thirty days," DeKleinhaus said. "I don't see any reason that it can't be done."

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# Skating

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showtimes and other popular music. They and their families invest heavily in their Olympic dreams — physically, emotionally and financially.

Edna Chang-Grant, who spent part of Saturday afternoon picking up sequins with tweezers and digging them into fabric glue to make them to her 11-year-old daughter Rory Grant's skating outfit, knows that only too well.

"Chang-Grant, a computer software manager from Littleton, Colo., said she and her husband spend \$60,000 a year to have their 15-year-old daughter Taylor Grant and Rory compete in figure skating championships like Sun Valley's.

"That includes a month-long skating camp at Arrowhead Springs, Calif., every summer and between five and seven competitions each year for the girls. The Sun Valley championships alone, costs \$1,000 for Mom and

girls to fly to, another couple hundred to stay at for a week, \$300 for ice time and \$150 entry fee. Oh, and there's that matter of \$500 to pay the coach's airfare, hotel and food bills — and that fee is split between several families.

"I put my daughters in a learning-to-skate program and next thing I know, we're looking at this," said Chang-Grant. "Even if they never make it to the Olympic or professional level, it's worth it, though. Competitive figure skaters become incredibly disciplined and most are very good students because they learn to prioritize."

"I have to do a full time so that we can afford for them to do this, and they skate before school, during lunch, after school just to be competitive at the local level. But I figure if I didn't pay for this, I might end up paying for a psychiatrist or a drug rehabilitation program or something else. This keeps them out of trouble."

One of the perks of the Sun Valley championships is that the kids get to rub shoulders with some of the top figure skaters in the world. This year it was 1998 Olympic gold medalist Ilya Kulik, who headlined Sun Valley's Ice Show Saturday night. Kulik and others wowed the kids during a noontime rehearsal.

Nine-year-old Aaryn Smith, of Littleton, Colo., lined up afterwards to get autographs — she's trying to collect autographs of all the skaters named in Scott Hamilton's book, "Landing II."

"Awesome," she said as she performed some stunning ice work.

"She's working hard on her double axel and triple salchow and getting to see these skaters is just added motivation," said Aaryn's mother, Alexis Smith.

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# Study shows high lead levels

BOISE (AP) — Lead levels exceeded U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development residential standards in eight of 103 samples taken last month from areas that could be accessible to students in six Silver Valley schools.

But Robert Huntley, the former Idaho Supreme Court justice representing school districts suing the state for financial help with building needs, said the tests were neither conclusive nor comprehensive enough.

"The primary inquiry and concern is whether, on an ongoing

basis, contaminants which pose a health risk are continuing to enter the premises," the Boise lawyer wrote Friday, on behalf of Idaho Schools' for Equal Educational Opportunity, in asking 4th District Judge Deborah Baji for a hearing on the test results.

However, Huntley acknowledged it appeared lead levels were low enough that the problems could be addressed "at moderate cost," and that with continuing cleanup and diligent monitoring the schools should be safe.

# City to issue cards for medical marijuana use

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — With \$25 and a doctor's note, sick people can get an official city ID card entitling them to use medicinal marijuana, San Francisco's district attorney proudly announced Friday.

"This represents another step in the foundation for recognizing that cannabis is a legitimate medicinal agent," Terence Hallinan said. "I'm not really worried we won't be able to work things out with the federal government."

The program allows patients to

avoid local prosecution if caught possessing the drug. It's modeled on programs in Mendocino County and Arcata, Calif., that also pose a direct challenge to federal law.

California's legalized medical marijuana by approving Proposition 215 in 1996, but the measure has been entangled in legal disputes ever since. Health department officials said their ID card program would not have been possible without the influence of Hallinan, who calls himself "America's most progressive district attorney."

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# Lab prepares for major wildfire

**IDAHO FALLS (AP)** — First there was Los Alamos, where a runaway reactor destroyed 30 percent of the New Mexico laboratory's land and destroyed historic buildings where the first atomic bomb was built.

Three weeks later, Hanford burned. A car wreck sparked a blaze in Washington state that swept across one of the most contaminated sites in the country, although officials say only minute amounts of radiation were released.

Now that fire danger on the Idaho "desert" "has" become extreme, firefighters at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory are waiting for the inevitable.

A major wildfire at the site this summer is considered highly probable.

"We know it's going to happen, whether it's the public or a lightning strike," said Rod Taft, deputy director of the Department of Energy in Idaho. "The DOE didn't need the disaster at Los

Alamos or Hanford to tell us we need to be prepared. We've been prepared for many years." There have been 42 range fires at the INEEL in the last six years. They were started by lightning, heavy rain or fires rolling into dry sagebrush and one driver who set oily rags in the back of his truck on fire with a cigarette.

The major ones have scorched about 100,000 acres, or a little less than one-fifth of the sprawling eastern Idaho reservation. All of those were suppressed without injuries to firefighters, the public or buildings that house radioactive or chemical waste.

This year, site workers are following the same procedures that have been in place for the past eight years to reduce the threat of wildland fires. They mow woods to reduce fire fuels around buildings, in strips at least 30 feet wide. No one can use equipment out in the desert that could start a fire — such as welding torches — without the permission of a fire officer.

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They also keep 21 firefighters on duty and six bulldozers on trailers, ready to be dispatched. The site is equipped with four wildland firefighting engines that spray foam, which sticks to plants and is more effective suppressant than water.

Officials say they are confident that the firefighting staff, training and state-of-the-art equipment to protect sensitive buildings and areas at the site, as they always have.

"You don't always know how quickly you're going to get it stopped, but I've never been concerned for a facility," INEEL Fire Chief Don Whitaker said. And unlike Hanford or Los Alamos, the INEEL lacks any widespread areas of contaminated vegetation. The health risks from releases during a fire should not be great enough to challenge the public, Taft said.

The concern would be the firefighters," he said. The areas of contamination are known, and we don't put them downwind."

# Eastern Oregon and Central Idaho fires blow smoke into Magic Valley

**By John T. Huddy Times-News writer**

**TWIN FALLS** — Residents in several Magic Valley counties woke up Saturday to smoke-filled skies caused by wildfires in central Idaho and eastern Oregon.

Dispatchers in Twin Falls, Camas, Blaine and Cassia counties got numerous calls from residents Saturday morning complaining about the smoke.

"A lot of people thought that we had fires in our area," said Rob Vawser of the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center. "We had to tell them that we don't have any going on in this area at all."

**Clear fire, raging in eastern Oregon** — near the city of Ontario, has already charred about 70,000 acres in 12 hours, the Associated Press reported Saturday.

No residents were evacuated,

but emergency shelters were opened in Ontario and Weiser, Idaho, the AP reported.

Several other wildfires also raged through Idaho.

Homeowners were evacuated from an area five miles north of Salmon as firefighters fought two wildfires in heavy timber.

The Clear Creek fire, caused by lightning and discovered Monday, grew from 1,000 to 5,000 acres by Friday, the Bureau of Land Management reported.

The Fenster Fire, near the Diamond Creek drainage about five to seven miles north of Salmon, charred about 200 acres as of Friday evening.

Vawser said about 25 to 30 people called SIRCOMM to report the heavy smoke Saturday morning. He said some wanted to know if they should evacuate or put sprinklers on their homes.

He said people's reactions were more of disbelief than surprise when learning where the fires actually were.

"They said 'No it can't be, impossible,'" Vawser said. By late Saturday, only a haze remained over the Magic Valley.

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# Murtaugh mulls options for police protection

**By Julie Pence Times-News correspondent**

**MURTAUGH** — Murtaugh Marshall Carl Toupin officially retired this month.

The City Council on Wednesday heard options for police protection from Sheriff Wayne Tousley and Capt. Bill Hall of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

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Falls County in 1999 and 9 reports made so far this year.

Other City Council business: Resident Dave Christensen said city officials had harassed him unfairly for having numerous vehicles on his property and across the street from his home.

Resident Richard Mitchell expressed concerns about the inability of residents to get water shares from the canal company because the ditch running through the city needed to be cleaned out and repaired. He also said areas of the city were not being watered and needed attention.

Times-News correspondent Julie Pence can be reached in Murtaugh at 432-5334.

# Cook softens talk of running a write-in bid in Utah

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — It appears Rep. Merrill Cook is now finished in Utah's 2nd District.

Cook has backed off from talk of running a write-in campaign to retain his seat, saying Thursday he is setting his sights on a possible bid for Utah Republican Party Chairman.

"I think the party is too much controlled by the powerful and not the people," Cook told KSL radio Thursday. "I'm only looking at (the chairman bid) from the standpoint of creating a bet-

ter party." Current party chairman Rob Bishop is not seeking reelection when Republican delegates choose their chairman early next summer.

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CELEBRATING BASQUE



Tony Segale of Lodi, Calif., left, Pat Turner of Boise, center, and Kathy Baronian of Concord, Calif., work on the Basque community mural during the 25th annual conference of the Letterheads, an international sign-painting organization. The 48-foot-long mural, which depicts a brief history of the Basque people, will be hung at the Basque center in Boise today.

Methodists elect second, final bishop

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — United Methodists elected the Rev. Brown-Jay of Bakersfield, Calif., a bishop at the denomination's Western Jurisdictional Conference. Brown, 53, has served as senior pastor of First United Methodist Church of Bakersfield since 1998. He was elected Friday. Brown was the second and final bishop elected during the conference. Thursday, delegates elected the Rev. Beverly Shamama, of Eagle Rock, Calif., the second black woman bishop in the church. Brown is also black. "Oh, the Western Jurisdiction will show the world that we know what God's family looks like," Brown told a roomful of cheering delegates and observers. Later at a news conference, Brown said, "We have shown that we've broken through some of the glass ceilings that we place around people, that we can elect candidates based on the qualities we see in them." The new bishops, who take office Sept. 1, were elected to fill vacancies created by the upcoming retirement of two episcopal leaders, Bishop Melvin G. Talbert, of the San Francisco Area, and Bishop Roy L. Sano, of the Los Angeles Area. "We as a jurisdiction and as a church have got to invest some serious energy in growing," Brown said. The "exploding growth" of ethnic populations presents a tremendous opportunity, he said.

Student who rigged votes agrees to plea bargain

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — A Weber State University student charged with rigging an online election to make himself student-body president has entered a plea bargain that includes helping prosecutors find his accomplices. Andrew Shafer, 27, faced five counts of second-degree felony communications fraud in the April 2, 1999 voting scam and was set to go to trial next week. But his attorney, Gary Gale, struck a deal with Weber County Attorney's Office that dismisses the felony charges in exchange for Shafer's help in identifying his accomplices. "We're expecting them to come in voluntarily," said Deputy Weber County Attorney and prosecutor Camille Neider. "If we have to go looking for them we won't be as reasonable as we would if they come forward." It was not immediately clear how many accomplices Shafer had. Neider acknowledged that it is unusual to dismiss five felony charges in a plea bargain. "The university, the victims in this case, is not out for blood or getting jail time for a lot of people," she said. Shafer pleaded guilty to a single count of criminal mischief, a class A misdemeanor, last week and was sentenced to 100 hours of community service by 2nd District Judge Parley Baldwin. He is on probation for a year and can be brought back before the judge and sentenced to up to a year in jail if he fails to cooperate with prosecutors.

Rape and murder suspect extradited

BOISE (AP) — A man suspected of murdering one woman, raping another and sexually assaulting two girls is being returned to Idaho from Eugene, Ore. Darrell Payne of Nampa is charged with the abduction and murder of Samantha Maher of Boise on July 6. He also is suspected in the rape of a 39-year-old Boise woman at an apartment complex on June 8 and the sexual assault of two 14-year-old girls June 27 in Boise. Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber signed extradition papers Friday, Jeff Brown of the governor's legal department said. It will take about a week for Payne to be transported to Idaho, an Ada County sheriff's warrants and extradition department spokeswoman said. Payne is being held at a furniture-from-justice-in-the-Latah County Jail in Oregon. He will be charged with first-degree murder when he is extradited to Boise.

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This is a circa 1970 file photo of the Medicine Wheel in the Bighorn mountains of Wyoming. Rising 10,000 feet above sea level it is a testament to what American Indians hold sacred.

# Saving the Sacred

## Indian traditions fight modern-day interests

BIGHORN MOUNTAINS, Wyo. (AP) — A frozen wind blew high atop the Bighorn Mountains. Along a chain-link fence caked with snow and ice even in June, leather pouches and colorful cloth bundles twisted in the breeze, their red and yellow hues like bursts of sunlight. Inside the fence lay a collection of limestone rocks, a giant center cairn and hundreds of smaller stones stretching into 28 spokes. Outside lay a sign containing the words of an Arikara Indian: "Eventually one gets to the Medicine Wheel to fulfill one's life."

believe, fueled by the ignorance of a society that places the almighty dollar above the Almighty. Keith Harding, 67, grows as he maneuvers his pickup across the Bighorn National Forest in northern Wyoming. Where others see beauty, Harding finds blemishes: lodgepole pines infested with disease, dead and splintered Douglas firs, overgrown patches of spruce that are a fire hazard.

"If you don't have the tools to manage for that," he grumbles, "these trees are all going to die."

Harding sees a forest in decay — and millions of dollars down the drain. Harding is chief forester for Wyoming Sawmills Inc., based on the eastern edge of the Bighorn Mountains. The sawmill, employing 100 people, was founded in 1964 after the U.S. Forest Service solicited companies to help manage timber in the forest.

"The Bighorn has always been our base," says mill President Ernie Schmidt. "That's why we're here."

And that's why Schmidt and Harding are worried. In 1985, the Forest Service approved a management plan that set aside 264,000 acres of land in the Bighorn National Forest. Four years ago, the agency amended the plan to create an 18,000-acre "area of consultation" around the Medicine Wheel. The policy requires the Forest Service to consult with Indians about any activity within the zone that might harm the spiritual value of the wheel, including logging.

The battle over sacred sites dates back more than a century when the government forced Indians onto reservations and ordered them to abandon their religion for Christianity. After Congress passed the American Indian Religious Freedom Act in 1978, Indians returned to their religious sites — many on government-owned lands — to find some damage by commercialism.

"The federal land managers

were destroying these sites quite frequently," says Jerry Flute, executive director of the Association on American Indian Affairs.

The tribes fought back, filing lawsuits when the government wanted to construct a logging road through a sacred area or allow a ski resort to be built on a sacred mountain. Yet time and again, courts ruled the religious freedom act did not prevent the government from doing as it pleased on its lands. The tide has begun to turn in recent years, due primarily to a 1996 executive order requiring land managers to consult with tribes about activities that could damage sacred sites.

The battles are particularly intense in the West. In Utah, a group of bridge enthusiasts sued the National Park Service over a policy that asks visitors to refrain from walking under Rainbow Bridge National Monument because of its religious significance. In Arizona, members of the San Carlos Apache are fighting construction of a power line to an observatory built on Mount Graham, a sacred peak.

And just a few hundred miles east of the Medicine Wheel, near the South Dakota border, they're fighting over what to call — and whether to climb — a hulking butte known to visitors as Devils Tower. To American Indians, it is Bear Lodge.

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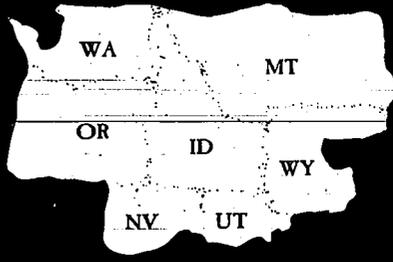
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—*Lemmy Lewis, after successfully defending his WBC and IBF boxing titles against Francois Botha Saturday*

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- Golf**  
IGA Men's State Amateur, at Scotch Pines in Payette  
Jim Milton Memorial, at Canyon Springs
- Legion baseball**  
Jerome at Baker, Ore., touney

### IN BRIEF

#### Masingill tightens grip on eighth IGA

PAYETTE — He didn't shoot the hottest round of the day. That honor belonged to Weiser's Joe Malay, who fired a 68.

But seven-time champion Scott Masingill's golf game stayed pretty torrid just the same on Saturday.

In the second round of the IGA State Amateur at Scotch Pines Golf Course, Masingill's 69 might have missed Malay's low mark but it pushed the Payette native's lead to five (66-69-135) over Luke Sestero of Idaho Falls (69-71-140).

Chad Points, also of Payette, slipped from second to third (69-72-141) entering today's final round of the three-day, 54-hole event.

Boise's Bob Wheeler shot a 71 Saturday to stake out fourth place (71-71-142) with Jerry Elliott (72-70-142), also of Boise.

Next was Malay (75-68-143). Defending champion Bret Rupert of Boise slipped further from contention with a 79 (74-79-153).

Burley's Terry Spackman stayed in the hunt with another decent round (73-73-146). Twin Falls' Jason Hunzeker improved markedly on his Friday 82 with a 75, Ketchum's Bob Lutz had a 75 (74-75-149).

Jason Meyerhoeffer of Twin Falls had a 75 (76-75-151), and Gordon Barry of Twin Falls had a 76 (74-76-150) to hang even with Buhl's Brock Weaver (76-74-150).

The touney concludes today. All of the 100 participating championship and first flight golfers are eligible for the IGA title.

**First 'Policeman Jim' golf touney is today**  
TWIN FALLS — The inaugural Jim Milton Memorial Five-Person Golf Scramble takes place today at Canyon Springs Golf Course.

