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Life without a diploma



Margaret Lizaraga, 36, says she wants her children to get an education so they will have a better life than she has had. Her oldest son, Christopher Alaniz, 15, left, works in the fields with her but her youngest son, Joseph Alaniz, 12, plans to be first a welder and then work his way through law school. Amanda Alaniz, 17, is getting her GED and baby-sits her older sister's children, Khammi Garcia, 3, and Angel Garcia, 1.

People who don't graduate often find challenges

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - This certainly isn't the life she wanted.

Each morning Margaret Lizaraga rises at 3:45 to work in the fields, an exhausting job she describes as "horrible." She travels to and from work in a car that desperately needs new shocks and tires. And she raises her three teenagers in a home that, because of its quickly deteriorating condition, is forcing them to move mere months after moving in. Not that they're having much success finding a replacement that fits within her meager budget.

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Going the distance

Educational attainment among people 25 and older in Magic Valley counties.

	State	Twin Falls County	Gooding County	Minkidoka County	Elmore County	Jerome County	Cassia County	Lincoln County	Camas County	Blaine County
Less than ninth grade										
2000	5.2%	7.0%	10.4%	13.0%	5.0%	10.1%	10.2%	10.3%	2.4%	4.1%
1990	7.4%	9.4%	11.3%	14.2%	7.4%	10.5%	10.5%	7.9%	3.0%	2.1%
Ninth to 12th grade, no diploma										
2000	10.1%	11.8%	17.0%	13.3%	7.8%	14.9%	12.9%	12.3%	9.2%	6.2%
1990	12.9%	15.2%	16.2%	17.3%	9.5%	17.2%	16.9%	12.3%	15.2%	5.6%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)										
2000	28.5%	30.4%	34.7%	32.7%	25.0%	26.8%	29.8%	32.8%	31.4%	15.9%
1990	30.4%	29.9%	32.3%	33.7%	30.6%	30.7%	29.8%	35.1%	34.2%	21.3%
Some college, no degree										
2000	27.3%	28.9%	20.9%	25.7%	34.6%	25.7%	27.4%	24.9%	27.6%	24.9%
1990	24.2%	24.1%	22.0%	18.8%	29.0%	25.0%	22.6%	19.8%	25.6%	29.5%
Associate degree										
2000	7.2%	8.0%	5.0%	5.2%	10.3%	8.5%	5.8%	6.6%	7.3%	6.3%
1990	7.5%	8.1%	5.0%	7.1%	7.6%	5.6%	6.3%	12.0%	7.0%	8.0%
Bachelor's degree										
2000	14.8%	10.8%	8.5%	7.0%	11.5%	9.9%	9.1%	9.5%	17.3%	30.2%
1990	12.4%	9.9%	9.6%	6.4%	11.2%	7.7%	11.0%	8.5%	12.1%	24.1%
Graduate or professional degree										
2000	6.8%	5.3%	3.5%	3.0%	5.8%	4.1%	4.8%	3.5%	4.9%	12.9%
1990	5.3%	3.4%	3.7%	2.6%	4.6%	3.3%	3.0%	3.3%	3.0%	8.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Governors take aim at health costs

The Associated Press

BOISE - The nation's governors opened their summer meeting Saturday with an eye toward shoring up faltering state economies by taking aim at their biggest budget-albatross: The mounting cost of health care.

"Last year was pretty trying for the nation's governors," Michigan Gov. John Engler said as he launched the four-day National Governors' Association conference.

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Mexican protesters take more hostages

Farmers protest airport construction

Hundreds of farmers protested the construction of a new airport near Mexico City by taking



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESPI

The Associated Press

SAN SALVADOR ATENCO, Mexico - Farmers armed with machetes and homemade bombs took three more hostages Saturday, demanding talks with federal officials in the standoff over construction of a new airport for the Mexican capital.

So far, the central government has sought to stay out of the conflict in which 15 people now are being held by about 1,000 protesters. They oppose the airport's construction and have barricaded themselves in a government building on the outskirts of the capital since Thursday.

The hostages were paraded in front of the crowd Saturday and told journalists they were being held.

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Assailant turns gun against woman

The Times-News

JEROME - A woman was wounded by her own gun early Saturday morning when a masked assailant broke into her Jerome home.

The woman, whose name police did not release, was in stable condition Saturday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, said

Jerome Police Detective Dan Chatterton.

The woman was in her house at 330 Second Ave. W. when she heard a suspicious noise in the house around 2 a.m., Chatterton said.

Taking a handgun and a cordless telephone, the woman went to investigate the noise. Chatterton said. A person wearing dark clothing, a mask and gloves confronted the woman and they struggled for the gun. Police assume the assailant was a man, Chatterton said.

As they struggled, the gun went off and a bullet passed through the woman's leg. The man left the house on foot.

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Pearl trial further strains relations

The Associated Press

HYDERABAD, Pakistan - Pakistani police are preparing for a violent backlash by Islamic militants ahead of the verdict this week in the trial of four men accused in the kidnap-slaying of Wall Street Journal correspondent Daniel Pearl.

The trial has fanned the anger of Islamic militants against Pakistan's government, which many militants feel betrayed them by supporting the United States in the war on terrorism.

Judge Ali Ashraf Shah is expected to deliver a verdict Monday - crackdown - A12

Police fear extremists could turn violent if he finds the defendants guilty or sentences them to hang. The trial began April 22 in Karachi but was moved to Hyderabad, about 60 miles away, after prosecutors said they were receiving death threats.

"We are on red alert in Karachi and Hyderabad and around the province," Karachi Police Inspector Sayed Kamal Shah told The Associated Press on Saturday. "We are being extraordinarily vigilant."

The paramilitary Rangers were being deployed in larger numbers, although Shah refused to give any exact numbers or say where. "I will never disclose those details," he said.

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Idaho Extremes
Yesterday:
High 110°
Normal high 85°
Low 47°
Stanley

Twin Falls through 8 p.m. yesterday
Temperature
High/Low 85°/73°
Normal high/low 79°/63°
Record high 101° in 1927
Record low 40° in 1967

Precipitation
24 hours ending 8 p.m. yesterday: 0.00"
Month to date: 0.01"
Normal month to date: 0.11"
Water year to date (Oct. 1): 0.00"
Normal year to date (Oct. 1): 0.00"

Humidity at 8 p.m.: 34%
Barometric Pressure
Barometer at 6 p.m.: 29.96"
Poollen yesterday in Twin Falls
Grass: Low Woods: Low
Tides: Moderate Mold: High

Source: Annals and Almanac of Idaho

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Partly sunny; a t-storm in spots.	Breezy with patchy clouds.	Sunny to partly cloudy.	Mostly sunny.	Sunshine and a few clouds.	A good deal of sunshine.
▲ 94°	▼ 62°	▲ 94° ▼ 60°	▲ 92° ▼ 58°	▲ 90° ▼ 58°	▲ 90° ▼ 58°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Sunshine and some clouds today; not as hot as recent days. A stray thunderstorm will occur in parts of the west late. Partly cloudy and breezy tonight with a thunderstorm possible.

Boise: Partly sunny, breezy and not as hot today with a stray afternoon thunderstorm. High 96. Partly cloudy and breezy tonight with a thunderstorm possible. Low 68. Partly to mostly sunny tomorrow.

Northern Nevada: Sunshine and some clouds today with a stray afternoon thunderstorm. High will range from the 80s in the mountains to 90s elsewhere. Patchy clouds tonight.

Northern Utah: Sunny to partly cloudy today and not as hot as recent days. High will range from the 90s in the mountains to 102 in Salt Lake City. A thunderstorm possible tonight.

Northern Idaho: An upper-level trough and a cool front moving into the Pacific Northwest today will help to ease the heat across the state over the next several days. A thunderstorm will occur in spots this afternoon.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 127° in Death Valley, CA Low 33° in Ft. Fraser, CO

REGIONAL WEATHER

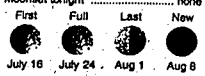
Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are light for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Calgary	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82
Edmonton	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82
Kelowna	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82
Regina	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82
Saskatoon	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82
Vancouver	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82
Victoria	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82
Winnipeg	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82	68-82

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise tonight: 9:14 p.m.
Sunset tonight: 7:55 a.m.
Moonset tonight: 7:55 a.m.



UV INDEX TODAY



0-1: Minimal; 2-3: Low; 4-6: Moderate; 7-9: High; 10: Very High. Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Atlanta	74-87	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90
Boston	74-87	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90
Chicago	74-87	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90
Dallas	74-87	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90
Denver	74-87	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90
Houston	74-87	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90
Los Angeles	74-87	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90
New York	74-87	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90
San Francisco	74-87	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90
Seattle	74-87	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90
Washington	74-87	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90	80-90

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Boise	86-96	86-96	86-96	86-96	86-96	86-96	86-96	86-96
Bonners Ferry	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93
Butte	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93
Coeur d'Alene	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93
Eugene, OR	78-89	78-89	78-89	78-89	78-89	78-89	78-89	78-89
Hagerman	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93
Idaho Falls	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93
Kalispell, MT	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93
Lewiston	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93
Malden	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93
Malta	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93	87-93

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Abuse calls concerning slain toddler began long ago

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — The first call to the abuse hot line came Aug. 28, 2000.

The caller said 2.5-year-old Rheyana and 10-month-old Alfredo Montez didn't have enough to eat and that their mother, Jeanna Lynn Swallows, constantly had parties and did drugs.

The investigator assigned to the case at the time, Shannon Kersey, wrote that she was unable to locate the family.

The pattern of abuse calls and visits from child protection workers — sometimes successful, other times not — continued until Alfredo, now 2, was killed July 1, allegedly by a baby sitter for soiling his pants.

The boy's death has again put Florida's child welfare agency on the defensive, after months of criticism for its handling of the case of a missing 5-year-old. Murder charges have been filed against the baby sitter, and on Friday, a

child welfare investigator became the first person charged with falsifying records under a new state law.

According to Department of Children & Families documents, five calls were made to the agency's abuse hot line about Jeanna Swallows and her sister in the 23 months before July.

Department investigator Erica Jones was fired Friday and charged with falsifying records about the last abuse call logged at the hot line, the day of the boy's death.

"Mother is always high on methamphetamine and acid," the caller told the hot line. "She hits the children when she is high. Last week Alfredo had bruising on the top of his forehead and knots on his head. The children are chronically dirty."

Jones reported that she visited Alfredo and 4-year-old Rheyana on July 1 at the home.

In a handwritten note, one of hundreds of pages of documents released by the DCF Friday, Jones wrote Alfredo had "no marks or bruises. Child was clean and appeared happy."

But police say there was no way Jones could have seen Swallows or the children that day. Swallows dropped her children at Richard Chouquer and Amanda Lawrence's mobile home in Auburndale on June 28.

The boy wasn't reported missing by a family friend until Monday. The mother, Swallows, was arrested Tuesday on a violation of probation warrant for writing bad checks and avoiding police, said Polk County Sheriff's Office spokesman Scott Widner.

Alfredo's body, wrapped in a bedspread with figures of Disney's "101 Dalmatians" on it, was spotted late Thursday by a passing motorist 30 feet off the edge of Interstate 275 in west-central Florida.

Chouquer, 23, is charged with first-degree murder and aggravated child abuse in the boy's death. Lawrence, 22, has been charged as an accessory after the fact.

Police said Chouquer told investigators in Utah he was disciplining Alfredo after the boy soiled his pants, hitting him at least five times in the face. Police said he told them the boy never got discipline.

"I was trying to help," he said, according to the arrest affidavit.

After Alfredo lost consciousness and died, the couple put his body in the trunk of their car and drove until they found a place to drop him, police said. Their two young children were in the car, as was Rheyana, police said.

According to Lawrence's arrest affidavit, before Chouquer dumped Alfredo's body she told him "to wrap him up tight" so he would not get cold.

Medical examiner believes Levy may have been strangled

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — District of Columbia Chief Medical Examiner Jonathan L. Arden said he believes that Chandra Levy may have been strangled, though he does not have conclusive evidence to rule it as the cause of death.

Levy's skeletal remains, discovered May 22 in Rock Creek Park, showed damage to her hyoid, a small U-shaped bone in the upper neck, but it was not broken, he said. Damage to the hyoid bone, usually a fracture, is a key clue for medical examiners in ruling that death was caused by strangulation.

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"A young person could be strangled and not have it show on the bones," said Arden, who in May ruled Levy's death a homicide but said he could not determine the cause of her death.

So far, results from FBI tests done on evidence found in Rock Creek Park have produced no clues to help solve her slaying, law enforcement sources said. But investigators are focusing on the park, collecting names of those who worked there or who frequently visited its nature center and other areas, and conditions that are less than a half mile from where Levy's remains were found.

Hostage

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reated well. But they said they feared for the lives if police tried to raid the town.

"I call on my superiors, on state officials, and on President Fox not to abandon us," said a municipal prosecutor who had been held since Thursday, but was not fully identified. "I want to go home, I want to feel like authorities and the government are doing all they can to get me there."

Some 750 officers in riot gear have surrounded the town of San Salvador Atenco and been stationed on nearby highways, where traffic has been at a standstill for days after protesters blocked roads with burned cars and stolen tractor-trailers.

The farmers have threatened to kill the hostages, saying they will tie them to three hijacked gasoline tanker trucks and set them on fire if police try to end the standoff. They have demanded the release of 15 fellow pro-

testers arrested during a previous confrontation. Three have been freed by prosecutors, but the 12 others remain jailed.

Protesters said the three men they took hostage Saturday were state police officials posing as reporters with fake press credentials. A spokeswoman at the state prosecutor's office said she had no information.

The protesters have refused to negotiate with state leaders, saying they want to talk to former Bishop Samuel Ruiz, who negotiated with the Zapatistas in southern Chiapas state. They also have demanded to speak with members of the federal government, or other human rights activists.

President Vicente Fox's government has largely stayed out of the clash, saying the construction of a new \$2.3 billion airport — that will gobble up much of San Salvador Atenco and other nearby communities — will continue as planned.

Gun

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doors of the house had been locked, Chatterton said.

The woman, in her 30s, is married, but her husband was not home, Chatterton said. She called 911 and was taken to the hospital, Chatterton said.

Police have talked to many of the people in the neighborhood but have not found anyone who could identify the suspect in the case, Chatterton said.

"I know there's someone out there who knows who the person is and they need to come forward," Chatterton said.

Police have some physical evidence and a description of the assailant, Chatterton said, but would keep this information secret and use it to determine if anyone is a likely suspect.

Governors

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"We've had to battle declining tax revenues... and at the same time there's been an explosion in health care costs. Boy, are they ever back," said Engler, the Republican chairman of the association.

Thirty governors are meeting in Boise under some of the worst economic conditions their states have seen. More than 40 states suffered budget shortfalls of \$40 billion to \$50 billion in the last fiscal year, leading to deep cuts, depleted emergency funds and some layoffs.

Despite signs of a gradual national recovery, the states' woes are expected to persist well into

the current fiscal cycle.

Their biggest problems are the ballooning cost of prescription drugs and Medicaid, the state-federal health insurance program for the poor. Medicaid spending jumped 13 percent in the last fiscal year and makes up 20 percent of state budgets.

Governors will consider a proposal that calls on Congress to pick up a greater share of the Medicaid bill. A Senate measure would provide an additional \$8.9 billion in Medicaid money to states over the next 18 months.

"What we're looking for is to get through this current downturn without exiting dramatic and really harmful cuts in education and basic

social services," said Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton, the association's Democratic vice chairman.

The chief executives also hope to increase affordability and availability of prescription drugs under Medicare, the federal health insurance program for the elderly.

The House last month approved legislation that would spend \$320 billion over 10 years to provide a prescription drug benefit for senior citizens. The measure would gradually federalize drug costs for about 7 million seniors and eligible both for Medicare and Medicaid, meaning a possible \$38 billion in savings for the states.

However, governors acknowledged that the likelihood of final action on either front is uncertain while the White House is facing its own budget problems.

The Bush administration said Friday the government will run a

\$165 billion deficit in the federal fiscal year ending Sept. 30. That's \$59 billion worse than the administration estimated in February.

"The same things that are causing those deficits in Washington are precisely what's responsible at the state level for the problems we have, but there's one difference," Engler said. "We've got to balance state budgets."

He said he was confident that President Bush would support the governors' priorities, but some Democratic chief executives were less sure.

"This is a serious issue that the states can't deal with, and Congress and the president need to focus on it," Alabama Gov. Don Siegelman said. "But you don't do that by running around the country campaigning on partisan politics. Unfortunately, this is an election year."

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U.S. plans for rapid strike force

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon's plans for what the military will be in seven years emphasizes a much more high-tech force ready to strike without warning in reaction to a perceived threat.

Push-button warfare largely by pilotless aircraft, including a "hypersonic" missile that could knock out a mobile rocket launcher 600 miles away in no more than 15 minutes, are among the Pentagon's goals.

The concept, reported on in today's Los Angeles Times, dovetails with President Bush's marching orders to graduate U.S. Military Academy cadets last month to "to be ready for pre-emptive action when necessary." The newspaper's account was based on its review of an annually updated classified document.

Many of the facts in the document, known as "Defense Planning Guidance" for 2004-2009 and signed May 3 by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, have been disclosed previously.

Rumsfeld's chief spokeswoman, Victoria Clarke, said Saturday she would not comment on specifics of the planning document because it is classified, but she noted that Rumsfeld has publicly pushed for advances in areas such as cyberwarfare, precision strikes and anti-terror capabilities.

"The secretary has talked repeatedly about the need to be prepared for surprises — the unknown unknowns," she said. "He has said there must be an increased focus on unmanned

aerial vehicles of all sorts," including those now in development that would launch missile attacks.

"He has talked again and again about the need to shift to greater precision in everything we do," she added.

The Pentagon put one enhancement on the report on display Thursday, an improved aerial drone designed to survive the rigors of combat. The planning guidance would obtain a fleet of 12 of the pilotless jets, called unmanned air vehicles, by 2012.

Photographer, famous for shots of Churchill, dies

BOSTON (AP) — Photographer Yousuf Karsh, who gained international prominence with his 1941 portrait of a defiant Winston Churchill and photos of public figures such as Albert Einstein and Ernest Hemingway, has died at the age of 93.

Karsh died Saturday at Brigham and Women's Hospital, said hospital spokeswoman Jacqui Fowler. His European agent, Roger Eldridge, said Karsh died of complications following surgery.

Karsh's subjects included world leaders, including 12 U.S. presidents, plus artists and other celebrities.

"My personal interest in ordinary people is unlimited, but I am fascinated by the challenge of portraying true greatness adequately with my camera," Karsh wrote in a 1996 essay published in Contemporary Photographers.

His photographs are included in permanent collections ranging from the Museum of Modern Art in New York to the National Portrait Gallery in London.

"When you look for one picture to sum somebody up, it's always his picture you'd pick," Eldridge said. "Inevitably, he'd make the definitive portrait of the people of the age."



Yousuf Karsh

He was catapulted to international fame with his 1941 portrait of Churchill, taken as Great Britain stood alone against Nazi Germany.

The photo of a defiant Churchill "appealed to the whole world," Karsh said to The Associated Press in 1989. "It caught all the bulldog determination of the British Empire. ... It was done without premeditation but with great admiration and respect."

Karsh was born to an Armenian family in Turkey, but fled after massacres in his home town of Mardin. He arrived in Canada in 1924. He originally planned to become a doctor, but studied under Boston portrait photographer John H. Garo, and in 1932 opened his first Ottawa photography studio.

Although he was trained to use only available light, his involvement with a theater company in Ottawa-taught him the importance of using studio lighting to create a mood.

Analysts expect rise in smuggling as states increase cigarette taxes

NEW YORK (AP) — As state after deficit-ridden state ratchets up cigarette taxes, authorities are bracing for some unwelcome consequences in the form of more aggressive smuggling and bolstering of the Internet as a tax-avoiding tobacco shop.

Never before have so many states — 17 this year alone — approved cigarette-tax hikes in such a short time. Anti-smoking advocates call it a win-win situation, enabling states to reduce smoking and budget deficits simultaneously.

In many legislatures, even tax-averse conservatives have supported the increases — expected to generate \$2.2 billion annually in new revenue — as budget woes and anti-smoking militancy transform cigarette buyers into America's easiest-to-tax constituency.

With prices as high as \$7 a pack in New York City, and more than \$4 in many states, some smokers are unwilling or unable to kick the habit or are left with several options — legal, quasi-legal and illegal — for getting a nicotine hit without a tax bite.

Those who choose the illegal route are often successful. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms estimates state and federal authorities lose more than \$1.5 billion annually in evaded cigarette taxes.

The ATF concentrates on major interstate smuggling — operations involving at least 60,000 cigarettes. The workload has increased steadily in recent years; ATF now has about 150 active cigarette-smuggling cases.

"There's no question some large-scale organized crime gangs are involved," said spokesman John D'Angelo. "Not only are these criminals depriving state and federal governments of tax revenue, they're using their profits for other criminal activity."

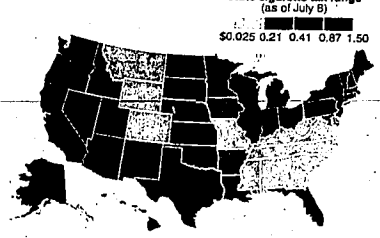
The primary sources of smuggled cigarettes are tobacco-growing states with low taxes — for example, Virginia with a lowest-in-the-nation tax of 2.5 cents per pack, and Kentucky with a 3-cent per pack tax.

In Ohio, where the tax recently rose 31 cents per pack, officials plan to monitor the Kentucky border for smugglers, and police are being trained to check for Ohio tax stamps on packs sold at stores. A carton of name-brand cigarettes in Ohio costs about \$40, compared to about \$25 in Kentucky.

In Maryland, where the per-pack tax rose to \$1 in June, authorities are on alert for more

More states hike cigarette taxes

More states are raising cigarette taxes as a way to reduce smoking and budget deficits simultaneously.



New York	\$1.50	Iowa	\$0.36
New Jersey	1.50	Nevada	0.35
Washington	1.425	Arkansas	0.34
Rhode Island	1.31	Nebraska	0.34
Connecticut	1.11	Florida	0.339
Maine	1.00	South Dakota	0.33
Maryland	1.00	Pennsylvania	0.31
Alaska	1.00	Idaho	0.28
Hawaii	1.00	Delaware	0.24
Illinois	0.98	Louisiana	0.24
Vermont	0.93	Oklahoma	0.23
California	0.87	New Mexico	0.21
Wisconsin	0.77	Colorado	0.20
Massachusetts	0.76	Montana	0.18
Michigan	0.75	Mississippi	0.18
Kansas	0.70	Missouri	0.17
Utah	0.695	West Virginia	0.17
Oregon	0.68	Alabama	0.165
Arizona	0.58	Tennessee	0.13
Indiana	0.555	Georgia	0.12
Ohio	0.55	Wyoming	0.12
New Hampshire	0.52	South Carolina	0.10
Minnesota	0.48	North Carolina	0.05
North Dakota	0.44	Kentucky	0.03
Texas	0.41	Virginia	0.025

Notes:
 1. New York City imposes an \$1.50 per pack in addition to the state tax.
 2. Hawaii's rate will be \$1.20 per pack effective Sept. 30.
 3. Michigan's rate will be \$1.25 per pack effective Aug. 1.
 4. Nebraska's rate will be \$0.64 per pack effective Oct. 1.
 5. Pennsylvania's rate will be \$1.00 per pack effective July 15.
 6. Louisiana's rate will be \$0.36 per pack effective Aug. 1.
 7. Tennessee's rate will be \$0.20 per pack effective July 15.

SOURCE: Philip Morris Companies Inc. AP

smuggling from Virginia. There were only five arrests in Maryland for cigarette smuggling in 1997, and more than 50 so far this year.

The Internet — which thus far accounts for only a small fraction of cigarette sales — may pose a bigger long-term threat to tax collectors than smuggling. The hefty

Vinegar could be effective weedkiller

WASHINGTON (AP) — The solution to weeds and insects that bug gardeners as well as farmers could be in the kitchen cabinet.

Agriculture Department scientists say they've proven that vinegar can be an effective alternative to conventional herbicides for organic farmers and gardeners.

Products as diverse as canola oil, thyme and red pepper already are registered with the government as pesticides or repellents. Canola oil repels bugs by altering leaf surfaces or irritating the insects. Thyme can be sprayed on ornamental plants to kill aphids. Red pepper is registered as an animal repellent.

Household vinegar contains about 5 percent acetic acid, the ingredient that kills weeds, said Jay Radhakrishnan, the USDA agronomist who led the research.

"A lot of people tried this in the past but gave up for some reason," he said.

But the USDA research found that at concentrations of 5 percent to 10 percent, the product will kill all weeds during the first two weeks of life. Older plants require higher concentrations. Spot spraying of corn fields with a 20 percent concentration of acetic acid would kill 80 percent to 100 percent of the weeds without harming the corn.

Canada thistle, a particularly tenacious weed, has proven to be one of the most susceptible to vinegar, Radhakrishnan said.

Although vinegar is far from the first natural product to be touted as a pesticide, not many have undergone a federal study. Another natural weed killer is corn gluten meal, a byproduct of corn milling that Iowa State University researchers have shown to be effective in stopping weeds from germinating.

"One of the problems facing the industry is how do we make people aware of these products?" said Brian Steinwand, a spokesman for the Environmental Protection Agency's Division of Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention. "There are a lot of commonly consumed foods that can be used as pesticides."

EPA created the office during the Clinton administration to promote the use of pesticides that would be less harmful to people and the environment.

Vinegar is sold in some places as an organic herbicide, but it isn't in wide use in commercial farming.

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Mayor calls for calm

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Mayor Roosevelt Dorn on Saturday called for video cameras in police cars in the wake of the nationally televised videotape of a white police officer punching a handcuffed black teenager in the face.

Dorn also said he was confident Inglewood residents would not resort to violent protests of the July 6 incident.

"People across the country keep asking, when is the riot going to happen? ... That is not part of the agenda," Dorn told members of the National Alliance for Positive Action, a nonprofit civil rights group.

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Three stories

People who drop out of high school have varied stories. Here are three people's stories:

- A young father hoping to improve his lot in life.
- A 1950s farm girl who didn't feel the need for a diploma when she was young.
- And a former waitress and house cleaner who overcame her lack of education to succeed in business.



Cindy Trappen lives in affluence now, but she struggled in low-paying jobs for years after she dropped out of school at age 16.

She made good - then got her GED

She can laugh about it now, now that she can relax in her lavishly furnished 5,000-square-foot home. But it was certainly a grim struggle for most of Cindy Trappen's adult life.

After dropping out of high school and leaving home at age 16, Trappen spent the next decade or so moving from one job to the next, occasionally juggling three at a time.

You name it, she's done, she said. Waitressing, cleaning, cooking, construction - whatever it took to help raise her two children.

"I couldn't even tell you how many restaurants I've worked at or hotels, or how many kids I've watched or houses I've cleaned," said Trappen, 41. "Every dollar went somewhere and it wasn't in a savings account - it was for this car or that grocery bill. It was always something."

It was only through a business investment that Trappen was able to escape the world of low-paying, entry-

level work.

She and her husband took every dollar, including cashing in her husband's retirement, to buy a local promotions business. And it paid off.

Yet, regardless of her increased economic comforts, her lack of a diploma continued to gnaw at her. It was her children entering junior high school and her inability to help them with homework that provoked her to finally earn her GED.

"That's almost a wake-up call - I found into these kids' heads to get an education and you didn't do it yourself," she said. "I thought, 'I've got to do it, even if it's just for satisfaction, I'm going to go finish.'"

After attending classes at CSI, Trappen finally earned her GED in November.

If she could do it over again, "I would never have dropped out of high school, never, never."

- Robert Mayer

Diploma

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Her station in life stems largely from dropping out of high school 18 years ago, she said. That decision has reduced her income opportunities to an endless cycle of low-paying, menial jobs.

"Life is a struggle and I don't recommend anyone quitting school," said the 36-year-old mother of four. "Without a high school diploma, you work your butt off to get what you want."

The percentage of Magic Valley residents without high school diplomas, while generally lower than 10 years ago, still largely hovers in the double digits, according to 2000 census figures. In Twin Falls County, 18.8 percent of the population 25 years and older didn't finish high school.

That's higher than the state average of 15.3 percent. But it marks a decline from 1990, when 24.6 percent didn't have diplomas in Twin Falls County compared with the state's 20.3 percent.

Gooding County features the valley's largest concentration, with 27.4 percent of its population without diplomas.

That's nearly unchanged from its 1990 figure of 27.5 percent.

Lack of a high school diploma generally limits a person to entry-level, service-sector jobs, said Greg Rogers, regional labor economist for the Idaho Department of Labor.

"Their earning potential is a lot lower," he said.

A U.S. Department of Education survey showed these average wage levels for women in 1999:

- 9-11 years of education - \$10,174.
- High school diploma or equivalent - \$16,770.
- Some college - \$21,008.
- Bachelor's degree or higher - \$32,145.

Chances are greater, too, that a high school dropout will be living below the poverty level, he said.

Lizarraga earns between \$250 and \$300 a week from her labors - which, these days, include hoeing beans, picking rocks and laying pipe. If she's going to find a new home and buy her

kids school supplies and clothes this fall, she's going to need a second job - a concept she has reluctantly accepted.

She's already applied at a fast-food restaurant, but she has yet to decide to accept the position, knowing that the extra work will mean rarely being at home for her family.

She has seen her two daughters drop out of high school as well - to her frustration. She says she repeatedly warned her younger daughter, "You're going to be stuck where I'm at."

Now 17, Amanda Alaniz wishes she has stayed in school. She tried on three separate occasions to finish the ninth grade, but she was too caught up in a social scene that valued parties more than academics, she said.

By her third try, she was much older than her classmates, making it awkward to attend school.

"I decided to be cool and drop out," she said.

But now, witnessing her mom struggle year after year has changed her per-

spective. She hopes the Job Corps, the U.S. Department of Labor's training program for youth, will offer a path to a successful life.

"I want to have money and be able to buy my kids what they want and take them where they want," she said.

The Magic Valley's farm-driven economy still offers many jobs for high school dropouts. But opportunities for prosperity are harder to come by.

Jeff Williams, executive vice president of Glambia Foods, Inc. said he estimates that a little more than 10 percent of his employees don't have high school diplomas. Moreover, a high school diploma isn't required to advance within the company; performance and ability are more important.

The same is true at Jerome Cheese Co., said General Manager Jon Davis.

Still, the gradual trend is toward employees with more education, Williams said.

"In the future, for people to rise as high without a college education prob-

ably won't happen," he said.

The College of Southern Idaho, these positions that don't require a high school diploma: painting, assistant groundskeeper and custodian.

The Twin Falls School District, however, requires diplomas for all positions, including custodian.

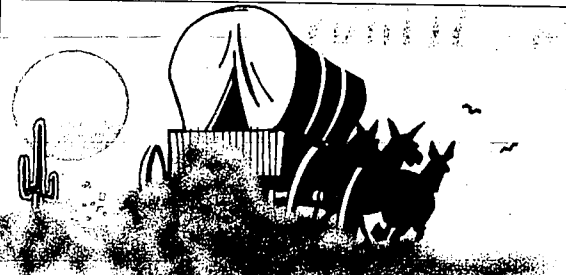
Lizarraga has grown weary of the back-breaking work that generally awaits the diploma-less. She applies to something greater: being a registered nurse.

First she must earn her GED before she can be accepted into CSI's nursing program. Although math is giving her fits, she's determined to earn her GED by September.

"I don't want all the money in the world," she said.

"All I want is to be able to get a good, steady job and get a place that I can call my own."

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He wishes he had stuck with school



Jeremiah Short dropped out of high school in the 10th grade. Now he understands that his dream of becoming an auto mechanic won't happen until he can earn his GED.

Jeremiah Short loves his job at Spears Manufacturing in Jerome. Working as a pipe former allows him to work with his hands.

But without a high school diploma, he knows his ability to move into a leadership position is unlikely. Thus, it's likely he'll remain at his entry-level job. The \$8.25 hourly wage makes it difficult to raise a family.

Diagnosed with a learning disability, Short, 20, said he always struggled academically. He fell so far behind in school that when he was suspended in the 10th grade, he didn't return.

"I was one of those kids who wanted to ditch school," he said. But now he's wishing he had stuck with it.

He wants to earn his GED, but so far it's been a struggle. He works until late at night. So taking morning classes or

getting up early to study is difficult. Plus he wants to spend time with his family.

But it has to happen somehow, he said. "One of these days I'm going to want to work my way up, and the fastest way for me to do that is to get my GED or HED," he said, referring to the general equivalency diploma and high school equivalency diploma programs.

"That way they know I mean business. If I could at least build up my math skills it would help me at work."

What he'd really like to do is be an auto mechanic, perhaps even owning his own shop someday. He's proud of the engine swap he recently made on his

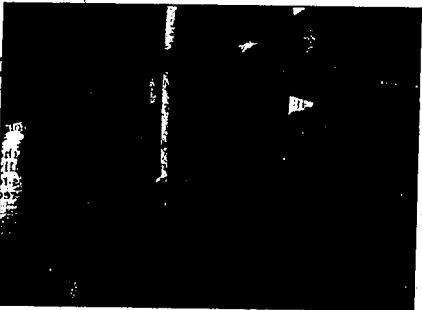
1976 Ford truck. But again, until he earns his GED, he can't enroll in the College of Southern Idaho's auto mechanics program.

"I've learned from my mistakes really quick," he said.

"One of these days I'm going to want to work my way up, and the fastest way for me to do that is to get my GED or HED."