"Policeman Jim," as locals knew him, died of natural causes in November 1999 at the age of 52. A 31-year Twin Falls Police Veteran, community leader and 29-year Rotary Little League Football coach, he was also an avid golfer. Proceeds from the event will benefit the CSI Jim Milton Law Enforcement Scholarship and Rotary Little League Football.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

**TRIVIA ANSWER:**  
The Dodgers' Fernando Valenzuela in 1981.

## Kite soars at Senior Players

The Associated Press

DEARBORN, Mich. — The wind finally kicked up at the TPC of Michigan, drawing a smile from Tom Kite, bidding for his second major victory in his first season on the senior circuit, finished the third round of the Senior Players Championship with a two-stroke

### Golf weekend

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lead over Dana Quigley on Saturday. "I welcomed that wind," Kite said. "In relation to the field, I improved my position. I hope it blows again tomorrow."

Kite, who will leave immediately after today's final round for the British Open, had one bogey in a 5-under-par round of 67 for a 10-under-201 total. Quigley had a bogey-free 67.

Mike McCullough, playing his 131st straight event, a record on the senior circuit, birdied the final two holes in a round of 67 to trail Kite by five strokes in the fourth and final senior major.

Larry Nelson and Ray Floyd were at 207, each with rounds of 69.

Quigley, starting the day at 8 under, two strokes behind second-

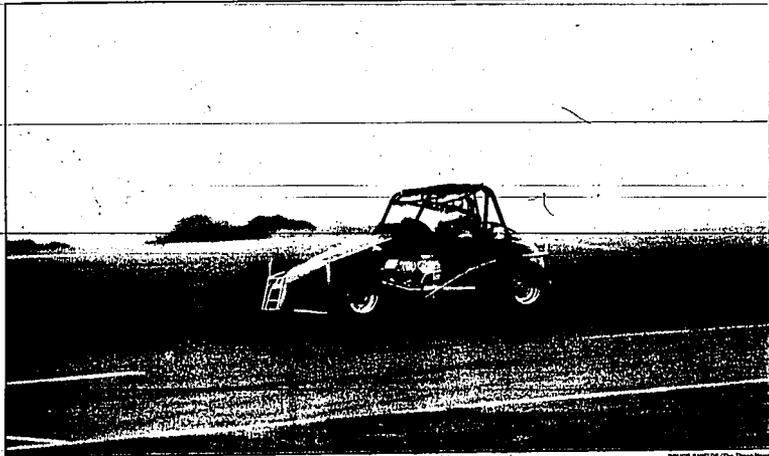


Tom Kite watches his drive on the 13th hole during the third round of the Senior Players Championship Saturday at Dearborn, Mich.

round co-leaders Kite and South African Hugh Baiocchi, let them know early the game was on. "My overall play has been really strong," said Quigley, who out-

lasted Tom Watson to win the TD Waterhouse championship in May. "I had 67 today, and I probably was as high as I could go, the way I played."

## BACK IN ACTION



## Henry blazes to Idaho Midget victory

By Joe Sunnen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Dave Henry must have been a little disappointed Saturday night after winning the Idaho Midget main event at Magic Valley Speedway. He only got to pass two cars on his way to his first victory since returning from an accident here three weeks ago.

"It is always more fun to start further back," Henry said. "I really wanted to start in the back, but these guys are so tough, who knows if I could have made it up to the front from that position?"

Henry returned from rolling

his car and nearly destroying it last time out on the Magic Valley track to take the checkered flag from Midget points leader Steve Spoor.

Spoor and Henry spent most of the main event jostling for the lead, with Spoor pushing from behind on the corners and Henry pulling away on the straightaways.

"The best way to get past No. 34 (Henry) is to catch him in traffic," Spoor said before the race. "Hopefully then I can get around him."

Unfortunately for Spoor and the rest of the pack, Henry started in the three position and cruised out to an early lead. By

the time Spoor made his way up from deep in the pack, No. 34 was all alone with no traffic to be found.

"The car was so smooth," Henry said. "The engine was running strong and I had all kinds of traction. It was a perfect race."

Spoor spent both races looking at the taillights of No. 34, just to Henry in the heat and in the Main event.

"After flipping two weeks ago and then collecting a double win, well, I feel better now," Henry said.

Scott Hemp finished third in the main event and Stan-Going took fourth.

**Vanderham takes Thunder win**  
Kennedy Vanderham collected his third main event win, proving his dominance in the evening's B heat of the Dairy Queen Thunder Stocks was no fluke.

It took only seven laps of the 25 for Vanderham to pull away from the pack, easily outdistancing runner-up William Rice by half a track length. Thunder Stocks point leader Natalie Wheeler finished eighth and spent most of the race being boxed in and mired by her fellow competitors.

William Rice's brother, Jerry Rice, finished a close third.

**13-year-olds**  
Twin Falls produced a true team effort Saturday, with several players stepping up to make a difference.

First baseman Joey Martin got Twin Falls on the board in the third inning of the first game with an RBI single for a 2-0 lead.

Idaho Falls tied it at 2, but Twin Falls regained a two-run advantage atop the fifth. David Ryan blasted a shot to deep center and later scored on a passed ball, and Drew Bernhard singled.

## Pitching gem earns Burley split

By Matt Peterson  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — For a team that has been nothing short of generous this summer, Burley sure got stingy quick Saturday.

If only for a game.

After blanking Wood River 1-0 in Game 1, the Bobcats reverted to their new wheeling ways in Game 2, falling to the Wolverines 19-5 in a run-rule-shortened contest at Bobcat Field.

"Same story," said Burley coach Josh Hegstad, who has seen his youthful club swing from one extreme to the other on a near daily basis this summer. "That first game — it's a great baseball game. ... Then, in Game 2, we resorted back to the same stuff that we've been doing all year."

Burley moved to 6-33 overall with the split, while Wood River improved to 26-10.



Burley shortstop Ryan Bailey completes a 4-6-3 double play over a sliding Nic Nottingham of Wood River during Game 2 of an American Legion Baseball doubleheader at Bobcat Field Saturday. The Bobcats split with the Wolverines, winning 1-0 in the first game and falling 19-5 in the second.

with the fastball sometimes, so they couldn't zone in on one pitch," Peterson said. "That really helped."

So did his bat.

Entering the bottom of the seventh in a scoreless tie, Burley led

off the inning with a hard ground ball to second base off the bat of leadoff hitter Redder. Wood River's Nic Nottingham bobbled the bounce and Redder beat out Nottingham's delayed throw.

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## Greene, Jones win in Olympic trials

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Shades of Florence Griffith Joyner and Carl Lewis.

That's how well Marion Jones and Maurice Greene performed Saturday night in winning the women's and men's 100-meter dashes in the U.S. Olympic track and field trials.

While their winning times don't appear spectacular compared to their career bests, Jones finished at 10.88 seconds and Greene at 10.01 — there were extenuating circumstances.

Jones, the second-fastest women's sprinter in history, behind only FloJo, ran into a headwind of 2.24 mph, making her time one of the fastest under those conditions and the second-fastest in the world this year, behind her 10.84. Her lifetime best is 10.65.

Greene, the world record-holder at 9.79 and hoping to eventually surpass Lewis' accomplishments, ran into an even stronger headwind — 3.80 mph — making his performance the best under such adverse conditions.

Jones, who qualified for the 1992 Olympic team as a relay alternate while in high school but turned down the opportunity because she wanted to run an



Mauricio Greene looks for his time after winning the 100 meters at the U.S. Olympics Track and Field Trials in Sacramento, Calif., Saturday.

individual race, now will have that golden opportunity at Sydney.

"Crossing the finish line I didn't know how emotional it would be," Jones said. "This was the culmination of a lot of years, the quest I've been dreaming about a long time."

When I was 9 years old I had a dream of making the Olympic team. Finally, the dream has come true and I don't plan to stop there."







# Tiger attempts to take history by the tail

## How well do you know the British Open?

The Associated Press

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland - History is not lost on Tiger Woods, who is out to make some of his own at the home of golf.

Coming off the most dominant performance ever in a major championship, Woods can become only the fifth player to complete the Grand Slam by winning the British Open.

What better place than St. Andrews? "That's something I would love to have happen," Woods said. "And there's no better site for it to occur than the home of golf. It's a very special place. Every person who has ever played the game of golf has wanted to win an Open at St. Andrews ... because that's where the game evolved."

The first documentation of golf at St. Andrews was in 1552, when it was a game of hacking through bushes and heather on a piece of links land that King David had given the "auld grey toon" in 1123.

The Society of St. Andrews Golfers, which later became the Royal & Ancient Golf Club, was founded in 1754. The Old Course is where 18 holes became the worldwide standard for golf.

Woods first played there in 1995 as a 19-year-old, only one U.S. Amateur championship on his resume. He returned in 1998 for the Dunhill Cup, where in typical windy weather he led the United States into the semifinals with rounds of 66-70-66, the best score each day.

"I can stand there and see the shots. They are framed by nature," Woods said. "I know what I have to hit and how to do it."

Right now, no one is doing it

better.

The U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, which he won by a record 15 strokes, was his 20th PGA Tour victory, making the 24-year-old player the youngest ever to win so often so quickly. He has won half of those in the last 11 months, a stretch that has separated Woods from the rest of golf.

His only real rivals now are the records established by Jack Nicklaus.

The British Open is the one major that eluded Nicklaus - briefly. In his fifth year as a pro, Nicklaus finally won the '66 Open at Muirfield to join Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan and Gary Player as the only men to win all four majors.

No one in the 34 years since then has completed the Grand Slam. Only Arnold Palmer, Lee Trevino, Tom Watson and Raymond Floyd even had a chance.

No one has ever been on the cusp of history at such a young age. Nicklaus was 26 when he won the British Open, and this is only Woods' fourth year of playing the majors as a pro.

Nicklaus' benchmark of 18 professional majors looks more attainable every year.

"This issue is not whether he's playing great golf now," Nicklaus said. "It's how long he's going to be able to do that. How long will he keep the desire? How long will he be able to keep his health? Only time will tell."

"I would be delighted to have Tiger break my records," he said. "If he has the desire and inclination to stick with it the next 15 years and work at it, I'm going to be the first one there to congratulate him. I'm there to congratulate him."



Tiger Woods lines up a putt during a practice round at the Royal County Down golf course in Newcastle, Northern Ireland. Woods played 18 holes on the links course Saturday in preparation for the British Open at St. Andrews in Scotland that starts on Thursday.

But the coronation will have to wait until four rounds are played on one of the most fickle pieces of property in golf, a course that has bunkers visible only by looking back from the green, and pot bunkers so deep that at times the only safe shot is backward.

It has humps-and-bumps, ragwort and gorse, and wind so strong that Nick Faldo once quipped, "Even the sea gulls walk."

Woods recalls using a 2-iron and a 60-degree wedge to reach the first hole, protected only by a strip of a stream known as the Swilken Burn. The next day, he hit a driver and a 4-iron.

"I played a practice round where I played 18 straight holes into the wind, just because the tide changed," Woods said. "That's the way that golf course can play. I love links golf. You're

going to get some good bounces, some bad bounces.

Still, Woods acknowledges that St. Andrews favors the big hitters, who can blow their drives over trouble. Four of the par 4s can be reached from the tee, depending on the wind. The defending Open champion at St. Andrews is none other than John Daly.

But Woods probably will not have his way with the field at the 129th British Open as he did at Pebble Beach.

Lawrie Clarke grew up on the links courses of Northern Ireland and whipped Woods in the Match Play Championship earlier this year.

Faldo is playing his 25th consecutive British Open, the longest active streak. He finished seventh in the U.S. Open, his best result in a major since 1996, and holds the record at St. Andrews, an 18-under 270 in 1990.

Paul Lawrie, who became the first Scot in 68 years to win an Open on home soil, would like to make it two in a row. But "St. Andrews is nothing like Carnoustie."

Ernie Els is another links course specialist who has played the Old Course the past eight years in the Dunhill Cup.

"I'll go to St. Andrews with more confidence this time," said Els, who led for 11th in the '95 Open when he was still trying to figure out all the nuances of the Old Course.

The Big Easy would like to avoid a Greg Normanlike distinction - no one has ever finished runner-up in three straight majors, and Els already has been second at the Masters and U.S. Open, albeit nowhere near Woods at Pebble Beach.

### HOLE 12:

Holly O'Grady-in a reputation for being the golfer who brings the golfers back into play

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TOTAL 7,715

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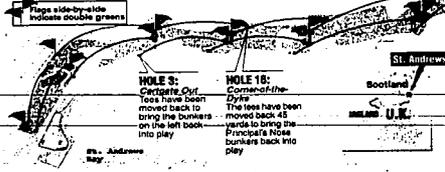
Age: 24.  
Ranking: 1.  
Worldwide victories: 24.  
Majors won: Masters '97, PGA '99, U.S. Open '00.  
2000 major record: MASTERS-BIRD, U.S. OPEN-FIN.  
British Open appearances: 5.  
Best finish: Tied for 3rd.  
The backdrop: After perhaps the most dominant performance in sports, a record 15-stroke victory in the U.S. Open, the consensus seems to be that Tiger Woods will win, but by how many. He can become only the fifth player - and youngest - to complete the career Grand Slam. A victory would also make him the first since Jack Nicklaus in 1972 to be reigning champion of three majors.



Tiger Woods Chasing history

### THE OPEN BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP at St. Andrews

First played there in 1873, St. Andrews hosts the 129th British Open Championship, July 20-23. Some Centurian-old hazards are back in play, and the overall length of the course has been increased from 6,923 yards to 7,115. Here is a look at the course and some of the changes.



#### HOLE 12:

Cartilage Out: The tee has been moved back to bring the bunkers on the left back into play

#### HOLE 10:

Cartilage Out: The tee has been moved back some 20 yards to bring the bunkers back into play

#### HOLE 10:

Bobby Jones: Bobby Jones has been moved back some 20 yards to make the hole unplayable

# FINDING HIS WAY

## Daly wants to win at St. Andrews again - this time on his own terms

The Associated Press

On the patio outside the bustling Beer Hunter restaurant, John Daly leaned back in a black iron chair, lit another cigarette and stared at a glass of beer as if trying to decide whether it was half full or half empty.

"Should I bring you another one?" a waitress asked. On this occasion, a cool January night in the California desert, Daly decided his fourth beer was still half full. He politely waved her away.

It had been six months since he stopped at a convenience store on his way home from the missing the cut in the St. Jude Classic, downed a 12-pack of beer and ended more than two years of sobriety.

The decision to resume drinking - and his refusal to seek help - cost Daly an endorsement with Callaway, worth \$3 million, over the final two years, more money than his combined earnings in 10 years on the PGA Tour.

He insists it was a small price to pay.

Daly wanted to prove he could do it his way, that he could consume beer without it consuming him. He felt free from the restrictions imposed by Callaway and from expectations of everyone around him. He was hungry to play the kind of golf that brought him a PGA Championship and a British Open.

"I really feel like my game is starting to come around," he said that night.

The next day, Daly missed the cut in the Bob Hope Classic.

Five years ago, Daly proved he could win without a wee nip.

Sober for 2.5 years, his longest dry spell since he started drinking at age 8, Daly overpowered

the Old Course and won the British Open at St. Andrews in a playoff against Costantino Rocca, putting him halfway home to the career Grand Slam, with the prime of his career just around the corner.

"What I remember most is his eagerness," said his caddie, Greg Ritts, who now works for David Duval. "He really believed in himself that week, that the course was made for him. It was the most confidence I've ever seen in him."

Daly, 34, returns to St. Andrews with his confidence at an all-time low, his status changed from two-time major champion to one of the most unpredictable figures in golf. He has three ex-wives, mounting gambling debts and no major sponsors.

His game is a wreck. Daly remains in select company, one of only six players under 40 who have won at least two majors.

Unlike the others - Tiger Woods, Vijay Singh, Lee Janzen, Jose Maria Olazabal and Ernie Els - Daly has little hope of ever getting another chance in the Masters or U.S. Open, which invite only top players from the money list and world ranking.

Daly has finished no higher than 77th on the money list since 1995, and he's not even among the top 200 in the world.

"When I look on the computer, I've got 'N/A' in the world ranking," he said.

But there is reason for hope, especially at St. Andrews, which rewards big hitters. Besides his British Open victory, Daly is 8-1 on the Old Course in two Dunhill Cup appearances.

"I'm looking forward to going back to the British," he said in March. "Going to the British again is like going home. I've had some really good success at St. Andrews, and hopefully my game



John Daly tees off towards the clubhouse at St. Andrews in Scotland in 1998. Daly won the British Open at St. Andrews in 1995 but has failed to win another event since. He has struggled with alcoholism and other off-course problems throughout most of his career.

will be in really good shape."

Sadly, nothing about Daly is in shape.

Most days, a big decision is McDonald's or Taco Bell. His gut hangs over his waistline, his pants droop to the grass. He goes through a cigarette per hole, and he has shown no desire to change.

"I went on a six-month workout plan," he said. "People said I would feel great after it. Hell, I threw up every time I worked out. It's not for me."

His game is even worse off. Daly has missed the cut 54 times in 104 tournaments since 1996, and he has only four top 10s in the last five years.

"More than ever, he wants to play well," said his agent, John Masciatello. "Hopefully, he can find some balance between expectations and reality."

Lodge, drinking a diet soda and puffing through a pack of cigarettes about an hour before his tee time. Daly stared through the smoke as he contemplated an answer he used to rehearse during two trips to rehab, in 1993 and 1997.

Are you an alcoholic? "I don't think I am," he replied bluntly. "I think I let people try to convince me that I am, and that's the worst thing I could have done. I don't drink any more than anybody else my age. I don't drink to solve problems. I don't drink around my kids. I don't drink to get bombed any more. I hate that feeling. I just drink to relax."

Daly was planning to play the Bay Hill Invitational until he put together four decent rounds the week before in the Honda Classic and died for 16th, his best finish in over a year.

"My game is coming around," he said.

Two days later, Daly managed only nine pars in the final round and signed for an 87.

This is not Daly's last chance. Winning the '95 British Open at St. Andrews came with a 10-year exemption on the PGA Tour, along with a free pass to the British Open until he turns 65, and to the PGA Championship, which he won in 1991, for as long as he chooses.

He remains a crowd favorite. Perhaps that's because everyone digs the long ball, and no one can hit it quite like Daly. Or they can relate to a good ol' boy from Arkansas whose struggle with life's problems are constantly on display.

Or maybe they're just waiting to see the next train wreck.

"With me," Daly said, "you never know what will happen."

### Forward Tees (1 point)

1. Name the only six-time champion.

2. Who was the last amateur to win the British Open?

3. Paul Lawrie owns the greatest final-round comeback in British Open history. How many strokes did he make up, and what was his score?

4. At which course were the first 12 British Opens played?

5. Who is the only player to win the British Open at five courses?

6. Name the oldest and youngest winner.

### Middle Tees (3 points)

7. What is the largest margin of victory in the British Open, a record for all major championships until Tiger Woods' 15-stroke win in the U.S. Open?

8. Name the player who made an ace on the Postage Stamp hole at Royal Troon - 50 years after he failed to qualify for the British Open.

9. Jack Nicklaus has played in six British Opens at St. Andrews. How many times did he miss the cut?

10. What is the lowest score in relation to par to win the British Open?

11. Name the first American-born player to win the British Open.

12. During an 18-year span, this player won three times, was second a record seven times and was never worse than 12th. Name him.

### Championship Tees (5 points)

13. These current PGA Tour members are the only two players to record four rounds in the 60s in a British Open and still win. Who are they?

14. Who was the last wire-to-wire winner in the British Open?

15. Only five players, all Americans, have won the British Open and the U.S. Open in the same year. Name them.

16. The British Open record for most rounds in the 60s is 33. Name the two players who share this record (Hint: Both will be in the field at St. Andrews).

17. Name the only three players who have won the British Open in three decades.

18. Who is the only player to have the best score in all four rounds of the British Open? 19th hole.

(10-point bonus)  
Ten players have won three of the four professional majors. Three of them - Walter Hagen, Tommy Armour and James Barnes - peaked before the Masters was created in 1934. Of the other seven, which three have failed only to win the British Open for the career Grand Slam?

### ANSWERS

1. Harry Vardon - 1896, 1898-99, 1903, 1911, 1914.

2. Bobby Jones in 1930.

3. Laurie Risd a 67 to make up 10 strokes. He won in a playoff.

4. Prestwick, Scotland.

5. Tom Watson won at Carnoustie, Turnberry, Muirfield, Royal Birkdale and Royal Troon.

6. Old Tom Morris was 46 when he won the last of his four Opens in 1867. Young Tom Morris won the next year at age 17.

7. Old Tom Morris won by 13 strokes in 1862.

8. Gene Sarazen.

9. Nicklaus has never missed the cut at St. Andrews.

10. Nick Faldo, an 18-under 270 at St. Andrews in 1990.

11. Walter Hagen in 1922.

12. Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player (1959, 1959, 1974).

14. Tom Weiskopf at Royal Troon in 1973.

15. Bobby Jones, Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan, Lee Trevino and Tom Watson.

16. Jack Nicklaus and Nick Faldo.

17. Harry Vardon (1896, 1903, 1911), J.H. Taylor (1894, 1900, 1913), Gary Player (1959, 1959, 1974).

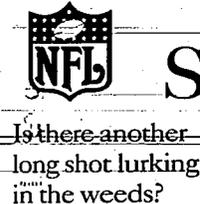
18. J.H. Taylor in 1900. No one else has ever done that in any major championship.

BONUS: Byron Nelson, Ray Floyd and Tiger Woods.

### Scoring

55-64 - Grand Slam  
45-54 - Claret Jug  
35-44 - Solid Pro  
25-34 - Amateur Status,  
11-24 - Back to the range  
0-10 - Sell the clubs.

# NFL TRAINING CAMPS Summer camping the NFL way



### Is there another long shot lurking in the weeds?

**TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP)** — When NFL training camps opened last year, the St. Louis Rams were 200-1 to win the Super Bowl. They proceeded to make the odds-makers look silly. Is there another long shot lurking, ready for talented young players to mesh into winners? The Indianapolis Colts, who opened camp here last Thursday after going from 3-13 to 13-3 in one season, hope not. They prefer the more regular methods. A team becomes a contender one



Indians running back Edgerin James stretches as the Colts start their second day of training camp Saturday. James, who was voted as a starter in last year's Pro Bowl, hopes to improve on last year's season.

year and goes all the way the next.

"You never know what will happen and we've told the players that," says general manager Bill Polian. "The only way to meet high expectations is to play hard every week, not rest on what we did last year. If we do, we're OK."

Being a favorite can be dangerous. Not only did the Rams come from nowhere last year, so did Atlanta when it reached the Super Bowl the previous season. And the Falcons flamed out in 1999.

This season's headlines have belonged to Washington, which came within two points of the NFC title game last year after winning the NFC East at 10-6.

Dan Snyder, celebrating his first anniversary as the team's owner, has followed the lead of Dallas' Jerry Jones a decade ago. Snyder put thrift aside to sign aging superstars Bruce Smith and Deion Sanders, plus talented but troublesome quarterback Jeff George, who is a backup for now.

Add linebacker LaVar Arrington and offensive tackle Chris Samuels, the second and third overall picks in the draft, and the Redskins enter camp a prohibitive favorite to win the NFC East, and second choice behind the Rams to win the Super Bowl. On the other hand, who knows what effect the locker room mix of Smith, Sanders, George and Michael Westbrook might have, particularly with a hands-on owner such as Snyder.

"This campaign isn't decided by a ballot," says Ernie Accorsi, general manager of the Giants, one of four division rivals chasing Washington. "They're a great target for us. It gets you fired up about competing."

Despite the hype from Washington and Tampa Bay, another team hoping for a Super Bowl run, the Rams remain the team to beat.



Atlanta's Jamal Anderson (32) takes a handoff from quarterback Chris Chandler during training camp at Furman University in Greenville, S.C. Friday. Anderson is returning from reconstructive knee surgery.

St. Louis will be coached by Mike Martz, replacing Dick Vermeil, who retired after the Super Bowl. Martz was the offensive coordinator last season, and worked with Kurt Warner from an Arena-League-and-NFL-Europe quarterback into the regular season and Super Bowl MVP.

Warner needs to prove he can do it again. To avoid any high-profile controversy, Martz always has awarded him the quarterback job over Trent Green, who was last year's starter when he tore up a knee in preseason. But Warner and the Rams have not yet reached agreement on a new contract.

In the AFC, the Colts, Jacksonville and Tennessee are the favorites.

The Titans, 8-8 for three seasons in three different cities, came within a yard of sending the Super Bowl into overtime last year. Kevin Dyson was stopped by Mike Jones at the 1st time expired.

The Jaguars had the league's best regular-season record, 14-2. But both losses were to the Titans, to whom they lost again at home in the AFC title game. They enter 2000 with a sense of urgency — the salary cap is starting to get them, costing them talented running back James Stewart, who left for Detroit.

Minnesota is an example of how quickly things can change. Two years after a 15-1 regular season, the Vikings enter camp looking like a last-place team in the NFC Central behind Tampa

Bay, Detroit, Green Bay and improved Chicago.

Chris Bradley and George in Washington and Randall Cunningham in Dallas; they've given the starting quarterback job to Daunte Culpepper, who didn't throw a pass after being chosen in the first round last year. Jeff Christy and Randall McDaniel, the heart of the offensive line, are in Tampa Bay, added wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson to live up to the offense.

Culpepper is one of the young quarterbacks the NFL is counting on to replace stars John Elway, Steve Young and Dan Marino, all of whom have retired in the past two years.

Peyton Manning, entering his third season, is clearly at the top of the group, along with Brett Favre of Green Bay, Drew Bledsoe of New England and Troy Aikman, who helped engineer the signing of coach Chan Gailey in Dallas.

The others include Shaun King of Tampa Bay, Tim Couch of Cleveland, Danovan McNabb of Philadelphia, Cade McNown of Chicago and an A'kil Smith of Cincinnati, all starting in their second seasons.

The league is also counting on the return of Terrell Davis of Denver and Jamal Anderson of Atlanta, the top two rushers in 1998. Both were lost with knee injuries early last season.

Injuries are the X factor — the salary cap means that backups are not as good as they once were. That leads to the other X factor of teams from nowhere, such as the Rams, Colts and Titans last year, surging to the top.

Who are the prime candidates to make such a move?

Baltimore, which finished 5-2 to reach 500 last season and has one of the NFL's strongest defenses, led by Ray Lewis, whose legal problems are

resolved. The question mark QB Tony Banks, who had 3.5 bad seasons and one good half-season.

—Denver, which fell to 6-10 following Elway's retirement and injuries to Davis and other key players. The question mark QB Brian Griese, who still has a lot to prove.

—Chicago, which added a lot and lost little. The question mark: McNown and running back Curtis Enis.

—Detroit, which signed Stewart as the replacement for Barry Sanders. The question mark: QB Charlie Batch, who fractured his knee June 5 and will probably miss the start of the season.

But after last season, who knows from where a champion might come. The odds-makers have Philadelphia, Cincinnati and Cleveland at the bottom at



New York Jets quarterback Chad Pennington throws the ball during Jets training camp in Hempstead, N.Y. Friday. He was the first quarterback taken in the draft.

## League preview

### JACKSONVILLE (14-2)

**OPEN CAMP:** Friday, Jacksonville. **THINGS TO GET DONE:** Get LT Tony Howell healthy; find LG stay motivated after last year's disappointment, when they lost three times to Tennessee, including an AFC title game.

**EXPECTATIONS:** Like last season, anything less than a Super Bowl appearance will be a disappointment. **FIRST EXHIBITION GAME:** Aug. 4 at Carolina. **OPENING GAME:** Sept. 3 at Cleveland.

### TENNESSEE (13-3)

**OPEN CAMP:** Wednesday (rookies), Friday (veterans), Nashville. **THINGS TO GET DONE:** Improve passing game with new offensive coordinator Mike Heimerdinger, adding the load of RB Eddie George. See if DE Jevon Kearse can improve over his spectacular rookie season.

**EXPECTATIONS:** Super Bowl or else after coming up a yard short of sending the championship game to overtime last season. **FIRST EXHIBITION GAME:** Aug. 5 vs. Kansas City. **OPENING GAME:** Sept. 3 at Buffalo in rematch of last season's "Music City Miracle" AFC wild-card game.

### INDIANAPOLIS (13-3)

**OPEN CAMP:** July 13, Terre Haute, Ind. **THINGS TO GET DONE:** Ensure QB Tony Banks is comfortable in new look offense that incorporates as many of the RB Jamal Lewis and WR Travis Taylor, as well as free agent LT Shannyn Sharpe. LB Ray Lewis must prove he has no distraction of tumultuous offseason in time, but RB Ravens have never made the playoffs. "I expect to be a playoff team. Anything else will be a disappointment," says owner Art Modell.

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or Jay Fidler as the successor to quarterback Dan Marino. New offensive coordinator Chan Gailey will try to get the offense rolling with new first back, that stresses the run first, and also includes a new offensive coordinator, Jim Bates will tweak unit to become the NFL's best.

**EXPECTATIONS:** The defense is Super Bowl-caliber, but unless Gailey's play book can get the offense cooking like the Dolphins out of the playoffs. **FIRST EXHIBITION GAME:** Aug. 5 at Pittsburgh. **OPENING GAME:** Sept. 3 vs. Seattle.

### SEATTLE (9-7)

**OPEN CAMP:** Friday, Cheney, Wash. **THINGS TO GET DONE:** Make Mike Holmgren mesh all his young talent in a short period of time. Keep RB starters since last season's playoff loss to Miami, the most important of Phil Daniels.

**EXPECTATIONS:** Despite the defection of Holmgren remains optimistic he can set the Seahawks back to playoffs. **FIRST EXHIBITION GAME:** Aug. 5 vs. Indianapolis. **OPENING GAME:** Sept. 3 at Miami.

### BALTIMORE (8-8)

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### ST. LOUIS (13-3, Super Bowl champions)

**OPEN CAMP:** Friday, Moomb, Ill. **THINGS TO GET DONE:** Replace two departed offensive linemen, tackle Mike Gruntdanigan, find way to integrate first-round pick RB Trent Green into offense dominated by Marshall Faulk.

**EXPECTATIONS:** Making playoffs, once a dream for team that had 10 straight losing seasons, should be a cinch in the otherwise weak NFC West. **FIRST EXHIBITION GAME:** Aug. 5 vs. Oakland. **OPENING GAME:** Sept. 4 vs. Broncos.

### TAMPA BAY (11-5)

**OPEN CAMP:** July 23, Tampa. **THINGS TO GET DONE:** Install new offensive coordinator, develop new starting quarterback, and retool attack that should improve with additions of WR Keyshawn Johnson and Hemen Jeff Christy and Randall McDaniel.

**EXPECTATIONS:** The Super Bowl will be played in Raymond James Stadium, but for the first time since 1996, the team will not finish season any way other than celebrating.

### WASHINGTON (10-6)

**OPEN CAMP:** Monday (rookies), selected veterans), Thursday (full squad), Ashburn, Va. **THINGS TO GET DONE:** Determine whether Dan Snyder or Norm Turner is coach and who the new top dog among Bruce, Deion and LaVar. Somehow assemble expensive payroll into cohesive unit.

**EXPECTATIONS:** The well-thumbed egos of Deion Sanders, Bruce Williams, LaVar Arrington, Jeff George and others, while also dealing with the distraction of a new crisis atmosphere. **FIRST EXHIBITION GAME:** Aug. 4 at Washington. **OPENING GAME:** Sept. 3 at New England.

### MINNESOTA (10-6)

**OPEN CAMP:** July 24 at Mankato, Minn. **THINGS TO GET DONE:** Coach Dennis Green needs to find out in training camp if second-year QB Brett Favre can run offense. If Culpepper can't get back in to start, receiver, receivers will be screaming for backup Bobby Bryant. Offense line is also expected to be revamped with the signing of Christy and Randall McDaniel.

**EXPECTATIONS:** Wild card at best. **FIRST EXHIBITION GAME:** Aug. 5 vs. New Orleans. **OPENING GAME:** Sept. 3 vs. Carolina.

### CINCINNATI (4-12)

**OPEN CAMP:** Friday, Georgetown, Ky. **THINGS TO GET DONE:** Get RB Corey Dillon signed to contract extension and camp, or get a replacement. Get QB A'kil Smith up to speed to replace starter Get WR Peter Warrick. Live with Smith.

**EXPECTATIONS:** Another losing season. Just like every one since 1993. **FIRST EXHIBITION GAME:** Aug. 4 at Buffalo. **OPENING GAME:** Sept. 10 vs. Cleveland in the opening of Paul Brown Stadium; team has opening week bye.

### CLEVELAND (2-14)

**OPEN CAMP:** July 15 (rookies), July 15 (full squad), Berea, Ohio. **THINGS TO GET DONE:** Must upgrade offense and defense, and get Orlando Brown at left tackle, get DE Courtney Brown back. **EXPECTATIONS:** Certainly expect more than two wins, hoping to finish in division. **FIRST EXHIBITION GAME:** July 30 vs. Philadelphia. **OPENING GAME:** Sept. 3 vs. Jacksonville.

### DALLAS (8-8)

**OPEN CAMP:** Monday, Wichita Falls, Texas. **THINGS TO GET DONE:** Learn new offensive system to use Dallas used in 1996 and defensive scheme that's changed slightly. There's new head coach and two new coordinators, but they're all familiar faces. New coach Wade Phillips must step up to replace a Michael Irvin (retired) and Deion Sanders (released).

**EXPECTATIONS:** Playoffs probably as a wild card. **FIRST EXHIBITION GAME:** July 30 vs. Pittsburgh. **OPENING GAME:** Sept. 3 vs. Philadelphia.

### DETROIT (8-8)

**OPEN CAMP:** Today (rookies), Wednesday (full squad), Saginaw, Mich. **THINGS TO GET DONE:** Make sure Charlie Hatch healthy soon from a minicamp knee injury that required surgery; get young offensive line ready to block for free agent RB James Stewart, who has been injured for most of the season.

**EXPECTATIONS:** Another .500 season. **FIRST EXHIBITION GAME:** Aug. 4 vs. New England. **OPENING GAME:** Sept. 3 at New Orleans.

### GREEN BAY (8-8)

**OPEN CAMP:** Tuesday (rookies and free agents), Saturday (full squad), St. Norbert, Wis. **THINGS TO GET DONE:** Learn new defense and modify new offense under new coach Mike Sherman; coach or Green Bay manager and work with the disappointed receiver under new head coach.

**EXPECTATIONS:** A return to playoffs after missing their last year for the first time since 1992. **FIRST EXHIBITION GAME:** Aug. 4 vs. New York Jets. **OPENING GAME:** Sept. 3 vs. New York Jets.