—Jeremiah Short

—Robert Mayer



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Charlotte Short has spent more than 40 years working at various jobs and raising goats. She finally got her GED in 2001. She keeps only a few of her favorite goats as pets, so she finally can travel.

She tells her kids, 'There's a better life'

When she married at 15, that was the end of Charlotte Short's high school education.

"If you got married, you just didn't go to school," she said. Not that she would have finished anyway. Growing up with the nearest neighbor a mile away, she led the life of a farm girl in 1950s Twin Falls. She didn't see the need to study further than the ninth grade.

Instead she spent the next several decades raising a family and working in food-processing plants and at other manual-labor jobs.

"My lack of education did not stop me from moving up in the job," she said.

Short, at 62, has since come to appreciate the value of an education. She now encourages others to take college classes regardless

of whether they count toward a degree.

After all, life is considerably more complex now than when she was growing up, she said.

"I'm strictly for education," she said. "I never had any encouragement to go to school. But once you get out in the world, it's a different life and there's a lot of things you need."

After several stops and starts at getting her GED through the years, Short finally earned her diploma in 2001.

"I just wanted basically to know the right way."

Now she's trying to get her two children to earn their GEDs as well.

"I tell my kids there's a better life out there," she said. "I learned the hard way."

—Robert Mayer

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Dragon Wings	4.95
Crab Rangoons	6.75
SALADS	
Hot Potstickers Salad	6.25
Oriental Chicken Salad	6.75
Szechuan Chicken	
Pasta Salad	6.75
Teriyaki Chicken Salad	6.75
ASSAY, RICE	
Mixed Chicken	
in Lettuce Wraps	5.95
Singapore Chicken Tacos	6.45
Mu Shu Pork Tacos	6.45
Thai Beef Fajitas	6.95
TWO & RICE	
Sweet and Sour Pork	6.45
Maul Chicken	6.45
Orange Peel Chicken	6.45
Buddha's Bowl	6.50
Mongolian Beef	6.95
Beef and Broccoli	6.95
Chicken Tsunami	6.45
Kung Pao Chicken	6.45
The Warrior's Chicken	6.45
Teriyaki Chicken	6.45
Kung Pao Shrimp	7.95
Crispy Honey Shrimp	7.95
STREET VENDOR'S	
Pan-Fried Noodles	7.25
Bangkok Beef Noodles	7.95
Singapore Shrimp Noodles	8.95
Chinatown Pork Fried Rice	6.25
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Dinner Menu

APPETIZERS	
Pork Spring Rolls	3.50
Chicken Potstickers	4.50
Chinese Barbecued Pork	4.95
Dragon Wings	4.95
Mixed Chicken	
in Lettuce Wraps	5.95
Crab Rangoons	6.75
SALADS	
Hot and Sour Soup cup 1.95 bowl 2.95	
Oriental Chicken Salad	6.75
Szechuan Chicken Pasta Salad	6.75
Teriyaki Chicken Salad	6.75
CHICKEN	
Maul Chicken	7.95
Teriyaki Chicken	7.95
The Warrior's Chicken	7.95
Singapore Chicken Tacos	7.95
Chicken Tsunami	7.95
Kung Pao Chicken	7.95
Orange Peel Chicken	7.95
Stir-Fried Cashew Chicken	7.95
Crispy Lemon Chicken	7.95
BEF AND PORK	
Sweet and Sour Pork	8.45
Beef and Broccoli	8.95
Thai Beef Fajitas	8.95
Mu Shu Pork Tacos	8.45
Mongolian Beef	8.95
Orange Peel Beef	8.95
SHRIMP	
Sweet Firecracker Shrimp	9.95
Shrimp Tsunami	9.95
Kung Pao Shrimp	9.95
Crispy Honey Shrimp	9.95
VEGETABLES	
Szechuan Green Beans	5.95
Buddha's Bowl	6.50
Noodles and Rice	
Chinatown Pork Fried Rice	6.25
Pan-Fried Noodles	7.25
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Task force leader faced fraud charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — The leader of President Bush's new task force on corporate crime was a director of a credit card company that paid more than \$400 million to settle charges of consumer and securities fraud.

Larry Thompson, the deputy attorney general, served on the board of the company, Provident Financial Corp., from June 1997 until he was confirmed by the Senate in May 2001, according to Securities and Exchange Commission documents.

During that period, state, local and federal agencies investigated Provident for abusing its customers, who filed class-action lawsuits against the company. Provident paid more than \$400 million in 2000 to settle the investigations and lawsuits.

During the first two weeks in 1999 after the government investigations were disclosed, the company's shares plunged from \$62.06 to as low as \$39.22. In March, Provident agreed to pay \$38 million to settle a class-action lawsuit filed by shareholders



Larry Thompson

ers alleging the company inflated its profits through its price-gouging practices.

The settlement covered investors who bought the company's stock between Jan. 21, 1999 and June 4, 1999, when Thompson was a company director.

The Washington Post, which first reported Thompson's con-

nection with the credit card company, said he held 89,651 shares of Provident on March 21. Those shares were valued at more than \$4.7 million on the day he took office as deputy attorney general.

Thompson was not questioned about his role at Provident during his Senate confirmation hearings.

Provident's officers and directors, including Thompson, are defendants in a class-action lawsuit brought by company employees who claim they urged large holdings of Provident stock in 401(k) retirement plans while they were employing questionable accounting methods and cashing in on their own shares.

Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo said Thompson was proud of his service on Provident's board.

"He only became aware of the (fraud) issues when regulators began to make inquiries," Corallo told the Post. "He then personally took the lead in making the company doing the right thing."



President Bush kneels down as he reaches out to shake the hand of an unidentified swimmer during his visit to a camp for disabled people in Maryland near Camp David where Bush is spending the weekend.

A bad week for Bush

Business past, ill-received speech, deficit all haunt president

By Ronald Brownstein
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — This week, President Bush spent more time on the defensive than at any point since Sept. 11 — and possibly since he took office.

In grueling succession, Bush endured stinging questions about his personal business dealings, received mostly negative reviews for the major speech he delivered on corporate responsibility, confronted signs that even congressional Republicans considered his response inept to the firestorm and ended the week with the grim news that the government was heading toward its largest budget deficit since the mid-1990s.

In all, Bush's probably had a rougher week than anyone in public life this side of beleaguered Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig.

Analysis in both parties say the turbulence was unlikely to affect Bush's astronomical job approval ratings, at least for now. A CBS News Poll taken early in the week, before all the bad news accumulated, found that 74 percent of Americans still gave him positive marks for the way he was handling the job.

But the week might mark a turning point for Bush that opens a period of rougher political conflict. Since Sept. 11, Democrats have been reluctant to criticize him sharply for two main reasons — the war-time atmosphere and his high approval ratings. The lofty ratings led on themselves by discouraging criticism that might have dented the president's standing.

But this week, as critics opened in Bush's armor, Democrats became much bolder in their challenges to him on both the personal and policy front.

"The people who don't agree with Bush, many of whom had been reluctant to question him... found out this week you can raise legitimate issues, you can criticize the president and you don't wake up the next morning with a horse's head in your bed," says Democratic consultant Joe Lockhart, former White House press secretary

for President Clinton.

Some Republicans believe the rapidly escalating Democratic rhetoric still risks alienating Americans leery of partisanship in the long shadow of the terrorist attacks. "The Democrats are ratcheting up the partisan rhetoric and that's a blunder," said GOP pollster David Winston. "Given this post-Sept. 11 environment, that will be viewed as a negative. People want their problems solved."

Although White House press secretary Ari Fleischer on Friday dismissed the turmoil as "noise about nothing," the news this week for Bush, from a political perspective, was almost all bad.

On Monday, at a White House news conference, Bush was barraged with questions about his 1990 sale of stock in the Harken Energy Corp., a company on whose board he sat. Under the intense questioning, Bush at times appeared shaky and unprepared.

On Tuesday, Bush in his much-anticipated Wall Street speech endorsed new measures to combat securities fraud and reform corporate governance that constituted a sharp turn in direction for an administration that arrived in Washington pledging to reduce federal regulation of business. But the speech was battered by critics — including many in the business world — who said it didn't go far enough. Many analysts portrayed the sharp decline of the stock markets following the address as a vote of no-confidence in the president's response.

On Wednesday, as if to underscore the sense that Bush had been too cautious, the Senate voted unanimously to pass Democratic-sponsored legislation giving prosecutors new authority to pursue securities fraud. Bush pointedly had declined to endorse that measure in his speech Tuesday.

On Thursday, Bush awoke to newspaper accounts about \$180,375 in low-interest loans he had received from Harken while serving as a company director — a practice he had urged companies to ban in his Tuesday speech. On Friday, Office of

Management and Budget Director Mitchell E. Daniels released figures showing that the government would run a \$165 billion deficit this year. That's the first deficit since 1997, and the largest since 1994. Daniels blamed the war and the economic slowdown; Democrats immediately fingered the \$1.35-trillion tax cut Bush pushed through Congress last year.

For the White House and Democrats alike, the overriding question is whether these developments foreshadow any long-term vulnerability for Bush, on either the policy or personal front.

On the questions about Bush's business dealings, analysts in both parties don't yet see much signs of damage. Trust in Bush remains substantial, in the CBS survey, nearly three-fifths of those polled said they believed he would do the right thing to prevent business abuses. An equal share said they believed most members of his administration were honest.

"The Democrats are cutting fundamentally against the grain of the perceptions of the American people have about this president," White House communications director Dab Bartlett said Friday. "What (voters) don't buy are these assertions that he is somehow dishonest or untrustworthy."

Similarly, one senior Democratic operative said: "We're not kidding ourselves; the guy got paper cuts. This happens to be the first time Superman has bled. But he's not on life support."

But as in any Washington accusation of wrong-doing, those judgments are subject to revision based on new developments. At the least, some people believe the White House has assured that questions about Bush's business past will remain alive — and continue to generate headaches — by refusing requests from Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., to release all Securities and Exchange Commission documents on the stock sale.

"These documents are going to be seen," predicted Lockhart, a veteran of the Clinton scandal wars.

our economy at this moment is restoring confidence in the integrity of the American business leaders," Bush said in his weekly radio address.

Bush: Restoring confidence is key for economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Restoring confidence in the integrity of business leaders is "perhaps the greatest need for our economy," President Bush



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Chef gives up corporate job to feed the needy

CHICAGO (AP) — There are no gleaming stainless steel and copper pots hanging from overhead racks, none of the starched white jackets or toques so common in the most famous cooking school in the world and in upscale restaurants.

Gone are the 40-quart mixers; mixing now is strictly a bowl and spoon affair. And the stained chef's jacket that once remained spotless all day is evidence that Mary Ellen Diaz's days of delegating chores like washing dishes are also a thing of the past. She washes her own dishes.

Yet it is here, in the kitchen of Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Chicago's North Side, that the 40-year-old former corporate chef and co-owner of a critically acclaimed Chicago restaurant feels most comfortable.

Diaz walked away from the glamorous world of celebrity chefs, taking what she learned at the famed Cordon Bleu cooking school in Paris and at upscale restaurants, to cook for the needy. Since last fall, she has been running a service called First Slice out of the Ebenezer church kitchen. "It was a way for me to get to know my community," she said. "My idea was to give low-income families access to good food. It was almost like a one-woman rebellion against the idea that to get balanced nutrition you have to spend a lot of money."

The program works like this: For \$33 a week, subscribers receive three meals for three people. Selling five of these packages allows First Slice to award the same package, called a "scholarship," to an elderly person or poor family.

Because First Slice depends on paying customers, the food is hardly typical soup kitchen fare.

Instead of instant mashed potatoes and mystery meat, the menu can include anything from lacy lemon crepes stuffed with mushrooms to ratatouille vegetables with Mary Sue's lemon thyme.

Meals are packaged and frozen or refrigerated until distribution.



Mary Ellen Diaz begins work recently at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Chicago.

In the first 12 weeks of the program, there were 50 paying families and 13 scholarship families. "Our next rotation is for 75 families and we have a waiting list," Diaz said.

By December, when she is sure her small staff of volunteers can handle the workload, she anticipates 100 paying families sup-

porting 30 non-paying ones.

Diaz's trip to Ebenezer from her job as chef at Printer's Row and chef and part-owner of North Pond Cafe — both in Chicago — began in the mid-1990s.

It was then that chefs who had baked and braised, sliced and seared meals behind closed doors stepped out of the kitchen and

onto the covers of magazines and the sets of their own television shows on their own network.

They were called into dining rooms to take a bow. Their names started popping up in the newspaper.

"I would be walking somewhere and someone would stop me, 'Are you Mary Ellen Diaz?' I was never comfortable with that," Diaz said.

But she found herself more at ease with people for whom dinner out was more likely a bucket of chicken than chicken Cobb salad with Brown Derby vinaigrette.

She joined a program in which she taught low-income families how to cook organic foods. The work was rewarding in a way that being a chef at a restaurant was not. "I felt like these are people I really can communicate with about nutrition," she said.

After she and her partner adopted a boy, Diaz took a leave of absence from her \$100,000-a-year job as a corporate chef with Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, a Chicago-based restaurant group.

She started volunteering at area soup kitchens.

Then came Sept. 11. The terrorist attacks made many people re-evaluate their lives.

Diaz was one of them. The attacks crystallized a feeling that she wanted to do something besides feed people with plenty of money in their wallets.

She quit her job and organized the First Slice service.

The decision didn't surprise Rich Melman, chairman of Lettuce Entertain You. "She doesn't march to the same tune that a lot of people do," he said. "She was making very nice money, (but) money doesn't mean the same to everybody."

Diaz recently wrote herself her first check, which translates into a salary of about \$24,000 a year.

The career change, she said, means hanging onto what she likes about cooking and letting go of the rest. "I still get an immediate reaction. It's a different audience than I used to have."

Art festival, conferences on the deaf draw 9,500

WASHINGTON (AP) — They can't hear the music, but teams of deaf dancers whose specialties include everything from Cuban conga to Chinese classical are starting at a get-together that's attracted 9,500 participants from 109 nations.

The "Wild Zappers" do jazz, funk and hip hop, taking their cues from the bodily effect of the musical rhythms, as do the other dance groups. The music is there too, for hearing people to enjoy.

"Deaf people can do everything but hear," said I. King Jordan, president of Washington's Gallaudet University. The first such conference-plus-arts-festival was held on campus in 1989. Now, "Deaf Way II" shows them doing things that seem less than likely to people without the handicap.

Both turnouts have been sponsored by Gallaudet, which calls

itself the world's only university for the deaf and hard of hearing.

The assemblage includes a weeklong arts festival and a series of discussions, lectures, workshops and exhibits at 13 sites in the capital.

Plays are presented in combinations of speech, gestures and sign language. Mimes perform just with gestures. For deaf poets, descriptive motion can be as important as words, said Merly H. Coogan, Gallaudet's director of public relations.

A poll of participants showed that language and literature were the subjects they most wanted to discuss. "Language" has a special meaning for the hearing-impaired — an estimated 28 million Americans. Nearly every country has its own version of sign language: Americans, Britons and Australians have somewhat different versions.

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Militants lament Pakistan crackdown

Islamic fighters blame U.S.

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — It wasn't supposed to end up like this — thick steel handcuffs clamped on to his wrists, a guard hanging on to the chain that ran like a leash from his bonds. He was supposed to be a mujahed, or holy warrior.

Instead, at age 21, Ershad Ali is in jail on charges of illegal weapons possession. He is a member of Jaish-e-Mohammed, or Army of Mohammed, an outlawed militant group branded by the United States and its allies as terrorists with links to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.



Ershad Ali stands behind the bars at a police station Saturday in Karachi, Pakistan. Ali is in jail on charges of illegal weapons possession. He is a member of Jaish-e-Mohammed, or Army of Mohammed, an outlawed militant group branded by the United States and its allies as terrorists with links to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

It's the same group believed to have ties to Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, chief defendant in the kidnap-slaying of Wall Street Journal correspondent Daniel Pearl. A verdict in the case is expected Monday. If Saeed is found guilty, he could be hanged.

"You say we're terrorists. I say we are working for Allah. We are following the prophet," the slight Ali said, his long slender fingers playing with the steel chain. Near by his guard sat, motionless and without expression as he held tightly onto the chain that restrained Ali, who has been in jail for six days.

Ali was barely 18 years old when he joined Jaish-e-Mohammed, one of five groups banned by President Gen. Pervez Musharraf in January. Ali trained in Balakot in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. There, Jaish-e-Mohammed taught recruits about

explosives, weapons and its militant version of Islam.

All blames the United States for the decision to ban the five groups. He also says it's the duty of Muslims to fight against the ban. "What can I say," he asked? "The United States is the enemy of Islam."

Ali is not alone in his contempt for the United States. Elsewhere in Karachi, a sprawling port city of 14 million people, women sat on a blue-checked shawl spread on the floor of a small apartment in the middle-class Malir neighborhood.

Scattered on the shawl were small beads — each representing a prayer. The prayers were for the release of Mohammed Imran, accused in a June 14 car bombing at the U.S. Consulate in Karachi in which at least 12 Pakistanis died. Imran is the leader of Harakat-ul-Mujahideen al-Ahmi, a splinter

group of Harakat-ul-Mujahideen, or Movement of Holy Warriors, which was also banned by Musharraf.

Imran's wife, whose eyes were all that was visible behind a full black covering, pleaded her husband's innocence. His 72-year-old father, Mohammed Ali, also complained that the government crackdown on militant Islamic organizations had snared everyone with links to so-called "liberal groups."

Imran's lawyer and childhood friend, Raza Ahidi, said his client was taken from his home on June 18 by police and paramilitary Pakistan Rangers but wasn't brought to court until July 7. Pakistani law requires that an accused be produced in court within one day of the arrest.

Police said they arrested Imran on July 7 and that he confessed not only to the consulate bomb-

ing but to an attempt on Musharraf's life on April 26.

According to police, a pickup truck, emblazoned with the words "Lifesaving Pearl," was packed with explosives and parked on the road leading from the Karachi airport. It was to have been detonated when Musharraf's entourage passed by. The detonator failed.

Police say Imran retrieved the vehicle and used it nearly two months later against the U.S. Consulate. His family denies the allegations, and Ahidi says the police have fabricated the evidence.

Saeed's lawyers made similar arguments, saying the British-born militant was picked up on Feb. 5 but produced in court on Feb. 14 — well beyond the legal deadline. Police fabricated the case against him to appease the Bush Administration, his lawyers said.

Explosion at archaeological site in northern Pakistan injures 13

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — An explosion Saturday possibly caused by a grenade injured about a dozen people, most of them German tourists, at an archaeological site in northern Pakistan, officials said. No one

was seriously hurt. Authorities said the incident occurred in Mansehra, about 70 miles north of Peshawar. The site is on the ancient Silk Road between China and Europe and is rich in archaeological and culture sites.

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Islamic guerrillas kill 25 Hindus in India shantytown

JAMMU, India (AP) — Suspected Islamic guerrillas threw grenades and engaged security forces in a gun battle Saturday, killing 25 Hindus, mostly women and children — in a shantytown outside the winter capital of Jammu-Kashmir state, police and hospital officials said.

More than 30 people were wounded, according to officials at the Government Medical College Hospital in Jammu.

State police chief Ashok Suri said authorities suspect the Lashkar-e-Tayyaba, the most feared of more than dozen Pakistan-based Islamic groups fighting to secure Kashmir's independence from India or merger with mostly Muslim Pakistan. He did not elaborate.

No group has claimed responsibility for the incident, which is consistent with previous attacks in which many civilians were killed.

Up to eight militants walked into the shantytown outside Jammu and set off three or four grenades before opening fire, the police control officer said, citing

witness accounts. The victims were watching a final cricket match between India and Pakistan on television, he said.

The attack was the biggest since a May 14 strike by Islamic militants against a military base near Jammu that killed 34 people — mostly soldiers' wives and children — and put India on a war footing with neighboring Pakistan.

The Indian government did not immediately react to news of the assault. But it was almost certain to raise tensions with Pakistan, which is blamed by New Delhi for most of the terrorist activity in India. Pakistan denies involvement.

Jammu, located in the southern part of Jammu-Kashmir, has rarely witnessed the kind of violence that has killed more than 60,000 people in the state over the past decade, mostly in the Kashmir Valley father to the north.

But Islamic groups have increasingly made the Jammu region the focus of their attacks in recent months.

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Turkish party looks to unify left-of-center votes

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) - A key political figure called for formation of an alliance Saturday between members of a new political party - government dissidents in rebellion against Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit - and another leftist pro-Western party. The call was made in advance of expected elections to replace the ailing premier. Meanwhile, two more legislators resigned from Ecevit's party on Saturday, slashing his majority

in parliament to 12 seats. Since Monday, 46 legislators have left Ecevit's party. Ecevit said Friday he would resign if he loses his majority in the 550-seat parliament. Ismail Cem, who resigned from his post as Ecevit's foreign minister Thursday, announced Friday that he was creating a new political party that would group together many of the rebel legislators, including a former deputy prime minister and the economy

minister. The party poses a critical challenge to the ailing 77-year-old Ecevit. For decades, Ecevit has been the country's leading social democrat, despite deep divisions within the movement. Economy Minister Kemal Dervis called for closer ties between Cem's party and the Republican People's Party, or CHP, in an attempt to unite the fractured left without Ecevit. "It would be good to go hand-

in-hand with CHP," the Hurriyet newspaper on Saturday quoted Dervis as saying. "This may or may not be a unification; it may be an election alliance, too." An alliance would vault the newly created party into a leadership position among the left and give Cem's party, which is still has not been named, the vital infrastructure that it lacks, such as a headquarters. But Cem played down any moves toward an alliance.



Annu Uwawah, left, one of the leaders of the ChevronTexaco oil export terminal occupation who helped capture the helipad inside, talks Friday in Escravos, Nigeria.

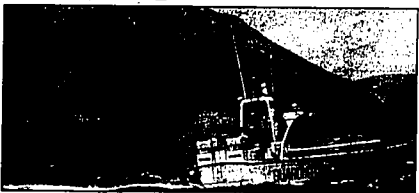
Unarmed women shut down Nigerian oil giant

ESCRAVOS, Nigeria (AP) - Annu Uwawah lets a small smile escape as she tells how she and a band of 150 village women shut down most of a multinational oil company's Nigeria operations for nearly a week. Uwawah said the women from the Ugborodo and Arutan communities commandeered a ChevronTexaco staff ferry to break into the company's Escravos pipeline terminal on Monday. The unarmed women have occupied the terminal ever since, stopping exports and trapping about 700 workers, including Americans, Britons, Canadians and Nigerians, inside. Increasingly heated talks resumed Saturday, with an American representative for ChevronTexaco at one point proposing his first on the negotiating table and at another demanding the women give up the oil terminal. The women want the company to hire their sons and provide electricity for their villages, some of which are less than 100 yards from the terminal. The pro-

testers have blocked the docks, helicopter pads and airstrip that are the only entry points to the facility, which is surrounded by miles of Niger Delta rivers and swamps. The peaceful protest by unarmed women is a departure for Nigeria, where such disputes often are settled with machetes and guns. In the oil-rich Niger Delta, armed young men routinely resort to kidnapping and sabotage to pressure oil multinationals into giving them jobs, protection money or compensation for alleged environmental damage. ChevronTexaco's Nigerian unit said in a statement on Tuesday that the women protesters' complaints were not justified - saying the oil giant both provides jobs to the local community and funds development projects. On Saturday, the women's representatives met ChevronTexaco officials again in a community center in Ugborodo village, a ramshackle collection of mud-and-brick huts with rusty tin roofs.

Spanish ships guard possessions near Morocco

MADRID, Spain (AP) - Spain sent three war vessels to protect two Spanish enclaves on the Moroccan coast as its southern Mediterranean neighbor occupied a tiny, uninhabited Spanish islet for a third day Saturday. A frigate arrived in Ceuta and two corvettes arrived in Melilla, two Spanish city enclaves along Morocco's northern coast, Defense Minister Federico Trillo told Spanish National Radio. Another corvette and a submarine were on their way to the zone, news reports said. "They are worried and have put everyone on alert," a Spanish soldier in Ceuta said of his superiors. The ships were sent after 12 Moroccan soldiers landed Thursday on Perejil island, a barren rock just off the Moroccan



A Spanish civil guard patrol near the Perejil Island, the lower rock seen with the Moroccan mainland in the background, on Saturday.

coast that Spain says it has controlled since the 17th century. The Moroccan planted their country's flag.

Spain sent a letter of protest to the Moroccan embassy in Madrid but has not yet received a formal response.

Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar maintained permanent contact with Trillo, his deputy, Mariano Rajoy, and Foreign Minister Ana Palacio to monitor the situation, a government spokesman said. The incident worsened the countries' relations, which already were sour after Morocco unexpectedly withdrew its ambassador to Madrid last October without any explanation. Meanwhile, Palacio said she telephoned her Moroccan counterpart, Mohamed Benissas, on Friday attempting to resolve the situation through diplomacy. Palacio upheld the government's claim that the landing was an unfriendly act, but said it would be exaggeration to call it an invasion.

Chinese landslide traps nine miners for eight days

BEIJING (AP) - It was 3 a.m. at the end of a nine-hour shift, when the power went off. Then came a thundering sound, and water and mud gushed into the shaft, trapping nine miners inside. Eight days later, on Friday, they were pulled out alive, some of the luckiest men in China's disaster-blighted mining industry. "We came back from death's door and live again," miner Li Li was quoted saying in a detailed first person account of their ordeal carried by the Xinhua News Agency on Saturday. At the time of the accident, storms had for days been ravaging the northwestern province of Shanxi where the Jianshe mine is located. Floods and landslides in the usually arid province have already killed over 150 peo-


ple this summer. After the mudslide, two miners, one buried up to his head in mud, were pulled free and the group made their way to a service shaft. Xinhua quoted Li, 22, and another miner, Gao Baolin, 43, saying from their hospital beds. Worried that more mud and water could come, they built a wall across the entrance of the shaft using an upturned coal cart, stones and chunks of coal. Two or three days later, miners found a ventilation shaft offering air and some water collected in a hollow. To stave off hunger pangs, they stripped bark from tree trunks used to shore up frames in the shaft, although most men became painfully constipated after a few days. Miners turned their lamps only when they needed to get water and bark.

U.S. hands over cash to North Korea for searches for MIA remains

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - A U.S. government representative handed a bundle of cash to a North Korean colonel across the world's most heavily armed border to help finance searches for the remains of American soldiers missing in action from the Korean War, officials said Saturday. "The cash transaction, which took place at the village of Opanmunjon on Wednesday, marked the first contact between

the two sides since navy patrol boats of the two Koreas engaged in a deadly sea skirmish two weeks ago. The transaction was part of an agreement reached last month in Bangkok between U.S. and North Korean officials on a new round of joint searches for the remains of American MIAs from the 1950-53 Korean War, said Kim Yong-kyu, a spokesman of the U.S. military in South Korea, on Saturday.

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Paying tribute: Family and friends honored a dairyman who believed in conservation and canal safety.

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MONEY



In cold water: Small breeders are the secret for a Buhl fish producer.

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FAMILY LIFE



Margaret Lizarraga, 36, says she wants her children to get an education so they will have a better life than she has had. Her oldest son, Christopher Alaniz, 15, left, works in the fields with her but her youngest son, Joseph Alaniz, 12, plans to be first a welder and then work his way through law school. Amanda Alaniz, 17, is getting her GED and baby-sits her older sister's children, Khammi Garcia, 3, and Angel Garcia, 1.

Life without a diploma



BRUCE SHREVE/The Times

By Robert Meyer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - This certainly isn't the life she wanted.

Each morning, Margaret Lizarraga rises at 3:45 to work in the fields, an exhausting job she describes as "horrible." She travels to and from work in a car that desperately needs new shocks and tires. And she raises her three teenagers in a home that, because of its quickly deteriorating condition, is forcing them to move mere months after moving in. Not that they're having much success finding a replacement that fits within her meager budget.

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	State	Twin Falls County	Gooding County	Blaine County	Elmore County	Jerome County	Cassia County	Lincoln County	Carnas County	Blaine County
Less than ninth grade										
2000	5.2%	7.0%	10.4%	13.0%	5.0%	10.1%	10.2%	10.3%	2.4%	4.1%
1990	7.4%	9.4%	11.3%	14.2%	7.4%	10.5%	10.5%	7.9%	3.0%	2.1%
Ninth to 12th grade, no diploma										
2000	10.1%	11.8%	17.0%	13.3%	7.6%	14.9%	12.9%	12.3%	9.2%	5.6%
1990	12.9%	15.2%	16.2%	17.3%	9.5%	17.2%	16.9%	12.3%	15.2%	6.2%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)										
2000	28.5%	30.4%	34.7%	32.7%	25.0%	26.8%	29.8%	32.8%	31.4%	15.9%
1990	30.4%	28.9%	32.3%	33.7%	30.6%	30.7%	29.8%	36.1%	34.2%	21.3%
Some college, no degree										
2000	27.3%	26.9%	20.9%	25.7%	34.6%	25.7%	27.4%	24.9%	27.6%	24.9%
1990	24.2%	24.1%	22.0%	18.8%	29.0%	25.0%	22.6%	19.8%	25.6%	29.5%
Associate degree										
2000	7.2%	8.0%	5.0%	5.2%	10.3%	8.5%	5.8%	6.6%	7.3%	6.3%
1990	7.5%	8.1%	5.0%	7.1%	7.6%	5.6%	6.3%	12.0%	7.0%	8.0%
Bachelor's degree										
2000	14.8%	10.8%	8.5%	7.0%	11.5%	9.9%	9.1%	9.5%	17.3%	30.2%
1990	12.4%	9.9%	9.6%	6.4%	11.2%	7.7%	11.0%	8.5%	12.1%	24.1%
Graduate or professional degree										
2000	6.8%	5.3%	3.5%	3.0%	5.8%	4.1%	4.8%	3.5%	4.9%	12.9%
1990	5.3%	3.4%	3.7%	2.6%	4.6%	3.3%	3.0%	3.3%	3.0%	8.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Assailant turns gun against woman

The Times-News

JEROME - A woman was wounded by her own gun early Saturday morning when a masked assailant broke into her Jerome home.

The woman, whose name police did not release, was in stable condition Saturday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, said Jerome Police Detective Dan Chatterton.

The woman was in at her house at 330 Second Ave. W. when she heard a suspicious noise in the house around 2 a.m., Chatterton said.

Taking a handgun and a cordless telephone, the woman went to investigate the noise. Chatterton said. A person wearing dark clothing, a mask and gloves confronted the woman and they struggled for the gun. Police assume the assailant was a man, Chatterton said.

As they struggled, the gun went off and a bullet passed through the woman's leg. The man left the house on foot. The

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Pearl trial further strains relations

The Associated Press

HYDERABAD, Pakistan - Pakistani police are preparing for a violent backlash by Islamic militants ahead of the verdict this week in the trial of four men accused in the kidnap-slaying of Wall Street Journal correspondent Daniel Pearl.

The trial has fanned the anger of Islamic militants against Pakistan's government, which many militants feel betrayed them by supporting the United States in the war on terrorism.

Judge Ali Ashraf Shah is expected to deliver a verdict Monday.

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A police fear extremists could turn violent if he finds the defendants guilty or sentences them to hang. The trial began April 22 in Karachi but was moved to Hyderabad, about 60 miles away, after prosecutors said they were receiving death threats.

"We are on red alert in Karachi and Hyderabad and around the province," Karachi Police Inspector Seyed Kamal Shah told The Associated Press on Saturday. "We are being extraordinarily vigilant."

The paramilitary Rangers were being deployed in larger numbers, although Shah refused to give any exact numbers or say where. "I will never disclose those details," he said.

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Governors take aim at health costs

The Associated Press

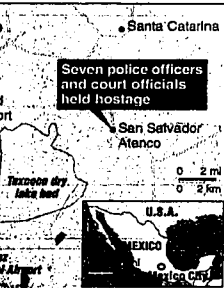
BOISE - The nation's governors opened their summer meeting Saturday with an eye toward shoring up faltering state economies by taking aim at their biggest budget albatross: The mounting cost of health care.

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Mexican protesters take more hostages

Farmers protest airport construction

Thousands of farmers protested the construction of a new airport near Mexico City by taking



The Associated Press

SAN SALVADOR ATENCO, Mexico - Farmers armed with machetes and homemade bombs took three more hostages Saturday, demanding talks with federal officials in the standoff over construction of a new airport for the Mexican capital.

So far, the central government has sought to stay out of the conflict in which 15 people now are being held by about 1,000 protesters. They oppose the airport's construction and have barricaded themselves in a government building on the outskirts of the capital since Thursday.

The hostages were paraded in front of the crowd Saturday and told journalists they were being

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Idaho Extremes Yesterday:

High 110°
Low 47°
Stanley

Missoula 92/68
Boise 92/68
Twin Falls 86/52

Temperature
High: 101/74°
Normal high: 85/53°
High last year: 87/63°
Record high: 101° in 2002
Record low: 49° in 1997

Precipitation
24 hours ending 8 p.m. yesterday: 0.00"
Month to date: 0.01"
Normal month to date: 0.11"
Water year to date (Oct. 1): 0.33"
Normal year to date (Oct. 1): 9.80"

Humidity
Yesterday at noon: 34%
Barometric Pressure
Yesterday at 8 p.m.: 29.96 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls
Grass: Low
Weeds: Low
Molds: High
Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Today's weather:
Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Partly sunny; a 1-storm in spots.	Breezy with patchy clouds.	Sunny to partly cloudy.	Mostly sunny.	Sunshine and a few clouds.	A good deal of sunshine.
▲ 94°	▼ 62°	▲ 94° ▼ 60°	▲ 92° ▼ 58°	▲ 90° ▼ 56°	▲ 90° ▼ 58°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Regional Idaho: Sunshine and some clouds today; not as hot as recent days. A stray thunderstorm will occur in parts of the west late. Partly cloudy and breezy tonight with a thunderstorm possible.

Boise: Partly sunny, breezy and not as hot today with a stray afternoon thunderstorm. High 96. Partly cloudy and breezy tonight with a thunderstorm possible. Low 58. Partly to mostly sunny tomorrow.

Northern Nevada: Sunshine and some clouds today with a stray afternoon thunderstorm. Highs will range from the 80s in the mountains to 90s elsewhere. Patchy clouds tonight.

Northern Utah: Sunny to partly cloudy today and not as hot as recent days. Highs will range from the 80s in the mountains to 102 in Salt Lake City. A thunderstorm possible tonight.

Northern Idaho: An upper-level trough and a cool front moving into the Pacific Northwest today will help to ease the heat across the state over the next several days. A thunderstorm will occur in spots this afternoon.

NATIONAL EXTREMES Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 127° in Death Valley, CA Low 33° in Frisco, CO

NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

SUN AND MOON

SUNRISE TODAY 5:43 a.m.
SUNSET TODAY 8:14 p.m.
MOONRISE TODAY 11:03 a.m.
MOONSET TODAY none

First Full Last New
July 16 July 24 Aug 1 Aug 8

UV INDEX TODAY

0-1: Minimal; 2-3: Low; 4-6: Moderate; 7-9: High; 10+: Very High. Values indicate the exposure to UV radiation near the earth's surface.
0-1: 6 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.	City	Today	Mon.
Atlanta	79 64 c	89 69 pc	Atlanta	82 67 c	88 68 s
Boston	86 66 c	82 70 pc	Boston	84 70 c	84 72 pc
Chicago	88 66 c	90 80 s	Chicago	83 64 c	87 80 s
Denver	93 62 c	94 64 s	Denver	90 68 c	94 68 s
Los Angeles	84 67 c	84 65 c	Los Angeles	84 67 c	84 65 c
New York	84 67 c	84 65 c	New York	84 67 c	84 65 c
San Francisco	84 67 c	84 65 c	San Francisco	84 67 c	84 65 c
Seattle	84 67 c	84 65 c	Seattle	84 67 c	84 65 c
Washington	84 67 c	84 65 c	Washington	84 67 c	84 65 c

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	High	Low	City	Today	High	Low
Calgary	82-86	82	66	Edmonton	82-86	82	66
London	82-86	82	66	Ottawa	82-86	82	66
Quebec	82-86	82	66	Regina	82-86	82	66
Saskatoon	82-86	82	66	Winnipeg	82-86	82	66

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	High	Low	City	Today	High	Low
Akita	88-77	88	77	London	88-77	88	77
Bangkok	88-77	88	77	Manila	88-77	88	77
Beijing	88-77	88	77	Osaka	88-77	88	77
Berlin	88-77	88	77	Seoul	88-77	88	77
Buenos Aires	88-77	88	77	Taipei	88-77	88	77
Calcutta	88-77	88	77	Tokyo	88-77	88	77
Chicago	88-77	88	77	Washington	88-77	88	77
Delhi	88-77	88	77	Yokohama	88-77	88	77

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.	City	Today	Mon.
Boise	96 66 c	96 64 c	McCall	86 48 pc	84 48 s
Bonanza Ferry	83 50 c	87 54 s	Missoula, MT	92 54 pc	90 54 s
Elko	97 66 c	94 52 s	Portland, OR	78 56 c	82 58 s
Hailey	96 64 c	95 65 pc	Richland, WA	93 55 c	95 59 pc
Idaho Falls	97 56 c	93 54 pc	Salt Lake City, UT	102 93 s	96 70 s
Kalispell, MT	90 58 c	88 54 s	Seattle, WA	72 54 c	76 56 s
Lewiston	92 62 c	92 62 c	Spokane, WA	86 58 c	88 58 s
Malad	99 59 c	94 56 pc	St. Valley	94 52 c	92 50 s
Matta	98 62 c	91 59 s	Yellowstone, MT	96 44 c	96 43 s

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Los Angeles	84 67 c	84 65 c	Los Angeles	84 67 c	84 65 c
New York	84 67 c	84 65 c	New York	84 67 c	84 65 c
San Francisco	84 67 c	84 65 c	San Francisco	84 67 c	84 65 c
Seattle	84 67 c	84 65 c	Seattle	84 67 c	84 65 c
Washington	84 67 c	84 65 c	Washington	84 67 c	84 65 c

Abuse calls concerning slain toddler began long ago

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — The first call to the abuse hot line came Aug. 28, 2000.

The caller said 2.5-year-old Rheyana and 10-month-old Alfredo Monte didn't have enough to eat and that their mother, Jeanna Lynn Swallows, constantly had parties and did drugs.

The investigator assigned to the case at the time, Shannon Kersey, wrote that she was unable to locate the family.

The pattern of abuse calls and visits from child protection workers — sometimes successful, other times not — continued until Alfredo, now 2, was killed July 1, allegedly by a baby sitter for soiling his pants.

The boy's death has again put Florida's child welfare agency on the defensive, after months of criticism for its handling of the case of a missing 5-year-old. Murder charges have been filed against the baby sitter, and on Friday, a

child welfare investigator became the first person charged with falsifying records under a new state law.

According to Department of Children & Families documents, five calls were made to the agency's abuse hot line about Alfredo and his sister in the 23 months before July.

Department investigator Erica Jones wrote Friday that Alfredo and charged with falsifying records about the last abuse call logged at the hot line, the day of the boy's death.

"Mother is always high on methamphetamine and acid," the caller told the hot line. "She hits the children when she is high. Last week Alfredo had bruising on the top of his forehead and knots on his head. The children are chronically dirty."

Jones reported that she visited Alfredo and 4-year-old Rheyana on July 1 at the home.

In a handwritten note, one of hundreds of pages of documents released by the DCF Friday, Jones wrote Alfredo had "no marks or bruises. Child was clean and appeared happy."

But police say there was no way Jones could have seen Swallows or the children that day. Swallows dropped her children at Richard Chouquer and Amanda Lawrence's mobile home in Auburndale on June 28.

The boy wasn't reported missing by a family friend until Monday. The mother, Swallows, was arrested Tuesday on a violation of probation warrant for writing bad checks and avoiding police, said Polk County Sheriff's Office spokesman Scott Wilder.

Alfredo's body, wrapped in a bedspread with figures of Disney's "101 Dalmatians" on it, was spotted late Thursday by a passing motorist 30 feet off the edge of Interstate 275 in west-

central Florida.

Chouquer, 23, is charged with first-degree murder and aggravated child abuse in the boy's death. Lawrence, 22, has been charged as an accessory after the fact.

Police said Chouquer told investigators in Utah he was disciplining Alfredo after the boy soiled his pants, hitting him at least five times in the face. Police said he told them the boy never got discipline.

"I was trying to help," he said, according to the arrest affidavit.

After Alfredo lost consciousness and died, the couple put his body in the trunk of their car and drove until they found a place to drop him, police said. Their two young children were in the car, as was Rheyana, police said.

According to Lawrence's arrest affidavit, before Chouquer dumped Alfredo's body she told him "to wrap him up tight" so he would not get cold.

Medical examiner believes, Levy may have been strangled

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — District of Columbia Chief Medical Examiner Jonathan L. Arden said he believes that Chandra Levy may have been strangled, though he does not have conclusive evidence to rule it as the cause of death.

Levy's skeletal remains, discovered May 22 in Rock Creek Park, showed damage to her hyoid, a small U-shaped bone in the upper neck, but it was not broken, he said. Damage to the hyoid bone, usually a fracture, is a key clue for medical examiners in ruling that death was caused by strangulation.

"A young person could be strangled and not have it show on the bones," said Arden, who in May ruled Levy's death a homicide but said he could not determine the cause of her death.

So far, results from FBI tests done an evidence found in Rock Creek Park have yielded no clues to help solve her slaying, law enforcement sources said. But investigators are focusing on those who worked there or who frequently visited its natural area or horse stables, public attractions that are less than a half-mile from where Levy's remains were found.

Governors

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"We've had to battle declining tax revenues ... and at the same time there's been a serious health care costs. Buy, are they ever back," said Engler, the Republican chairman of the association.

Thirty governors are meeting in Boston under some of the worst economic conditions their states have seen. More than 40 states suffered budget shortfalls of \$40 billion to \$50 billion in the last fiscal year, leading to deep cuts, depleted emergency funds and some layoffs.

Despite signs of a gradual national recovery, the states' woes are expected to persist well into

the current fiscal cycle.

Their biggest problems are the ballooning cost of prescription drugs and Medicaid, the state-federal health insurance program for the poor. Medicaid spending jumped 13 percent in the last fiscal year and makes up 20 percent of state budgets.

Governors will consider a proposal that calls on Congress to pick up a greater share of the Medicaid bill. A Senate measure would provide an additional \$8.9 billion in Medicaid money to states over the next 18 months.

"What we're looking for is to get through this current downturn without making dramatic and really harmful cuts in education and basic

social services," said Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton, the association's Democratic vice chairman.

The chief executives also hope to increase affordability and availability of prescription drugs under Medicare, the federal health insurance program for the elderly.

The House last month approved legislation that would spend \$320 billion over 10 years to provide a prescription drug benefit for senior citizens. The measure would gradually federalize drug costs for about 7 million seniors eligible both for Medicare and Medicaid, meaning a possible \$38 billion in savings for the states.

However, governors acknowledged that the likelihood of final action on either front is uncertain while the White House is facing its own budget problems.

The Bush administration said Friday the government will run a

\$165 billion deficit in the federal fiscal year ending Sept. 30. That's \$59 billion worse than the administration estimated in February.

The same things that are causing those deficits in Washington are precisely what's responsible at the state level for the problems we have, but there's one difference," Engler said. "We've got to balance state budgets."

He said he was confident that President Bush would support the governors' priorities, but some Democratic chief executives were less sure.

"This is a serious issue that the states can't deal with, and Congress and the president need to focus on it," Alabama Gov. Don Siegelman said. "But you don't do that by running around the country campaigning on partisan politics. Unfortunately, this is an election year."

Hostage

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reated well. But they said they feared for their lives if police tried to raid the town.

"I call on my superiors, on state officials, and on President Fox not to abandon us," said a municipal prosecutor who had been held since Thursday but was not fully identified. "I want to go home, I want to feel like authorities and the government are doing all they can to get me there."

Some 750 officers in riot gear have surrounded the town of San Salvador Atenco or been stationed on nearby highways, where traffic has been at a standstill for days after protesters blocked roads with burned cars and stolen tractor-trailers.

The farmers have threatened to kill the hostages, saying they would tie the 600-kg hijacker to a gasoline tanker truck and set them on fire if police try to end the standoff. They have demanded the release of 15 fellow pro-

testers arrested during a previous confrontation. They have been freed by prosecutors, but the 12 others remained jailed.

Protesters said the three men they took hostage Saturday were state police officials, posing as reporters with fake credentials. A spokesman at the state prosecutor's office said he had no information.

The protesters have refused to negotiate with state leaders, saying they want to talk to Bishop Samuel Ruiz, who negotiated with the Zapatista rebels in southern Chiapas state. They also have demanded to speak with members of the federal government, or other human rights activists.

President Vicente Fox's government has largely stayed out of the clash, saying the construction of a new highway — that will gobble up much of San Salvador Atenco and other nearby communities — will continue as planned.

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doors of the house had been locked, Chatterton said.

The woman, in her 30s, is mar-

ried, but her husband was not home, Chatterton said. She called 911 and was taken to the hospital, Chatterton said.

Police have talked to many of the people in the neighborhood but have not found anyone who could say anything about the case, Chatterton said.

"I know there's someone out there who knows who the person is and they need to come forward," Chatterton said.

Police have some information and are a description of an assailant. Chatterton said she would keep this information secret and use it to determine informants are giving them information.

U.S. plans for rapid strike force

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Pentagon's plans for what the military will be in seven years emphasizes a much more high-tech force ready to strike without warning in reaction to a perceived threat.

Push-button warfare largely by pilotless aircraft, including a "hypersonic" missile that could knock out a mobile rocket launcher 600 miles away in no more than 15 minutes, are among the Pentagon's goals.

The concept, reported on in today's Los Angeles Times, dovetails with President Bush's marching orders to graduating U.S. Military Academy cadets last month to "be ready for pre-emptive action when necessary." The newspaper's account was based on its review of an annually updated classified document.

Many of the facts in the document, known as "Defense Planning Guidance" for 2004-2009 and signed May 3 by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, have been disclosed previously.

Rumsfeld's chief spokeswoman, Victoria Clarke, said Saturday she would not comment on specifics of the planning document because it is classified, but she noted that Rumsfeld has publicly pushed for advances in areas such as cyberwarfare, precision strikes and anti-terror capabilities.

"The secretary has talked repeatedly about the need to be prepared for surprises - the unknown unknowns," she said. "He has said there must be an increased focus on unmanned

aerial vehicles of all sorts," including those now in development that would launch missile attacks.

"He has talked again and again about the need to shift to greater precision in everything we do," she added.

The Pentagon put one enhancement on the report on display Thursday: an improved aerial drone designed to survive the rigors of combat. The planning guide would obtain a fleet of 12 of the pilotless jets, called unmanned air vehicles, by 2012.

Photographer, famous for shots of Churchill, dies

BOSTON (AP) - Photographer Yousuf Karsh, who gained international prominence with his 1941 portrait of a defiant Winston Churchill and photos of public figures such as Albert Einstein and Ernest Hemingway, has died at the age of 93.

Karsh died Saturday at Brigham and Women's Hospital, said hospital spokeswoman Jacquie Fowler. His European agent, Roger Eldridge, said Karsh died of complications following surgery.

Karsh's subjects included world leaders, including 12 U.S. presidents, plus artists and other celebrities.

"My personal interest in ordinary people is unlimited, but I am fascinated by the challenge of portraying true greatness adequately with my camera," Karsh wrote in a 1996 essay published in Contemporary Photographers.

His photographs are included in permanent collections ranging from the Museum of Modern Art in New York to the National Portrait Gallery in London.

"When you look for one picture to sum somebody up, it's always his picture you'd pick," Eldridge said. "Inevitably, he'd take the definitive portrait of the people of the age."



Yousuf Karsh

He was catapulted to international fame with his 1941 portrait of Churchill, taken as Great Britain stood alone against Nazi Germany.

The photo of Churchill taken as a defiant "appealed to the whole world," Karsh said to the The Associated Press in 1989. "It caught all the build-up determination of the British Empire... It was done without premeditation but with great admiration and respect."

Karsh was born in an Armenian family in Turkey, but fled after massacres in his home town of Maridin. He arrived in Canada in 1924. He originally planned to become a doctor, but studied under Boston portrait photographer John H. Garo, and in 1932 opened his first Ottawa photography studio.

Although he was trained to use only available light, his involvement with a theater company in Ottawa taught him the importance of using studio lighting to create a mood.

Analysts expect rise in smuggling as states increase cigarette taxes

NEW YORK (AP) - As state after deficit-ridden state ratchets up cigarette taxes, authorities are bracing for some tax-evading consequences in the form of more aggressive smuggling and bolder use of the Internet as a tax-evading tobacco shop.

Never before have so many states - 17 this year - legal approved cigarette-tax hikes in such a short time. Anti-smoking advocates call it a win-win situation, enabling states to reduce smoking and budget deficits simultaneously.

In many legislatures, even tax-averse conservatives have supported the increases - expected to generate \$2.2 billion annually in new revenue - as budget woe and anti-smoking militancy transform cigarette buyers into America's easiest-to-tax constituency.

With prices as high as \$7 a pack in New York City, and more than \$4 in many states, some smokers are trying harder than ever to quit. Those unwilling or unable to kick the habit are left with several options - legal quasi-legal and illegal - for getting a nicotine hit without a tax hit.

Those who choose the illegal route are often successful. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms estimates state and federal authorities lose more than \$1.5 billion annually in evaded cigarette taxes.

The ATF concentrates on major interstate smuggling operations involving at least 60,000 cigarettes. The workload has increased steadily in recent years; ATF now has about 150 evaded cigarette smuggling cases.

"There's no question some large-scale organized crime gangs are involved," said ATF spokesman John D'Angelo. "Not only are these criminals depriving state and federal governments of tax revenue, they're using their profits for other criminal activity."

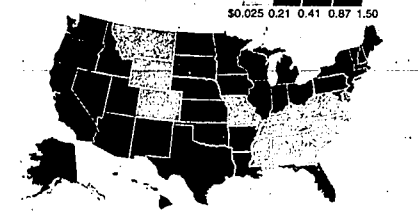
The primary sources of smuggled cigarettes are tobacco-growing states with low taxes - for example, Virginia with a lowest-in-the-nation tax of 2.5 cents per pack, and Kentucky with a 3-cent per pack tax.

In Ohio, where the tax recently rose 31 cents per pack, officials plan to monitor the Kentucky border for smugglers, and police are being trained to check for Ohio tax stamps on packs sold at stores. A carton of name-brand cigarettes in Ohio costs about \$40, compared to about \$25 in Kentucky.

In Maryland, where the per-pack tax rose to \$1 in June, authorities are on alert for more

More states hike cigarette taxes

More states are raising cigarette taxes as a way to reduce smoking and budget deficits simultaneously.



State	Rate	State	Rate
New York	\$1.50	Iowa	\$0.38
New Jersey	1.50	Nevada	0.35
Washington	1.425	Arkansas	0.34
Rhode Island	1.31	Nebraska	0.34
Connecticut	1.11	Florida	0.339
Maine	1.00	South Dakota	0.33
Maryland	1.00	Pennsylvania	0.31
Alaska	1.00	Idaho	0.28
Hawaii	1.00	Delaware	0.24
Illinois	0.98	Louisiana	0.24
Vermont	0.93	Oklahoma	0.23
California	0.87	New Mexico	0.21
Wisconsin	0.77	Colorado	0.20
Massachusetts	0.76	Montana	0.18
Michigan	0.75	Mississippi	0.18
Kansas	0.70	Missouri	0.17
Utah	0.695	West Virginia	0.17
Oregon	0.68	Alabama	0.165
Arizona	0.58	Tennessee	0.13
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Notes:
 1. New York City imposes an \$1.50 per pack in addition to the state tax.
 2. Hawaii's rate will be \$1.20 per pack effective Sept. 30.
 3. Michigan's rate will be \$1.25 per pack effective Aug. 1.
 4. Nebraska's rate will be \$0.84 per pack effective Oct. 1.
 5. Pennsylvania's rate will be \$1.00 per pack effective July 15.
 6. Louisiana's rate will be \$0.30 per pack effective Aug. 1.
 7. Tennessee's rate will be \$0.20 per pack effective July 15.

SOURCE: Philip Morris Companies Inc.

smuggling from Virginia. There were only five arrests in Maryland for cigarette smuggling in 1997, and more than 50 so far this year.

The Internet - which thus far accounts for only a small fraction of cigarette sales - may pose a bigger long-term threat to tax collectors than smuggling. The hefty tax-hikes may prompt more smokers to order in bulk from online merchants, who in turn may resist state efforts to collect taxes.

Under federal law, online cigarette vendors are required to report the names and addresses of out-of-state customers, but the law is widely flouted.

Vinegar could be effective weedkiller

WASHINGTON (AP) - The solution to weeds and insects that bug gardeners as well as farmers could be in the kitchen cabinet.

Agriculture Department scientists say they've proven that vinegar can be an effective alternative to conventional herbicides for organic farmers and gardeners.

Products as diverse as canola oil, thyme and red pepper already are registered with the government as pesticides or repellents. Canola oil repels bugs by altering leaf surfaces or irritating the insects. Thyme can be sprayed on ornamental plants to kill aphids. Red pepper is registered as an animal repellent.

Household vinegar contains about 5 percent acetic acid, the ingredient that kills weeds, said Jay Radhakrishnan, the USDA agronomist who led the research.

"A lot of people tried this in the past but gave up for some reason," he said.

But the USDA research found that at concentrations of 5 percent to 10 percent, the product will kill all weeds during the first two weeks of life. Older plants required higher concentrations.

Spot spraying of corn fields with a 20 percent concentration of acetic acid would kill 80 percent to 100 percent of the weeds without harming the corn.

Canada thistle, a particularly tenacious weed, has proven to be one of the most susceptible to vinegar, Radhakrishnan said.

Although vinegar is far from the first natural product to be touted as a pesticide, not many have undergone a federal study. Another natural weed killer is corn gluten meal, a byproduct of corn milling that Iowa State University researchers have shown to be effective in stopping weeds from germinating.

"One of the problems facing the industry is how do we make people aware of these products?" said Brian Steinward, a spokesman for the Environmental Protection Agency's Division of Biopesticides and Pollutant Prevention. "There are a lot of commonly consumed foods that can be used as pesticides."

EPA created the office during the Clinton administration to promote the use of pesticides that would be less harmful to people and the environment.

Vinegar is sold in some places as an organic herbicide, but it isn't in wide use in commercial farming.

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INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) - Mayor Roosevelt Dorn on Saturday called for video cameras in police cars in the wake of the nationally televised videotape of a white police officer punching a handcuffed black teenager in the face.

Dorn also said he was confident Inglewood residents would not resort to violent protests of the July 6 incident.

"People across the country keep asking, 'What is the next going to happen?' ... That is not part of the agenda," Dorn told members of the National Alliance for Positive Action, a nonprofit civil rights group.

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Three stories

People who drop out of high school have varied stories. Here are three people's stories:

- A young father hoping to improve his lot in life.
- A 1950s farm girl who didn't feel the need for a diploma when she was young.
- And a former waitress and house cleaner who overcame her lack of education to succeed in business.



Cindy Trappen lives in affluence now, but she struggled in low-paying jobs for years after she dropped out of school at age 16.

She made good — then got her GED

She can laugh about it now, now that she can relax in her lavishly furnished 5,000-square-foot home. But it was certainly a grim struggle for most of Cindy Trappen's adult life.

After dropping out of high school and leaving home at age 16, Trappen spent the next decade or so moving from one job to the next, occasionally juggling three at a time.

You name it, she's done, she said. Waitressing, cleaning, cooking, construction — whatever it took to help raise her two children.

"I couldn't even tell you how many restaurants I've worked at or hotels, or how many kids I've watched or houses I've cleaned," said Trappen, 41. "Every dollar went somewhere and it wasn't in a savings account — it was for this car or that grocery bill. It was always something."

It was only through a business investment that Trappen was able to escape the world of low-paying, entry-

level work.

She and her husband took every dollar, including cashing in her husband's retirement, to buy a local promotions business. And it paid off.

Yet, regardless of her increased economic comforts, her lack of a diploma continued to gnaw at her. It was her children entering junior high school and her inability to help them with homework that provoked her to finally earn her GED.

"That's almost a wake-up call — I found out these kids' heads to get an education and you didn't do it yourself," she said. "I thought, I've got to do it, even if it's just for satisfaction, I'm going to go finish."

After attending classes at CSI, Trappen finally earned her GED in November.

If she could do it over again, "I would never have dropped out of high school, never, never."

— Robert Mayer

Diploma

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Her station in life stems largely from dropping out of high school 18 years ago, she said. That decision has reduced her income opportunities to an endless cycle of low-paying, menial jobs.

"Life is a struggle and I don't recommend anyone quitting school," said the 36-year-old mother of four. "Without a high school diploma, you work your butt off to get what you want."

The percentage of Magic Valley residents without high school diplomas, while generally lower than 10 years ago, still largely hovers in the double digits, according to 2000 census figures. In Twin Falls County, 18.8 percent of the population 25 years and older didn't finish high school.

That's higher than the state average of 15.3 percent. But it marks a decline from 1990, when 24.6 percent didn't have diplomas in Twin Falls County compared with the state's 20.3 percent.

Gonding County features the valley's largest concentration, with 27.4 percent of its population without diplomas.

That's nearly unchanged from its 1990 figure of 27.5 percent.

Lack of a high school diploma generally limits a person to entry-level, service-sector jobs, said Greg Rogers, regional labor economist for the Idaho Department of Labor.

"Their earning potential is a lot lower," he said.

A U.S. Department of Education survey showed these average wage levels for women in 1999:

- 9-11 years of education — \$10,174.
- High school diploma or equivalent — \$16,770.
- Some college — \$21,008.
- Bachelor's degree or higher — \$32,145.

Chances are greater, too, that a high school dropout will be living below the poverty level, he said.

Lizarraga earns between \$250 and \$300 a week from her labors — which, these days, include hoeing beets, picking rocks and laying pipe. If she's going to find a new home and buy her

kids school supplies and clothes this fall, she's going to need a second job — a concept she has reluctantly accepted.

She's already applied at a fast-food restaurant, but she has yet to decide to accept the position, knowing that the extra work will mean rarely being at home for her family.

She has seen her two daughters drop out of high school as well — to her frustration. She says she repeatedly warned her younger daughter, "You're going to be stuck where I'm at."

Now 17, Amanda Alaniz wishes she has stayed in school. She tried on three separate occasions to finish the ninth grade, but she was too caught up in a social scene that valued parties more than academics, she said.

By her third try, she was much older than her classmates, making it awkward to attend school.

"I decided to be cool and drop out," she said.

But now, witnessing her mom struggle year after year has changed her per-

spective. She hopes the Job Corps, the U.S. Department of Labor's training program for youth, will offer a path to a successful life.

"I want to have money and be able to buy my kids what they want and take them where they want," she said.

The Magic Valley's farm-driven economy still offers many jobs for high school dropouts. But opportunities for prosperity are harder to come by.

Jeff Williams, executive vice president at Glanville Foods, Inc. said he estimates that a little more than 10 percent of his employees don't have high school diplomas. Moreover, a high school diploma isn't required to advance within the company; performance and ability are more important.

The same is true at Jerome Cheese Co., said General Manager Jon Davis.

Still, the gradual trend is toward employees with more education,

Williams said.

"In the future, for people to rise as high without a college education proba-

bly won't happen," he said.

The College of Southern Idaho's three positions that don't require a high school diploma: painting assistant, groundskeeper and custodian.

The Twin Falls School District, however, requires diplomas for all positions, including custodian.

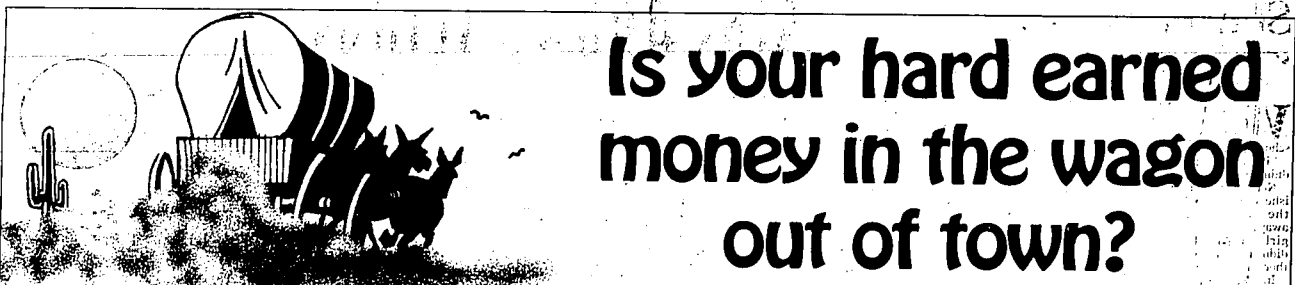
Lizarraga has grown weary of the back-breaking work that generally awaits the diploma-less. She aspires to something greater: being a registered nurse.

"First she must earn her GED before she can be accepted into CSI's nursing program. Although math is giving her fits, she's determined to earn her GED by September."

"I don't want all the money world," she said.

"All I want is to be able to get a good, steady job and get a place that I can call my own."

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He wishes he had stuck with school

Jeremiah Short dropped out of high school in the 10th grade. Now he understands that his dream of becoming an auto mechanic won't happen until he can earn his GED.



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Jeremiah Short loves his job at Spears Manufacturing in Jerome. Working as a pipe former allows him to work with his hands.

But without a high school diploma, he knows his ability to move into a leadership position is unlikely. Thus, it's likely he'll remain at his entry-level job. The \$8.25 hourly wage makes it difficult to raise a family.

Diagnosed with a learning disability, Short, 20, said he always struggled academically. He fell so far behind in school that when he was suspended in the 10th grade, he didn't return.

"I was one of these kids who wanted to ditch school," he said.

But now he's wishing he had stuck with it.

He wants to earn his GED, but so far it's been a struggle. He works until late at night. So taking morning classes or

getting up early to study is difficult. Plus he wants to spend time with his family.

But it has to happen somehow, he said. "One of these days I'm going to want to work my way up, and the fastest way for me to do that is to get my GED or HED," he said, referring to the general equivalency diploma and high school equivalency diploma programs.

"That way they know I mean business. If I could at least build up my math skills it would help me at work."

What he'd really like to do is be an auto mechanic, perhaps even owning his own shop someday. He's proud of the engine swap he recently made on his

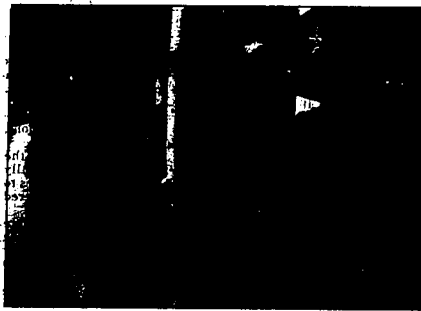
1976 Ford truck. But again, until he earns his GED, he can't enroll in the College of Southern Idaho's auto mechanics program.

"I've learned from my mistakes really quick," he said.

—Robert Mayer

'One of these days I'm going to want to work my way up, and the fastest way for me to do that is to get my GED or HED.'

—Jeremiah Short



LEA M. COLLARD/The Times-News

Charlotte Short has spent more than 40 years working at various jobs and raising goats. She finally got her GED in 2001. She keeps only a few of her favorite goats as pets, so she finally can travel.

She tells her kids, 'There's a better life'

When she married at 15, that was the end of Charlotte Short's high school education. "If you got married, you just didn't go to school," she said. Not that she would have finished anyway. Growing up with the nearest neighbor a mile away, she led the life of a farm girl in 1950s Twin Falls. She didn't see the need to study further than the ninth grade.

Instead she spent the next several decades raising a family and working in food-processing plants and at other manual labor jobs. "My lack of education did not stop me from moving up in the job," she said.

Short, at 62, has since come to appreciate the value of an education. She now encourages others to take college classes regardless

of whether they count toward a degree.

After all, life is considerably more complex now than when she was growing up, she said.

"I'm strictly for education," she said. "I never had any encouragement to go to school. But once you get out in the world, it's a different life and there's a lot of things you need."

After several stops and starts at getting her GED through the years, Short finally earned her diploma in 2001.

"I just wanted basically to know the right way."

Now she's trying to get her two children to earn their GEDs as well.

"I tell my kids there's a better life out there," she said. "I learned the hard way."

—Robert Mayer

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A living lab

Yellowstone's fires prove to be boon to some animals

By Julie Cart
LOS ANGELES TIMES

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. — For more than 250 years, the three-toed woodpecker barely eked out an existence in the high forests here in the Rockies. The Rinch insect eater never had much more than a tenuous foothold and by the 1980s was on the verge of losing even that, pushed out by harder birds.

Then something auspicious happened, giving the little woodpecker a break. In 1988, wildfires roared through 750,000 acres of Yellowstone, charring acre after acre of the old forest, destroying habitat for the bird's competitors.

What looked like a disaster for the park's wildlife turned out to be a boon for the woodpecker. "All those dead trees are bug factories, wonderful for him," said John Varley, pointing to a steep ridge once covered by old-growth lodgepole pines and conifers. Today, the mountainside is prickly with what look like towering black chupsticks. It's the woodpecker's happy new home.

"In a fire, even a big one, for every loser, there is a winner," said Varley, director of the Yellowstone Center for Resources.

In this summer of massive wildfires throughout the West, Yellowstone offers a compelling lesson in fire's quid pro quo. A forest destroyed is also a forest made over. It becomes more efficient, safer and often more diverse.

Rather than land lying fallow after a fire, other plants rush in to fill the vacuum. After a huge burn, forests are all but fireproof, and the absence of long-established trees opens the forest to new species of plants and healthier versions of their own kind.

Animals adapt in similar ways. Like the plants that have always existed in small numbers in the Yellowstone ecosystem, some animals hide their time until conditions are right, then rapidly increase after a big fire.

Since the fires, Yellowstone has become a living laboratory for fire ecologists, who in more than 400 research projects have charted, measured and mapped the massive burn area to calculate the fire's long-term impact.

Varley argues that the fires did a fine job of restoring balance to

Yellowstone Reborn

Fire is a vital part of the natural cycle of Yellowstone's forest ecosystem, 80% of which is lodgepole pine. The cycle repeats every 250 to 400 years.

The Fire Cycle

■ **Mature forest:** Lodgepole pine dominates forest, with very little plant diversity.

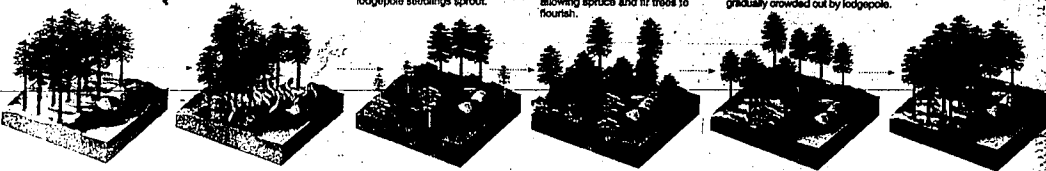
■ **Fire:** Usually starts as a result of lightning strikes.