### NEW YORK (7-9)

**OPEN CAMP:** Friday, Flagstaff, Ariz. **THINGS TO GET DONE:** QB Kevin Keenum has to play well and stay healthy. Top draft pick Ron Dwayne has to run behind a new offensive line that features a return of Glenn Brown and offensive line backer on the left side. **EXPECTATIONS:** New coach Tom Coughlin has to start playing like he got his contract. CJ Jason Schorn has to play like he got his contract. **OPENING GAME:** Sept. 3 vs. Arizona.

### ARIZONA (6-10)

**OPEN CAMP:** Friday, Flagstaff, Ariz. **THINGS TO GET DONE:** Get DE Deon Smith signed to contract extension; decide if first-round draft pick Thomas Jones or free agent RB Steve Watson will start. **EXPECTATIONS:** Michael Thomas is team's top RB; Kevin J. Van Dyke is to be reinstated; one last shot for season win. **OPENING GAME:** Sept. 3 vs. Detroit.

### CAROLINA (8-8)

**OPEN CAMP:** Monday (rookies), Thursday (full squad), Spartanburg, S.C. **THINGS TO GET DONE:** Improve defense, which ranked 29th last year. The Panthers, who used five of seven draft picks on defensive players, expect free agent DE Chuck Smith to lead turnaround. **EXPECTATIONS:** Return to the playoffs for first time since 1996. **FIRST EXHIBITION GAME:** Aug. 4 vs. Jacksonville.

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### OPENING GAME: Sept. 3 at New York Giants.

### CHICAGO (10-10)

**OPEN CAMP:** Thursday, Platteville, Wis. **THINGS TO GET DONE:** Impartical, someone knows what a new coach will do, actually execute it, find an accurate kicker or a way to move the goalposts. **EXPECTATIONS:** New coach Mike Ditka must step up to replace a Michael Irvin (retired) and Deion Sanders (released).

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**BizFacts**

**Summer sequels**  
Top-grossing summer sequels

Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace	\$205 million
The Emperor's New School	\$76 million
The Lost World: Jurassic Park	\$72 million
Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery	\$70 million



**BRIEFLY IN MONEY**

**Agencies seek firms to join pilot project**

**TWIN FALLS** - Boise State University and TechHelp have asked the Idaho Department of Commerce to identify Idaho-based manufacturers that might want to participate in a pilot program to apply computer-aided solid modeling and rapid prototyping technology.

The objectives of this effort are to demonstrate the applicability of these technologies to reduce production costs for established products and to help manufacturers bring new products to market, said Hank Ebert, a Magic Valley economic development specialist for the Commerce Department.

Candidate companies must design products for manufacturing or design and manufacture products between 10 and 12 manufacturers in economically distressed counties in Idaho will be selected to participate in the pilot projects.

TechHelp is seeking the names and phone numbers of companies that might be interested.

Contact: Steve Tenyson at TechHelp for more information or to suggest manufacturers for initial inclusion in the pilot program. He can be reached at 426-4422 or stenyson@boisestate.edu. Or contact Ebert at 334-2470 or hebert@idoc.state.id.us.

**Submit nominations for Jerome chamber honor**

**JEROME** - Each year the community of Jerome and the Jerome Chamber of Commerce recognize someone who has benefited the whole community as Citizen of the Year.

The award recognizes the actions and activities of the individual that have benefited the greatest number of people in the area or whose singular accomplishment has or will have a significant positive effect on the community or who has continually served the community in various ways over a longer period.

Jerome chamber Executive Director Elizabeth Thomas said recipients of the award traditionally have been widely respected in the community for their personal qualities as well as their contributions.

Nominations are being taken now and must be turned in to the chamber office by Monday. To nominate someone for the Citizen of the Year, write down the person's name, address and telephone number, a few examples of how the person meets the criteria and the nominator's name and telephone number. Deliver the information to the Jerome chamber office, 1731 S. Lincoln, or send it by fax to 324-6881.

For more information, call the chamber office at 324-2771.

The 2000 Citizen of the Year will be recognized during the Jerome County Fair parade to be held July 25 in downtown Jerome. A Chamber Appreciation Luncheon to honor the winner will be held Oct. 18.

**Woman buys, remodels, renames beauty salon**

**TWIN FALLS** - Sheryl Pathnel has purchased the beauty salon that she has worked at and managed for 15 years.

The salon, formerly called The Clip, has been completely remodeled and renamed The Jagged Edge. Its location at 303 Second St. and its telephone number, 734-5870, remain the same. Walk-ins are welcome.

## Twin Falls construction slides in June

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The cop that quit to open a doughnut shop is the funniest piece of local construction news.

But first, the obligatory numbers. A decline in Twin Falls commercial projects and dramatically lower new-home values last month sent the city's construction activity plummeting from year-earlier levels.

Twin Falls' construction values in June fell 32.4 percent from the year-earlier total. The city last month issued building permits for projects totaling an estimated \$3.5 million, \$3.5 million less than in June 1999 - for combined construction types.

That shortfall put year-to-date 2000 on about \$1.6 million ahead of first-half 1999 for combined construction types.

The residential slide contributed to last month's slide. June's number of permits for single-family homes in the city fell to 15 - down from 18 in June 1999. And the homes' average value fell 22 percent to \$81,100 from the \$104,594 of a year earlier. Last month's average fell short of May's \$87,937 average new-home value, as well.

Meanwhile, developers started work on a couple of duplexes in one Twin Falls neighborhood. Stardust Homes got a permit for a \$120,660 duplex at 621 and 623 Sparks St., and Clayton Mullins got one for a \$98,640 duplex between the road at 647 and 649 Sparks St.

The commercial sector's June activity offers particularly good news for restaurant goers and doughnut lovers. Here's the news behind some of the numbers:

**Dozens of doughnuts**  
Scott Earle of Jerome says he is a former Idaho state trooper who quit to be a doughnut man.

And he's biting off a big piece of dough.

On Aug. 1 he'll open Daylight Donuts, a franchise of Tulsa, Okla.-based Daylight Corp., in a never-before-used space in North-Briggs Plaza, a new mall on Fillmore Street. In preparation, workers are remodeling the space at 1563 Fillmore St., near the existing Audio Warehouse and Claudio's Sports.

The building permit lists a value of \$10,000 for the remodeling, which Earle expects to conclude Tuesday.

Earle's full-service doughnut store will be a family-run business with his wife, Linda, and three children. His automated equipment, he said, is being tested in a Tulsa, Okla., location.

He has only three machines of his kind in the United States so far.

"It makes 80 dozen doughnuts an hour," Earle said, adding that eventually his staff will operate 24 hours a day for production of 20,000 doughnuts a day.

His goal is a shop that makes everybody feel comfortable.

"It's not going to be really fizzy like some, but it's going to be real clean and nice," he said.

Besides the regular tables for groups of two or four, a "community table" will invite strangers to sit together and get to know



Harkin Concrete employee Justin Harkin, 24, works on an Idaho Migrant Council housing unit in Twin Falls to make it handicapped-accessible.

**Permit values**

Estimated values for construction that received permits in June from Twin Falls city:

Type	June '00	June '99
New single-family homes:		
New multifamily units:	\$1,216,650	\$1,882,510
New commercial projects:	\$235,300	\$150,394
New commercial projects:	\$1,196,029	\$2,159,280
Commercial alterations/additions:	\$339,883	\$577,796
Total (including such things as mobile homes, residential alterations and additions and signs):	\$3,537,551	\$5,236,330

Source: City building department.

will seat 190 to 200 people after the doors open in late September or early October, she said.

At this point, she said, the Gresses plan to keep their steak house open in late afternoons and evenings and offer some seafood, chicken and barbecue as well as steaks. The patio will face the canyon-rim path, and the mostly Western decor won't be dark.

"It's going to be nice and bright and airy," Gress said.

The couple expects to employ 12 to 15 people - all to be hired locally - and charge \$10 to \$20 for dinner entrees, she said.

The building permit lists an estimated \$379,063 for the construction.

That stretch of canyon rim is seeing other development, too. A group of developers this week announced plans for a campus of professional offices nearby. Also in the neighborhood are a periodontist's almost-finished dental specialties office, Canyon Rim Ace Hardware and Saint Alphonsus Nephrology Center's new kidney dialysis center.

The Gresses have experience in the restaurant business, Gress said. They had a motel, bar and

**Cooling capacity**

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is one of the cool places literally.

In June it began a nine-month project to add chilling capacity. It will replace a large evaporative cooler, add water pumps, recirculate some plumbing and boost flow to the air handlers that help in the medical center's cooling process, said Marc Harrison, director of facilities support.

Workers will have to take apart some walls for work on plumbing and air movement, but no hospital operations will be shut down or closed off during the process, he said.

The updates will allow the medical center, at 650 Addison Ave. W., to buy new chillers with more capacity to help cool plant operations in the future, he said.

"The building permit is for just a \$129,000 portion of the current project, which Harrison said will cost a little over half a million dollars, including plumbing, remodeling and all.

**Digs for doctors**

This time around, construction company Tenso and other partners are targeting their newest north-Twin Falls office complex at the medical industry.

The development partners are starting a new development at the southeast corner of Falls Avenue West and Washington Street North, said Aztec Management's Dennis Curfew, project superintendent for Tenso.

"This is aimed primarily at the medical end of the spectrum - doctors, dentists and related services," he said. That's because of the proximity to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the soon-to-be expanded Washington Street, he said.

For now, the partners are working on the first building of eight planned for the new office park, temporarily dubbed "College View Office Park" as a working name, Curfew said.

One tenant is signed up to occupy half of the 5,000-square-foot building at 844 Washington St. N., but he said he couldn't divulge the name. The other half is suited for one tenant as well, and occupancy is Sept. 1.

The \$317,952 listed on the building permit is the cost for the first building's shell and the interior construction for the first tenant, Curfew said.

Tenso and its partners plan to start the development's second building in late summer or early fall and have the project completely built out in 2 1/2 to three years, he said.

**In Its Sunday best**

A downtown church is getting itself dressed up.

The First Presbyterian Church, at 208 Fifth Ave. N., has embarked on a remodeling that will cost at least half a million dollars, said Gordon Harris, a member of the church's building finance committee.

The congregation is making its building more handicapped accessible, planting new trees, relandscaping and replacing carpets, Harris said.

A new vestibule will feature attractive brick pavers and heavily landscaped surroundings. The biggest cost, he said, will be an interior elevator.

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### Weekly watch

Here's how a few companies with Magic Valley locations, or other local ties, fared in the stock market during the past week.

Symbol	Description	Friday's close	Previous Friday	Weekly change	52-week high	52-week low	Annual yield
ABB	ALBERTSON'S	34 1/8	34 1/2	-2 3/8	43 1/16 - 3	2 1/2	NA
ABB	ALBERTSON'S	34 1/8	34 1/2	-2 3/8	43 1/16 - 3	2 1/2	NA
CAO	CONAGRA	21	21 1/4	-1/4	26 1/16 - 18 5/16	10 1/2	NA
COBT	COBALT	27 1/16	26 15/16	1/16	30 5/8 - 28 5/16	10 1/2	NA
FD	FEDERAL	18 1/16	18 1/16	0	21 1/16 - 16 3/16	10 1/2	3.7%
FRCO	FIRST SECURITY	18 1/16	14 3/4	3 1/8	50 1/16 - 30 13/16	10 1/2	3.5%
HD	HOME DEPOT	55 3/8	55 3/8	0	46 5/8 - 22 1/2	10 1/2	0.2%
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JCP	J.C. PENNEY	16 1/2	16 1/2	0	20 5/8 - 16 5/16	10 1/2	10.3%
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KM	KMART	7 9/16	10 1/16	-2 1/16	33 3/8 - 16 5/16	10 1/2	8.8%
KM	KMART	7 9/16	10 1/16	-2 1/16	33 3/8 - 16 5/16	10 1/2	8.8%
KM	KMART	7 9/16	10 1/16	-2 1/16	33 3/8 - 16 5/16	10 1/2	8.8%
LRW	LABOR READY	5 1/8	5 1/8	0	17 3/4 - 10 5/8	10 1/2	3.7%
LFB	LONGVIEW FIBRE	12 1/16	11 1/16	1/16	40 1/2 - 29 7/8	10 1/2	0.8%
MCD	MCDERMOTT	31 3/8	33 1/16	-1 1/8	55 3/8 - 12 7/16	10 1/2	NA
MU	MICRON TECH	66 9/16	69 1/2	-2 1/2	77 1/2 - 6 3/16	10 1/2	NA
NK	NORFOLK SOUTHERN	9 1/16	9 1/16	0	18 1/16 - 16 7/8	10 1/2	6.2%
OMX	OFFICE MAX	4 3/4	5 3/16	-1 1/8	11 7/8 - 6 3/16	10 1/2	NA
PHD	PHARMACIA	47 3/8	47 3/8	0	68 1/2 - 32 3/4	10 1/2	0.6%
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PHD	PHARMACIA	47 3/8	47 3/8	0	68 1/2 - 32 3/4	10 1/2	0.6%
RAD	RITE AID	5 5/16	5 5/16	0	24 3/16 - 4 1/16	10 1/2	8.6%
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SKO	SKOPKO	18 3/8	14 7/8	3 1/2	40 3/8 - 12 1/4	10 1/2	0.7%
TGT	TARGET	52 1/16	52 1/16	0	70 3/8 - 51 7/8	10 1/2	1.8%
UNP	UNION PACIFIC	41 1/16	41 1/16	0	80 1/16 - 34 7/8	10 1/2	0.4%
USB	U.S. BANCORP	20	20 3/8	-3 3/8	70 1/4 - 39 7/8	10 1/2	0.4%
WFB	WELLS FARGO	10 1/16	10 1/16	0	23 1/16 - 17 1/8	10 1/2	2.0%
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ZION	ZIONS BANK	47 3/8	47 3/8	0	49 1/16 - 31 7/16	10 1/2	1.6%
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Compiled by Rob Weaver, investment representative for the Edward Jones office at 1446 Fillmore St. in Twin Falls.

### Tossed solicitations invite identity theft

The Associated Press

A barrage of pre-approved credit card solicitations may make you want to tear your hair out, but be sure to tear up the solicitations, too, before tossing them in the trash.

Forty-three percent of Americans throw away these solicitations without ripping them up first, a recent study found, and that's an invitation for "identity theft," says Mary Ann Avenet, a customer relations manager at the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies.

Coincidentally, 42 percent of 1,000 respondents said a member of their household had their personal identity or credit card information misappropriated, according to the survey, conducted by Impulse Research of Los Angeles.

The Chubb Group says to better protect your identity, never reveal confidential information to an unsolicited telephone caller, shred all financial documents before throwing them out, and put outgoing bill payments or tax documents directly into a U.S. Postal Service mailbox, not a home or office mailbox.

Compiled from staff reports

# YOUR BUSINESS

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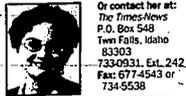
Dan Willie, owner of Stop 'N Go Convenience Stores, presents a check for \$7,300 to Don Hall, executive director, and Shawn Bariger, chairman of the Board of Directors, at the Boys and Girls Club board meeting June 29 at Oasis Food and Spirits. Money was raised from the second annual Roof-A-Thon held June 2-4. From left: light art Willie, Sonja Willie, Chief Executive Officer Pat Lawler, sales manager Sore-Hoy and store manager Hala Lawler, all of Oasis Stop 'N Go; Terri Grundvig, manager of Oasis Food and Spirits; and Bariger and Hall for Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley.

## TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

Your business is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

- Promotions and staff changes.
- New certifications.
- Seminars and workshops.
- Awards and achievements.
- Charitable business activities.
- Other business news.

Please e-mail items to Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins at [virginia@magvalley.com](mailto:virginia@magvalley.com)



Or contact her at: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, 734-9531, Ext. 242, Fax: 734-5453 or 734-5638

Your Business deadline: Noon Thursday for publication the following Sunday.

## CAREER MOVES

**TWIN FALLS** - Deanna Garcia from the Hair-N-Nail-Works salon in Twin Falls attended Redken's National International Performing Artist Training in Las Vegas recently.

More than 500 Redken performing artists from more than 20 countries experienced training led by Redken 5th Avenue, New York City, artistic directors Ruth Roche and Kris Sorbie. Released in the fall collection were trends of hair designs and color techniques. The three-day training prepared the Redken artists to train salon professionals throughout the world, a company press release said.

The fall collection of hair fashion trends is supported with Redken's salon products, including its new hair-color product slated for release in October. Garcia can be reached at 733-8334.

Officers for the society's Magic Valley Chapter are Adkins and Past President Daniel De Krusy of Lorgeorge Bragg & Donnelly Chtd. in Jerome. Magic Valley Chapter directors are Jerry Marcantonio of Everton Mattress Factory in Twin Falls; Janet Neel of Janet L. Neel, CPA, in Twin Falls; Troy Mahike of Holmstead Hyatt & Coleman, CPAs, in Twin Falls; Neil King of Osterhout, King, Pope, Phillips & Co., in Burley; Kristen Goodwill of Lorgeorge Bragg & Donnelly Chtd. in Twin Falls; and Susan Tenney of Susan Tenney CPA in Twin Falls.

**TWIN FALLS** - Laird B. Stone, a partner at Stephilo, Kvanvig, Stone & Trainor, has been named in the Strathmore "Who's Who in the 2000-2001 Millennium Edition of Outstanding Lawyers in the United States."

**BOISE** - The Idaho Society of Certified Public Accountants, a professional organization with about 1,300 members, announced its board of directors for 2000-01.