■ **0-50 years:** Dead trees fall, enriching soil as organisms break them down. Ground cover and lodgepole seedlings sprout.

■ **50-150 years:** As gaps form in the canopy, sunlight penetrates the forest floor, allowing spruce and fir trees to flourish.

■ **150-300 years:** Lodgepines mature, preventing sun from reaching the understory, which is gradually overruled out by lodgepole.

■ **Mature forest:** The natural cycle of the forest's ecosystem is again ready to begin.



REBECCA PERRY / Los Angeles Times

the park. Despite the national hysteria following the park's "let it burn" policy, Yellowstone today shows no signs of devastation. For that, Varley compliments nature and its hardheaded resolve to impose balance on its ecosystem.

Varley walked the park's back country to illustrate that point. He paused in a broad green swale, tucked partway up a ridge. His black boots stood ankle deep in a thick carpet of healthy plants and a young 11-foot Douglas fir dwarfed his 6-foot frame.

"Golly, it doesn't look devastated," the scientist wisecracked, gesturing to the vast tract of national parkland before him that exploded in fire on the night of Sept. 10, 1988. That blaze was the last of several major wildfires that rendered the nation's oldest national park an "ecological disaster," as media reports called it at the time.

But destruction, in Varley's experience, is in the eye of the beholder. Where many see this summer's huge wildfires in Colorado and Arizona as, invariably, "devastating," Varley and other scientists know fire for what it is, an integral actor in nature's grand design for survival.

Most plants and animals here have evolved to survive fire. Some even fare better after a fire. The dominant tree in Yellowstone, the lodgepole pine, stores its seeds in a resin-encased cone. Intense fires cause the resin to melt, releasing decades worth of seeds to the forest floor. Because the soil is rich with nutrients deposited by the fire, pine saplings flourish as they would not have before the fire.

Even the lodgepole's seeds are fire-smart: The black seeds spill onto the charcoal and ash and are camouflaged from hungry birds. Quaking aspen, rarely seen in the park and unable to compete for space with the conifers, are now thriving in leafy green swaths. The aspens' vast root systems are deep and protected from a fire's heat, allowing them to capitalize on the open space provided by the burn.

When a fire takes down tree crowns, it creates more sunlight on the forest floor. Plants that had lain quietly in seed beds beneath the soil opportunistically spring up after burns, responding to newfound light and sensing a change in environment.

Everywhere after Western fires, brilliant red fireweed plants abound.

Even among animals, habitat loss for some means new homes for others. Moose, elk and pine martens, which thrived in old-growth forests, did not do well in

years immediately after the fire. Nor did most nesting birds. Too many birds, such as three-toed woodpeckers, tree swallows and mountain bluebirds, prospered. Ground squirrels are back, happy in the younger sagebrush that allows the small creatures to hide in and

peer over.

Little of the fire's "good news" is understood by the public because media reporting of wildfires is simplistic and sensationalized, said Peter Morrison, executive director of the Pacific Biodiversity Institute in

Winthrop, Wash.

"They say, '10,000 acres destroyed by fire,'" he said. "Rarely do I see as much attention to the landscape after the fire. The reporting would be much more accurate if it said, '10,000 acres restored by fire.'"

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President Bush kneels down as he reaches out to shake the hand of an unidentified swimmer during his visit to a camp for disabled people in Maryland near Camp David where Bush is spending the weekend.

A bad week for Bush

Business past, ill-received speech, deficit all haunt president

By Ronald Brownstein
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - This week, President Bush spent more time on the defensive than at any point since Sept. 11 - and possibly since he took office.

In grueling succession, Bush endured stinging questions about his personal business dealings, received mostly negative reviews for the major speech he delivered on corporate responsibility, confronted signs that even congressional Republicans considered his response inadequate to the firestorm and ended the week with the grim news that the government was heading toward its largest budget deficit since the mid-1990s.

In all, Bush's probably had a rougher week than anyone in public life this side of beleaguered Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig.

Analysis in both parties say the turbulence was unlikely to affect Bush's astronomical job approval ratings, at least for now. A CBS News/Poll taken early in the week before all the bad news accumulated, found that 74 percent of Americans still gave him positive marks for the way he was handling his job.

But the week might mark a turning point for Bush that opens a period of rougher political conflict. Since Sept. 11, Democrats have been reluctant to criticize him sharply for two main reasons - the war-time atmosphere and his high approval ratings. The lofty ratings fed on themselves by discouraging criticism that might have dented the president's standing.

But this week, as chinks opened in Bush's armor, Democrats became much bolder in their challenges to him on both the personal and policy front. "The people who don't agree with Bush, many of whom had been reluctant to question him ... found out this week you can raise legitimate issues, you can criticize the president and you don't wake up the next morning with a horse's head in your bed," says Democratic consultant Joe Lockhart, former White House press secretary

for President Clinton.

Some Republicans believe the rapidly escalating Democratic rhetoric still risks alienating Americans weary of partisanship in the long shadow of the terrorist attacks. "The Democrats are ratcheting up the partisan rhetoric and that's a blunder," said GOP pollster David Winston. "Given this post-Sept. 11 environment, that will be viewed as a negative. People want their problems solved."

Although White House press secretary Ari Fleischer on Friday dismissed the turmoil as "noise about nothing," the news this week for Bush, from a political perspective, was almost all bad.

On Monday, at a White House news conference, Bush was barraged with questions about his 1990 sale of stock in the Harken Energy Corp., a company on whose board he sat. Under the intense questioning, Bush at times appeared shaky and unprepared.

On Tuesday, Bush in his much-anticipated Wall Street speech endorsed new measures to combat securities fraud and reform corporate governance that constituted a sharp turn in direction for an administration that arrived in Washington pledging to reduce federal regulation of business. But the speech was battered by critics - including many in the business world - who said it didn't go far enough. Many analysts portrayed the sharp decline of the stock markets following the address as a vote of no-confidence in the president's response.

On Wednesday, as if to underscore the sense that Bush had been too cautious, the Senate voted unanimously to pass Democratic-sponsored legislation giving prosecutors new authority to pursue securities fraud. Bush pointedly had declined to endorse that measure in his speech Tuesday.

On Thursday, Bush awoke to newspaper accounts about \$180,375 in low-interest loans he had received from Harken while serving as a company director - a practice he had urged companies to ban in his Tuesday speech. On Friday, Office of

Management and Budget Director Mitchell E. Daniels released figures showing that the government would run a \$165 billion deficit this year. That's the first deficit since 1997, and the largest since 1994. Daniels blamed the war and the economic slowdown; Democrats immediately fingered the \$1.35 trillion tax cut Bush pushed through Congress last year.

For the White House and Democrats alike, the overriding question is whether these developments foreshadow any long-term vulnerability for Bush, on either the policy or personal fronts.

On the questions about Bush's business dealings, analysts in both parties don't yet see much sign of damage. Trust in Bush remains substantial; in the CBS survey, nearly three-fifths of those polled said they believed he would do the right thing to prevent business abuses. An equal share said they believed most members of his administration were honest.

"The Democrats are cutting fundamentally against the grain of the perceptions the American people have about this president," White House communications director Dab Bartlett said Friday. "What (voters) don't buy are these assertions that he is somehow dishonest or untrustworthy."

Similarly, one senior Democratic operative said: "We're not kidding ourselves; the guy got paper cuts. This happens to be the first time Superman has been hit. But he's not on life support." But as in any Washington accusation of wrong-doing, those judgments are subject to revision based on new developments. At the least, some people believe the White House has assured that questions about Bush's business past will remain alive - and continue to generate headaches - by refusing requests from Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., to release all Securities and Exchange Commission documents on the stock sale.

"These documents are going to be seen," predicted Lockhart, a veteran of the Clinton scandal wars.

Task-force leader faced fraud charges

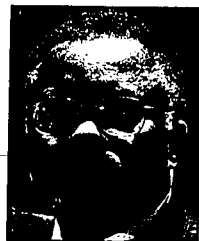
WASHINGTON (AP) - The leader of President Bush's new task force on corporate crime was a director of a credit card company that paid more than \$400 million to settle charges of consumer and securities fraud.

Larry Thompson, the deputy attorney general, served on the board of the company, Provident Financial Corp., from June 1997 until he was confirmed by the Senate in May 2001, according to Securities and Exchange Commission documents.

During that period, state, local and federal agencies investigated Provident for gouging its customers, who filed class-action lawsuits against the company. Provident paid more than \$400 million in 2000 to settle the investigations and lawsuits.

During the first two weeks in 1999 after the government investigations were disclosed, the company's shares plunged from \$62.06 to as low as \$39.22.

In March, Provident agreed to pay \$38 million to settle a class-action lawsuit filed by shareholders



Larry Thompson

alleging the company inflated its profits through its price-gouging practices.

The settlement covered investors who bought the company's stock between Jan. 21, 1999 and June 4, 1999, when Thompson was a company director.

The Washington Post, which first reported Thompson's con-

nection with the credit card company, said he held 89,651 shares of Provident on March 21. Those shares were valued at more than \$4.7 million on the day he took office as deputy attorney general.

Thompson was not questioned about his role at Provident during his Senate confirmation hearings.

Provident's officers and directors, including Thompson, are defendants in a class-action lawsuit brought by company employees who claim they urged large holdings of Provident stock in 401(k) retirement plans while they were employing questionable accounting methods and cashing in on their own shares.

Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo said Thompson was proud of his service on Provident's board.

"He only became aware of the (fraud) issues when regulators began to make inquiries," Corallo told the Post. "He then personally took the lead in making the company doing the right thing."

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Bush: Restoring confidence is key for economy

WASHINGTON (AP) - Restoring confidence in the integrity of business leaders is "perhaps the greatest need for our economy," President Bush

said Saturday. Democrats agreed that's so and said Americans think it's Bush's job to clean up the mess.

Our economy at this moment is restoring confidence in the integrity of the American business leaders," Bush said in his weekly radio address.

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Chef gives up corporate job to feed the needy

CHICAGO (AP) — There are no gleaming stainless steel and copper pots hanging from overhead racks, none of the starched white jackets or toques so common in the most famous cooking school in the world and in upscale restaurants.

Gone are the 40-quart mixers; mixing now is strictly a bowl and spoon affair. And the stained chef's jacket that once remained spotless all day is evidence that Mary Ellen Diaz's days of delegating chores like washing dishes are also a thing of the past. She washes her own dishes.

Yet it is here, in the kitchen of Ebenezer Lutheran Church on Chicago's North Side, that the 40-year-old former corporate chef and co-owner of a critically acclaimed Chicago restaurant feels most comfortable.

Diaz walked away from the glamorous world of celebrity chefs, taking what she learned at the famed Cordon Bleu cooking school in Paris and at upscale restaurants, to cook for the needy.

Since last fall, she has been running a service called First Slice out of the Ebenezer church kitchen. "It was a way for me to get to know my community," she said. "My idea was to give low-income families access to good food. It was almost like a one-woman rebellion against the idea that to get balanced nutrition you have to spend a lot of money."

The program works like this: For \$33 a week, subscribers receive three meals for three people. Selling five of these packages allows First Slice to award the same package, called a "scholarship," to an elderly person or poor family.

Because First Slice depends on paying customers, the food is hardly typical soup kitchen fare.

Instead of instant mashed potatoes and mystery meat, the menu can include anything from lush lemon crepes stuffed with macaroni to ratatouille vegetables with Mary Sue's lemon thyme.

Meals are packaged and frozen or refrigerated until distribution.



Mary Ellen Diaz begins work recently at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Chicago.

In the first 12 weeks of the program, there were 50 paying families and 13 scholarship families. "Our next rotation is for 75 families and we have a waiting list," Diaz said.

By December, when she is sure her small staff of volunteers can handle the workload, she anticipates 100 paying families sup-

porting 30 non-paying ones. Diaz's trip to Ebenezer from her job as chef at Printer's Row and chef and part-owner of North Pond Cafe — both in Chicago — began in the mid-1990s.

It was then that chefs who had baked and braised, sliced and seared meals behind closed doors stepped out of the kitchen and

onto the covers of magazines and the sets of their own television shows on their own network.

They were called into dining rooms to take a bow. Their names started popping up in the newspaper.

"I would be walking somewhere and someone would stop me, 'Are you Mary Ellen Diaz?' I was never comfortable with that," Diaz said. But she found herself more at ease with people for whom dinner out was more likely a bucket of chicken than chicken Cobb salad with Brown Derby vinaigrette.

She joined a program in which she taught low-income families how to cook organic foods. The work was rewarding in a way that being a chef at a restaurant was not. "I felt like these are people I really can communicate with about nutrition," she said.

After she and her partner adopted a boy, Diaz took a leave of absence from her \$100,000-a-year job as a corporate chef with Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, a Chicago-based restaurant group.

She started volunteering at area soup kitchens.

Then came Sept. 11. The terrorist attacks made many people re-evaluate their lives.

Diaz was one of them. The attacks crystallized a feeling that she wanted to do something besides feed people with plenty of money in their wallets.

She quit her job and organized the First Slice service.

The decision didn't surprise Rich Melman, chairman of Lettuce Entertain You. "She doesn't march to the same tune that a lot of people do," he said.

She was making very nice money, (but) money doesn't mean the same to everybody." Diaz recently wrote herself her first check, which translates into a salary of about \$24,000 a year.

Art festival, conferences on the deaf draw 9,500

WASHINGTON (AP) — They can't hear the music, but teams of deaf dancers whose specialties include everything from Cuban conga to Chinese classical are starting at a get-together that's attracted 9,500 participants from 109 nations.

The "Wild Zappers" do jazz, funk and hip hop, taking their cues from the bodily effect of the musical rhythms, as do the other dance groups. The music is there too, for hearing people to enjoy.

"Deaf people can do everything but hear," said I. King Jordan, president of Washington's Gallaudet University. The first such conference-plus-arts-festival was held on campus in 1989. Now, "Deaf Way II" shows them doing things that seem less than likely to people without the handicap.

Both turnouts have been sponsored by Gallaudet, which calls

itself the world's only university for the deaf and hard of hearing. The assemblage includes a weeklong arts festival and a series of discussions, lectures, workshops and exhibits at 13 sites in the capital.

Plays are presented in combinations of speech, gestures and sign language. Mimes perform just with gestures. For deaf poets, descriptive motion can be as important as words, said Mercy H. Coogan, Gallaudet's director of public relations.

A poll of participants showed that language and literature were the subjects they most wanted to discuss. "Language" has a special meaning for the hearing-impaired — an estimated 28 million Americans. Nearly every country has its own version of sign language: Americans, Britons and Australians have somewhat different versions.

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NATION

Iraq's chemical, biological weapons worry U.S.

American troops could be at risk during an attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — The threat from Iraq's chemical and biological weapons is primarily to U.S. troops and to enemies of President Saddam Hussein inside and near Iraq rather than to civilians in the United States, defense and intelligence officials say.

Iraq is believed to have biological weapons including anthrax spores and botulinum toxin, which causes botulism. As for chemical agents, Iraq is thought to possess mustard, tabun, sarin and possibly VX gases, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Those are what U.S. inspectors had found in significant amounts before they left Iraq in 1998 and were not allowed to return.

Saddam's most likely targets would be Israel, any U.S. troops attacking Iraq and any rebel forces inside Iraq, the officials said.

The Iraqi military could strike targets inside the country and in surrounding countries with short-range missiles, artillery or aircraft using bombs or sprayers.

Officials say Saddam's military probably also has squirreled away a few Persian Gulf War-intage Scud missiles capable of reaching targets 400 miles away. That would pose a danger to Israel and Iraq's other neighbors but not U.S. territory.

Saddam would be likely to consider using the weapons only if the Bush administration were close to removing him from power, officials say. They say any attack that endangered his hold on power, even if it were to cause few deaths, probably would bring massive retaliation.

The United States considers chemical and biological weapons on a par with nuclear weapons.

It is uncertain how much damage an Iraqi counterattack could do, in part because it is unclear what weapons he has developed since 1998, said analyst Anthony Cordesman, who has worked in the departments of Defense,

Iraq's suspected chemical and biological weapons

U.N. inspectors found significant amounts of the warfare agents before they were expelled from Iraq in 1998.

Chemical weapons release toxic gases or liquids that attack the body. These gases and liquids include vesicants—agents that burn and blister the skin, eyes, and respiratory tract—and nerve agents that interfere with the transmission of nerve impulses, causing convulsions and respiratory paralysis.

DESCRIPTION	SYMPTOMS APPEAR	EFFECT	TREATMENT
VESICANTS Mustard Gas Sulfur mustard in liquid or delivered by aerosol	2 to 24 hours	Redness and blistering of skin; damage to eyes and airways	Immediate decontamination, no specific antidote
NERVE AGENTS Sarin and Tabun Delivered by aerosol	Seconds to minutes	Convulsions and death by respiratory paralysis	Decontamination, ventilation, and antidotes
VX liquid or aerosol	Seconds to minutes	Convulsions and death by respiratory paralysis	Decontamination, ventilation, and antidotes

Biological weapons include agents that are living microorganisms, or toxins produced by microorganisms, plants or animals. Weight-for-weight, biological weapons are more potent than the most lethal chemical weapon, and are easier to produce and obtain.

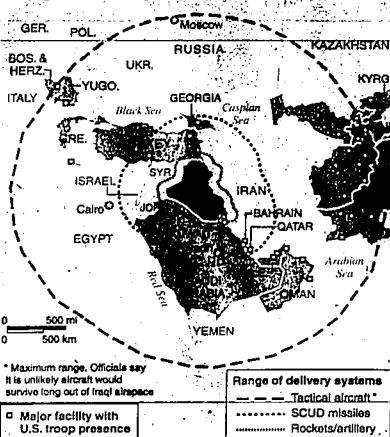
Anthrax Spores delivered by aerosol	1 to 6 days	Shock and respiratory failure leading to death	Antibiotics before symptoms occur
Botulinum Toxin delivered by aerosol	A few hours to a few days	Paralyzes muscles leading to respiratory failure	No antidote
Gas Gangrene spores delivered by aerosol	8 to 12 hours	Swelling of infected area, destruction of tissue, shock, coma and death	Antibiotics

SOURCES: Associated Press; Federation of American Scientists; U.S. National Laboratory of Medicine; Center for Defense and International Security Studies

State and Energy. Experts surmise that Saddam could not stop a U.S. attack by using such weapons. But a chemical or biological attack that caused even a few deaths among American troops in Iraq or civilians in Israel could cause widespread panic. In the worst case, an attack on

Delivering weapons of mass destruction

The Iraqi military could strike targets in and near Iraq with short-range missiles, artillery and aircraft equipped with bombs or sprayers carrying chemical or biological agents suspected to be in its possession.



SOURCES: Associated Press; Department of Defense; GlobalSecurity.org; AP; Federation of American Scientists; Jane's Information Group

Israel could lead that country to consider nuclear retaliation, said Cordesman, now at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

The administration points to Iraq's pursuit of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons as the principal reason to get rid of Saddam. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz visits NATO ally Turkey beginning Sunday to discuss what to do about Iraq. He will be joined by the top U.S. military commander in the region and the No. 3 State Department official.

Cordesman said America's failure to provide specifics on Saddam's activities since 1998 makes allies reluctant to support a U.S. attack.

“Most people outside the U.S.

feel we are crying wolf,” he said. Iraq asserts it has destroyed its chemical and biological weapons.

Talks between the United Nations and Iraq to renew weapons inspections have stalled repeatedly. At the end of 1998, Iraq told U.N. inspectors it had 550 tons to 650 tons of mustard gas. Experts estimate it has the chemicals to make another 220 tons. Likewise, Iraq declared it had 2,245 gallons of concentrated, weapons-grade anthrax. The United Nations believes current stocks could be as much as four times that.

Iraq also has researched nuclear weapons but is not believed to have the material to build any. Israeli jets attacked and destroyed an Iraqi nuclear research center at Tuwaythah, near Baghdad, in 1981.

U.S. forces come under fire; none hurt

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — A U.S. convoy came under fire while traveling along a road linking this air base with the capital Kabul in the latest shooting incident involving American forces.

No one was injured in the incident, which occurred before dusk Friday, Col. Robert King said. One tracer round was seen passing above the four-vehicle convoy, King said.

Tracer rounds, which are visible because they glow, are usually interspersed among other rounds, indicating more bullets could have been fired.

“They’re assuming it’s hostile,” King said. “There were no known friendly forces in the area.”

King added there were no plans to increase security on the road, which runs through an area that was heavily mined during Afghanistan’s 23 years of war.

Concern over security for U.S. troops has increased since a July 1 incident in which an American AC-130 gunship opened fire on several villages in Uruzgan province. Afghan officials said 48 civilians were killed, including 25 attending a wedding celebration. Another 117 people were wounded, the Afghan said.

The attack, which is under investigation, angered many Afghans because it followed a series of mistaken raids and friendly fire incidents, most of which occurred in the ethnic Pashtun areas of the south.

One day after the airstrike, a U.S. military convoy was fired on as it returned to the American base from the hospital in Kandahar where Afghan victims were undergoing treatment. One soldier was wounded in the foot.

A U.S. Special Forces company came under grenade and small arms fire Thursday in the province where the airstrike occurred but no one was injured.

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Research panel recommends Pluto, icy moon Europa missions

Night Rider News Service

Distant Pluto and Jupiter's ice-covered moon Europa, a pair of destinations NASA dismissed earlier as too expensive to study, should join Mars as high priority targets for robotic spacecraft, a panel of experts responsible for setting the nation's space exploration agenda recommends.

The recommendation came from the National Research Council, a congressionally chartered think tank that advises federal agencies on a range of scientific and technical issues. The 28-member panel of experts in astronomy and planetary geology concluded Thursday that missions to Pluto and Europa should rise in priority because

'There is no money and no current way to fit a Europa mission in the president's budget, as it now stands.'

- Colleen Hartman, NASA

they could help explain the evolution of the 4.6-billion-year-old solar system, including how the planets formed and life arose. In response to the report, NASA's Colleen Hartman, director of solar system exploration, said the agency hopes to reveal

and launch the \$650 million Pluto mission before a crucial 2006 deadline. The Europa mission, estimated at \$1 billion, faces greater odds.

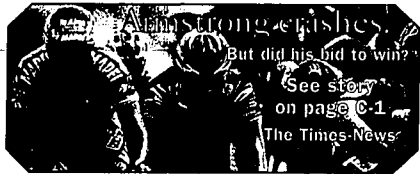
"This would have to be sold as a new initiative," Hartman said. "There is no money and no current way to fit a Europa mission in the president's budget, as it now stands."

After the first independent assessment of NASA's solar system exploration plans in nearly a decade, the research council concluded that Pluto, the only planet never surveyed close up by a spacecraft, should rank as the top new destination for an unmanned mission. More than 30 missions have been launched to Mars, the Earth's celestial neighbor.

Fire, collapse of printing plant kills one

LOMIRA, Wis. (AP) - Part of a huge Wisconsin printing plant collapsed and burned, killing one person and sending flames billowing into the sky in a blaze that continued for hours, authorities said.

About 330 people had been working inside the Quad/Graphics plant when the fire began Friday night. Early Saturday, Cpl. David Weninger of the Dodge County Sheriff's Department said all the workers had been accounted for except one employee of a cleaning service. It wasn't clear Saturday morning if the man found dead in the rubble was that employee. No other injuries were reported.



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As water recedes, Texas flood victims face cleanup

CANYON LAKE, Texas (AP) - Larry Welborn took a break from hosing mud off his power tools and looked over at his neighbor's place, where nothing remained but the concrete floor slab.

"He drove up the day before yesterday and he yelled out, 'Larry, what did you do with my house?'" Welborn said. "I yelled back, 'You lucky devil, you don't have one anymore.'"

Having everything washed away meant no reason to be outdoors in the 95-degree heat and stifling humidity to sort through ruined belongings, as Welborn and his family were doing.

Their Horseshoe Falls subdivision was one of the areas hardest hit by last week's powerful floods that spread destruction from the Hill Country of central Texas to the Gulf of Mexico. The flooding is blamed for nine deaths, and damage is estimated at \$1 billion.

Canyon Lake overflowed on July 4, producing a torrent that was funneled through a narrow canyon and emptied directly into the Horseshoe Falls area, at a bend in the usually placid Guadalupe River.

The charging water carved a new riverbed through the town, demolishing nine homes and filling dozens more with

deep, dirty water. Tall cypress and pecan trees shading a riverside park were uprooted and flung into houses. Huge chunks of limestone were piled up high enough to dam the Guadalupe.

What used to be home for Ken and Charlotte Jones is now a pile of broken lumber and jumbled appliances standing about 30 feet from its former foundation.

Three of their friend labored in the heat and humidity to break apart what had been a garage wall.

"Most people don't realize how powerful and forceful water is until you see something like this," said Steve Batchelor, a retired engineer who belongs to the same fly-fishing club as Ken Jones. "I don't know how I would react if this happened to me."

Charlotte Jones said the support of friends is making the ordeal easier to deal with. Members of the Central Texas Flyfishers passed the hat at their meeting this past week and raised \$837 to help the family.

"We really have been blessed by people and offers to help," she said. "We'll make it."

Some Horseshoe Falls residents put off their own cleanup chores to help neighbors who are worse off.

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'Virtual' visits may offer solution

The Washington Post

BOSTON - The divorce was bitter and the judge's solution high-tech. To the mother, she gave custody of the couple's three young children and permission to move from Massachusetts to New York. To the father, she gave not only traditional visitation rights, but "virtual visitation," twice a week via computer.

While online communication between parents and children is increasingly popular, court-ordered virtual visitation remains relatively rare and controversial.

But at a time when divorces and relocations - "move-aways," in lawyers' slang - are becoming common, legal experts said, it is being used to supplement face-to-face visitation.

Last year, a New Jersey appeals court ruled that virtual visitation would be a "creative and innovative" way for a father to communicate with his 9-year-old daughter if his ex-wife moved out of state. Last summer, a federal court in Colorado approved online visitation when a father was moving with his child to Spain. The Massachusetts decree, issued earlier this month, is one of a few issued in that state.

"Traditionals will scoff and point out that this is in one way a sad commentary on the state of the family in the United States," said David Yas, editor in chief of Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly. "But lawyers will tell you that if you view it as a substitute to a phone call or being completely barred from seeing your kids, it's a step in the right direction."

The concept presents some thorny legal questions, such as privacy issues surrounding a child's online interactions with a divorced parent, but Carol A.G. Dineen, a family law practitioner and president of the Massachusetts Bar Association, said the judge's order was a "creative approach" to the difficult task of juggling parental rights.

"Is it a good idea? It's a good idea if it works and everyone takes advantage of it," Dineen said.

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WORLD

Militants lament Pakistan crackdown

Islamic fighters blame U.S.

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — It wasn't supposed to end up like this — thick steel handcuffs clamped on to his delicate wrists, a guard hanging on to the chain that ran like a leash from his hands. He was supposed to be a mujahed, or holy warrior.

Instead, at age 21, Ershad Ali is in jail on charges of illegal weapons possession. He is a member of Jaish-e-Mohammed, or Army of Mohammed, an outlawed militant group branded by the United States and its allies as terrorists with links to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

It's the same group believed to have ties to Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, chief defendant in the kidnap-slaying of Wall Street Journal correspondent Daniel Pearl. A verdict in the case is expected Monday. If Saeed is found guilty, he could be hanged.

"You say we are terrorists. I say we are working for Allah. We are following the Prophet," the slight Ali said, his long slender fingers playing with the steel chain. Nearby his guard sat, motionless and without expression as he held tightly onto the chain that restrained Ali, who has been in jail for six days.

Ali was barely 18 years old when he joined Jaish-e-Mohammed, one of five groups banned by President George W. Bush in January. Ali trained in Balakot in Pakistan-held Kashmir. There, Jaish-e-Mohammed taught recruits about



Ershad Ali stands behind the bars at a police station Saturday in Karachi, Pakistan. Ali is in jail on charges of illegal weapons possession. He is a member of Jaish-e-Mohammed, or Army of Mohammed, an outlawed militant group branded by the United States and its allies as terrorists with links to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

explosives, weapons and its militant version of Islam.

All blames the United States for the decision to ban the five groups. He also says it's the duty of Muslims to fight against the ban. "What can I say," he asked? "The United States is the enemy of Islam."

Ali is not alone in his contempt for the United States. Elsewhere in Karachi, a sprawling port city of 14 million people, women sat on a blue-checked shawl spread on the floor of a small apartment in the middle-class Malir neighborhood. Scattered on the shawl were small beads — each representing a prayer. The prayers were for the release of Mohammed Imran, accused in a June 14 car bombing at the U.S. Consulate in Karachi in which at least 12 Pakistanis died. Imran is the leader of Harakat-ul-Mujahedeen al-Almi, a splinter

group of Harakat-ul-Mujahedeen, or Movement of Holy Warriors, which was also banned by Musharraf.

Imran's wife, whose eyes were all that was visible behind a full black covering, pleaded her husband's innocence. His 72-year-old father, Mohammed Ali, also complained that the government crackdown on militant Islamic organizations had snared everyone with links to so-called "jihadi groups."

Imran's lawyer and childhood friend, Raza Abidi, said his client was taken from his home on June 18 by police and paramilitary Pakistan Rangers but wasn't brought to court until July 7. Pakistani law requires that an accused be produced in court within one day of the arrest.

Police said they arrested Imran on July 7 and that he confessed

ing but to an attempt on Musharraf's life on April 26.

According to police, a pickup truck, emblazoned with the words "Lifesaving Drugs," was packed with explosives and parked on the road leading from the Karachi airport. It was to have been detonated when Musharraf's entourage passed by. The detonator failed.

Police say Imran retrieved the vehicle and used it nearly two months later against the U.S. Consulate. His family denies the allegations, and Abidi says the police have fabricated the evidence.

Saeed's lawyers made similar arguments, saying the British-born militant was picked up on Feb. 5 but produced in court on Feb. 14 — well beyond the legal deadline. Police fabricated the case against him to appease the Bush Administration, his lawyers said.

Explosion at archaeological site in northern Pakistan injures 13

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — An explosion Saturday possibly caused by a grenade injured about a dozen people, most of them German tourists, at an archaeological site in northern Pakistan, officials said. No one

was seriously hurt. Authorities said the incident occurred in Manshara, about 70 miles north of Peshawar. The area is on the ancient Silk Road between China and Europe and is rich in archaeological and culture sites.

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Islamic guerrillas kill 25 Hindus in India shantytown

JAMMU, India (AP) — Suspected Islamic guerrillas threw grenades and engaged security forces in a gun battle Saturday, killing 25 Hindus — mostly women and children — in a shantytown outside the winter capital of Jammu-Kashmir state, police and hospital officials said. More than 30 people were wounded, according to officials at the Government Medical College Hospital in Jammu.

State police chief Ashok Suri said authorities suspect the Lashkar-e-Tayyaba, the most feared of more than dozen Pakistan-based Islamic groups fighting to secure Kashmir's independence from India or merger with mostly Muslim Pakistan. He did not elaborate. No group has claimed responsibility for the incident, which is consistent with previous attacks in which many civilians were killed.

Up to eight militants walked into the shantytown outside Jammu and set off three or four grenades before opening fire, the police control officer said, citing

witness accounts. The victims were watching a final cricket match between India and Pakistan on television, he said.

The attack was the biggest since a May 14 strike by Islamic militants against a military base near Jammu that killed 34 people — mostly soldiers' wives and children — and put India on a war footing with neighboring Pakistan.

The Indian government did not immediately react to news of the assault. But it was almost certain to raise tensions with Pakistan, which is blamed by New Delhi for most of the terrorist activity in India. Pakistan denies involvement.

Jammu, located in the southern part of Jammu-Kashmir, has rarely witnessed the kind of violence that has killed more than 60,000 people in the state over the past decade, mostly in the Kashmir Valley father to the north.

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Turkish party looks to unify left-of-center votes

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) - A key political figure called for formation of an alliance Saturday between members of a new political party - government dissidents in rebellion against Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit - and another leftist pro-Western party. The call was made in advance of expected elections to replace the ailing premier. Meanwhile, two more legislators resigned from Ecevit's party on Saturday, slashing his majority

in parliament to 12 seats. Since Monday, 46 legislators have left Ecevit's party. Ecevit said Friday he would resign if he loses his majority in the 550-seat parliament. Ismail Cem, who resigned from his post as Ecevit's foreign minister Thursday, announced Friday that he was creating a new political party that would group together many of the rebel legislators, including a former deputy prime minister and the economy

minister. The party poses a critical challenge to the ailing 77-year-old Ecevit. For decades, Ecevit has been the country's leading social democrat, despite deep divisions within the movement. Economy Minister Kemal Dervis called for closer ties between Cem's party and the Republican People's Party, or CHP, in an attempt to unite the fractured left without Ecevit. "It would be good to go hand-

in-hand with CHP," the Hurriyet newspaper on Saturday quoted Dervis as saying. "This may or may not be a unification; it may be an election alliance, too." An alliance would vault the newly created party into a leadership position among the left and give Cem's party, which is still has not been named, the vital infrastructure that it lacks, such as headquarters. But Cem played down any moves toward an alliance.



Annu Uwawah, left, one of the leaders of the ChevronTexaco oil export terminal occupation who helped capture the helicopter inside, talks Friday in Escravos, Nigeria.

Unarmed women shut down Nigerian oil giant

ESCRAVOS, Nigeria (AP) - Annu Uwawah lets a small smile escape as she tells how she and a band of 150 village women shut down most of a multinational oil company's Nigeria operations for nearly a week. Uwawah said the women from the Ugborodo and Arutan communities commandeered a ChevronTexaco staff ferry to break into the company's Escravos pipeline terminal on Monday. The unarmed women have occupied the terminal ever since, stopping exports and trapping about 700 workers, including Americans, Britons, Canadians and Nigerians, in increasingly heated talks resumed Saturday, with an American representative for ChevronTexaco at one point punching his fist on the negotiating table and at another demanding the women give up the oil terminal.

The women want the company to hire their sons and provide electricity for their villages, some of which are less than 100 yards from the terminal. The protesters have blocked the docks, helicopter pads and airstrip that are the only entry points to the facility, which is surrounded by miles of Niger Delta rivers and swamps. The peaceful protest by unarmed women is a departure for Nigeria, where such disputes often are settled with machetes and guns. In the oil-rich Niger Delta, armed young men routinely resort to kidnapping and sabotage to pressure oil multinationals into giving them jobs, protection money or compensation for alleged environmental damage. ChevronTexaco's Nigerian unit said in a statement on Tuesday that the women protesters' complaints were not justified - saying the oil giant both provides jobs to the local community and funds development projects.

On Saturday, the women's representatives met ChevronTexaco officials again in a community center in Ugborodo village, a ramshackle collection of mud-and-brick huts with rusty tin roofs.

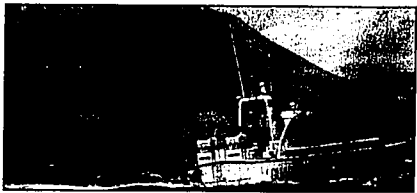
Chinese landslide traps nine miners for eight days

BEIJING (AP) - It was 3 a.m. at the end of a nine-hour shift when the power went off. Then came a thundering sound, and water and mud gushed into the shaft, trapping nine miners inside. Eight days later, on Friday, they were pulled out alive, some of the luckiest men in China's disaster-blighted mining industry. "We came back from death's door and live again," miner Li Lu was quoted saying in a detailed first person account of their ordeal carried by the Xinhua News Agency on Saturday. At the time of the accident, storms had for days been ravaging the northwestern province of Shanxi where the Jiasheng mine is located. Floods and landslides in the usually arid province have already killed over 150 peo-

ple this summer. After the mudslide, two miners, one buried up to his head in mud, were pulled free and the group made their way to a service shaft, Xinhua quoted Li, 22, and another miner, Gao Baolin, 43, saying from their hospital beds. Worried that more mud and water could come, they built a wall across the entrance of the shaft using an upturned coal cart, stones and chunks of coal. Two or three days later, miners found a ventilation shaft offering air and some water collected in a hollow. To stave off hunger pangs, they stripped bark from tree trunks used to shore up frames in the shaft, although most men became painfully constipated after a few days. Miners used their lamps only when they needed to get water and bark.

Spanish ships guard possessions near Morocco

MADRID, Spain (AP) - Spain sent three war vessels to protect two Spanish enclaves on the Moroccan coast as its southern Mediterranean neighbor occupied a tiny, uninhabited Spanish islet for a third day Saturday. A frigate arrived in Ceuta and two corvettes arrived in Melilla, two Spanish city enclaves along Morocco's northern coast, Defense Minister Federico Trillo told Spanish National Radio. Another corvette and a submarine were on their way to the zone, news reports said. "They are worried and have put everyone on alert," a Spanish soldier in Ceuta said of his superiors. The ships were sent after 12 Moroccan soldiers landed Thursday on Perejil island, a barren rock just off the Moroccan



A Spanish civil guard patrols near the Perejil Island, the lower rock seen with the Moroccan mainland in the background, on Saturday.

coast that Spain says it has controlled since the 17th century. The Moroccan's planted their country's flag.

Spain sent a letter of protest to the Moroccan embassy in Madrid but has not yet received a formal response.

Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar maintained permanent contact with Trillo, his deputy, Mariano Rajoy, and Foreign Minister Ana Palacio to monitor the situation, a government spokesman said. The incident worsened the countries' relations, which already were sour after Morocco unexpectedly withdrew its ambassador to Madrid last October without any explanation. Meanwhile, Palacio said she telephoned her Moroccan counterpart, Mohamed Benissas, on Friday attempting to resolve the situation through diplomacy. Palacio upheld the government's claim that the landing was an unfriendly act, but said it would be exaggeration to call it an invasion.

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EDITORIAL

Perrine statue would fit well with centennial song

Twin Falls' centennial celebration is off to a grand start, thanks to the nifty new Centennial Song. The tune made its official debut during the city's Fourth of July festivities and offers a fitting tribute to Twin Falls' founding father, Ira Perrine.

which overlooks Perrine's canyon homestead, would be the perfect place to give the statue a home.

Perrine, whose vision of Snake River irrigation made the area a haven for agriculture and growth, already has his name attached to our most famous landmark - the Perrine Bridge.

Twin Falls Centennial Song

About a hundred years ago,
Folks came to Idaho,
Said, "This is the place I want to be."
Settled down to build a home,
Never more to roam,
What a wonderful place to raise a family.

Of Ira Perrine, a dreamer in his time,
Just add water, the canyon turned to green,
He dreamed a desert turned to green,
With water from the Snake,
And pow'r to light the city by the falls.

Just add water to make the desert bloom,
Just add water, come on down West, there's room,
Just add water, that is our legacy,
And now Twin Falls is here for you and me.

The celebration's official song was written by former local legislator Donna Scott, and it was arranged by Teddy Snow and George K. Halsell. It hits just the right note in several ways. Its lyrics pay appropriate homage to irrigation, agriculture and Western settlement. It's easy to play on a piano or strum on a guitar, and the catchy tune can be readily taught to both children and adults.

Best of all, it embraces one of our centennial's central themes - making the desert bloom.

But to cement Perrine's place in the centennial celebration, organizers should consider the idea of a statue honoring his memory and accomplishments. The Buzz Langdon Visitor Center,

anything away from the rock and bronze sculptures adorning City Park and the downtown area. Whereas the downtown artwork is a symbolic representation of the area's heritage, a Perrine statue would be a lifelike depiction of our most famous pioneer.

There are a few local artists who may be excellent candidates to create such a statue. Now's the time to make preparations and gather funding for this project. Much like our new centennial song, it would be a suitable way to honor Twin Falls' proud history.

Conservative American intellectuals such as Irving Kristol and his son, Bill, and Richard Rees have been pouring scorn on Europe since the mid-1990s, and have convinced the conservative faithful that Europe is somehow wet, rotten and without moral compass. Religion is not a force in Europe, and Europe persists in a social agenda, which is an anathema to conservatives and centrists in America.

From the European point of view, America is harsh, uncaring, reactionary and belligerent. Europeans will not spend on defense and Americans feel that the burden of European defense has long been shouldered by the United States.

What is more, the metaphorical Arab street now runs through Europe, where Muslim migrants make up a substantial minority.

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French President Jacques Chirac, with a bigger Muslim minority, has to tread even more carefully than Blair - likewise for many other European leaders, from Germany to Spain.

Even as the makeup of America is changing so, too, is the makeup of Europe. We share a common liberal democratic heritage, but it is strained by the new realities.

The cracks might have been papered over for longer if it had not been for the advent of Bush. Europeans have always been wary of American conservatives and they see their worst suspicions confirmed in Bush.

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In Ireland, as everywhere else in Europe, people are distressed by the use of the death penalty in America, the severity of our penal system, and what they see as our unbridled arrogance in international affairs.

Although Europeans are treated to an enormous amount of American music and television, the cultures and the replacement immigrant population are very different from the Americans.

In light of this sorry state of affairs, it is ironic that the new television hit is Europe's "The West Wing" - but then they like that liberal TV president better than the real thing.

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America's rift widens with Europe

LLEWELLYN KING

DUBLIN, Ireland - Scads of millions of people are running around Washington and the capitals of Europe these days lamenting the deteriorating relationship between Europe and the United States.

The Europeans are quick to blame President Bush for the estrangement. And the Americans wish that their European colleagues had a better understanding of the imperatives of the American presidency.

But, in fact, relations between Europe and America have been declining since well before Bush's election, and although he has taken his sledgehammer to the wedge separating the Atlantic partners, cracks were visible throughout the Clinton years and growing all the time.

Europeans and Americans - so close for so long - are simply in different places. Europe is in what has been described as a post-modernist phase, committed to diplomacy, international collaboration, and a decline in nationalism. They also feel themselves to be in a post-military world where the use of force has little validity.

Hence, European defense budgets keep shrinking and budgets for the tools of diplomacy, such as foreign aid, are rising.

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Bush may have thrown down the gauntlet with his dismissal of the Kyoto treaty on global warming, his abandonment of the AEM treaty, and repudiation of the International Criminal Court, but the schisms were already there. The drift was already under way.

The great American achievements in Europe, including the participation in two world wars, the Marshall Plan, the Berlin Airlift, and the containment of the Soviet Union, are nearly forgotten now.

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The time has come to change 9th Circuit

In a ruling that defies common sense and finally brings shame to a shameful court, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has overturned a 1954 act of Congress that inserted the phrase "under God" after the words "one nation" in the Pledge of Allegiance. The court said the phrase violates the establishment clause in the Constitution that requires a separation of church and state.

If the ruling is not overturned, school children in most Western states, including Idaho, will no longer be allowed to recite the pledge.

This unfortunate ruling has sparked anger from the White House to the classroom. We in Idaho know this flawed ruling is only the first in a series that are repeatedly overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The ruling, however, marks a new low for this court and is the last straw for those of us who believe it is in need of dramatic reform.

That is why I introduced legislation (H.R. 1203) last year that would divide the U.S. 9th Circuit into two circuits. My bill would divide California, Nevada and Arizona in the 9th Circuit.

My home state of Idaho, along with Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, Montana, Oregon, Washington and the Northern Mariana Islands would be placed into a newly created 12th Circuit Court of Appeals.

To better appreciate the need for my legislation, it's important to understand the sheer size of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. It encompasses nine states and stretches from the Arctic Circle to the Mexican border and across the Pacific to the International Dateline. The 9th Circuit is responsible for protecting the constitutional and federally protected rights of nearly 50 million people.

It serves 15 million more people than the next largest circuit and about 20 million more than the average jurisdiction of the other 12 circuits of appeal.

Based on U.S. Census projections, over the next 25 years, the 9th Circuit's jurisdiction will encompass a population of more than 75 million people.

The projected growth rates over the same period for the 8th and 10th Circuits demonstrate that those circuits will serve a population of only 20 million people.

As a result of its size, the 9th Circuit's caseload is overwhelming and its ability to hear and rule on cases is correspondingly slow. Regrettably, the size of the court and the magnitude of the growing caseload have resulted in unreasonable delays in court decisions and a disturbing lack of judicial continuity in many of the court's decisions.

Many argue that the size, diversity and complexity of the circuit has also resulted in decisions that disregard judicial precedent, instead embarking on judicial activism that legislates from the bench.

The 9th Circuit, without question, is the most overturned appeals court in the nation. The 1996-1997 session alone saw 27 of 29 of its cases reviewed by the Supreme Court, and 17 of which were by unanimous decision of the Supreme Court's nine justices.

It's time we put an end to three centuries of irresponsible rulings. Idahoans deserve better, the people of the West deserve better, and the Constitution deserves better.

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SIRCOMM ran smoothly the last few months

This is in reply to your editorial of June 21 concerning the situation going on at SIRCOMM.

All I can say is God bless those dedicated diarchos who have struggled to stay at SIRCOMM. They have been under fire since Day 1. Being a former employee of SIRCOMM, I know the stress these people go through, and I was not strong enough to endure.

Your editorial stated that lately, SIRCOMM hasn't run smoothly. Take your blinders off. It has been running smoother in the last few months than it had before. In a conversation with one of the supervisors, the statement was made that "finally, we have someone who will listen to us."

The employees were carting blankets to work in the winter because the heat was not working properly and fans in the summer when the air conditioning was not working properly. This took minor repairs to the system after our people from the sheriff's office and police department were sent over. How many people would work under those conditions?

Sherriff Tousey has made the proposal of a "lead agency" out of concern for the operation of SIRCOMM. He has been a big advocate of the system's operation since Day 1 and will continue to be. There is hope that the center can get back on its feet and operate smoothly. The center needs stability in order to operate successfully.

ly, and if the board decides to go with Sherriff Tousey and his staff as the lead agency, I'm sure, with the sheriff's determination, things would certainly get on the right track.

I don't know where you are coming from when you imply that the Twin Falls Police Department is the "most professional" agency in the region to steer the center. Some of our professional POST-certified and trained deputies left the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office for "higher wages" at the Twin Falls Police Department. I don't believe this substantiated from the professionalism of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office maintains.

You say that your newspaper was an enthusiastic early supporter of SIRCOMM. Give me a break! You couldn't wait to get your scissors out and start cutting at "every little snifle" the agency had.

DONNA LLOYD
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Donna Lloyd is the warrants officer for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.)

Special committee 'cleans' graves in Filer
Taking flowers and wreaths from graves is profitable for some people.

I was told that in Filer, the graves are "cleaned" up by a special committee every year. Everything except plants is supposed to be removed from the graves so maintenance can continue its usual routine. The committee recycles the usable flowers and throws the rest away.

Is this a common practice in other places?
LOIS GERRIG
Jerome

T-N editorial against forest fees got it right
The June 26 Times-News editorial opposing forest fees got it just right. Sen. Craig Finley got it right, only after two years of outrageous input from citizens. Please call Rep. Simpson at 734-7211 and tell him you want no more delay, obfuscation or political foot-dragging. Tell him to line up with Sens. Crapo and Craig and to absolutely vote against making fees permanent.

Between 1992 and 1997, the General Accounting Office conservatively estimates that the Forest Service lost between \$1 and \$2 billion in below-cost timber sales. At \$1.35 per animal unit month, subsidized grazing on public lands is so far below market value as to be laughable. The destructive 1872 mining law is in drastic need of reform. The point is that massive environmental damage has been done and you have paid for it. (Sen. Craig often supports damaging extractive industries.) Now the same federal government is suggesting that we pay to "hike a hike" and the Bushies are working hard to make fees permanent. It staggers the mind!

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Twin Falls drivers need to follow all traffic laws
In answer to Sarah Spafford and the Twin Falls drivers:
You have driving laws, speed laws, traffic laws, motorcycle laws, stop sign laws, school zone laws, etc., all the time - daytime, nighttime, all times of the year - in hope that when all drivers see these laws, they will automatically heed them and follow them.

Some 33 years ago, two men parked trucks on either side of a school zone crosswalk when they

were told to not, and another man drank a beer before lunch and drove into that school zone at 45 miles per hour. A 6-year-old boy walked out in between those two trucks. A lady driving with care could not see the boy.

He got back on the curb, she drove on and the man with the beer - a block behind her, still at 45 mph - came full blast and hit the boy, hung him up on his bumper and then slammed his brakes on. The boy's head was cracked 6 inches up the back. He has temporal lobe epilepsy, minor retardation, palsy and, at 33, he has Parkinson's and might live to 50. He now has his grave site bought.

When all drivers heed all the traffic laws, signs and just plain care about others and themselves all the time, the little girls and boys in this world will have a chance to a full, healthy life. Please, drivers of Twin Falls, follow the traffic laws all the time and care. I hope this helps.

And say one for our son.
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Uncle Sam wants your portfolio



CAL THOMAS

good standing with a PRO." In addition to the House bill, the SEC has proposed some good reforms, which include a requirement that CEOs personally vouch for company financial statements. As a major disincentive against book cooking, the SEC wants to forbid corporate officers from being allowed to profit from false financial statements.

The Democrat-controlled Senate, which has its share of Republican and Democrat members with questionable ethical backgrounds, proposes a new federal agency with unlimited powers to regulate accounting firms (Public Accounting Reform and Investor Protection Act-S. 2673).

Attempting to design federal laws that would adequately regulate a rapidly changing economy would produce economic side effects that might prove worse than the disease. In the financial world, one size does not fit all and trying to squeeze all businesses into a single mold would harm business and, thus, the economy. No bill is better than the Senate proposal, but the House measure, coupled with the proposed SEC reforms, would address the current outrages without rendering the economic goose infertile.

The temptation of some greedy CEOs is personal enrichment. But the temptation of many politicians is political survival. The former can be dealt with in the ways mentioned above. But giving politicians free reign to "fix" the excesses of a few, as significant as they are, would send the wrong messages to business and to the nation's investors.

Cal Thomas is a columnist with the Los Angeles Times.

There's nothing scarier than a politician in heat, especially in an election year. As The Wall Street Journal rightly editorialized Wednesday as Democrats and Republicans pontificated about corporate wrongdoing: "Everything you're hearing now from Washington is aimed at winning the November elections, not calming financial markets."

Democrats believe they've found the issue for which they've been desperately searching to bring down President Bush's high approval ratings. Democrats will haul out their familiar class-warfare weapons when, in fact, many of those who have profited from the surging economy of the past two decades are first-time small investors who are Democrats.

Republicans will try to prove they are not the party of big business (as if there's something wrong with that considering the profits made by wise Democrat and Republican investors). Both parties will attempt to show voters they are doing something when, in fact, doing something, if it is the wrong thing, might be worse than doing nothing at all. Capitalism is a delicate balancing act, and, like a gyroscope, which guides a large spacecraft (or missile) to a desired target, even the slightest error can throw it off course and bring disastrous results.

In his speech Tuesday (July 9) in New York, President Bush sounded the right message, stressing the need for more character in business leaders and high standards of business ethics, as well as tougher penalties for those who have neither character nor ethics and violate the law.

The most important approach is to establish the framework for

LETTER

Blame idiot drivers, not owners for speed bumps

I just had to respond to the two letters to the editor on July 9. I believe the two writers were upset with the wrong people in the speed bumps at the Lynwood Mall. They blamed the owners and managers instead of the idiot drivers who would not driver courteously and cautiously in the parking lot, forcing the action of the speed bumps to be installed. The stop words were faded, but before they faded only about half of the drivers actually responded to them. And thank God they did to keep from being smacked by the drivers who figured the stops were for other people only and not themselves.

I have worked in the mall for almost five years now and cannot count the number of times I have watched cars go by in excess of 20 miles per hour in the parking lot. It is not a city street, so there seems to be no policing of the property. It is every man for themselves as it was before. I have witnessed drivers who, in order to avoid the traffic light at the intersection, will turn into the parking lot to drive behind the First Security Bank, past our front door and through the narrow roadway behind Juan's Beauty College and out the driveway by Idaho Joe's at an unsafe speed with no mind to those who may be driving or walking in their pathway.

Are you in such a hurry that it causes you so much grief to slow down for the speed bumps? Maybe you should leave for your destination just a few minutes earlier. You are cursing the speed bumps instead of the drivers who are driving around them and almost hitting you. What's wrong with this picture?

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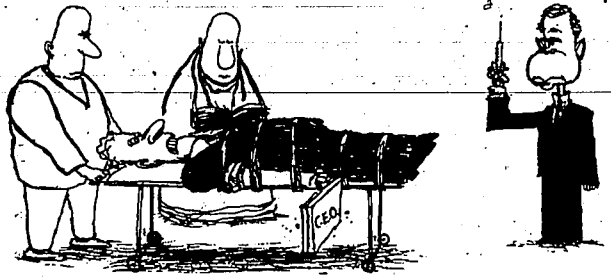
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IF THE PRESIDENT WERE AS SERIOUS ABOUT CORPORATE FRAUD AS HE WAS ABOUT CRIME AS GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

Cloudy confidence plagues president

The confidence crisis that has overtaken the Bush administration has many dimensions, but at bottom, it comes down to a single question: Can you take this president's words seriously?

For most of his presidency and, indeed, his political career, George Bush has enjoyed the reputation of saying what he means and meaning what he says. But now uncertainty is infecting both foreign policy and domestic issues and stretching from the Middle East to Wall Street. While his personal approval scores remain very high in the polls, he is building a catalog of policy contradictions and retreats that threaten to undermine his leadership.

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"We can be confident," he declared, not only because of "the amazing achievements of American workers and entrepreneurs," but because "America is taking every necessary step to fight and win the war on terror" and because "last year, we passed the biggest tax cut in a generation" to spur economic growth.

Whether this was just rhetoric or was meant to be taken seriously, Bush's words clearly linked confidence in him and his policies with trust in financial markets and the corporate culture from which he sprang. But a CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll released soon after Bush spoke showed only two out of five Americans think the United States and its allies are winning the war on terrorism, fewer than think it a stalemate.

And Friday, the president's budget office announced that instead of running a small surplus this year, the government is headed for a deficit of \$165 billion, a warning signal about the economic future.



DAVID S. BRODER

Bush's personal performance has added to the wobble in confidence.

The last-minute news conference in which he returned to the public stage from his Independence Day holiday was the weakest, most inarticulate showing he has made since the early months of his presidency. Asked repeatedly about his sale of stock in Harken Energy Corp., where he was a director, shortly after it had to revise upward its reported losses for the year, he responded eight times with variations on the words, "It has been looked at by the SEC," the Securities and Exchange Commission, which found no reason to challenge the legality of his action.

When Bush is feeling defensive, he seems to think that reiteration is as effective as explanation or persuasion. It is not; but it is better than outright contradiction. And it turns out that, as a Harken director, Bush received two low-interest loans from the corporation to finance his purchase of company stock—the very kind of transaction which he condemned in his Wall Street speech.

The problem is deeper. It involves policy reversals as well as personal contradictions. Nine months ago, Bush said he wanted Osama bin Laden "dead or alive."

When asked about the elusive terrorist last week, Bush pretended he hardly matters, answering a question on Osama with the remark that "the war on terrorism is a lot bigger than one person."

Three months ago, Bush issued an ultimatum to Ariel Sharon to withdraw Israeli forces from Palestinian territories on the West Bank "without delay."

Last week, with the Israelis still there, he said, he will "call upon the Israelis, as security improves, to allow for more freedom of movement by the Palestinian people." That's quite a difference.

In the real world, where presidents must operate, friends and foes are constantly testing and assessing how seriously they must take the words of any leader. We do not know how

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Ariel Sharon or Yasser Arafat (who's been told by Bush to take a hike) or Saddam Hussein or bin Laden gave this American president.

But last week, America's allies in the United States defied a Bush administration threat to end U.S. participation in the Bosnia peacekeeping operation unless our troops were given blanket immunity from possible prosecution by the new International Criminal Court. Instead, the United States will seek a temporary exemption, leading one unnamed diplomat to tell The Washington Post, "the Americans blinked."

David Broder is a columnist with the Washington Post.

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Visitor numbers drop again at Berlin's Love Parade

BERLIN (AP) - Downtown Berlin's main park was transformed Saturday into a sea of gyrating techno fans, blowing whistles and dancing ecstatically to booming beats as the German capital's Love Parade hit the streets for its 14th year.

Thronged of scantily clad revelers, many sporting garishly colored hair and outlandish outfits of clambering onto traffic signs and street lamps, participants around 45 techno floats as they made their way from the edges of the Tiergarten park toward the Victory Column, the center point of the day-long event.

Still, police estimated at no more than 400,000 the number of people who turned out - just half last year's attendance and far short of the record 1.5-million who came in 1999. Organizers couldn't immediately be reached for an estimate.

The Love Parade began in 1989 as a small procession of 150 ravers, and has since developed into a Berlin institution and a massive tourist draw.



"It's beautiful - everywhere there's beautiful music," said Leszek Czupyniak, 23, from the Polish city of Katowice, who was dancing energetically. "This is

my life." In response to longstanding complaints from environmentalists that parties relieving themselves and throwing garbage into

the city's main Tiergarten park destroy the trees and flowers, organizers have pledged to be more vigilant in monitoring the event this year.



Above, 'Juliane Sunshine' dances on top of one of many trucks like the one at left in as it makes its way through the crowd of fans of the annual 'Love Parade,' a gathering of fans of techno music, in the Berlin district of Mitte, Saturday.

Some 2,000 police officers and 1,000 medical workers were on hand, and parade organizers have hired a company to clean up after Saturday's daylong event at a cost of about \$138,500. They also deployed ushers in an effort to keep ravers in check.

Thousands mourn air crash victims

UFA, Russia (AP) - Grieving relatives and friends gathered in this Ural Mountains city Saturday to pay their final respects to 28 people killed in last week's air crash over Germany.

More than 1,000 people came to Ufa's central square, where Muslim and Russian Orthodox ceremonies were held to mourn the victims, including 26 children, killed in the July 1 collision over Germany of a Russian Tu-154 and a DHL International cargo plane.

The crash killed 71 people, including 60 residents of Russia's constituent republic of Bashkortostan, 49 of them children heading to a summer holiday in Spain.

Mourners wept Saturday over wooden coffins lined up on the city's main square and then rode buses bearing portraits of the victims in their windshields to the cemetery in southern Ufa. Regina Khumator, clutching 10 red carnations in her hand, mourned her 10-year-old brother, Artur.

First edition of 'The Hobbit' fetches record price at auction

LONDON (AP) - First edition books by Beatrix Potter and J.R.R. Tolkien were sold for tens of thousands dollars at a British auction, while a signed Harry Potter book drew a respectable \$16,660.

Potter's "Peter Rabbit" sold for \$64,780 at a Sotheby's auction on Friday. It was one of the first 250 copies printed.

A first edition of Tolkien's "The Hobbit" from 1937 fetched \$66,630. The book was inscribed

by the author to his aunt and was signed within two weeks of publication.

Sotheby's said it was the highest price ever paid at an auction for a Tolkien classic.

In other sales, a copy of "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone," inscribed by author J.K. Rowling, went for \$16,660, and a 250-piece library collection featuring a series of rare works by Charles Dickens brought \$512,650.

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The air conditioning of strangers

"My, my, it's close in here this evening" - Maggie the Cat, in Tennessee Williams' "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"

Tennessee Williams is the greatest American writer for the simple reason that he understands heat. Yeah, yeah, his plays are full of sex, but I'm talkin' sweat. Nobody in Williams' plays glistens; they're soaked to the skin.

That's significant because, as a people, we Americans don't perspire all that well. Bad things happen when we get overheated: The Civil War, Jim Crow, "Miami Vice."

The issue arises just now because I - and probably you - have been accused over and over in the past week of weenedom for complaining about our unseasonable temperatures.

"You call this hot?" says the newcomer from Arizona.

"It's 102 in October in Sacramento," remonstrates the emigrant Californian.

"But it's a dry heat here," purrs the native of the Midwest.

No, it's just damn hot here. I've been to Arizona. And to Sacramento. And to the Midwest. And in the summertime. And I'm entitled to bellyache about summer in high, dry southern Idaho.

That's why Williams was a genius. He knew that every soul's birthright is the right to wallow in his or her own misery.

Heat being the foremost among them. Although Williams was born like William Faulkner, in Mississippi, he grew up in St. Louis, like the great 20th century poet T.S. Elliot.

Elliot, of course, spent most of his life in England, where heat is considered alien and a form of punishment. Juvenile delinquents and feckless heirs to the manor used to be sent to India, where the heat was considered so serious that heat rash and then come home and behave themselves.

Williams, though, migrated to New Orleans. He knew what it was like never to wear truly dry clothes. He knew, like Faulkner, like Robert Penn Warren and Eudora Welty and most other Southern writers, simply didn't care how hot it was. To Faulkner, heat was like corn whiskey. It made ordinary folk colorful and caused novelists to write in sentences with way too many dependent clauses.

But Williams comprehended that a hot case of prickly heat makes a person mean and is not a true character. That's why we Americans celebrate Thomas Jefferson. He wrote the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia in June.

A lesser man would have told the king of England off and then handed Philadelphia to the French, but Jefferson kept his cool in 96 percent humidity. It's a rare quality.

Of the six times that the United States Congress has declared war, only once - after Pearl Harbor - was in the winter. Washington, D.C. after all, is built on an attempt to reclaim a semi-tropical tidal swamp, and by all available evidence, it failed.

We have blessedly few semi-tropical swamps in southern Idaho, but also damn few clouds. When it's summer here, it's single-cup exercise for us.

"And it is, for cryin' out loud, a desert. So I do not care, thank you so very much, to hear about how it's really much warmer elsewhere."

In all of his great works, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "Summer and Smoke," "A Streetcar Named Desire," "The Glass Menagerie" - Williams traps his characters in overheated rooms and invites them to imagine being someplace cooler.

Reverie, it's called. It's a literary device to measure one's distress against the inconvenience of escape.

There's a useful exercise for us Idahoans, because escape would mean to Arizona, or to California, or to the Midwest. Enough to make you crank up the swamp cooler and shovel more ice into the cooler.

Even though it's hot here, it's our heat. Invite it indoors for a spell, and it will eventually depart of its own accord.

But not without leaving lip-sweat stains on the sofa slipcover. Tennessee Williams would understand.

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Kids learn archaeology basics

By Neta Johnson
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN - Teaching college students the basics of archaeology might not be a difficult task, but teaching the difference between an lithic and a tool to 6- and 8-year-olds can be slightly more strenuous.

Jan Harper, a park ranger at the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, had her work cut out for her.

"It's hard when you don't know how old the kids are going to be," Harper said. "This worked really well with fourth-graders."

A group of children gathered Saturday at a park near the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument to participate in a program Harper led. Park rangers set up grids over mock archeological sites and tried to show the children the basic tenets of scientific inquiry. The rangers have interactive programs for either children or adults each Saturday, Harper said.

In one exercise, rangers placed a grid of twine over a few shards of pottery, a stone-age tool, some rock flakes, lithics - the shards left from tool making - and several insignificant rocks. The children worked to label the artifacts and chart their position.

Archaeologists need to know the original location of the artifacts because the context of the objects can reveal information, Harper told the group. Seeing the children were not following this argument, Harper tried a different explanation.

"It's like a big puzzle and if you take out some of the pieces you can't tell what it is anymore," she said. With that, she gave the children a few artifacts, some on a paper grid, then tried to decide if they were tools, lithics or just rocks.

Most of the children wanted to call everything a tool at first. They could think of ways ancient people could have used any object.

Harper challenged the children's labels by asking questions about the rocks they found, making them look for evidence that the stone was modified by humans.

Even if some did not understand why they were taking such careful note of the positions or couldn't tell the difference between a tool and a lithic, it's useful for children to experience the scientific process, Harper said.



Jordan Lee, 10, measures an 'artifact' during an archaeology exercise in the park near the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument on Saturday. Lee and several other children were participating in Archaeology Day, where they learned how to properly collect artifacts.

Utah seeks Kimberly man's execution

The Associated Press

PROVO, Utah - Prosecutors will ask a judge next month to schedule an execution date for Ron Lafferty, a Kimberly man who was convicted and sentenced to die for slashing the throats of his sister-in-law and baby niece in 1984.

Deputy Attorney General Tom Bruncker said the filing is procedural and will keep the case moving.

Lafferty's case has been stagnant since November, when the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal of the Utah Supreme Court's decision to uphold his conviction.

Lafferty doesn't contest the state's request, the execution clock will be set at 60 days. He has the first 30 days of the 60-day period to file an appeal.

Lafferty has spent years challenging his conviction on two counts of murder, aggravated burglary and conspiracy to commit murder for the slayings of 24-year-old Brenda Wright Lafferty and her 15-month-old daughter, Erica, also both of Kimberly.

He was convicted a second time by a jury in 1996. A second trial was needed after a federal appeals court determined that a judge failed to adequately address Lafferty's competency.

Lafferty and his brother, Dan Lafferty, admit they killed the wife and daughter of their brother Allen after a revelation, which they claim came from God. Dan Lafferty is serving life in prison for his role in the slayings.

Mental health professionals have disagreed over whether Ron Lafferty was fit to stand trial, but the Utah Supreme Court determined last year that he was acting crazy to thwart prosecution.

Bruncker said a judge must appoint a defense attorney. Lafferty's former attorney, Burke Espin, filed a motion to withdraw from the case. Espin said his contract expired when the last appeal was pending before the Utah Supreme Court.



Ron Lafferty



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

Fair season commences this week

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - With the summer heat beating down, it's time once again to cool off with fresh-squeezed lemonade, devour corn dogs and enjoy the fun at the annual Magic Valley county fairs.

Fair season kicks off Tuesday with the Lincoln County Fair. There will be 4-H and FFA activities that day and then a B.O.B. (Build Our Barn) Rodeo at 7 p.m. for ages 2-14.

The main carnival, rodeo events, booths and exhibits start Thursday and run through Saturday. The rodeo starts at 8 p.m. and features the PRCA/AFC A Rodeo Action. Junior Rodeo events will be at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Pig wrestling is featured at 7 p.m. Wednesday. At 6:30 p.m. Thursday is the parade, which proceeds through Shoshone on South Hall Street, South Apple Street, C Street and then to the fairgrounds.

The Little Bitty Horse Show will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Team Soring at 1 p.m. Saturday and races at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

The fair also includes a Funfest Carnival, Royal Vision, Goggles Driving Course, baled alfalfa hay, contest and more.

Call 886-2241 for more information.

There is no charge to get into the fair.

The schedules for other Magic Valley fairs include:

Jerome County (July 30-Aug. 3)

The Jerome County Fair, themed "Spirit and Pride, County Wide" will take place July 30 through Aug. 3, with a demolition derby on Sunday, Aug. 4.

Junior rodeo sign-ups begin Monday, July 29. The Royal West Carnival begins Tuesday and runs daily starting at 4 p.m.