The new board includes Gary E. Evans of the city of Twin Falls' department of finance, past president; and Tony Adkins of Van Engelen Chtd., CPAs, in Twin Falls, Magic Valley Chapter president.

**BURLEY** - Keith Cottom, owner of Keith's Klean Kars in Burley, was re-elected Region V vice president of the National Independent Automobile Dealers Association.

NIADA said it is among the largest national trade associations in the country, with more than 14,000 members, and is the voice of the independent automobile dealer industry. With its headquarters in Arlington,



Keith Cottom

of the multibillion-dollar used motor vehicle industry. Cottom has been in the automobile business and has operated at the same location since

1975. He has served on NIADA's board and served on the budget committee.

In addition to his NIADA activities, Cottom has also served the Idaho IADA as vice president, president and chairman and been on numerous committees. In 1992, he was selected State Quality Dealer award winner by the Idaho IADA.

Cottom has been a member of the local Kiwanis Club and chamber of commerce and supported local schools and athletics. Cottom and his wife, Nancy, have four children.

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## LeTip connects businesses

**TWIN FALLS** - Networking organization LeTip International Inc. is recruiting members for its fledgling Twin Falls chapter.

The exclusive, noncompetitive group exists to exchange business tips and refer customers. No conflicts of interest are allowed on the membership roster. Only one stock broker or one accountant, for example, can join a chapter.

The current membership roster already fills some categories. For information on business category openings or on any current membership, call Mark Jones at 733-0404 or Joan Spencer at 736-2510.



These are members of the Twin Falls chapter of LeTip International Inc. In the front row, from left to right, are: Joan A. Costantak; In-business banking for First Security Bank; Maria Somero, an independent agent with Farmers Insurance; Tammy Nipper and Donna McKenzie of EZ on U bookkeeping; Jean E. Hanson, who does retirement and estate planning with U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray; Mark A. Brady, a Cooper Norman & Co. accountant; Walt Wilson of Mail Boxes Etc., a packaging and shipping business; and Aaron Miller, a D.L. Evans Bank real estate loan officer. In the back row, from left to right, are: Rick Carroo of Argo Co., which does advertising specialty items; Dr. Spencer Williams of Williams Chiropractic Pain Relief Clinic; Mill Webb, owner and manager of Magic Valley Collections & Recovery Inc.; Floyd Down, owner of Magic Valley Signs; a Wilcox, a sales assistant for DataTel Communications; Craig Traudt of Air Quality Consultants in Glenn Ferry; and Mark Jones, a Robert Jones Realty agent.

## Construction

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to provide access to three floors of the sanctuary building - but not the balcony.

The church aims to wrap up the construction by Sept. 7.

The building permit is for just a \$187,863 portion of the work.

## Off-season storage

Many of Twin Falls Canal Co.'s trucks and large machines sit idle each winter, but soon they'll be able to liberate snug under cover.

Ditch riders' 27 small pickups are in use only through the seven-month irrigation season, General Manager Vince Alberdi said. And the large bean warehouse the canal company used for covered storage became contaminated and had to be torn down.

So the canal company is erecting a 50-by-100-foot storage building for the pickups and a 40-by-235-foot parking shed on the site of the former warehouse, 401 Sixth Ave. W., he said. The parking shed will be home to large equipment such as dump trucks, excavators, bulldozers, large tractors, mowers and the like, and a small enclosure and there will store office records and provide space for canal company employees to work on automated equipment and small tools.

Protection from winter weather should extend the equipment's life, Alberdi said.

## Construction for cows

Magic Valley dairy herds' expanding numbers have led to a Twin Falls feed-supplement business scrambling to keep up.

Our sales have been increasing about 20 percent a year the last

five years," said Morris Brock, owner of Feed Service Inc.

So Feed Service is constructing a new office complex at 222 Gem St. with a display room, conference rooms, a reception area and bathrooms.

"We're kind of outgrown the one we've got," Brock said. His company makes liquid and dry supplements and mixes for dairies and ranches. The office construction is right in front of Feed Service's manufacturing facility. A nearby building housing the current offices will be torn down to clear out space for trucks carrying materials and finished products, and for future expansion of manufacturing capacity, he said.

The new office will let Feed Service expand its sales force by four or five positions this year and install new computerized equipment for analyzing feed and performing nutrition work for customers, he said.

## Accessible apartment

The Idaho Migrant Council in Twin Falls doesn't have any handicapped farmworkers wanting accessible housing. But it's best to be prepared, said Lib Castillo, housing secretary.

So the migrant council is remodeling its low-income housing units for farmworkers - some seasonal, some year-round workers - to make two two-bedroom apartment wheelchair-friendly. Workers will widen the hallways and entries and lower counters, cabinets and other features to within reach of someone sitting in a wheelchair, Castillo said.

Work just started on the \$65,000 project at 406 Gardner Ave., she said, and could conclude by the end of July or beginning of August.

In a separate project, the migrant council is making the bathrooms in its office on Gardner handicapped-accessible.

## Roommate wanted.

You could say the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. auto and fire claim service center at 1881 Fillmore St. is getting a slimmer suit to fit its slimmer employees.

In a reorganization two years ago, two or three employees were relocated out of the claims center, said Ron Tucker, claim team manager. And the operation found itself with excess space in its leased building.

So a remodeling is splitting the office to let another tenant occupy a little less than half, Tucker said. State Farm will stay - with no further loss of employee positions during the remodeling - and the other half of the building is up for lease.

The building permit lists an estimate of \$31,000 for the remodeling.

## Elsewhere in town

One June building permits of note included:

- Kloepper Concrete Inc.'s new \$85,248 truck repair shop at the company's 751 Madison St. S. location.

- Twin Falls School District's two new storage buildings, one at I.B. Perrine Elementary School and one at Robert Stuart Junior High School. The building permits list a \$13,760 estimated value for each.

- Minor remodeling at Jensen Jewelers' corporate office, 130 Second Ave. N. The building permit lists a \$10,000 estimated value.

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## Hovering manager tests wits

The Washington Post

Q: I unfortunately work for the king of micromanagers. You know the kind: He has to check out everything every five minutes, wants to check with so-and-so about this-and-that. He does this to everyone in our department.

The ultimate trial is when they sit in your cube watching while you perform a task they just gave you. My manager actually grabbed my mouse and start clicking and dragging! How do I keep my sanity?

As keep the big picture in mind, said career consultant Jean Isberg Stafford, president of Great Falls, Va.-based Executive Coaching for Women. If working there is helping the worker achieve a personal goal, the letter-writer needs to define the overly controlling manager in her mind as a "minor irritant," Stafford said.

"He's exerting power," Stafford said. "But managers need to be managed just like they manage us." In this case, she said, the best reaction is not overreacting. "If he starts grabbing the mouse, go get a drink of water and let him sit there clicking away," she said.

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Answer: This is complicated and I need to know more. If she got sick because of conditions on the job, workman's compensation laws would apply. Your wife may be entitled to unpaid leave under the 1993 Family and Medical Leave Act, but only if the employer has 50 or more employees and your wife has worked there for at least a year, and at least 1,250 hours during this past year.

In addition, the American with Disabilities Act might apply and require her employer to make "reasonable accommodation" to allow her to keep her job. Generally, the Americans with Disabilities Act only applies to employers that term is defined in the Act and if she is able, with reasonable accommodation, to perform the essential functions of her job. "Reasonable accommodation" might include modifying her work schedule or giving her some help with things she is less able to do.

It might be a good idea to speak with an attorney who specializes in employment law.

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# Tech funds suffer widespread setbacks

Los Angeles Times

On second thought, maybe Internet-only mutual funds aren't such a great idea.

The bear market that tore through the NASDAQ Stock Market from March through May left an ugly scar on tech funds of all sorts, with almost every one of the 70 funds tracked by Morningstar Inc. registering a loss for the quarter.

But funds that spread their bets throughout the tech sector — and in particular, that went light on shares of money-losing "dot-coms" — fared far better than their more specialized brethren.

Even with a second-quarter decline of 11.7 percent, the average tech fund still was up 52 percent for the first half, according to Morningstar.

And several funds with big exposure to semiconductor-related stocks, the quarter's best-performing tech group, managed to hold on to some of the juicy gains ruing up in the first quarter.

Funds heavy in fiber-optic-related shares central to the development of broadband services showed mixed shares in the last month.

By contrast, every fund with Internet in its name is down for the year so far, and several 20 percent or more.

For the fair, Net-focused funds were superstars last year, when dot-coms were all the rage.

The Munder Net fund, for example, rocketed 176 percent in 1999. In the second quarter of this year, it lost 19.3 percent.

Still, the second quarter shake-up points out the flip side of investing in the riskiest segments of an already volatile sector.

Not having the latitude to move into the parts of the market that are working is an important disadvantage for the Net-focused

funds, and we're really seeing that for the first time," said Christine Benz, a Morningstar senior analyst in Chicago.

Though Net fund managers naturally defend their sector as simply suffering a bout of profitability after last year's heady gains, the composition of many Net funds has changed; many fund managers now claim to eschew dot-com stocks, particularly the e-commerce names that are so widely disparaged.

"Unless you stick the evidence in their face, you're not going to get any portfolio managers to admit they've got dot-coms," said Garrett Van Wagoner, who runs the Van Wagoner Technology fund.

Peter Doyle, co-manager of the NetFocus Internet fund, said his dot-com exposure is now 10 percent of the portfolio, down from a peak of 60 percent. He said he has only tiny pieces of such Net giants as Intel and Cisco.

Instead, he's targeting a wider range of companies that will benefit from the further development of the Net, he said.

"For people to expect to get triple-digit returns in a linear fashion is not realistic," Doyle said. "That doesn't mean that we're not going to be a great investment for our shareholders going forward. If you want the excellent returns, it means you're going to have to accept periods when your stocks are down."

So far at least, it appears that most tech fund shareholders are indeed accepting the spring losses as part of the game.

Record sums flowed into tech-dominated mutual funds in the first quarter of 1999, but the market's peak, reached in mid-March.

Yet many funds companies say there have been no dramatic outflows in recent months, even though most newcomers are under water.

# Bean industry tightens belt, again

TWIN FALLS — Dave Livingston is off work for a while but not by choice. Another casualty of the ailing ag economy in Magic Valley, he just lost his job.

Having worked for the same company in the bean industry for 28 years, in recent times he had seen large bean companies pull out of Magic Valley or reduce local production, while smaller companies just closed the doors or, worse, went bankrupt. The company he worked for, under the Novartis umbrella — identified locally as Rogers Brand — had downsized three years ago, and he saw 25 of 40 employees sent away.

The 15 remaining employees had a hard time recovering positive morale after the layoffs, Livingston said, but it wasn't that they were treated badly.

"I was always treated well, and in turn, I treated the company well," he said.

Livingston had just completed a six-month computer program course so he could do his job as shipping manager more effectively.

Then, two weeks ago he looked up through his office window and saw the company president and human resources director from Boise walking across the parking lot.

"It's always bad news when they show up," he said. "It comes down to costs, said Novartis Internal Communication Manager Louise Ahchampauch. According to her, the company is downsizing again, and part of that means possibly moving some plant operations to a separate and stand-alone company in Twin Falls starting next year.

## U.S. beef export/import ratio causes concern

Recent USDA reports indicate beef imports into the United States continue to exceed exports. Consequently, when trade in live cattle is included, imports are nearly two times greater than exports.

USDA data shows beef imports into the United States up 17 percent from 1999 and forecast to be at 3 billion pounds for the year 2000. Live cattle imports are also on the rise with the first four months-of-the-year showing a 30 percent increase in live cattle imports over 35 percent. The USDA has credited increasing domestic demand for the rise in beef imports into the United States.

That's the third year in a row of record-breaking beef imports. Greg Garatea, president of the Idaho Cattle Association, said "The reason that the United States is the leading exporter of beef is that most of our exported beef is in high quality categories and is in high demand in our major markets in Japan, North Korea, Canada and Mexico. On the other hand, we can't keep up with our domestic demand, especially in the retail stores and fast-food outlets, so that contributes to our being the major importer of beef too. So we import ground beef and blend it with U.S.-produced ground beef, and that's what our hamburger consists of."

Idaho potato plantings rise 5 Idaho's acreage plant. BOISE — Idaho's acreage plant.



Dave Livingston has more time than he had planned to paint his house this summer. He started working for Rogers Brothers, a local bean company, 28 years ago but because of the weak ag economy, he was recently "downsized" out of his job.

### Farmbeat

Highlights of this week's Magic Valley Ag Weekly. The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

ed is 5 percent higher than the 1999 crop year. It was earlier speculated that Idaho would see a 3 percent increase over 1999, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's summary for fall potatoes released July 12. Russets are still claiming the spotlight, with 94 percent of the total crop, leaving only 6 percent of planted acreage going to whites. There were 50,500 acres entered for certified seed potato production.

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## Water quality tour focuses on sediment in drainage

FILER — Farmers trying to get to the bottom of water quality

problems in the Mid-Snake River reach need to look no further than the ends of their fields.

For over a decade, efforts to reduce the amount of sediment entering the river system have focused on what's happening on the top end of fields — where furrow irrigation begins. And it's paid off — Sediment loads to the Snake River have fallen over the years.

But closer scrutiny, thanks to the Mid-Snake pollution loading plan, and the adoption of a new Falls Canal Company shareholders shows it's not enough. Bad management of the bottom end of a field can wipe out all the good that's occurred within a field. Bad management of the bottom end of one field can even negate all the beneficial practices of each farmer on a drain.

About 40 farmers and agency folks saw evidence of their first-hand during a water quality tour north of Filer on Wednesday. Clarence Robison, a water quality monitoring specialist for the University of Idaho, pulled several water samples from each of the three Canal Company drains along the tour route. He displayed the samples in Imhoff cones, devices that measure the amount of sediment in a sample. Even the clearest samples were above the 52 milligrams per liter standard set as part of the Mid-Snake TMDL. Irrigators have until 2004 to reach that level in their return flows.

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# Looking to diversify? Compare bonds and short-term accounts

Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK — What have bonds done for you lately?

Probably nothing spectacular, unless you've had uncanny timing.

And that's why many investors who are facing the classic portfolio decision — how to tuck away part of their assets away from the stock market — may be thinking that using a money market fund or other short-term account for diversification makes more sense than bolting with bonds.

Consider these performance data: Long-term government bond mutual funds have produced an average total return — that's net earnings plus or minus any change in principal value — of 5.7 percent a year over the last five years, according to fund tracker Morningstar Inc.

In the same period, ultra-short-term bond funds, which own securities maturing in no more than one year, have generated an average total return of 5.3 percent a year.

In other words, investors who kept their money in long-term bonds, with all of the various risks associated with that strategy, earned just 0.4 percentage points more than investors who opted for the simpler solution of staying short term.

Given the current situation with interest rates, the question of whether to keep fixed-income assets in long-term or short-term securities looms as large as ever.

The average money market mutual fund's seven-day compounded annualized return is 5.3 percent. Normally, shorter-term

fixed-income securities pay less than longer-term securities. But because of several factors, you actually get a lower yield today — 10-year Treasury notes — 5.59 percent as of July 3 — than on money-market funds.

Since the mid-1990s, the "spread" between short- and long-term Treasury yields has tended to be fairly tight. That's in sharp contrast to the early '90s, when long-term yields were far above short-term yields.

David M. Jones, chief economist at bond dealer Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. in New York, favors staying with shorter-term securities now, at least in terms of the Treasury market.

The federal government's current program of buying back 10- to 30-year Treasuries (thanks to the budget surplus) is helping to keep longer-term Treasury yields depressed, he noted. That could continue for some time.

One big advantage in keeping fixed-income assets in a money market fund or other short-term account is liquidity: That money is always available to you, and your principal is virtually secure.

For investors who want a capital-growth element in their portfolio to offset stocks' volatility, money funds are hard to beat right now.

By contrast, longer-term bonds' principal value can decline if market interest rates rise. Why? Here's a simple example: If a newly-issued 10-year bond pays 6 percent, a 10-year bond issued a year ago at a fixed yield of 5 percent naturally isn't going to attract buyers — unless its price is "marked down" accordingly.

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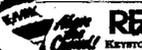


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Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: LHO opens one diamond, partner overcalls one spade, and RHO bids one no-trump. After two passes, my partner doubles. In his double for penalties, or does it show a desire to compete further?

ANSWER: At rubber bridge, the answer is clear. Virtually all doubles of no-trump contracts are for penalties. At duplicate, the modern trend is to use the double as a competitive tool, but partnership agreement is required.

Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate, none vulnerable, partner opened one spade, and RHO jumped to three hearts. I asked if this was weak, strong, or intermediate, and I was advised it was weak. 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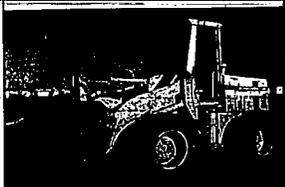
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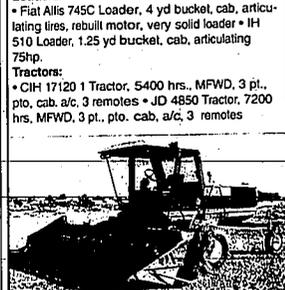
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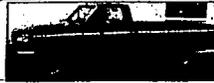
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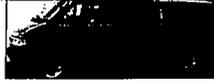
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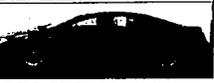
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Section E

## If all else fails, why not punt?

"That's the last time I'll ever pet a lion," Tom said offhandedly.  
Or, I looked at my computer this morning and it looked like it was dying, so I gave it mouse-to-mouse resuscitation.