Tuesday is also the Main Street Parade, starting at the high school. Family Fun Night will also take place that night in the arena. The Junior rodeo is Wednesday, July 31, with the PRCA Rodeo following on the nights of Aug. 1-3. Saturday will have market animal sales, team penning competition, antique tractor pull and the crowning of the Rodeo Queen. On Sunday, Aug. 4, the demolition derby starts at 7 p.m.

Admission to the fair is free. For family fun night and the junior rodeo, adult tickets are \$5.

and youth are \$3. For the PRCA rodeo, adults are \$6 and youth are \$5.

Minidoka County (July 29-Aug. 3)

The Minidoka County Fair runs July 29-Aug. 3 with an opening night that features lawn mowing races. On Tuesday, July 30, the Tiny Tot Horse Show is at 6 p.m., followed by the Talent Show and a 4-H Teen Dance. On Wednesday, July 31, will be an Open Class Gymkhana, Rupert Lions Club barbecue with free-estate entertainment, and the Rabbit/Fowl show.

A mule show will be Thursday, Aug. 1, with Friday's events being the Snaffle Bit Show in the morning and the rodeo at night. Saturday will have a livestock auction, open class goat show, and motocross races and rodeo events at night. Motocross races will continue through Sunday, Aug. 4.

Camas County (July 31-Aug. 4)

The Camas County Fair starts Wednesday, July 31, and runs through Sunday, Aug. 4. In Please see FAIRS, Page B7

Friends, family remember man who saved springs

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

WENDELL - Niagara Springs State Park seemed a fitting place to honor the late Robert "Bob" F. Burks Jr. After all, he led the effort to save the springs.

More than 50 friends and family members endured the sweltering July heat Saturday to remember the dairyman who was known as much for his love of the outdoors as his penchant for pranks.

He was also known for his good works.

Growing up, Burks loved to hunt and fish. Thus he was disappointed when he learned that the Niagara Springs area was threatened with development.

Burks stepped in to preserve the land and springs.

"Bob really wanted to see this passed on to the younger people so they could enjoy it like he did when he was young," said Ted Ditch, a longtime friend and manager of the North Side Canal Co. in Jerome. "Bob enjoyed life very much." Indeed, person after person stepped forward to share their favorite Bob Burks' joke, song or story.

"Some you could believe, some

you wondered if it was true," said Gerald Burks, Bob's brother.

In instances, Burks delighted in himself the day he set loose a live goose in his friend's bathroom. Yet he also had a strong work ethic and expected the same from his sons.

"I can remember our dad at the top of his lungs from the barn reminding us what part of our anatomy he wanted out of our worn beds and how late (usually five minutes) we were, and what needed to be done," said Greg Burks.

A lifelong resident of Jerome and Wendell, Bob Burks passed away in January at age 84 after a long illness. Since family members were scattered over the map and would take time to unite, they planned to hold the service during warmer months.

The service closed with military honors by the Wendell American Legion Post No. 41, a group of which Bob Burks was the oldest member.

"We remember Bob Burks as a pioneer, veteran, sheepman, dairy farmer, canal board member, statesman, and philanthropist," Greg Burks said. "He is someone we love and will miss."

YOUR WEEKEND

Mannie's Jamboree

What: The 29th annual Mannie's Jamboree, a festival of fiddling honoring Mannie Shaw, the Camas County native who died in 1984. Features the Idaho Old-Time Fiddlers Association, will be held.

Where: Shoshone City Park. When: 12-5 p.m. today. How much: Free.

Dinner with Friends

What: Company of Fools will perform Donald Margulies' "Dinner with Friends."

Where: Halley's Liberty Theater. When: 8 p.m. Sunday. How much: Tickets, which are \$20 for reserved seats and \$15 for students and senior citizens, can be reserved by phoning 788-5620.

'Proof' What: New Theater Company will present David Auburn's "Proof." Where: Community School auditorium, Sun Valley. When: 8 p.m. today.

How much: Tickets, which are \$25, are on sale at Chapter One bookstore in

Ketchum, ExLibris in Sun Valley and Read All About It in Hailey, or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>.

Karaoke

What: Full Moon Music Madness Karaoke will be featured. Where: The Blue Room, 613 Fremont, Rupert. When: 6-10 p.m. today. How much: No cover charge.

Arts and crafts festival What: The third annual Ketchum Arts

and Crafts Festival will be held. Where: Between the Community Library and Atkinson's Market in Ketchum.

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today. How much: Free.

Arts in the Park

What: The 15th annual Shoshone Arts in the Park will be held. Where: On the lawn of the Lincoln County Courthouse. When: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. today. How much: Free.

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OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magdevallay.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 8 p.m. every day.

BOISE



Billy Joe Thornquist

Billy Joe Thornquist, 68, of Boise, former Twin Falls resident, died Thursday, July 11, 2002, at his home surrounded by loving family and friends.

He was born December 31, 1933, in Charleston, West Virginia, the son of Chappel and Charly London Thornquist. He grew up in West Virginia and attended schools there. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1951 and completed basic training at Sampson Air Force Base in New York. He married Bernice Starny in 1954. Bill served tours in Moulins, France, from 1955 until 1958 and a tour in Vietnam from 1966 until 1969. He retired from the Air Force in 1972 and moved to Twin Falls. He joined the Twin Falls County Sheriff's office in 1976, where he served in many capacities, retiring as a Major in 1998. Bill married Patsy Coffelt in 1981.

Bill enjoyed the sport of rodeo and actively participated in rodeo barbeque from 1954 until 1959. In his spare time, he was an avid fly fisherman, golfer and enjoyed RV traveling. He was a member of the Idaho Peace Officers Association and had been an active member of First Christian Church of Twin Falls. He is survived by his wife Patsy Thornquist of Boise, stepdaughters Frances Mae Coffelt and Marjorie Coffelt, both of Boise, two sons Danny Lee (Pam) Thornquist of Kimberly and Robert Lewis Thornquist of Hazelton, and a daughter, Penny Ann West of Salt Lake City, one step grandson Thomas Jo Roark of Boise and eight other grandchildren. He preceded in death by his wife Billie in 1981, and his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 17, 2002, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Esther Simpson, minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Military rites will take place under the direction of U.S. Air Force personnel. Friends may call at Reynolds Funeral Chapel on Tuesday from 3 until 8 p.m. with the family present to greet friends from 6 until 8 p.m.

BURLEY

Esther E. Merritt

Esther E. Merritt, 86-year-old Burley resident, died Friday, July 12, 2002, at her home in Burley. She was born August 21, 1916, in Fairview, Kansas, the daughter of Charles and Myrtle Williams Becker. She received her education in Kansas, graduating from high school in Hamlin. She worked as a waitress for a short time prior to her marriage to Robert J. (Bob) Merritt on December 29, 1936. Following their marriage in Riverside, California, they moved to Burley in 1937, where her husband operated a Truck Sales and Leasing store. She worked as a clerk for Burley Rexall. Bob preceded Esther in death on February 12, 1993. Esther enjoyed fishing, hunting and bow-tying.

Survivors include a brother, Charles L. Becker of Corpus Christi, Texas, and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Alta Buser, and a brother, Melvin Becker. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 15, 2002, at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley, under the direction of the Burley Doss. The family suggests that those who wish may make memorial contributions to the Burley Public Library in memory of Esther. Gooding friends and relatives of the Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley.

GOODING

Donald E. Whitfield

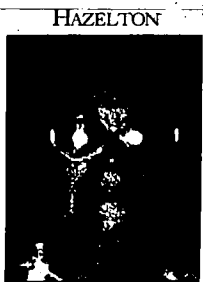
Donald Eugene Whitfield, age 64, of Gooding, passed away Wednesday, July 10, 2002, at the Boise Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Don was born in Gooding, January 25, 1938, the son of Donnie and Cleo Hoff Whitfield. He attended gooding schools and later served four years in the U.S. Navy. For most of his adult life, he was employed as a truck driver. He drove for several trucking companies throughout the valley. Don purchased his own truck and was an owner-operator for Mercer Trucking Co. of Frisco, Ky., for 16 years. Don was a member of the Gooding Elks and the American Legion. He attended the Church of Christ. He loved to fish from his boat with his friends.

Survivors include his mother, Cleo Whitfield of Gooding; sister, Helen (Ed) Gass of Enumclaw,

Washington, brother, John (Melanie) Ruegge of Whittier, California, and two nieces and a nephew. He was preceded in death by his father, Donnie and stepfather, Jack Ruegge.

HAZELTON



Margarita 'Maggie' Ruiz

Margarita Ruiz of Hazelton, Idaho, passed away at her home on Friday, July 12, 2002, following an extended illness. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Maggie was born on May 8, 1928, in Las Cruces, New Mexico. She married Francisco Ruiz on January 28, 1957, and had two children, then moved to Idaho and settled in Hazelton. Maggie was very well known by all the farmers in the Edon and Hazelton area, for whom she had worked for many years, thinning and hoeing beet and bean fields, working on the spud harvesters and also spent several years working at the Bear Growers Warehouse in Hazelton.

She is survived by her husband, Frank Ruiz of Hazelton, her daughter Frances (Pablo) Fernandez of Fier, her son, Mike (Laurie) Ruiz of Twin Falls, grandchild, Johnny Fernandez of Twin Falls, Alicia and Ricky Fernandez of Fier, Jesse and LeeAnn Ruiz of Twin Falls, and a brother and sister-in-law, Martin Durango, Mexico. Her parents preceded her in death.

A cremation service for family and friends will be held Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at 2 p.m. at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Visitation for Maggie will be held Monday, July 15, 2002, from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home. Contributions in Maggie's memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association Idaho Affiliate, 1111 S. Orchard, Boise, Idaho 83705.

HEYBURN



William Roger Poulton

My father, William Roger Poulton, 67, of Heyburn, passed away at his home on Saturday, July 13, 2002, after a long and hard-fought battle with cancer.

He was born on September 29, 1934, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the son of William Hyrum and Pearl Garrard Poulton and was the second youngest of nine children. My dad graduated from Oakley High School in 1952. He then enlisted in the Navy and served his country while earning money to attend Brigham Young University (BYU). My dad graduated from BYU in 1962, with a bachelor's degree in psychology. After finishing BYU, he began work for the state of Idaho at the Department of Employment. He served as manager for Burley Job Service for 30 years. Dad retired to become a full-time letterman and grandfather to Garrett Hansen, Brady, Taylor, and Paige Martin, and Audrey and Kennedy Poulton.

My dad met my wonderful mother, Linda Burch, on New Year's Eve, 1960, and they married on August 18, 1961. After living briefly in Provo, Utah, Oakley and Puerco, they made their home in Heyburn where they have lived for the past 26 years while raising their three children: Amy, Tammy, and me (Dad). My dad devoted his life to taking care of his family, spending time with his good friends, and attempting to enjoy the Snake River of sea and every rainbow trout. He also liked to attend a basketball game or two, and he was a great pride in his dad's skills as a stone mason, his love and devotion to my mother, and his never ending sense of humor. He was our rock and foundation,

and everything we are and have become has been under his strength and support.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Burch Poulton, of Heyburn; his children, Amy Hansen of Logan, Utah, Tami and Drawing, Marci of Logan, Utah, and Dan and Stacy Poulton of Bountiful, Utah. He has four brothers, Sam (Blah) Poulton, Norman (a doctor), Dave (Cabe) Poulton, and Jim (Lynn) Poulton, and three sisters, Gene (Russell) Port, Rachael (Lee) Bartholomew, and Elaine (Larry) Kings. My dad was preceded in death by his father, mother, brother Sam Poulton, and an infant sister.

His funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 18, 2002, at the Oakley Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 610 North Center Avenue, with Bishop Randy Hardy officiating. Interment will be in the Basin Cemetery, Oakley, Idaho. Friends may call at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, on Wednesday, from 6 until 8 p.m., and at the church on Thursday, from 10:45 a.m. until 8:45 a.m.

Our family would like to thank all the doctors and nurses at LDS hospital in Salt Lake City, the many friends, neighbors, and family members that were there to help Mom at a minute's notice, and all of Dad's dear, wonderful friends! Thanks for everything, Dad! Love, Dan

BOISE



Alice Hoppe Euler

Alice Hoppe Euler, 70, former Twin Falls resident, died Tuesday, July 9, 2002, from complications of heart problems and Multiple Sclerosis.

She was born on Oct. 31, 1931, in Clarksburg, W.Va. to Homer and Lula Nell Gobel. She moved to Hazelton as a little girl and graduated from Oakley High School. She married Paul Hoppe in Twin Falls and they had three children. Throughout her adult life, she worked in a book store, was employed at Woodman's Office Supply in Boise, when MS forced her to quit working about 15 years ago.

She is survived by her children, Paula (Bill) Jensen of Twin Falls, David of Jackpot and Steven of Boise, grandchildren, Kimberly and Paul Hoppe of Meridian; sister, Ginny Burgess of Santa Maria, Calif.; brother, Sonny Gobel of Twin Falls; and her dog and company, Nick; and caretaker and friends, Bonnie Jacobson and Jean Walters of Boise. Her parents and brother, Kenneth Gobel, preceded her in death.

At her request, no funeral services will be held and cremation is under the arrangement of Acacia Home in Meridian. Her family will have a memorial at a later date.

Because of her love for animals, especially dogs, memorial contributions can be made to the Sheena Foundation, Fier, Idaho, or to any animal shelter of choice.

POCATELLO

Clive Lindsay

Clive Walker Lindsay, 68, formerly of Mountain Home, passed away Saturday, July 13, 2002, at a local hospital in Pocatello, from a sudden illness.

Clive was born November 24, 1933, in Twin Falls, to Clive John and Eddie Virginia (Walker) Lindsay. He graduated from Burley High School. He served his country for six years in the U.S. Marine Corps, stationed at Camp Pendleton, in Southern California. On November 24, 1956, he married Virginia Eaves Green, of Oceanide, California. Shortly after they were married, he was discharged from the Marines and they moved to Burley. They were in Burley until the fall of 1959, when they moved to Moscow to attend the University of Idaho, where he majored in Music and minor in History and graduated in 1961. After his schooling, he became the music director for the Kendrick School District until 1964, when he accepted the same position at Mountain Home Air Force Base Intermediate. He taught there until he retired in June of 1995. After his passing away, he moved to Pocatello.

Clive was a member of the Christian Gospel Federated Church, in Mountain Home. He was also actively involved with the Boy Scouts and the Order of the Arrow, Mountain Home Masonic Blue Lodge, was a Past Royal patron of the Amaranth Emerald Court #4, and church choir director. His hobbies included reading, camping, yard/garage sales, mechanics, and the Oldsmobile Car Club of America. He is survived by three children, Thomas Kenneth (Tammy)

Lindsay of Mountain Home, Catherine Eaves Lindsay of Las Vegas and Adrian Richard (Jennifer) Lindsay of Pocatello; six grandchildren, Michelle Marie Kissak of Pocatello; Clive Michael Lindsay, Jessica Lynn Lindsay and Virginia Louise Lindsay, Allissa Marie Lindsay, John Walker Lindsay, all of Mountain Home; a sister, Catherine Lindsay of Auburn, California; a brother, Jack Lindsay of San Jose, California; and his mother-in-law, Ruth Brewer of Oceanide, California. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 42 years, Virginia Eaves Lindsay on August 28, 1998; a son, Clive Lowell Lindsay on April 23, 1981; an infant granddaughter, Catherine Leigh Lindsay in February, 1991.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at First Congregational Church, 515 East 15th North, in Mountain Home. A gathering with the family will occur at the conclusion of the services. All those wishing to attend are encouraged to bring new or used books to be donated as part of the memorial. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Colonial Funeral Home, 2005 South 4th Ave., Pocatello.

In lieu of flowers, plants may be delivered, and contributions may be made to Christian Baptist Church, 265 North 4th East, Mountain Home, ID 83847-2741. Condolences and memorials may be sent to the family at colonia1@comcast.net.

OAKLEY



Lloyd C. Butler

Lloyd C. (Pud) Butler, 88-year-old Oakley resident, died Thursday, July 11, 2002, at his home in his 147th year, less than a mile from his birthplace.

He was born May 9, 1914, in Oakley, the eldest of four children of William and Mary Ann Clark. He attended schools in Oakley, graduating from Oakley High School in 1933. He auditioned for the University of Utah, where he studied under the direction of Emma Lucy Gates Bowen, a granddaughter of Brigham Young. He sang in the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and in the San Francisco Light Opera Company. Lloyd had a voice that was truly a gift, and was appreciated by all who were fortunate enough to hear him sing.

He returned to Oakley to marry his childhood sweetheart, Louise Peterson on July 11, 1943. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. The couple started their family in Burley, where he owned and operated a book service station. In 1949, they moved to Boise, and then to Eugene, Oregon, in 1953. In 1958, they moved to Portland, Oregon, where they raised their three children. Lloyd spent many years working as a contracting engineer for the Interstate Highway System. He worked hard his entire life, returning to the "Hills of Home," Oakley in 1977 to "retire" and be near his grandchildren. He continued working during his retirement years as the Oakley Cemetery Sexton.

Lloyd enjoyed participating in many Oakley Valley Arts Council productions and was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, until his health no longer permitted. Lloyd will be missed by his loving family, and many friends and neighbors whose lives he touched with countless acts of service and kindness.

Survivors include two daughters, Connie Hunter and Lyn Washburn, both of Oakley; a son, Brent Butler of Oregon City, Oregon; two sisters, LaRaine Butler of Oakley and Vern Dawson of Pocatello; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise, of 59 years on June 21, 2002; his parents; and a brother, Heral (Skinny) Butler.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Oakley Stake Center, 301 N. Center, with Bishop Gary Lloyd officiating. Burial will be in the Oakley Cemetery, with military rites by the Oakley American Legion Post 44. Friends may call at the church on Monday, July 15, from 6 p.m. until 10:45 a.m., prior to the funeral on Tuesday. The family suggests memorials be given to the Oakley Valley Arts Council or the Juvenile Diabetes Association. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley.

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SERVICES

Florence E. Montgomery of Twin Falls, graveside service at 10 a.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Sarah Inez Durland Hennessey of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Hosea Archie Jones of Richfield and formerly of Almo, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Richfield 1st Ward Chapel; burial will be at the Sunny Cedar Rest Cemetery in Almo; friends may call from 9:00 a.m. before the funeral Monday at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

Ida May Gochmour Donnan of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Burley-First Christian

Church, 1401 Oakley Ave.; burial will be at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley, and from 10:45 a.m. before the funeral Monday at the church.

Andrew B. Fischer of Buhl, service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel in Twin Falls; rosary at 7 p.m. Monday at the Farmer Public Chapel, 130 N. Ninth, Buhl; interment will be at the Stribst Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Frank Arnet Palmer of Gooding, service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel; burial will be at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding; friends may call from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at Demaray's Chapel.

Thank You

The family of Faye Bellus would like to thank everyone who expressed their kind support in our time of need at the loss of our mother, with food, flowers, and cards. You made everything so much easier for us.

Thanks from the Kids, Grandkids and Family

A funeral home is no place to make hasty decisions.

FAREWELL MORTUARY

The Family of Bud Ruffing would like to express their appreciation to all their friends and family for the support they received following Bud's death. All the cards, calls, food and flowers were a great source of comfort. A special thanks to the ladies of the Hollister Presbyterian Church, and the Buhl Presbyterian Church for the lovely meal provided. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

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Group will press on for snowmobile ban

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — A conservation group will press ahead for a snowmobile ban in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks even though the National Park Service is willing to allow some snowmobiling to continue.

Greater Yellowstone Coalition officials pointed out that the announcement by the Park Service last month was not a final decision.

Director Michael Scott said Park Service officials have buried their earlier concerns about snowmobile pollution and its effect on wildlife and the experience of park visitors.

Scott said 270,000 of the latest 350,000 public comments favored the ban.

"Fundamentally it's what the American public has asked for and what the facts show is necessary," he said. "What the administration seems set to do is make a decision that elevates a machine over the needs of people, and we think that's fundamentally wrong."

Recent introduction of the Yellowstone Protection Act upholding the sled ban sets the stage for continuing the fight, he said.

Snowmobiling advocates are waiting for the Park Service to flesh out the latest proposal, being drafted over the next six months by Grand Teton assistant superintendent Steve Iobst.

"If restrictions of numbers are such that they are not significant enough to allow for historical use, then it will not really be the best-case scenario for the public, outfitters and communities," said Jack Welch of the Pocatello-based BlueRibbon Coalition.

Welch said the Park Service believes the snowmobile issue centers on West Yellowstone, Mont., where most snowmobile traffic enters the park.

"I think there will be an effort to encourage people to go in at other places than West," he said.

City council revives proposed merger of two Wendovers

WEST WENDOVER, Nev. (AP) — One week after deciding not to put a proposed merger with Wendover, Utah, on the November ballot, city councilors reversed their decision.

The council voted Friday to let residents decide whether to combine their Nevada gambling town with its poorer cousin across the state line. If approved, the Nevada border would be moved eastward to absorb the Utah town.

Wendover Mayor Stephen Perry proclaimed the merger "back on course."

"If they had voted 'no' tonight, we would have been in a lot of trouble," he said.

Councilors also approved a ballot question on whether to allow casinos on what is currently the Utah side if the merger occurs.

Last week, the council rejected a ballot question that included a provision seeking to ban competition to established gambling resorts in West Wendover.

West Wendover Councilor Lore Cook said the nonbinding referendum will help officials see where residents stand on the hotly debated issue.

"It's a good argument tool for what our residents want, for or against," she said.

Wendover's City Council, thanks to a newly passed bill by the Utah Legislature, could vote Wednesday on whether to put a similar question on its Nov. 5 ballot.

One week ago, West Wendover councilors voted 3-2 to postpone a merger election until a constitutional study was done. The report is due in mid-September, giving voters nearly two months to consider its conclusions.

Some council members expressed concern over the initial resolution's ban against casinos on the now-Utah side. Councilor Viola Troyan, who previously opposed that provision, was pleased with the new version.

"I don't think we should be putting any restrictions on the land before we even annex it," she said.

Zoning laws, including one against casinos, will be current by Wendover, could be added in a joint agreement between the two states or by a future City Council if the towns are unified.

Conservationists fight weeds with satellite

BOISE (AP) — A wildfire of sorts is burning in Hells Canyon, cutting a bright yellow swath through the continent's deepest river gorge and destroying tracts of native vegetation along the way.

That wildfire is yellow star thistle, capable of spreading seven miles a year. The Nature Conservancy says.

The environmental group is employing satellite, hand-held global positioning computers and shoe leather to locate and eradicate the patches from the canyon, considered one of the most biologically rich ecosystems in the West.

"If you can stay ahead of it and be on the leading edge, you can slow it down or maybe eliminate it," said Art Talama, the conservancy's Hells Canyon project manager. "It's invaded a pretty drastic amount of the area."

Yellow star thistle's arrival in the United States follows a scenario similar to other invasive weeds. Centaurea solstitialis is believed to have originated in Turkey and Armenia as a weed that grew amid alfalfa.

The alfalfa and some thistle seeds made their way to the United States during the Gold Rush. But there are no natural western enemies to star thistle. When the ground is disturbed, it extends a tap root eight feet and displaces other species, such as Hells Canyon bunch grass.

Native plants provide habitat and food for about 350 species in the canyon including birds of prey, elk and bands of bighorn sheep, recovering after a deadly pneumonia-like disease reduced their population several years ago.

The star thistle flower-head resembles a dandelion. But like a bulldog's collar, a cluster of long spikes surround the thistle. Even when the plant dies in the fall, the thorns can pierce skin, clothing and even tires. Horses eating the thistle in the early spring can suffer a nervous disorder.

The Nature Conservancy has launched a campaign of weed prevention, early detection and rapid response to thistle patches in its Garden Creek Nature Preserve on the Snake River in the canyon.

Weed SWAT teams are dispatched to wipe them out. For the long-term, the organization prefers biological controls — insects that attack the thistle's seed head.

Part of a three-year Murdock Charitable Trust grant to the conservancy is paying for the QuickBird Satellite to record an image of parts of Idaho,



Art Talama of The Nature Conservancy holds up a yellow star thistle plant plucked from a slope in the Hells Canyon area of Idaho last month. Biologists are working to wipe out infestations of yellow star thistle while protecting native plants.

Chopper sprays crops, not thistles

Washington and Oregon taking in the canyon this month.

The spectral photo will key on the yellow flowers to show thistle populations at various elevations in the 7,993-foot-deep rift and their presence in former wildfire burns.

Combining that data with handheld GPS devices, the weeds can be tracked down to within a few feet.

The conservancy is part of the Tri-State Demonstration Weed Management Area taking in 250,000 acres around the canyon. The coalition includes federal land managers, cattle associations, counties, the Nez Perce Tribe and private land owners.

U.S. Sen. Larry Craig of Idaho is gathering reaction to legislation that would significantly increase federal funding for weed eradication.

Star thistle is not the only noxious weed in the gorge. There also are leafy spurge and rush skeleton weed to contend with.

The Idaho Department of Agriculture estimates the cost of weed damage in the state each year at \$30 million. State-designated weeds infest 8 million acres in Idaho.

That does not include the tens of thousands of acres of cheat-grass and modica head, which are not one that list.

The Nature Conservancy considers weeds second only to habitat lost to development in

Kendrick (AP) — An apparent misfire by a herbicide-spraying helicopter is estimated to have caused a part-time farmer at least \$20,000 worth in damage.

Ted Groseclose was working in his tomato garden July 2 when the chopper appeared and soaked his land, his plants and the farmer himself with powerful herbicides.

A week and a half later, almost half of Groseclose's commercial tomato crop is gone, along with a field of squash. Leaves on locust trees are yellow and brown. The weeds, however, survived.

"It's a mess, just a mess," said Groseclose, who sells the produce to supplement his income. "Who knows if I can raise a garden next year or the next year after that?"

The herbicide spraying is conducted by the Idaho State Department of Transportation to control yellow star thistle

along a highway.

Groseclose estimates his plant loss at \$20,000 and has yet to get an estimate on his trees. He also will need to move his sheep and feed them hay and grain, since the pasture grass is dead and poisoned.

Chemicals 2,4-D and dicloran sprayed from a Leading Edge Aviation helicopter apparently got caught in the breeze and settled on Groseclose's land.

If found at fault, the pilot's insurance will cover Groseclose's losses, said Pat Lightfield, engineer with the transportation department.

Helicopter spraying is used in areas difficult to reach by truck, said Rick Osborn, vegetation maintenance foreman with the transportation department. Managing drift is left to the expertise of the pilot applying the chemicals, he said.

logical pollution," said Trish Klahr, conservancy scientist. "We realize that we simply cannot conserve species if their habitat is taken over by weeds."

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HOPE (AP) - Steve Zwarg's antique wooden boat dramatically increased in value one recent Sunday in just 14 miles.

His wife, Linda, lost her diamond necklace in the seat cushions as the Spokane couple motored their 1942 custom Chris Craft Runabout to Hope from Sandpoint.

"I guess it's worth a little more now," Steve Zwarg said with a chuckle as they docked at the Holiday Shores Marina.

No worry. When the Wooden Boat Festival is over, Zwarg will dismantle the seats and find the hiding diamond.

He knows the boat intimately. He refurbished the mahogany beauty after finding it in a barn in 1980. She still has all her original wood, even the bottom, which is very rare when it comes to wooden boat restoration, Zwarg said.

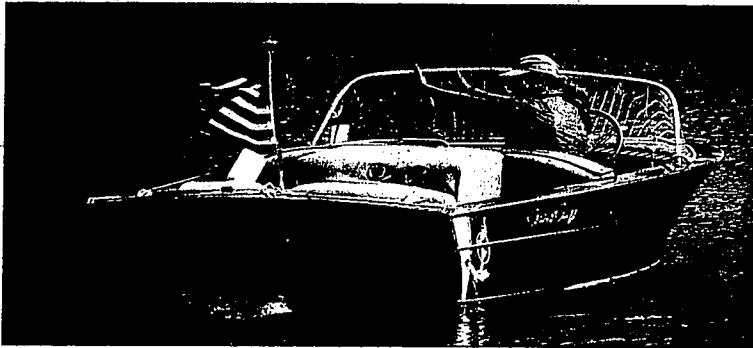
And she's a rare boat; only 42 were made. She's number 17.

Scott Zappone's 1963 Chris Craft has no diamonds hidden in the seat cushions, just Lake Pend Oreille water.

Friends gathered around Zappone's boat, teasing him about the continuous flow of water squirting out of the bilge thanks to a system of sump pumps.

"That's why the Sandpoint man changed its name to 'In sump trouble.'"

"It always leaks," he said. "It still needs some work, but it's fun. I'm not worried if I scratch it."



Showing no signs of trouble, Scott Zappone gives a double thumbs up to friends on the dock of the Sandpoint Marina July 7 in Sandpoint while cruising the harbor in his classic Chris Craft wooden boat as part of the Power House Classic Wooden Boat and Car Show.

Bud Moon had a similar attitude. A friend tugged his 22-foot, 1968 Chris Craft Cutlass around the point to the marina for the show.

It has no motor and the fir plywood planks still need some paint. It's a work in progress.

But Moon, the East Hope mayor, just

sold his house and has no workshop. Besides, he's been busy fixing up the fire department.

Like Zappone, his boat is for fun -

more specifically, fishing.

It's the sixth wooden boat Moon has restored.

"Some guys get into these old show boats," Moon said, looking over at Zwarg's shiny mahogany masterpiece. "But mine goes fishing and hauls people around."

He likes the wooden vessels because he remembers them new as a child in the 1930s. And he always dreamed of owning one.

"That's the psychology of this," said Moon, a member of the Antique and Custom Boat Club's Inland Empire Chapter.

Most of the 20-some boats entered in the weekend show are owned by members. Only Zappone, Zwarg and another woody owner paraded their boats from the Sandpoint Marina to Hope. The others trailered to the Holiday Shores Marina or stayed in Sandpoint.

Moon found his latest fixer-upper under a tattered blue tarp behind a Sandpoint house. He watched it for two years and one day a "For Sale" sign appeared.

He snatched it up for \$500. The boat trailer was worth at least that.

Now he spends his free time cutting and fitting the planks, sanding and staining.

"It's just a lot of hard elbow grease," he said.

Judge soon should rule on burning

COEUR d'ALENE (AP) - A federal judge is expected to decide next week whether grass seed farmers can continue burning their fields while a group of doctors presses a lawsuit to ban the practice.

After three days of hearings last week, U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge is considering the petition to prohibit field burning this season. It was filed by a group called Safe Air For Everyone.

The organization was formed after last year's field burning season. The doctors claim the Idaho Legislature and grass growers failed to address the resulting health problems.

Growers burn straw and stubble in August and September after harvest to prepare fields for the next year's crop. Removing crop residue exposes new growth to more sunlight, giving it a jump start.

Farmers say alternative methods are uncompetitive. Without burning, they contend more fertilizers and chemicals must be used to control weeds, insects and disease and crops must be rotated at least twice as often.

Across the state line in Washington, legal challenges and public pressure forced an end to field burning in 1998 and the number of acres in grass seed have not changed, state environmental officials said.

Last year, farmers burned 37,000 acres in northern Idaho. Physicians in the region said cases of respiratory distress jumped markedly during the burning season.

"It's a time of year when we're generally not seeing viruses or contagious respiratory illness," said Dr. Joyce Gilbert of Sandpoint. "Yet I'm seeing some very serious problems."

Kootenai County Coroner Robert West said field burning smoke contributed to the death of a 49-year-old asthmatic Rathdrum woman two years ago.

Lawyers for seed producers claimed the doctors were relying on anecdotal and unscientific information.

Woman's remains return to Idaho family

CALDWELL (AP) - The remains of a New York woman killed in the September terror attack on the World Trade Center are being returned to her family in southwestern Idaho.

Sandra Conaty Brace, 61, had worked for the J.R. Simplot Company before moving to New York in 1992. She was working for an insurance brokerage on the 94th floor of Tower One of the World Trade Center near where a plane crashed into the building.

"She didn't stand a chance," daughter-in-law Cynthia Conaty said.

Brace's husband, David, decided his wife should be buried near her mother at Canyon Hill Cemetery.

Now we can say our final good-byes," Cynthia Conaty said.

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Ferry takes orca home to Canada

ABOARD THE CATALINA JET, British Columbia (AP) — An orphaned killer whale that strayed into Puget Sound last winter and petting the orca to comfort her.

"She's a very calm animal. And at that age they're very adaptable," said whale-handler Jen Schorr, 30, of Seattle. "They're pretty bold in most cases. They're the top predator so they can afford to be."

The Vancouver Aquarium will oversee A-73's care in a net pen near Hanson Island until her release.

Veterinarians and scientists will decide when the time is right. Pads or family groups from A-clan, whose vocalization patterns are similar to A-73's, have been in the area for weeks, and her grandmother's group, A-24, was spotted on there Thursday.

If her pod comes by tomorrow, and they vocalized and were positive, we could release her tomorrow ... open the door and cross our fingers," said David Huff of the aquarium.

U.S. and Canadian officials arranged the relocation in hopes that the juvenile orca will join her family group.

If she does not, the consensus is she will fare better there than in the busy waters near Seattle, where her health faltered as she struggled alone to feed herself from mid-January until her capture by Foster's crew June 13.

"These are the waters where she grew up, and fish she knows how to catch," said Marilyn Joyce, marine-mammal resource coordinator for Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

At this time of year, "killer whales show up en masse to feed on salmon," she said.

unable to keep up with the others.

In her four weeks in captivity at a federal research facility on the Kitsap Peninsula, across Puget Sound from Seattle, she was treated for minor health problems — an itchy skin condition and worms — and fattened up. She gained more than 100 pounds, from 1,240 mid-June to 1,348 Saturday.