Those are two of the selections included in the World's Seven Worst Puns list, just compiled by Pun American Newsletter, a publication of the Pun American Club. (If you like puns enough to learn more, you can log on to <http://user.aol.com/punamerica/index.html>.)

Meanwhile, I'll whet your interest with one more winner:

"A Slovakian teacher named Lex caused the administrator to vex. They said he would pass All students en masse, So he was fired for passing bad Czechs."

Or what about, "If NASA ever decides to put a bunch of dairy cows into space, it would be the first herd shot around the world."

OK. OK. I'll stop.

But I should mention that Pun American defines a pun as "the humorous use of a word in such a way as to suggest different meanings or applications - or of words having the same or nearly the same sound, but different meanings."

Puns could be more important to life than most people realize. Author Hendrie Weisinger is one among many psychologists who say that laughter is a big component of the healthy lifestyle.

Weisinger says if you daily laugh, total is less than the average - 15 laughs, including three belly laughs for adults - you are "underlaughing," and that's not a good thing.

And author Joseph Mitchell suggests that parents can use humor to lighten the stresses of parenting. Mitchell also says that the average toddler laughs 40 times a day.

Of course, kids up their totals by laughing at people falling down, and bodily functions, and jokes they have told at least 20 times ... The other day, Linda Nelson said she'd learned to use things that were available here. I think my children got a good education, and my husband (who worked for the Bureau of Land Management) and I became part of the community."

"Curry does have some options for the future, which doesn't describe every small-town Idaho senior citizen."

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## The graying of Mayberry

### Small-town Idaho is aging with the years

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE - For Geraldine Curry, a city girl, Shoshone, Idaho, feels like home.

"I've lived here for 27 years," said Curry, a 71-year-old retired nurse who lost her husband this spring. "It is where my children went to school. I have friends here."

Yet Curry isn't sure she'll stay in this town of 1,365 forever. Three of her children live in major metropolitan areas, and she was born in Chicago.

"I've just been through a life change," she said. "I'm doing some thinking about the future."

In that respect, she's typical of thousands of Idaho senior citizens who still live in small towns long after their kids have emptied the nest.

In Idaho's farm counties - most of which experienced population growth during the 1950s - the fastest-growing demographic is over 65. They're living longer, staying on the land they farmed or in nearby small towns - sometimes coming here from urban areas to retire.

Call it the graying of small-town Idaho, and it coincides with a worldwide trend.

According to the University of West Virginia's Center on Aging, 60 percent of the world's elderly live in rural or remote areas, and the number is expected to increase.

"For some seniors in Idaho who live in small towns, leaving isn't an option," said Linda Powell, project director of the Rural Interdisciplinary Training in Geriatrics for the Idaho Rural Health Education Center. "They can't sell their houses because there are no buyers, and they don't have the resources to pick up and move someplace else."

"I think most senior citizens who live in small towns in Idaho really want to be there," said Loren Nelson, state director of the federal Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Program. "Go to a town like Mackay (population 602). You'll find new construction, and I think a good percentage of it comes from retirees who are moving in."

"That's not to say that there aren't seniors living in small towns who are hurting economically," he said. "But I think the growth in the economy in the past 10 years has benefited most people."

Curry is now a 30-minute drive away, to Twin Falls, from a wide variety of services, but it was not always so.

"When we moved here, it was a long way to the mall," she said. "I had to use things that were available here. I think my children got a good education, and my husband (who worked for the Bureau of Land Management) and I became part of the community."

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Geraldine Curry, resident of Shoshone for 27 years, stands in her home in front of photos of her five children, Alyssa, Terence, Ami, Thomas, and Timothy.

### HOW THEY ADD UP

Age Group	Population
60-64	3,155
65-69	2,700
70-74	2,344
75-79	1,926
80-84	1,222
85 and older	820

(Data are population estimates for 1998)  
-Source: Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

a small town, what can you do? And what happens if you live at the end of a country lane and have a heart attack? Is the ambulance going to be able to get through, and if so, will it be in time?"

Small-town elders have undoubted economic and political clout, Nelson says, since most are a property owners and pay taxes that support school and infrastructure.

"Every time a bond issue fails in Idaho, it seems like the seniors get blamed," he said. "I'm not sure that's fair, but that's the perception."

He predicts that elders will be an important factor in development of Idaho small towns

indefinitely.

"They pay the taxes, they've lived there for a long time," he said. "They're involved in their communities, and in a lot of cases they're moving in from outside because they value the lifestyle."

"Seniors are going to be living in small towns in Idaho in substantial numbers for the foreseeable future," Powell said. "The challenge for the society as a whole is going to be getting them the services they need."

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- Minidoka County**  
67: Percent rural, 1996  
66: Percent rural, 1980  
41: Percent rural, statewide average, 1996  
30: Median age, 1990  
24: Median age, 1970  
32: Median age, statewide average, 1990  
13: % of population 65 and older, 1990  
7: % of population 65 and older, 1970  
12: % of population 65 and older, statewide average, 1990  
52: % of households with 1-2 people, 1990  
39: % of households with 1-2 people, 1970  
57: % of households with 1-2 people, statewide average, 1990  
22: Aid to aged, blind and disabled, number of cases, 1997  
49: Aid to aged, blind and disabled, number of cases, 1992  
9,933: Aid to aged, blind and disabled, statewide, 1997

- Gooding County**  
77: Percent rural, 1996  
75: Percent rural, 1980  
41: Percent rural, statewide average, 1996  
35: Median age, 1990  
33: Median age, 1970  
32: Median age, statewide average, 1990  
17: % of population 65 and older, 1990  
14: % of population 65 and older, 1970  
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61: % of households with 1-2 people, 1990  
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## Children get to test casting skills

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For more information, call Magic Valley Bass Masters President Ron Lewis at 734-2273 or Dave Withers at 543-6863.

Every week, To Do for Families lists family-oriented events in south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to **Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83301. Deadline is noon on Wednesdays.**

## Rock on: When to let go and let them go

**Etc...**

When should parents relent and let a child attend a rock concert without them?

Dr. Timothy F. Doran, chairman of pediatrics at Greater Baltimore Medical Center, says it can be a tough call.

He recommends that parents consider these factors:

- Is the child mature enough? "The difference between a 13-year-old and a 17-year-old is a chasm," he says.
- Are you ready? Some parents will have a hard time letting go - and that's OK, Doran says. "You go by how you feel, not what Johnny's mother does."
- Know the concert. There's a big difference between letting a child go with friends to a folk concert and letting them go to hear Marilyn Manson.
- This is important. We know about what our children are doing, the better we are informed to make decisions," he says.
- Protect your kids' hearing. Rock concerts can cause hearing loss that might not show up for 20 or 30 years.

Source: Baltimore Sun

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

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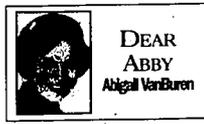
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# Sexually active teens must take responsibility for health

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a third-year medical student completing my pediatric rotation. I recently saw a 14-year-old girl who thought she might be pregnant because she was experiencing symptoms of morning sickness. As her mother and I listened, she described having had unprotected sex for several months.



**DEAR ABBY:** I am 14 and have written a poem. The facts in this poem are real. This happened to someone I know.

I knew she needed a pregnancy test, pelvic exam, a Pap smear to check for cervical cancer, and special tests for various sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). When I explained this to the patient and her mother, they both seemed shocked that we could perform a pelvic exam on such a young teen. (There are special instruments made especially for younger girls.) It took much reassurance before we could proceed.

**DEAR ABBY:** Your poem is an eye-opener, and I'm sure it will generate comment.

Abby, please inform sexually active teen-age girls that they need a pelvic exam and Pap smear AT LEAST once a year. The best time to start is BEFORE having sex so the teen can learn about "safe sex" — and lower the risk of pregnancy and STDs.

**SHE'S 13 YEARS OLD**  
She's had to tell me, "When you are ready," "Take your time," "Don't rush things," "Enjoy life as it is," "Look who's talking..." She's 13 years old and she's having a baby.

Most states allow teenagers to receive confidential medical care and information regarding contraception, pregnancy and STDs without parental permission. Teens can seek free or low-cost treatment from local health departments and family planning clinics.

She would say, "It won't happen to me. I'm smart and I won't make the wrong decisions." Now look at who's the smart one.

Of course, sexual activity involves more than one person. Teen-age boys also need to take responsibility for their health and the health of their partners.

She would say, "It'll be so much fun in high school. I'm going to go to all the dances and proms." Now she'll be stuck at home because...

If teens are too embarrassed to talk to medical providers about preventing pregnancy and STDs, they are too young and immature to have sex.

She would say, "I'll go to all the parties and stay out until 2:00 in the morning." She'll be home at 2:00 in the morning, trying to keep her baby from crying.

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She would say, "My baby will grow up with a father. Not like me." Now where's the father? He's moving out of state.

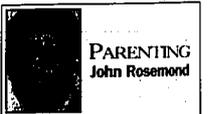
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She's 13 years old and she's having a baby...alone.

**DEAR MED STUDENT:** I agree. Thank you for your information and insight. It's unfortunate that many young adults engage in sexual relationships before they are emotionally, physically and mentally ready. They need to know it's all right to say no. A mature sexual relationship is a two-way street.

# Let child know you mean business about work

**Q.** Of the 40 mothers represented in my 4-year-old son's pre-K program, I am one of only 3 who work outside the home. I do so not for economic reasons, but simply because I enjoy it. My son knows his after school situation (the school runs from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.) is unique, and he makes it clear, almost daily, that he wants me to stop working so he can come directly home at the end of the regular school day. I've explained, over and over again why I work, and I give him more than enough of my time in the evenings and on weekends, but nothing short of my quitting my job will satisfy him. Is there something else I can do, something I'm missing, that will help him adjust positively to his situation?



**PARENTING**  
**John Rosemond**

one thing, allowing a child to "beat a dead horse" in this manner creates a soap opera within which the child begins to perceive himself as a victim. "Your son is not a victim. There is nothing "wrong" with the decision you have made in that it does not compromise your son's development in any way, shape, or form." The more you explain yourself, the more it appears that you are pleading with him to understand and forgive. The fact is, you do not need forgiveness, and he will not understand the why's and wherefores of your decision until he is much older.

his part to beat the expired equine. The next step in your rehabilitation will be to stop giving so much of yourself to him during the evenings and on weekends. Like a typical well-intentioned working parent, you're putting your son at the center of your attention entirely too much. He needs to see that outside of your job, you are not a one-dimensional cardboard cut-out with a sign reading "What can I do for you?" hung about your neck, but rather an interesting person with a variety of interests and responsibilities, of which he is one. An important one, yes, but not the only one.

**A.** Yes, you can stop talking about it with him. Letting children express their feelings freely has its place, but letting a child express the same feeling over and over again is not to change, is not in the child's best interest. For

So save your breath. It's time you stopped being mealy-mouthed and started acting like

an authority figure who has confidence in her own decisions. At the next opportunity, sit down with him and say, "We have talked about my job enough. You've obviously said all you have to say, and I've said all I have to say. I know how you feel, and you know how I feel. So, I've decided we're not going to talk about it anymore. From now on, when you want to talk to me about my work, I'm simply going to tell you to find something to do. If I see that you need something to stop thinking about it, I'm going to have you do some work for me like clean your room or police the yard. Got it?"

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# Author: Your preteen wants you to reach out

## Knight Rider News Service

Grown-ups have a valuable new resource to tap when it comes to understanding and relating to the unique and complex lives of preteens. "Our Last Best Shot: Guiding Our Children Through Early Adolescence," written by Washington Post reporter Laura Sessions Stepp, offers realistic approaches to understanding and mentoring kids ages 10 to 14. Early adolescence is a fast-paced time when kids sprout up and fill out, and they seriously begin to question authority and where they fit in. And that's when they need parents, teachers and adults most. "It is not our last opportunity, our children's intellectual and emotional growth continues for years afterward at a slower pace. But it is our last best opportunity, because they are beginning to adopt patterns of thought and behavior that will accompany them for years to come," Stepp writes. She introduces readers to 12 very average youngsters — from a rural Kansas town to suburban North Carolina to the urban streets of Los Angeles. Some have been in trouble with the law or at school; others struggle in fractured but stable homes. She frames each family crisis in the context of research on child psychology and early adolescence,

helping readers understand the how and why. Some of the kids are teetering on delinquency, while others are fumbling through puberty, and their outcomes vary, depending on how the adults in their lives react to the situations. There are tips at the end of each section and resource pages at the end of the book to help parents and their teens weather different storms. "I was looking for kids who had some kind of story to tell, like the girl who had diabetes and was very shy," Stepp said. "I knew she would be a hard interview because she didn't talk too much. But there was something about her own struggle with her shyness and her diabetes that would tell a good story." The families are African-American, white and Latino, but Stepp said the problems they face and the solutions that come out of them are universal. "Good parenting looks the same in every family," she said. "Our Last Best Shot" has been heralded by parents and educators who lament that this tumultuous time for children is often lumped together with the older teen-age years. First Lady Hillary Clinton, speaking at this year's White House Conference on Teenagers, called the book a "road map for parents." During a tour to promote the book, Stepp says she has encountered

hundreds of parents who could use a guide. They are frustrated and confused, she says, and hold many misconceptions about what it means to be a preteen. "I think the biggest one is that they're going to be terrible all the way through," she says. "But most kids along the way have periods of being very sweet and very creative and insightful." Another myth is that when kids hit a certain age they stop talking with parents. But in her almost two years of research for the book, Stepp found teens who were bursting to share their lives. "Many of them had no other adults in their lives who would listen to them as long as they wanted to talk," she said. "They didn't have any other adult to whom they could bare their soul." Stepp said talking to the teens forced her to confront issues with her own son, Jeff, 15. "I would go back and try to relay these conversations to him and prompt him to talk. But he is not a talker." Drawing on her own experience, she offers parents advice on engaging children. "I've had to devise ways of getting stuff out of him that don't seem like that's what I'm trying to do. I think that's why it's so important to play with your kids and go out to dinner with them and just include them in your life all the time so that, at some

point they are going to start talking to you in little bits and pieces. It's almost like a jigsaw puzzle that you're putting together, trying to get a picture of their lives."

# Tired of same-old games? Check these out

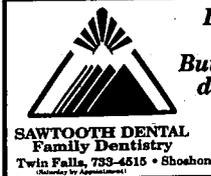
Ever been bored on the playground at school? Probably, I know I have! Believe it or not, there is a solution. Go to Kids Games! They have classic games and rules, such as hopscotch, Chinese jump rope, marbles, tag, and four square. There are also some games that you might not have heard of. Some of these games are Popcorn, Ghost in the Graveyard and Pickle. Have you ever had a problem choosing who is "It" in some games? This site has lots of different fun ways to choose who is



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**New site**  
Every week, Kids Online profiles a different Web site dedicated to kids. Today's site is <http://www.games4kidsplay.com/>

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# 'Storm' may be too fierce for children; 'Kid' is wonderful for the entire family

## The Orange County Register

• "The Perfect Storm" (PG-13) - Twin Cinema, Motor-Vu Drive-in of Twin Falls, Century Cinema of Twin Falls, Magic Lantern of Twin Falls, Jerome Cinema.

Best for: Mature audiences  
What it's about: On Halloween night 1991, three raging weather fronts collided to produce a fierce, gigantic, deadly storm the perfect storm. Billy Tyne (George Clooney), captain of the Andrea Gail, is a veteran fisherman who's had a run of poor catches and decides to make one last trip before he and the crew leave. He convinces his crew - Bobby Shatford (Mark Wahlberg), Dale "Murph" Murphy (John C. Reilly), Alfred Pierre (Allen Payne), Bugsy (John Hawkes) and the substitute replacement Sully (William Fichtner) - that they can better if they go out just one more time and go farther than they've ever before.

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changed (or lost) in an instant, and how foolish, selfish decisions based on greed and pride have deadly costs and consequences. This is not a perfect movie because the story relies on special effects more than character development to carry it. But it does deliver a perfect special-effects storm that is entertaining, terrifying and amazing.

The not-so-good: Plenty of salty language. Possibly too intense for younger children.

Offensive language: Lots of it. Sexual situations: There's a scene with a couple undressing and getting ready for bed and other dialogue with jeering remarks about men who sleep with women before they go out to sea. Nothing sexually graphic is shown, and there's no nudity.

Violence: A shark washes on board and bites a man in the water. Another man gets a hook caught in his hand, other characters drown in the storm - but those scenes are handled respectfully. Parental advisory: Although the special effects will attract the older kids who see the commercials and want to go, this is still an adult drama with mature themes, so parents, be discerning about taking children - especially if you ever want them to go out on a boat again.

Entertainment value: B+

• "The Kid" (PG) - Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Jerome, Liberty Theater of Halley.

Best for: All ages  
What it's about: Russ Durtiz (Bruce Willis) is a successful image consultant who barks orders at his secretary (Lily Tomlin) and avoids visits from his aging father. He has created a perfect life for himself as an image consultant who fixes other

people's lives. The only problem is, he's lonely, and something is missing in his life. One evening Russ catches an 8-year-old boy named Rusty (Spencer Breslin) playing in his house with a toy airplane. With his 40th birthday a couple of days away, Russ embarks on a journey to find out why he has come back (in his 8-year-old form) and what can be learned from his younger self.

The good: This is a unique story that will have you laughing and crying by the time it's over. Willis and Breslin are a brilliant team. The lessons Russ learns from Rusty about his adult behavior, having fun and what he has really become in life, will hit a nerve with every adult. The hilarious dialogues and funny situations Rusty gets into will entertain and delight children and teens of all ages. This is a wonderful story full of human emotion and situations that are entertaining, original and truthful. It is going to be huge hit and will probably be "The Sixth Sense" for this summer.

Violence: Take something to wipe your eyes, especially if you're over 40. The not-so-good: There are a couple of scenes where Rusty cries and weeps in an upset. Dad. Adult issues are dealt with in a way that won't offend kids. Offensive language: None. In fact, the kid says "Holy smokes" the entire movie. It's a truly refreshing and funny to hear '60s slang used as the "bad language" in a movie.

Sex: None  
Violence: A couple of boys have a fistfight with Rusty. Parental advisory: This is one of the best movies you will see with your kids in a long time. Take them and spend time afterwards talking about events or situations in their life (good and bad) that might be (or have been) a dramatic turning point for them. This is wonderful therapy for adults and great entertainment for kids.

Entertainment value: A+

# Mom doesn't always get the kids

## The Gazette

The days when the kids automatically went to live with Mom after a divorce are over.

Fatherhood in itself has become a very important issue," said John Sims, a sociologist and founder of the Single and Custodial Fathers Network, based in Pennsylvania. "We have an influx of fathers that really do want to be more involved with their children. And we're finding fathers don't want their families destroyed" after divorce.

Figures on the number of fathers with some type of custody of their kids are tough to come by - courts, for example, don't customarily keep records according to whether the mother or father got custody.

Of course, many more children live with their mothers than their fathers. And the lack of fathers' involvement in their kids' lives remains a top concern among experts.

Still, there are signs of new, heightened roles for fathers. U.S. Census figures, for example, show:

- There were 3.1 million children living with only their father in 1998, triple the number in 1980.
- The number of single fathers

grew 25 percent from 1995 to 1998, to 2.1 million. At the same time, the number of single mothers remained constant, at 9.8 million.

Men comprised one in six of the nation's 11.9 million single parents in 1998, up from one in seven in 1995 and one in 10 in 1980.

In the Colorado Springs area, there hasn't been a significant increase in the number of fathers seeking custody, said 4th Judicial District Court Judge Peter Booth, who oversees domestic court cases.

But there has been a significant change in attitude - both among fathers, who now believe they can successfully raise their kids, and among jurists, he said.

"Years ago we had the 'tender years doctrine' that favored mothers-over-fathers for very young children," he said of the court system. "But there is no longer any preconceived notion that mother is better than father."

Experts point to three catalysts behind the changes. Working-women have given men more leeway in caring for their children. Society, by way of popular culture, mass media and other vehicles, has changed its view of fatherhood.

And men, increasingly, are fighting for custody of their children.

"For the recent history, it's been traditional that the primary parent in care-giving has been Mom," said Ken Sanders, director of the Center on Fathering in Colorado Springs. "Fathers' job was to go out and work and earn a living. That way they had a limited role in caring for their children."

Sims, who has custody of his youngest child, saw the scenario play out between the birth of his first child, now 32, and the birth of his last, who is 11. "My first child was born in a military hospital," Sims said. "I didn't even get a chance to hold her until she was about 5 years old," he said. "When my 11-year-old was born, because of the complications in the birth, I was physically the first person to touch her. I held her before the doctor."

Meanwhile, a national movement for fathers, spurred by men's rights groups and groups like the National Fatherhood Initiative, has pushed fathers into the forefront. And new studies have shown that children with fathers who are active in their lives do better in school and show fewer signs of depression than children without.

# Website helps identify lost pets

## Knight Ridder Newspapers

Pets will roam. In Hollywood-movies-about this has happy endings: Dogs and cats, after traversing their way through the woods of a field of wildflowers into the arms of teary-eyed boys and girls.

But in real life, animal shelters take in 8 million to 12 million lost pets a year. Only 14 percent of dogs and 4 percent of cats have heartwarming reunions with their owners. Perhaps some pets are found by another loving family that spoils them rotten. But probably not many.

"There's this black hole about the outcome," said Deborah Tate Welsh, a Kansas City, Mo., woman who recently hatched AWOLPET.com, an Internet-based network to bring lost pets and owners together. "The most agonizing part is not knowing."

Welsh grew up in Missouri's Bootheel, where her father was a

## To learn more...

For more information call 1-888-743-6465 or send e-mail inquiries to [info@awolpet.com](mailto:info@awolpet.com). Headline: Web site helps identify and return missing animals.

veternarian. As a youngster, she helped her dad's rabies-vaccination clinics, carefully recording each pet's vaccination tag number.

Welsh grew up to be a lawyer, rather than a vet, a decision she still sometimes second guesses. In recent years, doing legal work for LEXIS-NEXIS in North America, she became well-versed in computer search engines. From that background, combined with her work with animals, an idea emerged.

"I thought 'What a great way to find lost pets,'" Welsh said. "Actually use the rabies tag, blend it with the Internet and design a search engine around it."

So she quit her LEXIS-NEXIS job last November and recently launched a Web site <http://www.awolpet.com/>. Web owners can register pets by the number on their rabies tag, plus other identifiers, such as the year on the tag or vet information, and become part of a database. Someone who finds a lost pet can call up the site, enter the tag information and find the owner in seconds.

Registering on the site costs \$7 and covers the length of the pet's current rabies vaccination, generally one to three years. There's a discount for multiple pets. Renewal is \$4. Owners can register pets online or use registration forms, which Welsh has distributed to veterinary offices, animal shelters and some pet stores.

Welsh said the Web site only discloses the pet's name and its owner's name and phone numbers to the finder. Addresses are kept private. Pet owners also can opt not to have their names disclosed.

# Study questions prior findings on effects of family size on kids' IQs

## The Washington Post

For years, it's been a truism among psychologists and social scientists: Smarter kids grow up in families with fewer children - specifically those with one or at most two kids.

Now, a new study shows, it appears the experts confused cause with effect. A long-term study of more than 11,400 American children and their parents has found that while parents with lower IQs tend to have more children, large families alone do not produce children with low IQs; other factors, such as parental IQ, are believed to

be responsible. So what's the genesis of the association of smaller families and higher intelligence, a concept enshrined in a 1975 magazine article by psychologist R. B. Zajonc entitled "Dumber By the Dozen?"

A team of researchers writing in the current issue of the journal American Psychologist reports that "the 'intelligence-hypothesis' stems from a widely promulgated but scientifically specious theory: that the more children in a family, the skimpier the resources - time, money, attention, food, love - available to each child.

It may sound reasonable, but an analysis of data from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, which included regular intelligence testing and assessment of children's academic performance, found that duller parents make large families, large families do not make duller children. The gap in average IQ between mothers of one child and mothers of five children was 20 percent, the researchers discovered.

Family environment, parental intelligence and genetics are far more influential than family size when it comes to children's IQs, the authors conclude.

# Growth charts undergo a makeover

## Newsway

Growth charts, that staple of the pediatrician's office, are coming of age. The newly revised charts are more reflective of diversity and should be better predictors of when a child is at risk for being overweight.

Growth charts don't seem like such a big deal, but they are one concrete way a doctor can track a child's change in height and weight over time compared with other children his or her age. With among children, doctors say they need a sharper tool to pinpoint when a child is close to becoming overweight. This way they can raise the issue with parents and help make sure kids are getting exercise and eating healthy foods.

Charts for children ages 2 to 20 will now also calculate the BMI index, or BMI, a major change over previous charts, which plotted only height and weight percentages. BMI is weight in kilograms, divided by height in meters squared (that is, kg/m<sup>2</sup>). You can calculate BMI on the Internet at: <http://www.nhlbiisupport.com/bmi/>.

"BMI correlates better with excess body fat, but it's not as good as a measure of health doesn't correlate as well," said Dr. Marc Jacobson, head of the center for atherosclerosis prevention at Schneider Children's Hospital in New Rochelle, N.Y. "The fact that it will now be available in an easily assessable percentile curve that we can track over time means it'll be eas-

**To learn more...**  
You can look at the new growth charts via the Internet at: <http://www.cdc.gov/growthcharts>.

ier to pick up the risk of obesity earlier.

A BMI of 25 is generally regarded as overweight, while 30 or above is considered obese. About 14 percent of children ages 6-11 and 11 percent of those 12-19 are overweight or obese, up 6 percent since 1980. In fact, so sharp was the increase in weight in the last national survey (the National Health Examination Survey III, taken in 1989-94) that experts, after much cogitation, chose not to include the findings in the growth charts for children above age 6. When scientists were trying to calculate what was on the actual data, the weight increase was so big, it would have skewed the charts, the authors of the growth charts, from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, found.

The last growth charts were released in 1977. Those for children ages 2-18 were based on height and weight of children collected from 1963 to 1974. There wasn't a similar national database for birth to 36 months and those charts were based on a study of children collected from southwestern Ohio.

"In my practice, a New York City practice, that is clearly our population," said Dr. Debra

Greenstein, clinical assistant professor of pediatrics at New York University's Medical Center in Manhattan.

The new charts for birth to 36 months are based on national data and should be a more accurate reflection nationally of all American children, Greenstein said.

These charts do not use BMIs, although BMIs are calculated from age 2 on. This is because "there's a lot of bouncing around" in terms of growth in the early months of development, which doesn't correlate particularly well with BMI, said Robert Kuczmarski of the National Center for Health Statistics and lead author of the growth charts report. Also, he said, in the early months, wiggly children make it hard to get an accurate measure of length. "If you use BMI you're not only squaring the length, you're squaring the error," Kuczmarski said.

What is this going to mean for the average child? Probably not a whole lot, Kuczmarski said. For the most part, there are minor differences in the 1977 and 2000 percentile charts. As would be expected - given that the previous data was based on a study of growth in only one Ohio study - the biggest differences occur between the two percentiles of charts among infants. The weight-for-age curves are generally higher than in the 1977 charts; this will result in more frequent classifications of some infants as underweight.

# Rural

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## GOOD CITIZENS



Photo courtesy of Mary Lynn Bristol.

The Citizens of Month for May in Declo High School's Renaissance Excellence in Education Program are, from left, back row: Brennan Baker, Lance Osterhout, Tony Pizzaro, Keith Perley, Jeremy Webb, Cory Wilkinson, Han Hsaling Hsiao, Tyler Daskaak and Mike Zarybnak; front row: Angela Yarbrough, Heather Bowcut, Lisa Carson-Jessie Payne, Mackensay Priest and Heather Hunsaker. Aaron Hoopes and Elva Santana were not available for the picture. They were selected by the faculty for demonstrating exemplary citizenship during the month and each received a certificate and a gift certificate for a combo meal to the Country Store in Declo. Their names were listed on the Citizenship Board in the front hall of the school.

## RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES



Photo courtesy of Emergency Medical Services Week.

The ACE Fire Protection Unit participated in celebrations held during Emergency Medical Services Week, May 14-20. Members are, left to right, Dennis James, Stan Lloyd, Mike Mitten, Mike Santini and Sam Adams. Members not shown are Juanita Jones, Tammy Jones, Lorin Durfee, Randy Farley, Clint Lloyd, Vanna Ward and Josh Ward.

## MONEY BACK



Photo courtesy of Susan Tuft

Left to right, Verna and Roger Dean and Vic and Judy Jackman are presented with a rebate check for early membership renewal from Community Concerts President Susan Tuft. Not pictured, but also receiving a check were Frank Bauman, Sally Allred and Deanna Davis.



Photo courtesy of Emergency Medical Services Week.

The Raft River Quick Response Unit participated in celebrations held during Emergency Medical Services Week, May 14-20. Unit members are, from left to right, Mike Wheeler, Melba Bodily, Gloria Tegan, Loma Cook, Vaughn Cook, Carol Woodbury, Lyle Woodbury, Michelle Searle, Earl Janson and Doug Searle.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### SHIBA will be available for Social Security and health information

BURLEY - Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) will be available at Cassia Regional Medical Center by appointment.

SHIBA is a free public service of the Idaho Department of Insurance and the Cassia Regional Medical Center Volunteers.

The program provides information, counseling and assistance to senior citizens in the community. Working hand in hand with the Social Security Administration and the Health Care Finance Administration, SHIBA volunteers will bring the latest information on Medicare, Medicaid and other related programs, organizers say.

They can also provide information about physicians limiting charges, open enrollment, basic plans and many other aspects of public and private insurance. SHIBA volunteers are trained to help seniors become a wise consumer of private insurance, organizers say. They can counsel on what kind and how much insurance may be needed, as well as help find the best buys in insurance coverage. Volunteers will assist with Medicare billings, serve as a liaison with Medicare and also help with Medicaid applications.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, call Geri Alejandro at 677-6526.

### Cassia Regional Medical Center offers an infant care class

BURLEY - Cassia Regional Medical Center is offering an infant care class on Tuesday.

Class will be taught from 7-9 p.m. in the board room. Topics covered include infant care, feeding and bathing. The cost for the class, including several other childbirth classes is \$20.

### Wyatt represents Heyburn in Junior Miss America contest

HEYBURN - Monica Wyatt, daughter of David and Wanda Wyatt of Heyburn, has been selected to be a part of the Junior Miss America Achievement Program and represent the city of Heyburn at the Miss Junior America State/National Finals Aug. 2-6 in Orange County, Calif.

She is one of only 10 percent of all applicants of all applicants selected in her state, organizers say. The selection process is based on their completed application, including school activities, academic status, community involvement and future goals.

Junior America has been in existence for more than 16 years, organizers say. Wyatt, 18, may appear in parades, ribbon cutting ceremonies, community gatherings and mall fashion shows and would also like to volunteer to help with local charitable and service events such as speaking at schools, organizers say. Activities she has participated in include the swimming program and Halloween safety program as a volunteer at South Central Community Action, History Day competition and Relay for Life. She is also on the high honor roll at Mini-Cassia Opportunity Center.

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Her sponsors are Advanced Welding Technology, Stinker Station and Home Sweet Homes.

Vista Assisted Living Center holds open house on Wednesday

RUPERT - Vista Assisted Living at 243 North 300 East of Rupert celebrates its second annual free community barbeque from 5-8 Wednesday.

Festivities include music provided by Kurt Kruger of 99.9 the Buzz. Super Save Drug & Home Living Services will have a booth offering free blood pressure checks and other activities.

Tours of Vista Assisted Living Center for the elderly and disabled will also be available.

For more information, call Phyllis or Vicki at 436-3332.

### Minidoka County Historical Society hosts general meeting

RUPERT - The Minidoka County Historical Society will host its general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at its location at 100 E. Baseline Road in Rupert.

The meeting agenda will include plans for participation in the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument visitor Center on State Street, Highway 30, across from Hagerman High School in Hagerman.

Park rangers from the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument will guide the tour to the location where the fossils of a historic horse herd were found, organizers say.

### National Park Service leads tour of Hagerman Fossil Beds

HAGERMAN - The National Park Service will lead a tour of the Hagerman Fossil Beds at 9:30 a.m. Saturday leaving the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument Visitor Center on State Street, Highway 30, across from Hagerman High School in Hagerman.

Park rangers from the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument will guide the tour to the location where the fossils of a historic horse herd were found, organizers say.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### Horsley receives full scholarship to enter performing arts camp

Felicia Horsley, the 14-year-old daughter of Scott and Chris Horsley, was awarded a full tuition scholarship to attend Centre Stage Studios Performing Arts Camp in Nampa July 10-15.

The camp is directed by Jessica Ruffell and Wendy Morrison and includes instruction in voice, acting, musical theater, ballet, tap and jazz.

She is a freshman at Burley Junior High School where she is a cheerleader. She is also a student of Centre Stage Studios in Burley where she is a member of the Junior Company Centre Stage Dancers and also Centre Stage Company Ballet.

### Crane receives alumni natural resources achievement award

Kelly K. Crane, son of Keith and Ramona Crane of Burley, was honored with the College of Natural Resources Alumni Achievement Award for 2000.

The award recognizes an alumnus who has achieved distinction in the natural resources field within 10 years of college graduation.



Kelly Crane

Crane graduated from the University of Idaho in 1990 with a bachelor's of science in range resources and received his master's degree at the University of Wyoming in range land ecology and watershed management in 1994. He has also received the Wyoming Stockgrower's Outstanding Range Professional Award for 1999 and the USDA Forest Service Range Stewardship Award in 1996.

Crane is a Burley High School graduate and lives in Laramie, Wyo. with his wife Sarah.

### Thurber attends marketing studies in Louisville

Joylene Thurber, granddaughter of Elaine Mahoney of Burley and Luella Thurber of Rupert, attended the National Career Development Conference for Marketing Studies in Louisville, Ky.

More than 1,500 college students from across the nation participated and she was one of the top 10 finalists.

She is majoring in marketing at Salt Lake Community College and works



Joylene Thurber

part-time for her marketing professor, Curtis Youngman.

She was also in charge of the statewide DECA Invitational for high school students in Utah.

Thurber is also active in Dressage Riding. She owns and trains her own horse named Tiger Lily, an 8-year-old Oldenburg mare. Thurber also received a first level Performance Award from the U.S. Dressage Federation.

She is the daughter of Duane and Merkyia Thurber of South Jordan, Utah.

### Twin Falls School District announces award winners

The Twin Falls School District announced several state award winners.

Twin Falls High School district IV contestants in the state solo contest at Timberline High School competed against student musicians from all over the state.

Geoff Gable won a bronze medal, Carren Hamilton won a bronze and Debbie Sligar won a gold.

Paige Allen also placed third in the senior high school poetry division of the Magic Valley Young Authors competition.