The relocation follows months of discussion and planning by the U.S. and Canadian governments, with input from community activists in both countries. Officials became concerned as the orca grew increasingly friendly with boaters around the Vashon Island ferry dock in busy Puget Sound, actually scratching herself on the hulls of small boats.

The transport vessel — a high-tech, one-of-a-kind catamaran that offered a smooth ride despite choppy waters — was on loan from Nichols Bros. Boatbuilders of Freeland, Wash.

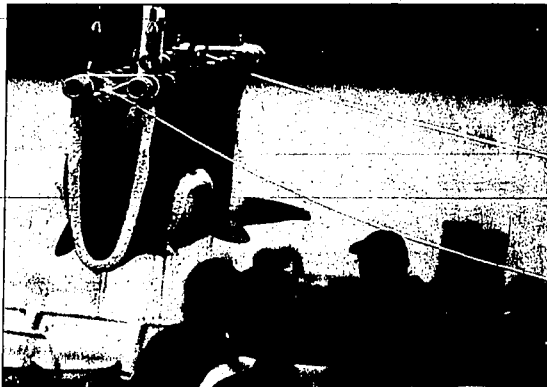
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the disappearance and likely death of A-73's mother last year, and they believe she wandered south when she was

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A 12-foot orphaned orca whale is lifted from her pen at a research station in Manchester, Wash., Saturday, and lowered into a container aboard a high-speed catamaran ferry for a trip to Canadian waters.



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Hundreds brave heat to support sexual diversity

BOISE (AP) — More than 200 people braved triple-digit temperatures Saturday at the state Capitol to support sexual diversity and urge local schools to take action against harassment of gay, bisexual and transgender teenagers.

The rally featured Emily Shannon, a recent graduate of Boise High School who has been campaigning to add sexual orientation and gender identity to the school district's anti-harassment policy.

Shannon said the level of harassment in Idaho schools requires that all students understand that gay, bisexual and transgender students have a right to an education in a safe learning environment.

A victim of drive-by harassment and anti-gay name calling, Shannon expressed concern that the state is not providing enough training for teachers on how to respond to incidents of student harassment.

Teens face charges after allegedly blowing up toilet

SANDPOINT (AP) — At least six teen-agers will be charged with felonies after allegedly blowing up a toilet in a park bathroom.

The teens, whose names were not released, set off a pipe bomb in the men's restroom at Lakeview Park in the late hours of July 4 or early morning of July 5, Police Chief Mark Lockwood said.

According to police reports, the teens lit a pipe bomb in the bathroom, which exploded and splattered human waste across the restroom. They then lit the second pipe bomb and blew up a toilet, sending porcelain shrapnel flying and causing \$600 worth of damage.

Man gets 32 years to life for killing former fiancée

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A jilted fiancée has been sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole until he is 72 for murdering his former girlfriend and shooting a college student while trying to elude police.

Todd Robert Briggs, 40, apologized for killing Melissa Garcia, a 25-year-old mother of four.

"I behaved like a monster. I behaved out of character," Briggs said. "I don't expect anyone to forgive me for what I did."

But 7th District Judge Gregory Anderson was not satisfied.

He cited a letter Briggs wrote from jail to Garcia's mother a month after the murder, blaming Melissa Garcia for her death and saying jail was fun for him. A second letter to Garcia's ex-husband was nearly as bad, he said.

Bonneville County Prosecutor Dane Watkins Jr. said the agreement to accept Briggs' guilty plea to first-degree murder in exchange for not seeking the death penalty was based in part on the fact that Anderson has never sentenced anyone to death.

Additionally, the U.S. Supreme Court has indicated that Idaho's death penalty law is unconstitutional although the state has yet to acknowledge that.

Authorities said Briggs shot Garcia through the heart because she had broken off their engagement after five months to reconcile with her ex-husband.

Three days earlier, Garcia suffered a broken leg when she was run down by a car police believe Briggs was driving. That happened two days after her apartment was trashed. Again investigators made Briggs the prime suspect.

They couldn't get any positive identification to support an arrest before Briggs fled to Nevada. He didn't resurface in Idaho Falls until the day of the murder, when he sneaked into the home of Garcia's parents and killed her as she apologized for breaking off their relationship.

It was during his flight after the murder that he wounded the college student in Rexburg.

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Wreck sends two to hospital, starts fire

RICHFIELD - Emergency personnel in Lincoln County were kept busy Saturday with a car crash around noon that not only sent two people to the hospital but also led to a brush fire.

In addition, a search and rescue vehicle crashed on the way to the accident, and a LifeFlight helicopter en route to the first crash was grounded due to mechanical problems.

The Idaho State Police reported that two cars collided at the crest of a hill on Burnham Road, five miles east in a 2001 Pontiac sedan and Ace Luedert, 19, address unknown, was driving west in a 1992 Chevrolet pickup.

Luedert was taken by Life Flight to the Regional Medical Center in Boise, where she was in critical condition, the ISP said.

Luedert was treated and released at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome, the ISP said.

Police have not issued a citation to either driver. The accident is still being investigated. The collision triggered a fire in the pickup, which spread to the brush on the side of the road.

Magic Valley in brief

Lincoln County sheriff's deputies and the Lincoln County Search and Rescue responded to the wreck. A search and rescue vehicle, driven by Mark Southwick, crashed on the way to the scene, but Southwick was unhurt.

A LifeFlight helicopter responded from the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, but the helicopter had mechanical problems and had to land in Shoshone. Another LifeFlight helicopter flew to the scene from Boise, the ISP said.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management sent five trucks and a 100-gallon Single Engine Air Tanker to douse the brush fire. The Richfield Rural Fire Department and the Shoshone Rural Fire Department also responded. About 600 acre burned, the report stated.

Blowouts cause motorcycle to crash

TWIN FALLS - A motorcycle carrying two crashed at about 2 p.m. Saturday when a truck

trailer burst.

An ambulance took Lawrence Weese, 51, of Hoquiam, Wash., and Julia Arnold, 39, of Centralia, Wash., to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The two were wearing helmets and are in stable condition, according to a report from the Idaho State Police.

Weese was driving east on Interstate 84, two miles east of U.S. Highway 93, when a fire of his trailer went flat. The trailer fishtailed and flipped, causing to 1987 Honda motorcycle to tip, police said.

Jerome girl wins Miss Magic Valley

TWIN FALLS - Jerome High School girl Kimberly Madsen was named Miss Magic Valley Saturday night.

The first-runner up is Dicie Holloway from Twin Falls High School. The pageant's second-runner up is Michelle Williams, a student at Twin Falls High School.

Local grain company buys former Simplot Agrisure

BURLEY - A Burley-area grain company has purchased the former Simplot Agrisure to keep jobs in the area.

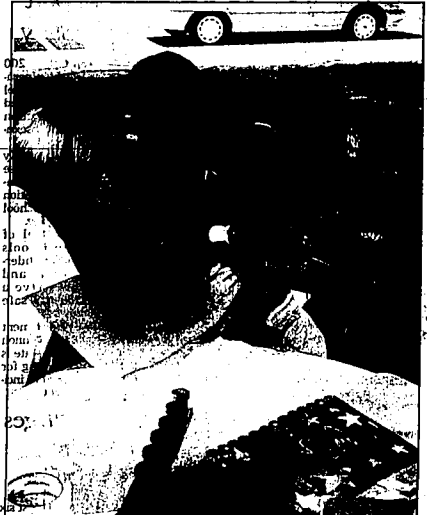
"The opportunity came for a small group of people to buy the business," said Bill Mendenhall, president of the new company called Agrisure. "We wanted to keep the opportunity for the growers and farmers to use the commodities and we wanted to keep those jobs there also."

Mendenhall did not disclose the names of the four other owners. Simplot listed the business for sale last year as part of the company's reorganization. Mendenhall said a lack of interest in the facility nearly resulted in a shutdown that would have meant a loss of more than a dozen jobs.

"The sale price was right and we feel we can remain competitive in today's marketplace," he said.

The company, which opened as Union Seed in 1949, was purchased by Simplot in 1990 and expanded throughout southern Idaho and northern Nevada.

DECLO FACE PAINTING



Ashley Peterson paints a yellow star on the face of Tate Jensen, 2, of Weaverville, Utah, while his sisters Madeline, 4, and Allie, 8, assist. Face paint was one of many activities Saturday at the annual Declo Day.

Utah State promises diploma in four years

LOGAN, Utah (AP) - Beginning this fall, Utah State University president Kermit Hall guarantees that all first-year students who agree to some stipulations will graduate within four years.

"If they don't, their tuition is free for the rest of their program," Hall said.

The Graduation Guarantee Program is designed to save students and taxpayers money.

Proposed by the Legislature, the state Board of Regents recently approved a policy update aimed at ridding Utah colleges of so-called "slacker students."

Students appear to move more slowly through Utah schools than colleges in other states. That's partly because many male students leave school on proselytizing missions for the Mormon church.

Even after accounting for the missionary factor, Utah students still take an average of five to six years to graduate.

The new policy adopted by the regents slaps a tax on anyone who takes the same class three times or those who take 35 percent more classes than are required to graduate.

Several college presidents opposed the tax, arguing that it penalizes part-time and struggling students. Opponents said it's better to help those students with advising and tuition incentives.

Utah State's program is designed to do both. Students in the guarantee program sign a contract, agreeing to stick to a major and a semester

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by-semester course schedule. Some majors may take longer than four years, but most can be finished in that period.

Under a fast-track option that includes summer courses, some degrees can be completed in three years.

"If they change majors, however, the bet is off," said university provost Stan Albrecht.

As part of the bargain, the university ensures that students get the classes they need when they need them.

"Students are often frustrated and say they would like to graduate sooner, but have to wait until their junior year to get freshmen classes," Albrecht said.

Hall said the program should improve Utah State's retention rate. About one-third of first-year students last year dropped out within nine months. The program, which isn't available for transfer students, currently is limited to 36 degrees.

Upgrades help technology in Cassia schools

By Shari Cheney Times-News writer

BURLEY - Technology and maintenance projects are getting a little help in Cassia County schools, thanks to a \$131,000 grant.

The district was awarded a federal grant through the School Renovation, IDEA and Technology Program, Superintendent Mike Chesley said.

The money will be used on several projects. Two projects are at Dworshak Elementary School in Burley. The steam tunnels under Dworshak will be reinforced in places where they have deteriorated and the electrical system will be updated throughout the building.

Maintenance Supervisor Larry Manion said.

The electrical system updates are tied directly to technology. Each classroom has eight to 10 computers and a computer lab holds more computers, Manion said.

Updating the electrical system will allow the system to better handle the needs of the computers.

The school was built in the late 1950s, Manion said, and "at that time the electricity needs weren't what they are now."

The current computer load is handled with the current electrical system, Manion said, but the updates will be helpful in the future as more computers are added and will alleviate worries about tripping a breaker.

Now there is one circuit for every two rooms; the updated system will include two circuits

for each room. Electrical work at Dworshak is expected to be done by Ramsey Heating and Electric, who submitted a \$25,960 bid for the work.

No other bids were submitted, Chesley said.

In another project at Dworshak Elementary, work on tunnels under the school is planned this summer too. Ralph Thornton Construction Inc. officials submitted the low bid of \$37,841 for that work.

The tunnels hold the steam pipes that carry heat through the school, along with water pipes and electrical conduit, Manion said.

In places where the concrete has deteriorated, steel reinforcements will be installed.

Chesley expects the board members to ratify bid awards at

the next board meeting.

The third project is the creation of a learning center at Raft River High School. Chesley said the project includes some renovation to create the space. Computers and networking service equipment will also be purchased.

The project is in preparation for the plan of distance learning within the district, Chesley said. Students in Raft River could possibly take classes from Burley High School or other schools in the district by using the technology.

The learning center project is expected to cost about \$40,000.

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Federal money will help fund health initiative

BOISE (AP) - Almost \$600,000 in federal grant money will be used to fund a Hispanic wellness initiative.

Boise-based Mountain States Group and Boise State University's Department of Nursing obtained the grant from the U.S. Health Resources Administration.

The three-year grant will provide \$200,000 each year to fund education about culturally appropriate care and increase the number of Hispanic students entering health professions.

The money also will provide Hispanics in rural areas with health care services.

The Idaho Rural Health Education Center, a unit of the Mountain States Group, will administer the initiative.

Governors look at Kempthorne for vice-chairman

BOISE (AP) - Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne will likely be elected vice chairman of the National Governors' Association next week, putting him in line to become chairman of the organization the following year.

Democratic Gov. Paul Patton of Kentucky, the year's incoming chairman, revealed the secret Kempthorne had been keeping for months during the organization's kickoff news conference Saturday.

"It is to be affirmed," Kempthorne said after the conference. But, he said, "The Republicans have decided that I will be their nominee."

Governors still must cast their ballots on Tuesday, the closing day of the conference.

According to tradition, the association's vice chairman assumes the chairmanship the following year. Each year, the chairmanship alternates between Republicans and Democrats.

Kempthorne would take over



Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who is an influential lobbying group in Washington.

But Kempthorne said he and Patton will work closely over the next year on issues such as education, economic development and Medicaid reform.

"If we get out in front of that, I don't think that's proper," Kempthorne said.

Last year, Idaho hosted the

Western Governor's Association meeting in Coeur d'Alene. Kempthorne had served as chairman of that group the previous year, working on wildfire and energy issues.

Kempthorne still must win the November election against Democratic Idaho Falls newspaper publisher Brian Brady. But in a political presentation Saturday afternoon by nine Democratic state governors, Idaho was not mentioned among several state seats listed as a potential "pick up" this fall.

Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, who is testing the waters for a possible presidential run in 2004, said Brady may do better than expected.

"I don't know whether he'll win, but I think Jerry will do alright. He's out there, he's talking the issues. We've got to build the base piece by piece," Kempthorne said the first day of the conference went well despite temperatures well above 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

Fairs

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Fairfield. Events start on July 31 with the 4-H horse show that evening. The fair game night is Aug. 1 on the school grounds with games and concessions sponsored by the American Legion.

Aug. 2 will be the community potluck and Annual Prairie Dog Contest to decide who is Ms. Prairie Dog. The 4-H market sale is Aug. 3, along with bed races that begin at noon. That will be followed by the County Fair Parade, which starts at 1 p.m., followed by more activities.

A non-denominational church service will be held on the morning of Aug. 4, followed by music in the park at the 4-H Park in Fairfield, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Raffle prizes and other prizes will be given away that day. There is no admission to the fair events.

Blaine County (Aug. 6-10)

Officials moved up Blaine County's Fair to Aug. 6-10, starting with open class 4-H entries and 5-year-old competitions on Tuesday, Aug. 6. On Aug. 7, judging for 4-H events takes place for 4-H horse entries, along with

swine, sheep and beef. That evening will also be the Junior Jamboos.

On Aug. 8, the exhibit opens to the public, including the beef show and the Western horse show. The open class livestock show will be the afternoon of Aug. 8. That night will be the Kids Rodeo. Aug. 9 will be the swine-sheep fitting and showing, and round robin competition. The 4-H archery shoot will also be that day.

Also on Aug. 9 will be the rodeo's roping and penning competition. The 4-H stock sale is Saturday along with the 4-H dinner for buyers. Admission is free for adults and children.

Cassia County (Aug. 12-17)

The Cassia County Fair is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 12, through Saturday, Aug. 17. Aug. 12 will feature the 4-H horse show. Country artist Phil Vasson performs at 8 p.m. Aug. 13. Tickets are \$16.

At 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 14 is the fair parade, and team sorting follows that night in the fairgrounds arena. The fairground carnival will run Aug. 13-17. The PRCA rodeo starts nightly

at 8 on Aug. 14-17. Cost is \$8 for grandstand, \$6 for bleachers, \$2 for children. On Aug. 16 and 17 will be para-mural horse racing. In the midway Aug. 14 through Aug. 17 is the hypnotist Arthur Wayne. On Aug. 14-17 is also a free stage with entertainment running daily. At 8 a.m. Aug. 17 will be the fat stock sale for 4-H clubs. There is no general admission fee to the fair.

Gooding County (Aug. 12-17)

Team sorting kicks off the Gooding County Fair, which runs Aug. 12-17. The sorting event starts Aug. 12 in the evening. The AQHA horse show will be Wednesday, Aug. 14, with the PRCA rodeo following Aug. 15-17 at the fairground.

Rodeo fans will be entertained by David Hartwig and his dog Skidboot who will perform each night. Skidboot is a cowdog that performs on "The Late Show" with David Letterman and other programs. The rodeo will also have professional clownman Donny Lodge, who performed at the Dodge Circuit rodeo in Houston and has competed in the national rodeo finals.

Twin Falls County (Aug. 28-Sept. 2)

The legendary country music group Charlie Daniels Band headlines southern Idaho's biggest fair in Twin Falls County, which takes place Aug. 28 to Sept. 2. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children and includes general admission to all area events.

The Charlie Daniels Band performs Aug. 28 at the fairgrounds. Following them will be the gospel group Liberty on Sunday, Sept. 1. The PRCA Rodeo will be Aug. 29-31 at the FIB fairgrounds. The destruction derby concludes the fair on Sept. 2. Other events include an alligator show from Kachungas and the Alligator, featured every day at the fairgrounds along with the return of popular hypnotist Michael Mezmer.

Growers say freeze doomed cherries

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - State agricultural officials blamed a freak late-spring freeze for making Utah's cherry harvest the thinnest in 30 years.

The Utah Agricultural Statistics Service is forecasting tart cherry production at 3 million pounds, a 75 percent drop from last year's 12 million pounds, and less than one-tenth of the 33 million-pound harvest two years ago.

Utah's sweet cherry crop will be 400 tons, down 43 percent from last year's 700 tons, and one-sixth of the 2,400 tons produced in 2000.

"This certainly ranks as a disaster for that industry," said C. Booth Wallentine, chief executive of the Utah Farm Bureau Federation. "It is virtually all from freeze damage May 8 and 9, two nights in the low 20s, a very unusual and tragic frost."

Gov. Mike Leavitt's May declaration of a drought emergency and agricultural disaster made

growers eligible for federal aid. Wallentine said fruit growers, who account for 2 percent of Utah's agricultural farm revenue, still face drought-related issues.

"There is a question of having adequate water to even keep their trees alive during the remainder of this very hot summer," he said. "Continuation of a serious drought could affect the ability of these frosted trees to be viable for future years."

According to some estimates, Utah cherry orchards are down 50 percent from the 10,000 acres recorded in the 1997 agricultural census.

Claude Rowley, manager of Payson Fruit Growers, said if the cherry harvest doesn't rebound next year, most of the acreage could become housing tracts.

"Last year, it was only a third of a crop for the state, and this year it's basically zero," Rowley said. "We've had one bad year followed by a disaster."

Read The Times-News sports pages to see how your favorite team is doing.

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water report

this is your annual report on drinking water quality.

What Are Drinking Water Standards?

Under the authority of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), EPA sets standards for approximately 90 contaminants in drinking water. For each of these contaminants, EPA sets a legal limit, called a maximum contaminant level (MCL) or requires a certain treatment. Water suppliers may not provide water that doesn't meet these standards. Water that meets these standards is safe to drink.

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), which celebrated its 25th anniversary in 1999, is the main federal law that ensures the quality of Americans' drinking water. Under SDWA, EPA sets standards for drinking water quality and oversees the states, localities, and water suppliers who implement those

standards. The SDWA covers all public water systems with piped water for human consumption with at least 15 service connections or a system that regularly serves at least 25 individuals.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by simply calling the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791).

where can I get more information?

For more information on your drinking water, contact your water supplier. You can also contact your state drinking water program, call EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791, explore the rest of the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water's web site, or order

publications from EPA on various topics from source water protection to home well use. EPA has also prepared a citizen's guide to drinking water called "Water on Tap: A Consumer's Guide to the Nation's Drinking Water."

why do I need to read this?

A survey conducted by the American Water Works Research Foundation in 1993 found that nearly two-thirds of water consumers surveyed said they received "very little" or "no" information on the quality of their water. The water quality reports will increase the availability of information. Informed and involved citizens can be strong allies of water systems, large and small, as they take action on pressing problems. Also, an increase in public awareness can give sensitive sub-populations the information that they need to protect

themselves: Drinking water can come from either ground water sources (via wells) or surface water sources (such as rivers, lakes, and streams). Nationally, most water systems use a ground water source (80%), but most people (86%) are served by a water system that uses surface water. This is because large metropolitan areas tend to rely on surface water, whereas small and rural areas tend to rely on ground water. In addition, 10-20% of people have their own private well for drinking water.

2001 annual drinking water quality report

City of Twin Falls The Water We Drink

We're pleased to present to you the year 2001 Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We currently have a City of Twin Falls Wellhead Protection Plan, and we have received the Twin Falls County Groundwater Quality Management Plan. They are both available at the City of Twin Falls Water Department, (208) 736-2275. Also, we are in the process of developing a Source Water Assessment Plan for our South, Southeast and Blue Lakes well fields. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is ground water from ten wells out of the Snake River Plain aquifer. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from human or animal activity. Water supplies for 2001 were drawn from the Blue Lakes Wells, the South Wells and reservoir system and the Southeast Wells and reservoir system. The Blue Lakes Wells are located on the north side of the Snake River just above Blue Lakes in Jerome county. The South Wells and reservoir system is located on the south end of Twin Falls at 1692 Washington St. The Southeast Wells and reservoir system is located on the southeast end of Twin Falls at 367 Hankins Road.

ADDITIONAL WATER INFORMATION:

Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL's) are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Due to Public concern we also sampled for MTBE (Methylterbutylether) and the results were ND.

Promote water pollution prevention in your neighborhood by organizing the cleanup of a river, lake, stream or canal in your community.



QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

CONTACT: Mike Schroeder

PHONE #: 736-1540

Where can I get more information?

I'm pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets Federal and State requirements. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Mike Schroeder, at 736-1540. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility.

City Council meetings, which are held the first and third Monday of each month at 5:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers at 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, are opportunities for public participation and input.

The City of Twin Falls municipal water system routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. In fact, the City of Twin Falls runs more samples for Microbiological, Radioactive, Inorganic, and Volatile Organic contaminants than required by State and Federal laws to insure our water is safe. Due to Public concern we also sampled for MTBE (Methylterbutylether), and the results were ND.

The following table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

Definitions:

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand those terms we've provided the following definitions:

Non-Detects (ND) - Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligram per liter (mg/l).

Parts per billion (ppb) or Microgram per liter (ug/l).

Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanogram per liter (nanogram/l).

PicoCurie per liter (pCi/L) - PicoCurie per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

90th Percentile Contaminant Level - The 90th percentile lead and copper levels shall be computed by placing the results of all the lead and copper samples during a monitoring period in ascending order from the sample with lowest concentration to the sample with the highest concentration. The number assigned to the sample with the lowest concentration shall be the number starting with number 1 for the sample with the lowest concentration level. The number assigned to the sample with the highest concentration level will be equal to the total number of samples taken. The number of samples taken during the monitoring period shall be multiplied by 0.9. The 90th percentile contaminant level is the contaminant concentration of the numbered sample yielded by the calculation.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Health Effects:

MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS: Total Coliform. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

Fecal coliform (E. Coli). Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems. No fecal coliforms were found.

RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINANTS: Radon/photon emitters. Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit forms of radiation known as photons and beta radiation. Some people who drink water containing beta and photon emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Alpha emitters. Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS: Barium. Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.

Copper. Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.

Fluoride. Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gum.

Lead. Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical and mental development. Children could show slight delays in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

Nitrate. Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue-baby syndrome. Nitrate. As a precaution we always notify physicians and health care providers in this area if there is ever a higher than normal level of nitrate in the water supply.

VOLATILE ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS: TTHM's (Total Trihalomethanes). Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Total Coliform. The Total Coliform Rule requires water systems to meet a stricter limit for coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television or radio. To comply with the stricter regulation if coliform bacteria are found, we increase the average amount of chlorine in the distribution system and flush the system in the area of concern until the follow-up tests are in compliance.

Lead. Lead in drinking water is rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning, but it can add to a person's total lead exposure. All potential sources of lead in the household should be identified and removed, replaced or reduced.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

En Español:

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua de beber. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

terminology

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources, such as agricultural stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic, which are products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or may be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Test Results Water Quality Report for City of Twin Falls

Contaminant	Violation	Level Detected	Unit of Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Usual Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants						
Total Coliform	N	4Positive		0		Naturally present in the environment
Bacteria		Percent Absent				
Fecal coliform and E. Coli	N	Absent		0		Human and animal fecal waste
Radioactive Contaminants						
Radon/photon emitters	N	82-9.8	pCi/L	0	50	Decay of natural and man-made deposits (if greater than 50 pCi/L then dose needs to be determined)
Alpha emitters	N	02-10.8	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants						
Barium	N	0.030-0.048	mg/L	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal industries; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (90th percentile contaminant level)	N	0.3	mg/L	3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing system; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Fluoride	N	0.8-2.1	mg/L	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Lead (90th percentile contaminant level)	N	3	ug/L	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	N	1.91-6.38	mg/L	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from soil; leaching; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	N	110-18.0	ug/L	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Arsenic	N	0.18-7	ug/L	0	50	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from crushed runoff from glass and electronic production wastes
Volatile Organic Contaminants						
TTHM (Total Trihalomethanes)	N	0-8.8	ug/L	0	100	By-product of drinking water chlorination

We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The DEC has determined that your water is SAFE at these levels.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Contaminants that may be present in raw or source water before it is treated are microbial contaminants, inorganic contaminants, pesticides and herbicides, radioactive contaminants, and organic contaminants.

Thank you for allowing our commercial providers your family with clean, quality water. We are continuing efforts to maintain a safe and dependable water supply that will benefit all of our customers. We sometimes need to make improvements in your water system. These improvements sometimes result in water quality adjustments. Thank you for understanding. Please call our office if you have questions regarding this report.

Is your water safe to drink?

Notice: Important Information

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“This is going to be a three-legged race — the Dodgers, the Giants — all the way to the end.”

—Arizona's Luis Gonzalez, after the Diamondbacks won their third straight over Los Angeles on Saturday to take a half-game lead in the National League West Division

TRIVIA

Who was the first American golfer to win the British Open?
...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Men's Amateur, at Burley

IN BRIEF

Hegdahl, Merritt lead Candleridge best ball.

TWIN FALLS — The team of Andres Hegdahl and Dean Merritt turned their course knowledge into a commanding three-stroke lead Saturday at the Candleridge Golf Course 2-Man Best Ball tournament. Hegdahl and Merritt carded a round of 57 to lead four teams who are tied at 60.

Those tied include Travis Hoffman and Chris Schmah, Gary Van Engelen and Brian Smith, Roy McDowell and Derek McDowell and Terry McNew and Jim Astorquia.

Doug Bryson and Todd White teamed to shoot a gross 57 for the first flight lead.

Behind them are the teams of Jack Hansen and Bruce Futrell and Dan Pinther and Jim Guerry. The tournament concludes today with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

Bruin boosters will meet on Monday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Bruin Booster Club will hold a planning meeting today at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the home of JD and Diana Van Eps at 744 Northwest Drive.

For more information, call 734-6384.

Idaho Elite advance to toumney quarterfinals

SEATTLE — The high school girls AAU basketball team, the Idaho Elite, improved to 4-0 at the Mid-Summer Nights Madness basketball tournament in Seattle on Saturday.

The team, which features three Magic Valley players — Danielle Maloney of Twin Falls, Whitney Martin of Minico and Whitney Clark of Jerome — advanced to the quarterfinals late Saturday.

Earlier, the Elite defeated the San Diego (Calif.) Waves, 61-58 as Maloney scored 11 points. The Elite beat the British Columbia All-Stars, 54-44, behind the 11 points of Maggie O'Hara and 10 of Martin. Other scores were 46-35 over the Emerald City Pioneers and a 53-46 defeat of Oregon Triple Threat.

Joining the three Magic Valley players are nine girls from the Boise area. Bishop Kelly girls head coach Kelly Lewis is coaching the team.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWERS

Walter Hagen, in 1912.

Armstrong crashes, title bid doesn't

Three-time champ falls to eighth overall

The Associated Press

AVRANCHES, France — A crash in the seventh stage of the Tour de France left Lance Armstrong and his bid for a fourth straight title unscathed.

Armstrong crashed about a mile before the finish, losing his place in the main pack and falling 27 seconds behind the day's leaders.

Armstrong slipped from third to eighth in the standings, 34 seconds behind Spain's Igor Gonzalez Galdeano, who retained the yellow jersey of overall leader.

"I didn't fall off the bike. I just had to put my foot down," Armstrong told Jogi Muller, spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service team. "I'm fine."

The handlebars of USPS team



Highlights from the seventh stage of the Tour de France
STAGE: A 109.1-mile stretch along the Normandy battlefields of World War II from Bagnoles-de-l'Orne to Avranches.
WINNER: Australia's Bradley McGee, of the FDJ.com team, in 4 hours, 10 minutes and 56 seconds.
NEXT: A 134.9-mile course through Brittany from Saint-Martin-de-Landes to Plouay.

member Roberto Heras got tangled in Armstrong's rear wheel. The 30-year-old Armstrong shrugged off the accident. "I'm just going to have to ride

faster in the time trial on Monday," Armstrong told Muller.

It doesn't seem likely that the mishap will seriously hurt Armstrong's chances of making the title. He won last year's race by more than 6.5 minutes and is expected to make up time in the mountain stages, which start next week.

The stage win was the first for McGee in the Tour and the first for his fdjeux.com team in five years.

McGee covered the 109-mile stretch through the northern Normandy region in 4 hours, 10 minutes and 56 seconds.

Armstrong's crash also involved Frenchman Laurent Jalabert. Heras and U.S. Postal teammate George Hincapié sustained "a few scratches," Muller said.

An earlier, more serious crash affected a number of riders. Frenchman Didier Rous was forced out of the race. He was



Lance Armstrong of Austin, Texas, center, strains Saturday as he reaches, along with Andrea Toffi of Italy, left, the finish line of the seventh stage of the Tour de France.

rushed to a hospital with what was believed to be a broken collarbone. McGee, who said he was briefly

delayed by one of the crashes, recovered to beat Estonia's Jaan Kirispuu and Spain's Pedro Horillo in a sprint finish.

Milam catches Grimes



Everett Grimes II, of Nampa, chips onto the 18th green during Saturday's second round of the Idaho Golf Association Men's Amateur at Burley Golf Course. Grimes is the co-leader with James Milam Jr., of Idaho Falls.

Kleinkopf takes fourth as Men's Amateur ends Round 2

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Reality came crashing down on Nampa golfer Everett Grimes II.

After shooting an otherworldly 9-under-par 62 Friday, Grimes followed with a more human 69 Saturday in the second round of the 54-hole Idaho Golf Association's Men's Amateur Championship.

And Idaho Falls' James Milam Jr. just kept sinking birdies, including a tap-in on the final hole for a Sunday 66 on the day and a two-day total of 11-under 131 to the Grimes for top honors

heading into today's final round at Burley Golf Course.

The duo is four shots clear of the rest of the field. 2002 Twin Falls High School graduate Brett Kleinkopf is six strokes back at 5-under 137.

"While Grimes' swing deserted him Saturday — "it was night and day different," he said — his square did not.

"Now I know what it feels like to have to come back after a 62," he said. "Expectations."

But Grimes is not a glass-half-empty kind of guy.

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IGA Men's Amateur leaders

1.	(tie) Everett Grimes II	62-69-131	-11
	James Milam Jr.	65-66-131	-11
3.	Preston Hufar	68-67-135	-7
4.	(tie) Brett Kleinkopf	68-69-137	-5
	Marc Rhoades	70-67-137	-5
6.	(tie) Aaron Curtis	69-69-138	-4
	Colin Koiseman	68-70-138	-4
8.	(tie) Jason Bidegano	69-70-139	-3
	Jonathan Edwards	72-67-139	-3
	Eric Peterson	70-69-139	-3
	Brady Stanger	71-68-139	-3

Iverson search yields clues, no gun

By David B. Caruso
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Police found broken glass and smeared blood inside a vehicle frequently driven by Allen Iverson's wife, but an extensive search of the NBA star's home and cars failed to turn up any guns, a police official said.

Investigators also found rocks and women's clothing inside Tawanna Iverson's Cadillac Escalade, according to the official who spoke Saturday on condition of anonymity.

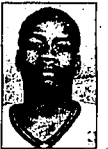
In a court affidavit, police said they were hunting for evidence to back accusations that Iverson threw his wife out of their Gladyne home during a fight, then barged into a cousin's Philadelphia apartment with a gun while searching for her a night later.

It was not immediately clear what impact the discovery had on the case.

Police were able to confirm that Tawanna Iverson had checked into a hotel on July 1 and that Iverson had gone there looking for her shortly before 3 a.m. on July 3.

While at the hotel, Iverson allegedly told security guards he was looking for a car with smashed windows. He left without having found it, police said.

None of the Cadillac's windows



Allen Iverson

A look at Iverson's troubled past — C6

Woods faces history coming into Open

But Muirfield's 148 bunkers, fierce winds will also provide test

By Doug Ferguson
The Associated Press

GULLANE, Scotland — Ernie Els and Vijay Singh couldn't catch him at the Masters. Phil Mickelson and Sergio Garcia couldn't stop him at the U.S. Open.

Next up for Tiger Woods could be the most formidable opponent yet in his pursuit of a true Grand Slam: History.

Only two players — Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus — have gone to the British Open with hopes of winning golf's four professional majors in the same year.