## New 4-H assistant comes from farm life

BURLEY - A woman familiar with farm life has been hired as the 4-H program administrative assistant for the Cassia County Extension System.

Maria Lowder was raised in Aberdeen on a dairy farm. Her father also raised potatoes, wheat and alfalfa and her mother worked at jobs outside the home. She is the youngest of 10 children and two foster children. She says she enjoyed participating in 4-H.

Lowder earned her bachelor's degree in education from Utah State University in Logan, Utah and received a master's degree in agriculture education from the

### Want more information?

Want to get in touch with Maria Lowder? Call her at 878-8461.

University of Idaho, 4-H officials say. She was inspired to get involved after working at a couple of summer camps.

"I have come to love the youth and have a strong desire to help them achieve their goals in life. I want to teach them life skills that can help them in the future because they are our future leaders," Lowder says. "4-H is a great program because it gives the youth the opportunity to learn life skills."

Some of her goals as the new 4-H program administrative assistant are to provide all young people the opportunity to be in 4-H, giving them a chance to learn

new things, improve their life skills, be a resource for leaders and help them in any way she can, as well as encourage trust and cooperation and to keep the fun in 4-H, Lowder says.

"It is an educational program," she emphasizes. "But, if we are to keep the youth involved, we need to make it enjoyable."

Lowder has asked 4-H leaders to invite her to their meetings because she wants to meet all the leaders and 4-H members in the county. She also says she is willing to help with a presentation or anything needed by the club.

"I look forward to working with the 4-H program in the county," she says, "and helping the leaders, members and extension staff wherever I am needed."

She will work in the system office located in the Cassia County Courthouse on Overland Avenue in Burley.



Maria Lowder

# ENGAGEMENTS

## QUIGLEY-THOMAS

TWIN FALLS - Russell and Joyce Quigley of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer Quigley to Geoff Thomas, son of Bruce and Colleen Thomas of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Quigley is a graduate of Ricks College. She plans to attend the College of Southern Idaho this fall to obtain her licensed practical nurse certification. Thomas is a graduate of Idaho State University with a bachelor's degree in biology. He is currently employed at the Idaho Youth Ranch. The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Idaho Falls Temple. A reception will be held in their honor.



Geoff Thomas and Jennifer Quigley from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls LDS Church on Caswell Drive. The couple will reside in Rupert.

## EAMES-GILLETT

TWIN FALLS - Steve and Barbara Johnson of Twin Falls and Karl Eames of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Kassandra Kay Eames, to Joseph Kent Gillett, son of Gale and Jolene Gillett of Declo.

Eames is a 1997 graduate of Burley High School and has attended the College of Southern Idaho, where she was a member of the Golden Girls dance team. While pursuing her undergraduate dental field, she currently employed as a dental assistant at Dr. J. Scott Lyman at Green Acres Family Dental Group. Gillett is a 1996 graduate of Declo High School and is currently employed



Joseph Gillett and Kassandra Eames for Barry Rental in Twin Falls. The wedding and reception are planned for Friday at The Ballroom in Twin Falls. The couple will reside in Twin Falls.

## BROWN-GOETZ

HOLLISTER - Mike and Toni Brown announce the engagement of their daughter, Lesli Michele Brown, to William Joseph Goetz, son of Kerry Tubbs of Twin Falls and Joe and Kathy Goetz of Ferencola, Fla.

Brown is a 1997 graduate of Filer High School. She is currently employed by Mikap Brown Consulting in Twin Falls. Goetz attended Filer High School. He is currently employed at Cactus Petes in Jackpot, Nev., and will be going into the Navy on Oct. 24. The wedding is planned for Saturday at the Hollister City Park.



William Goetz and Lesli Brown. The couple will reside in Twin Falls when they are transferred in February 2001 to Graton, Conn.

## GIBSON-SUCHAN

PAUL - Curtis and Terese Gibson of Blackfoot announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheyenne Brooke Gibson, to Russell Frank Suchan, son of Frank and Joyce Suchan of Paul.

Gibson is a 1999 graduate of Snake River High School. She attended the College of Southern Idaho last year. Suchan is a 1998 graduate of Minico High School, and has attended CSI for the last two years. He is employed by Suchan Farms in Paul. The wedding is planned for 4 p.m. Friday at the Booth Barn, 1100 Booth Road in Pocatello. A reception in their honor will be held from 7 to 9 p.m.



Cheyenne Gibson and Russell Suchan Friday at the Booth Barn.

## HANSEN-WILLIAMS

TWIN FALLS - Russ and Lana Winsor of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Kenya Leigh Hansen, to Eric Lynn Williams, son of Randy and Kathy Williams of Twin Falls.

Hansen is attending the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at KayBee Toys in Twin Falls. Williams is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. He is employed at Albertsons in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for July 29.



Kenya Hansen and Eric Williams.

## PATTERSON-CHRISTENSEN

PAUL - Arnold and Cecilia Patterson of Paul announce the engagement of their daughter, Tami Patterson, to Richard Christensen, son of Lauritz and Sharon Christensen of Fruitland.

Patterson graduated from Minico High School in 1997. She attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and Brigham Young Hawaii before transferring to Idaho State University, where she will graduate this year in accounting. She is currently employed as a computer consultant for ISU. Christensen graduated from Fruitland High School in 1994 and served in the West Virginia Charleston Mission from 1995-1997. He graduated from ISU in May 2000 with a double major in accounting and computer information systems. He will enter ISU's masters program in the fall and will take the certified public



Tami Patterson and Richard Christensen. He accountant exam in November. He is currently employed as an auditor for Deloitte & Touche in Boise. The wedding is planned for Friday in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple. A garden reception will be held in their honor on July 28 at the Patterson's residence. The couple will briefly reside in Pocatello before moving to Boise.

## SCOTT-LOPEZ

KIMBERLY - Jeff and Lynne Scott of Kimberly announce the engagement of their daughter, Molly Suzanne Scott, to Tommy Jayson Lopez, son of Gail Witt of Cypress, Calif., and Jennifer Lopez.

Scott is a graduate of Kimberly High School and Idaho State University in Pocatello. She is employed at Safeway in Twin Falls. Lopez is a graduate of Cypress High School in Cypress, Calif. He is employed by Audio Warehouse in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for July 29.



Tommy Lopez and Molly Scott.

## BROADIE-WILLIAMS

PICABO - Moj and Debbie Broadie of Picabo announce the engagement of their daughter, Dejanet "Dee" Dawn Broadie, to Jason Todd Williams, son of Barry and Valerie Williams of Arbon Valley.

Broadie is a graduate of Carey High School and Ricks College with an agricultural business degree. She is currently working on the family ranch in Picabo. Williams is a graduate of American Falls High School and Ricks College with an agricultural business and animal science degree. He served an LDS mission



Dejanet Broadie and Jason Williams in Thailand. He is currently working on the family ranch in Arbon Valley. The wedding is planned for Aug. 4 at the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

## KOITZ-JACOBS

EDEN - Del and Fran Koitz of Eden announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Koitz, to Tyson Jacobs, son of Marty and Sherry Jacobs of Kimberly.

Koitz is employed by Horizon Airline in Boise. Jacobs is employed by Bogus Basin Ski Resort in Boise. The wedding is planned for 7:30 p.m. July 29 at Magic Mountain Ski Resort.



Tyson Jacobs and Kristen Koitz.

## JACK MEANS

JACKPOT - Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Jack of Jackpot announce the engagement of their daughter, Davanie Elizabeth Jack, to Jeffrey Scott Means, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Means of Thousand Oaks, Calif.

The wedding is planned for Friday at the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Jackpot Recreation Center in Jackpot.



Jeffrey Means and Davanie Jack.

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# ANNIVERSARIES

## THE BRAGGS

Jerome - Mr. and Mrs. Clyde C. "Bud" Bragg of Jerome will be honored at an open house on Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Sawtooth Inn, 3057 S. Lincoln in Jerome. The couple requests no gifts.

Bragg and Corine Davis were married July 23, 1950, in Jerome. They have lived and farmed north-east of Jerome for 50 years. The event is being given by their children, Debbie Bragg of Jerome, Charlene Bragg and Steve Bender of



Corine and Clyde Bragg. Denver, Colo., Shonty (Dudley) Ward of Boise, and Brenda Junot of Ketchum. The couple has 10 grandchildren.

## THE KUYKENDALLS

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Tro Kuykendall will be honored at an open house on July 23 for their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Turf Club in Twin Falls. The couple requests no gifts.

Kuykendall and Wilma Esslinger were married Oct. 10, 1940, at the First Christian Church in Twin Falls, where they continue to be active members. They are celebrating early to coincide with the Union School reunion which family members are attending. They have always lived in the Twin Falls area and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1935. He farmed until 1960, when he started working at Amalgamated Sugar Company. He retired in 1980. The event is hosted by their two children, Jerry (Shelia) Kuykendall of Tualatin, Ore., and Peggy (Tom)



Iro and Wilma Kuykendall. Treford of Brisbane, Calif. The couple has four granddaughters and five great-grandchildren.

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# WEDDING



John and Jamie Darnall.

## HAMILTON-DARNALL

TWIN FALLS - Jamie Lee Hamilton and John F. Darnall were married June 17 at the White House in Twin Falls.

Officiating was Matthew Franz. The bride is the daughter of Bill and Imogene Hamilton of Twin Falls.

Parents of the bridegroom are Victor and Barbara Darnall of Filer. Sarah Laley, friend of the bride, served as the bride's matron of honor.

Ester Aguilar, friend of the bride, was the bridesmaid. Katy Horton, friend of the bride, was the flower girl.

Mike Burgoyne, friend of the groom, served as best man. Josh Dudley, friend of the groom, was the groomsman.

Ushers were Rodell Darnall, brother of the groom, and Cher Hunsaker and Will Darnall, nephews of the groom.

Hagen Hunsaker, nephew of the groom, was the ring bearer. Special guests included grandparents of the bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kiser of Jerome.

A reception was held following the ceremony. Debbie Horton, friend of the couple, attended the guest book. Gift attendants were Suna Hunsaker, sister of the groom, and Jess Darnall, nephew of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at Ameri Pride.

The bridegroom is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. He is employed with the Filer Police Department. The newlyweds reside in Filer.

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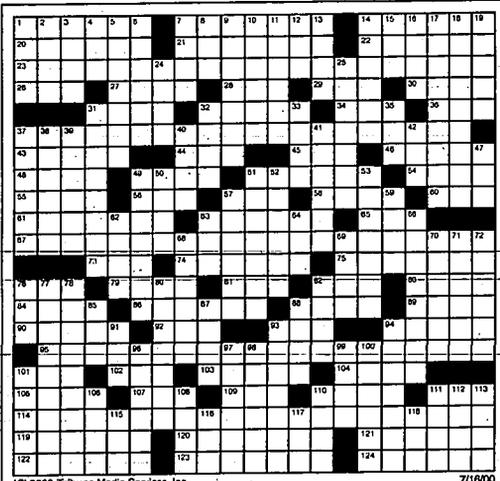
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By Sheryl Scott, Akron, Ohio

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The only stupid question is the one you never asked — so ask

His father was a drunk, and his mother — a timid soul, but a good mother, at the same time was an enabler for her husband — unable to stop him from drinking and not standing up to him for the hard life he had inflicted upon her and their children.

They lived in a ramshackle house and were dirt poor, their clothes an indication of how little they possessed, although they were always clean and neat.

Even (not his real name) was an angry young man, angry at the circumstances, because of his circumstances, but he was bright — he was very, very bright. And he was determined, about as determined as any child I ever taught in Wendell, to better himself — to succeed, to rise above the poverty of his life. Even was an athlete and a scholar, and though he was outstanding in both areas, he seldom smiled.

He tackled everything as though he was killing snakes, and I must admit he was a difficult student — not difficult by being unruly, but by often questioning the statements I made. Though I attempted good answers, I was young and not nearly as well-read as I would later become. At the time I was somewhat upset, and it was only later that I would realize how much Evan had done for me. I was forced, because of his constant questioning, to find answers, and, in the doing, I became a better, more knowledgeable teacher.

Even went on to become very



**AFTER CLASS**  
 Gay Peterson

successful in his life. He became well-known and highly respected. Most of you would recognize him by his real name.

I never forgot Evan, and because of him I often begged my students to question me, to discuss my points. I tried to make them understand that I did not know all the answers, that my every word did not indicate that I had total knowledge. How difficult it was for students to ask questions after years of being programmed, as we all were, to sit quietly and not question anyone in authority.

I remember very well one day when I decided to test my students on this very item. I was discussing a battle in one war or another, and I said, "and the sun didn't set for twenty-four hours."

I watched as they dutifully wrote down that sentence. Then I stopped and said, "Read what you just wrote down." They did, and no one said a word. I said, "Does that make sense?" One raised his hand and said, "You said it, so it must be true." I had to sit down I was so astounded. After a pause and an explanation, I stopped the lecture and told the students that

if they were to be successful in life they must question, must not just blindly accept, must be able to think for themselves.

Had it not been for Evan I wonder if I would have had the courage to tell them such a thing. It can be difficult for a teacher to be questioned for it can be a bit intimidating.

It might be good for all of us to occasionally have someone question our statements and opinions. As we get older the majority of us become, as they say, "set in our ways." This often makes us rigid and inflexible. Although we should never back down when it comes to morals and ethics, we cannot claim to know the answers to everything, and we certainly should not claim that our statements are always above reproach.

It might however allow us to have, in our midst, someone like an Evan who questions, who makes us work a bit to justify what we are so positive about. Times change and people change, and we should be willing to allow ourselves the luxury of not always being totally right all the time. Someone like Evan can, perhaps, be a catalyst for change, allowing us to grow in the ability to question ourselves and improve our knowledge — not a bad idea.

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Get Social Security benefit statement off Internet site

**Knight Ridder News Service**

Q. In January, I received a benefit statement (SSA-1099), which showed my Social Security benefits during 1999. I misplaced my benefit statement and now I need it for proof of my income to get a new apartment. How can I get a copy?

A. To request a Social Security statement you may request the statement on the Internet at www.ssa.gov. You may also call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213.

**Q & A**

Q. What do I need to do to change the bank where my Social Security benefit is deposited?

A. Call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, and they will change your direct deposit information over the telephone. Have your new and old account numbers handy when you call. Don't close your old bank account until direct deposit to your new account has started. You can call your new bank to make sure it has received your deposit.

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— Henry Ward Beecher

By Margarita Engle

Chicken Soup for the Soul

A product of the Depression, this woman's fragility pays off in a big way.

My mother, Eloisa Ferrer y Uria, was born in Trinidad, Cuba, during the Depression. It was a place and time where nothing was wasted. During her childhood, containers of all sorts were hoarded and reused. Broken clothespins and scraps of cloth were made into toys. The silk threads used to trim center-back breads and shawls. And any bare patch of soil could be a garden.

In the central courtyard of her family's old Spanish-style home, her father planted mangoes, orchids and chili peppers, filling every nook with beautiful and useful plants.

On Valentine's Day 1947, my mother met Martin Mondras, a visiting artist from Los Angeles who had seen photographs of picturesque Trinidad and had decided to paint its colonial architecture. They fell in love and were married.

When my mother moved to California with my father, her thrifty habits persisted. She scrubbed-out empty bleach bottles and cut holes in them to make birdhouses and planters. Balls of string became embroidered ornaments: Bits of cloth turned into elegant patchwork quilts and garments.

Outdoors, abalone shells and river rocks were set into homemade steppingstones. The decorative pathways wound through a tangled mass of wild castor beans. There, my mother put to

work the gardening lessons she had learned from her father in Cuba. Gradually, she transformed the wilderness, tackling the dense clay soil of Los Angeles with shovels and hoes. The steep hillside that served as our backyard was mothered into a beautifully terraced garden filled with avocado, almond and guava trees, roses, nasturtiums, amaryllis and cymbidium orchids.

For years, as she worked in the garden, my mother would unearth abandoned toys. There were tiny plastic soldiers holding broken weapons, miniature cowboys mounted on horses with swammy legs and glossy, rain-bow-hued marbles streaked with hairline cracks.

"Most people would have tossed these damaged playthings into the trash, my mother saw them as precious. When my sister and I teased her about saving someone else's trash, she shook her head gently and smiled.

"Just think," she marveled, "this house has a history, Somebody's children grew up here." It was easy for her to imagine adventurous little boys building cardboard forts in their castor-bean wilderness.

With the mud lovingly wiped off, the salvaged toys went into a shoebox on a shelf above the washing machine. Year after year, they took up space and gathered dust, but my mother just wouldn't get rid of them. She knew that a child had once treasured the shabby soldiers, cowboys and marbles. That made them important enough to save.

One day, long after my sister and I had grown up and left home, a middle-aged stranger knocked on my parents' door. My mother greeted him. He introduced himself, with some embarrassment.

"I grew up in this house," he explained apologetically. "I'm in town for my father's funeral, and I've been feeling nostalgic. Would you mind if I looked around?"

My mother sighed with sympathy and relief.

"I believe I have something that belongs to you," she said. She went to the top of the house, uncurled the box and handed it to the stranger. Puzzled, he lifted the lid — and then gasped in surprise at the bits and pieces of his boyhood so lovingly preserved.

Overwhelmed by the rush of memories, his eyes misted over. He could barely stammer his thanks.

My mother just smiled. She had always known that, sooner or later, her garden's buried treasures would be needed again. Like dormant seeds, the memories held in those tiny fragments of plastic and glass were just waiting for the right time to sprout.

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