Neither returned home with the third piece of the puzzle.

That's the challenge awaiting Woods when the 131st British Open begins Thursday at Muirfield, home of the Honourable Company of

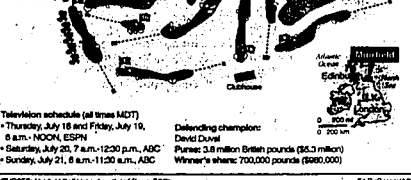
THE 131ST BRITISH OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Gullane, Scotland • July 18-21

Tea time at the British Open

A tired week's British Open, Tiger Woods would join Ben Hogan to become the only other player in the game's history to win the first three professional majors. Arnold Palmer in 1960 and Jack Nicklaus in 1972 are the only others who had the chance. Both failed at the British Open. A hole-by-hole look at the course.

Muirfield Golf Links



Edinburgh Golfers on the southern shore of the Firth of Forth. "Woods is the prohibitive favorite — again — to capture his third straight major. "I was always asked the question whether the Grand Slam was impossible. I said no, but it's highly improbable," five-time Open champion Tom Watson said. "Now, we have a situation where

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Tennis Hall enshrines Hailey resident Wilander, Pam Shriver

The Associated Press

NEWPORT, R.I. — Mats Wilander knew about life at the top in pro tennis, and Pam Shriver was happy to have succeeded while playing with and against some of the game's greats.

Wilander, a winner of eight Grand Slam events, and Shriver, part of the most productive women's doubles team in history, were inducted Saturday into the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

"It's kind of a defining moment in a lot of people's careers," said Wilander, a 37-year-old Swede who lives in Idaho. "It's something you never think of while you're playing, and then you get the phone call and you realize how special it is."

In 1988, when he won three of four majors — falling only at Wimbledon — Wilander wound up as the world's top-ranked player. Overall, he won 33 singles titles, including seven Grand Slams. He also won the Wimbledon doubles title in 1986.

He won the French Open in 1982 at just 17 years, 9 months, becoming at that time the youngest champion in a major.

Shriver's fondest memory from the game came in 1978, her first year on tour, when she joined the elite of the game for the finals in one tournament.

"It was (Bjorn) Borg, (Jimmy) Connors, (Chris) Evert and me," Shriver recalled. "It's pretty wild."

Shriver teamed with Martina Navratilova for 109 consecutive wins from 1983 to 1995. Twenty of her Grand Slam titles in doubles came with Navratilova.

But Shriver takes exception to being called a "doubles specialist."

"I get kind of tired up," said the 40-year-old Baltimorean. "A lot of people would be awfully proud of the singles record."

She made her only Grand Slam singles final at 16, in 1978, losing to Evert in the U.S. Open. Still, Shriver won 21 singles titles and was part of 112 doubles titles — 22 in Grand Slam events.



Mats Wilander

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SPORTS

Rookie Lopez wins Modifieds main event

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Louis Lopez didn't melt under the pressure of the sweltering summer heat.

The rookie overcame a hot Saturday night and stiff competition from Rob Vest and overall points leader Steve Jones to win the Mountain Dew Modifieds main event at Magic Valley Speedway.

Lopez led all but one of the race's 50 laps as Vest managed to get underneath the No. 55 in turn 1 of lap 24, but lost the lead on turn 3 of the next lap as Lopez returned the favor.

"It went wide on that turn and I bumped him to move him up high and then I went underneath," Lopez said.

Both Vest and Jones tailed Lopez's humper the rest of the way.

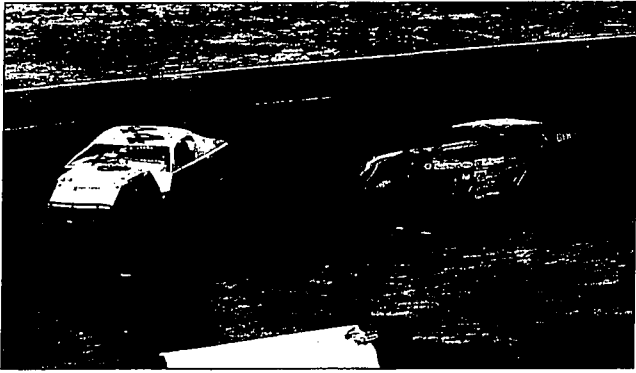
"I felt Jones on my bumper repeatedly," Lopez said. "I got turned sideways on a couple turns and they could have got underneath me or knocked me out. But they raced like gentlemen."

Lopez's third main event win spoiled what would have been an impressive comeback by Jones, who was bumped and spun out on lap 18 as he passed Dana Pruitt.

But Jones moved into the top five in the laps later, overcoming Vest on lap 41.

Lopez said the key to maintaining the lead was keeping both drivers behind him guessing on what he would do through each turn.

"It's definitely a chess match," he said. "Ninety-eight percent of



Red Kack skids out in turn 2 in front of Gooding driver Harold Warltuff during the Mountain Dew Modifieds heat race Saturday at Magic Valley Speedway.

Speedway's NAPA 150 will be televised Oct. 7

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — NASCAR and Speed Channel recently announced that two Raybestos Brakes Northwest Series races — including

the Sept. 14 NAPA 150 at Magic Valley Speedway — will be televised by SPEED Channel in October.

The NAPA 150 race will be broadcast on Oct. 7 and the Sept. 28 race from East Wenatchee,

Wash.'s Super Oval will be broadcast on Oct. 14.

Speed Channel is available in the Magic Valley on satellite or on digital cable channel 408 in Twin Falls.

the time, if I'm ahead early I'll win."

The heat wreaked havoc on tires for a number of cars, which struggled to retain traction on the track that registered as hot as 140 degrees.

Steve Spoor held off overall points leader Dennis Davis to win the Idaho Midget Racing

Association's main event. Spoor, who was in fourth place coming in, said the win was nice considering the tough season he's had with mechanical problems.

In the Thunder Stocks, Tyler Van Holland picked up his third main event victory, coming only two weeks after he went into the turn 2 wall. One rebuilt front end

later and Van Holland dominated the 25-lap race Saturday.

"Due to two cautions in the first two laps, the results of the Hornets main event was unavailable by press time Saturday night."

Full race results will be published in Monday's sports section.

Buhl Legion takes three of four on road

The Times-News

MONTEPELIER — Tim Bourner's hitting is out of the park — literally.

Bourner, who stars for Buhl's American Legion team, clubbed four home runs including three in an 11-5 Game 1 win Friday at Marsh Falls. Bourner, who will be a junior this fall at Buhl, added eight RBIs as the Tribe swept Marsh Falls 13-5 and 10-4 in eight innings late Friday. Bourner hit a solo shot in the first inning, swatted a grand slam in the fifth and had a two-run homer in the seventh inning.

Josh USSery had two hits including a two-run RBI double and A.W. Wells went 3-for-5 with a double.

The slugger added three more hits Saturday as visiting Buhl split its doubleheader at Bear Lake. The Tribe (15-5, 93 Area C) lost 10-3 before routing the Bears, 22-4 in five innings in the nightcap.

Schl, taking three out of four on the road pleased first-year skipper Ryan Bobo.

"Everyone hit pretty well and I don't know what got into Tim," Bobo said. "It was a good road trip for us to pick up three wins."

Buhl's Ryan Wagner had a two-run home run in the 22-4 win and Bear Lake's Zac Nane, who earned the win in the first game, homered off Josh Anderson in the fifth and scored eight in the first and 10 in the second for an 18-1 lead after two innings.

Remington Daniels added a pair of hits for Buhl in the win. Buhl hosts Burley for a doubleheader on Monday at 5 p.m.

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Twin Falls 10, Bingham 7, Game 2

BLACKFOOT — The Twin Falls American Legion "A" team snapped a three-game losing streak with a split at Bingham on Saturday.

Golf

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"I didn't shoot myself out of this tournament," he said. "But it was a fight all day. Tomorrow should be fun."

In some ways, being in a tie may be better, Grimes said.

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Jerome splits during first day of Oregon tourney

BAKER CITY, Ore. — Bouncing back from a 12-2 loss to Ontario, Ore., the Jerome American Legion team defeated host Baker City, Ore., 15-4 on 14 hits in five innings to gain a split during the opening day of the Baker City American Legion tournament late Friday.

In the win, Jerome took a 7-0 lead in the first inning and never looked back. Kiel Thibault cracked a two-run homer in the first inning to jump start the Tigers, who play in the tournament through today.

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Out-of-towners swim, bike, run their way to triathlon wins

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A pair of outsiders stole wins at the sixth annual Twin Falls Triathlon and Dierkes Lake Mile Swim Saturday in Twin Falls.

Steve Howe of Salt Lake City and Eagle's Christine Knight took the overall wins in the men's and women's divisions, respectively.

Howe finished the course — a 5.5-mile swim, 17.2-mile bicycle ride and 5.25-mile run — in 1 hour, 43 minutes, 23 seconds to edge Jacob Carroll of Twin Falls by 26 seconds. Fritz Wenderlich of Twin Falls took third place in 1:45:48.

Knight finished in 1:51:19, easily outdistancing Ketchikan's Nicole Brown (1:57:49) and Holley Flemming of Twin Falls (2:02:25).

Seventy athletes from across the state and Utah competed in both the triathlon and mile swim.

said co-organizer Debbie Tucker. And because the event was held in the early morning, sweltering temperatures were not a factor, she said.

"Everybody did really well in the heat," Tucker said. "We had water stations but they passed them by. We didn't have anybody sick."

Winners were crowned in 10 age-related divisions, including Ketchum 75-year-old Charles Ketchum and 82-year-old Cheryl Ketchum. Exum finished the triathlon in 2:11:00. The time bested several others by athletes 30- and 40-years-French's junior.

Levi Larson of Idaho Falls won the men's 18-and-under class in 2:10:41; Russell Watson of Boise took the men's 19-29 division in 1:57:48; Ryan Dolan of Salt Lake City won the 30-39 class in 1:46:09; Andy Blalock of Twin Falls finished in 1:50:31 to win the

men's 40-49 class and Sun Valley's Dave McBrayn won the men's 50-59 division in 1:51:19.

Women's winners included Heather Ramsdell in the 19-29 age class in 2:03:14; Kelly Ruiz-Blalock won the women's 30-39 class in 2:12:30.

The triathlon and swim raised nearly \$1,300 for the Magic Valley Marlin swim team, Tucker said.

Former USOC drug czar calls testing program 'rotten'

DENVER (AP) — Sometime next month, Dr. Wade Exum wants to open boxes of documents that will identify U.S. athletes who tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs but were not punished by the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Exum is reluctant to take the drastic step, but believes it might be necessary to change what he called a "rotten-to-the-core system."

Exum is the director of the USOC's Drug Control Administration for nine years before resigning in June 2000, claimed the USOC, in its quest to

win medals, evaded its responsibility to discipline athletes for using banned substances. He also maintained that half of all athletes who tested positive for drugs were not punished.

One month after resigning from the USOC, Exum filed a lawsuit claiming USOC leaders hampered his anti-drug battle and denied him promotions because he is black.

The USOC has denied the allegations.

While Exum and the USOC await a trial date, the drug-testing documents could be made public within a week after a pretrial con-

ference in Denver on Aug. 5.

Several news organizations, including The Associated Press and USA Today, had argued successfully against a USOC motion to seal the drug-test records.

"I'm not interested in burning athletes," Exum said in an interview Friday. "It is not my intention to go-out and just open boxes and let the media print anything they want."

The documents become public and the names are in there, they're there.

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ALTOONA, Pa. (AP) — Armon Gilliam, a former NBA star and western Pennsylvania native, has been named head coach at Penn State-Altoona, where he said he hopes to lure local talent to right a struggling program.

"I know there's a lot of talent in this area — in the Altoona-Johnstown area there's a lot of talent. One of the problems they've had in the past is getting talent from the area, and for the program to really do well we have to have players in the area supporting the program."

After retiring from the NBA in 2000, Gilliam took his first

coaching job last year, leading Penn State-McKeesport, which competes as a junior college, to a 13-9 record. Before that, Gilliam was a volunteer assistant coach at Mount Lebanon High School.

Penn State-Altoona has been playing as a provisional NCAA Division III member and expects to be officially recognized this year. William Cale, chief executive officer for Penn State-Altoona, said he conducted a nationwide search, receiving more than 125 applications, before settling on Gilliam.

Gilliam, 38, replaces Kenny

Macklin, who was not rehired after last year's 4-21 season. Macklin was 65-129 in eight seasons.

"The teams in the past have really struggled, and the perception of the team is not very good right now, so I'll be working hard to change that as soon as possible," Gilliam said.

A powerful, 6-foot-9 forward/center nicknamed "The Hammer," Gilliam had more than 12,000 points and 6,000 rebounds in 13 NBA seasons, including stints with Phoenix Suns, Charlotte Hornets, Philadelphia 76ers, New Jersey

Jets, Milwaukee Bucks and Utah Jazz. His best season was 1995-96, when he averaged 18.3 points and 9.1 rebounds for the Nets.

In 1987, Gilliam led UNLV to the Final Four, where he was named to the all-tournament team.

He was selected by Phoenix with the second pick in the 1987 NBA draft.

Penn State-Altoona is an NCAA Division III school, while Penn State-McKeesport competes as a junior college. Altoona is about 45 miles south of Penn State's main campus.

Points leader Greg Biffle was one of those who pitted and found himself a lap down.

He finished eighth and padded his points lead to 47 over Jason Keller and 150 over Jack Sprague.

Biffle had to start from the back of the 43-car field because he changed engines after Friday's qualifying.

Sauter gets first Busch win at Chicagoland Speedway

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — Johnny Sauter went 112 miles between pit stops Saturday and out-trapped veteran Tony Stewart in a red-flag restart to win the NASCAR Busch series Tropicana Twister 300 at Chicagoland Speedway, his first career victory.

Sauter last pitted on lap 125 for fuel and four tires, along with

Bodine and Joe Nemechek. The gamble paid off with the triple to maintain track position when the race was stopped on lap 195 after Casey Kahne crashed in turn 4.

"I don't feel it was a fuel-mileage win," Sauter said. "I definitely knew we were going to have enough. We just stuck to our guns."

Bodine finished second, followed by Jeff Burton, who had the fastest car most of the day, and Nemechek.

The caution came after many of the early contenders had made final pit stops under green to take fuel. NASCAR officials stopped the field on the backstretch for five minutes, setting up the dash to the finish.

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Jerome splits during first day of Oregon tourney

BAKER CITY, Ore. — Bouncing back from a 12-2 loss to Ontario, Ore., the Jerome American Legion team defeated host Baker City, Ore., 15-4 on 14 hits in five innings to gain a split during the opening day of the Baker City American Legion tournament late Friday.

In the win, Jerome took a 7-0 lead in the first inning and never looked back. Kiel Thibault cracked a two-run homer in the first inning to jump start the Tigers, who play in the tournament through today.

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SPORTS

D'backs step to front of crowded NL West

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For the moment, the Arizona Diamondbacks are a half-step ahead in a crowded NL West race.

David Lile and Rod Barajas hit two-run homers Saturday as the Diamondbacks beat Los Angeles 7-5 to reclaim first place by a half-game over the Dodgers.

"This is going to be a three-legged race, as the Dodgers, the Giants — all the way to the end," Luis Gonzalez said after the Diamondbacks won their third straight over Los Angeles. "A great of people is contributing for us now, just the way they did last year."

The defending World Series champions, who last led the division on June 21, will try to complete a sweep of Los Angeles today in the final game of their four-game set. The Dodgers will be trying to end a four-game losing streak, their longest of the year.

Byung-Hyun Kim pitched the ninth for his third save in as many days. Kim, who has 25 saves in 28 chances, hit pinch-hitter Alex Cora with a pitch with one out and gave up a two-out single to Cesar Izturis. But the closer got Paul Lo Duca to ground out.

Usually mild-mannered manager Jim Tracy of the Dodgers was ejected in the sixth inning by second-base umpire Bill Miller. Tracy charged onto the field and yelled at Miller, claiming that Arizona's Steve Finley's foot came off the bag as he was stealing second and that Izturis had tagged him out.

With the game tied 2-1 in the fourth inning, Lile drove a 2-1 pitch from Andy Ashby (7-7) into the right-field pavilion, his third homer of the year. Lile also singled home a run in the sixth inning.

Barajas gave Arizona a five-run cushion in the sixth when he homered into the left-field pavilion off Terry Mulholland, who had just replaced Ashby. It was Barajas' second homer this year.

Arizona's Brian Anderson (6-7) gave up five runs on eight hits including a two-run homer by pinch-hitter Hiram Bocachica that pulled Los Angeles to 7-5 in the seventh. Anderson walked one and struck out two.

Ashby allowed six runs on eight hits in 5-1/3 innings, with three walks and one strikeout.

Grace singled in two runs in the second to give Arizona the lead, but the Dodgers tied it in the bottom half of RBI singles by Marquis Grissom and Adrian Beltre.

Mark Grudzielanek's RBI single in the seventh proved Arizona's third run, and Bocachica followed with his fourth homer — second as a pinch-hitter.

The Dodgers led the Diamondbacks by 3.5 games



Arizona's Luis Gonzalez gets congratulations after scoring on a Mark Grace single in the second inning of the Diamondbacks' 7-5 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers Saturday in Los Angeles.

on July 2.

Giants 6, Rockies 1

SAN FRANCISCO — Jeff Kent went 4-for-4 and drove in two runs as San Francisco beat Colorado to its fifth straight win.

Jason Schmidt (5-3) scattered three hits over eight innings as the Giants nearly held the Rockies scoreless for the second straight game.

The Rockies have lost four straight, and didn't score in 21 innings until Chad Zerbe gave up an RBI single to Todd Helton in the ninth.

John Thomson (7-8) worked five innings, allowing four runs — three earned — on six hits.

Cubs 9, Marlins 2

CHICAGO — Matt Clement pitched three-hit ball into the eighth inning against his former team as Chicago won its eighth straight game.

Clement (7-6) struck out nine and outpitched the player he was traded for in March — Julian Tavarez, who drew the ire of Sosa by plunking him in the back with a pitch in the fourth inning. Benches emptied briefly, but no punches were thrown and order was quickly restored.

Tavarez (7-5), sent to the Marlins along with three other players for Clement and Antonio Alfonseca, went four innings. He allowed nine hits and seven runs

Astros 2, Reds 1

HOUSTON — Craig Biggio hit a go-ahead RBI double in the seventh inning, and Pete Munro pitched Houston past Cincinnati to its fifth straight victory.

Lance Berkman got his major league-leading 82nd RBI for the Astros, who have won eight of their last nine and 11 of 15.

The loss was Cincinnati's fourth in a row and seventh in nine games.

Phillies 7, Mets 6, 12 innings

NEW YORK — Travis Lee hit an RBI single off Scott Strickland (6-6) in the 12th inning as Philadelphia overcame another bullpen meltdown to beat New York.

After closer Jose Mesa couldn't hold a 6-4 lead in the ninth, the Phillies bounced back to win in the 12th.

Marlon Anderson went 4-for-5 with two RBIs, and former Met Todd Pratt hit a two-run double for the Phillies, who have won six of eight.

Mike Piazza drove in three runs for the Mets, who matched a season worst by dropping two games below .500.

Expos 6, Braves 3

MONTREAL — Brad Wilkerson,

— five earned.

Vladimir Guerrero and Cliff Floyd each hit solo homers in the fifth inning, and Bartolo Colon pitched his first complete game in the National League to win his Montreal home debut as the Expos beat the Atlanta Braves 6-3 Saturday night before a crowd of 17,335.

All three homers came off Tom Glavine (11-5), who surrendered three homers in the same inning for the first time in his major league career.

Colon (2-0) allowed eight hits — including Chipper Jones' eighth-inning homer — and three runs to send the Braves on to just their fourth loss in 21 games. Colon had four complete games this season for Cleveland.

Pirates 5, Brewers 3

MILWAUKEE — Brian Giles hit his 25th home run and the Pittsburgh Pirates again beat the Brewers in Milwaukee, 5-3 Saturday night.

Giles has homered in each of the first three games of this series for the Pirates, who are 6-0 this season at Miller Park.

They were 24-57 on the road in 2001 and are 21-22 this year.

Kevin Young and Chad Hermanson also hit home runs for the Pirates, who are 15th in the National League with 76. But they've hit 21 homers in 12 games against Milwaukee.

Royals 4, Angels 0

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Paul Byrd pitched a three-hitter for his second shutout of the season and Carlos Beltran homered to lead the Kansas City Royals past the Anaheim Angels 4-0 Saturday night.

Byrd (12-6) retired the last 13 Angels batters to tie for the AL lead in wins. Beltran also singled, doubled and drove in two runs as Kansas City won for just the second time in nine games.

Mike Sweeney had two RBIs for the Royals, who snapped Anaheim's five-game winning streak.

Athletics 6, Orioles 0

BALTIMORE — Barry Zito pitched seven innings of three-hit ball and Miguel Tejada hit a three-run homer as the Oakland Athletics cruised to their fourth straight victory, 6-0 over the pumpeless Baltimore Orioles on Saturday night.

Olmedo Saena also homered and Jermaine Dye had three hits for the A's, who have outscored the Orioles 11-1 in four-game series that concludes today.

Oakland has won six of seven to move a season-high 15 games over .500 (53-38).

Major League Baseball

All Times MDT												
AMERICAN LEAGUE												
East Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Diff	Streak	Record	
New York	57	33	.633	-	2-8-2	W-1	29-18	28-17	+11	W-1	108-70	
Boston	53	35	.602	9	3-6-4	L-2	24-21	29-14	+5	W-1	103-75	
Baltimore	42	46	.477	20	4-6	L-3	19-23	23-23	-4	W-1	95-87	
Toronto	36	53	.404	26.5	3-7	W-2	19-25	17-28	-8	W-2	88-94	
Tampa Bay	29	59	.330	27	2-8-2	W-1	18-25	11-34	-13	W-1	79-101	

Central Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Diff	Streak	Record	
Minnesota	52	40	.565	-	2-6-4	L-1	30-17	22-19	+9	W-1	101-89	
Chicago	43	49	.467	9	2-3-7	L-3	26-21	17-28	-9	W-1	90-90	
St. Louis	40	49	.449	10.5	3-7	L-1	22-20	18-29	-11	W-1	87-93	
Kansas City	34	54	.386	16	3-7	W-1	20-21	14-33	-16	W-1	81-100	
Detroit	34	53	.393	16.5	3-3	W-3	19-22	15-33	-17	W-1	81-99	

West Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Diff	Streak	Record	
Seattle	57	34	.626	-	2-6-4	L-1	27-20	30-14	+13	W-1	106-84	
Anaheim	50	36	.586	2	2-7-3	L-1	28-18	25-16	+12	W-1	101-89	
Oakland	50	38	.568	4	3-3	W-4	24-19	24-19	+5	W-1	101-90	
Texas	40	49	.449	16	5-5	W-1	23-24	17-25	-8	W-1	89-97	

NATIONAL LEAGUE												
East Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Diff	Streak	Record	
Atlanta	58	33	.637	-	2-7-3	L-1	31-17	27-16	+15	W-1	113-87	
Montreal	47	43	.522	10.5	5-5	W-1	28-14	19-29	+9	W-1	106-90	
Florida	45	45	.500	12.5	4-6	L-3	26-21	19-24	+7	W-1	100-96	
New York	44	46	.489	13	4-6	W-2	22-20	22-26	-4	W-1	98-100	
Philadelphia	41	48	.461	16	2-5-5	W-2	24-22	17-28	-11	W-1	90-98	

Central Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Diff	Streak	Record	
St. Louis	47	39	.548	-	1-1	L-1	27-22	27-20	+7	W-1	104-92	
Cincinnati	46	44	.511	3	2-3-7	L-1	22-23	21-23	-2	W-1	99-101	
Houston	45	45	.500	4	5-5	W-5	25-18	19-27	+6	W-1	102-94	
Kansas City	44	45	.494	4.5	8-2	W-5	25-18	19-27	+6	W-1	102-94	
Pittsburgh	41	49	.456	8	5-5	W-3	20-27	21-22	-1	W-1	97-103	
Chicago	37	51	.420	12.5	2-5	W-2	18-29	19-26	-7	W-1	96-104	
Milwaukee	33	58	.363	16.5	2-6-6	L-3	18-27	15-31	-12	W-1	86-106	

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	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Diff	Streak	Record	
Arizona	54	36	.600	-	6-4	W-3	28-18	26-18	+10	W-1	111-77	
Los Angeles	54	37	.593	-	3-6-6	L-1	27-18	27-19	+8	W-1	111-77	
San Francisco	52	38	.578	2	2-7-3	W-5	25-16	25-22	+3	W-1	109-89	
Colorado	42	49	.462	12.5	2-6-6	L-4	28-19	14-30	-14	W-1	91-111	
San Diego	36	53	.404	17.5	3-7	W-2	23-21	13-32	-19	W-1	83-117	

*First game was a win

AMERICAN LEAGUE Saturday's Games

Detroit 5, Chicago White Sox 3, 1st game Detroit 3, Chicago White Sox 1, 2nd game Tampa Bay 4, Seattle 3, 10 innings

Texas 8, Minnesota 1 Kansas City 4, Anaheim 0

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McCullough holds slim lead at Senior Players

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Mike McCullough shot a 5-under 67 Saturday to reach 12-under and take a one-stroke lead into the final round of the Senior Players Championship.

McCullough is in position to win his first Senior PGA Tour title this year because he is the only player to have three rounds in the 60s. However, he likely will have to put together another solid round in the fourth and final major because the TPC of Michigan is susceptible to low scores.

Hubert Green, who tied the course record with a 63 Friday and took a three-stroke lead into the third round, shot 1-under. He will begin today one stroke behind McCullough.

Stewart Ginn is alone in third at 8-under after shooting 70.

Two-time champion Raymond Floyd, who had the best day with a 65, is at 7 under along with Doug Tewell, Larry Nelson, and first-round leader Hale Irwin.



Mike McCullough finishes after missing a birdie putt on No. 12 during the third round of the Senior Players Championship at the TPC of Michigan in Dearborn, Mich., Saturday. McCullough finished the round in the lead, with a three-day total of 12-under 204.

Webb, Bauer share lead heading into Farr's final round

SYLVANIA, Ohio — Karrie Webb, who has won as many LPGA Tour events as Beth Bauer has played, shot a 5-under-par 66 to share the lead with the rookie after Saturday's third round of the Jamie Farr Kroger Classic.

Webb, with 27 wins in a glittering seven-year career, jumped from being just another name on the leader board to the top spot with a string of four birdies on the back nine. For good measure, she hit a wedge to 6 inches on the par-5 closing hole — prompting the largest roar of the day from the gallery. When she tapped in for birdie, she had the lead to herself for the first time.

One of the brightest young players on the tour, Bauer started the day two shots behind Laura Diaz and tied for second place. Despite mounting pressure — and Webb's intimidating presence as she piled up birdies — she completed a 67 to match Webb at 10-under-par 203.

Bauer fired her own volley at Webb, hitting a lob wedge to 4 feet on the last hole to pick up a birdie and pull into the tie.

Rachel Teske, one of Webb's principal rivals back in their amateur days in Australia, shot a 64 to move back into a tie with Heather Bowie had a 66 and was at 205. First-round leader Diaz and Kelli Kuehne were another stroke back.

Sluman returns to familiar footing in Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE — Jeff Sluman is in the same place as he was a year ago, but miles ahead in his game.

Sluman fired an 8-under-par 63 on Saturday to take a two-stroke lead over Steve Lowery (64) after three rounds at the Greater Milwaukee Open.

Sluman also was the leader after 54 holes last year only to card a 1-over 72 on Sunday to finish in a tie for 10th.

This time, thanks to his 54-hole GMO record 193 total, he's within range of the tournament record of minus-24. Loren Roberts carded a 260 in 2000.

Although he's in the same position, Sluman said there's no comparison to his play from a year ago, when he missed nine of 13 fairways on Saturday, making his Sunday stumble not much of a surprise.

"Hopefully, this year, I'll work out better," said Sluman, who missed just one fairway on Saturday, the 18th.

Kirk Triplett, who began the day tied with Sluman and Tommy Armour III atop the leader board, shot a 4-under 67 and is alone in third place four strokes back.

Jacobson hangs on to lead at Scottish Open

LUSS, Scotland — Fredrik Jacobson had the lead in the

Scottish Open, just not the margin he wanted, after an even-par 71 Saturday that let at least 10 players catch up to the tournament.

Jacobson started the third round with a four-stroke lead. After making a 5-foot par putt on the final hole, his lead was down to one over Eduardo Romero of Argentina, and nine other players were within four shots.

Justin Rose, the 21-year-old who has won four times this season, held a bunker shot for birdie on No. 11 and finished at 68. He was at 204, along with Stephen Leamy of Australia, who had a 67.

Michael Campbell (66) and Warren Bennett (68) were another stroke back. Paul Casey had a 65 and was among those at 206.

Top-seeded Blake will play fellow American in final

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — James Blake moved closer to becoming the first top seed to win the Hall of Fame Championships in its 26-year history by defeating seventh-seeded Michael Llodra, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 Saturday to advance to the final.

Blake will face Taylor Dent in an All-American final. Dent rallied past Robby Ginepri, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Today's match will be Blake's second career final. His other was earlier this year at Memphis when he lost to Andy Roddick.

Dent will be playing in his first career final.

After Blake held to go up 6-5 in the final set, he broke when France's Llodra double faulted twice in the final three points, including the game winner. He had double faults in the match.

Dent, down a break in the second set, won 11 of the last 12 games.

The All-American final is the first at Newport, the only grass tourney in North America, since 1987 when Dan Goldie beat Sammy Giamala.

Corretja, the winner at Gstaad in 1998 and 2000, is looking for his first title of the season.

Moya, El Aynaoui will meet in Swedish Open final

BASTAD, Sweden — Carlos Moya and Younes El Aynaoui won in straight sets Saturday to reach the final of the \$381,000 Swedish Open clay-court tournament.

Moya, the 1998 French Open champion, beat Agustin Calleri 6-4, 6-2, while El Aynaoui breezed past Tommy Robredo 6-2, 6-2.

El Aynaoui is aiming for his fourth title of 2002, which would tie him with No. 1-ranked Lleyton Hewitt for the third best.

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Sanchez-Vicario will face 17-year-old in final

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Four-time major champion Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario will play 17-year-old wild-card entry Myriam Casanova in the final of the \$140,000 French Community Championship.

Casanova, ranked 119th, upset No. 6-seeded Virginia Ruano Pascual 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 Saturday.

The top-seeded Sanchez-Vicario advanced when her semifinal opponent, Emile Loit, quit with a shoulder injury after losing the first set 6-4. Loit won the match's first four games.

The 30-year-old Sanchez-Vicario won the 1994 U.S. Open and the French Open in 1989, '94 and '98.



Dennis Conner, at the helm of Stars & Stripes, is representing the New York Yacht Club in the upcoming America's Cup. Conner barks orders as he steers his yacht during the Newport Beach to Ensenada, Mexico, race in this April photo off the coast of Newport Beach, Calif.

Team Dennis Conner sails on — mostly without Conner

By Bernie Wilson
The Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Dennis Conner's new \$5 million sailboat slips out of one of the world's busiest harbors and heads for another day of training, out beyond the freighters and oil derricks that dot the Pacific Ocean.

The America's Cup challenger trials start Oct. 1 in Auckland, New Zealand, and there's endless testing and re-testing on the steady breezes off Long Beach to get the new Stars & Stripes and its slightly older stablemate of the same name up to speed.

Something's missing, though. Conner, the world's best-known sailor, isn't among the 16-man crew. And no, he didn't fall overboard.

Conner rarely sails on his America's Cup sloop anymore. Leading an unprecedented ninth campaign, he's too busy trying to raise the staggering amount of money needed to compete for the 151-year-old trophy. Conner has won the America's Cup four times, but not since 1988. He's also lost twice.

Some days, he works at his office in a converted sail loft in San Diego.

Most of the time he's on the road, making his pitch in corporate boardrooms or to private sponsors.

"He still drives the team," said Bill Trenkle, who's sailed with Conner since 1980 and is director of operations for Team Dennis Conner. "So much of being successful is the strategy and the planning and making good choices, and that's something that he's really, really good at. He's just not doing it from the boat."

Conner, who turns 60 in September, is still listed as the team's skipper, although he's more like the CEO. For the second straight America's Cup, Ken Read of Newport, R.I., will steer Stars & Stripes.

"At first, it was like Willie Mays patting you on the back and saying, 'Hey, can you take over for me in center field starting tonight?'" Read said before another long day on the water.

"It was a little nerve-racking at first because you're taking over from a legend."

"He made it really easy," the 40-year-old Read said. "Never any pressure, not even a threatening statement. I've never had a 'I don't think I'd do it that way' from him."

Preparing for October

Conner sailed in only three races in the 1999-2000 America's Cup, when his ill-fated one-boat program fell one point short of forcing a sailoff for the second spot in the challenger finals. His team had earlier been penalized one point for using an illegal rudder.

"I'd rather have Kenny's job," Conner said. "Of course I'd rather be sailing the boat, but it's not a perfect world. If I didn't raise the money, we wouldn't have a campaign."

Since his crew began training off Long Beach in February, Conner has been out sailing only a handful of times. He does, however, remain the world's top-ranked skipper in the smaller Etchells class.

"Give the guy credit," Read said. "He was the first, in 1995, to realize that this business has gone way beyond one person try-

ing to do it all. If you try to do it all, you're either not going to be able to raise the funds, or you're going to do a lousy job, most likely, sailing."

Conner made the finals in 1995, but was routed by Team New Zealand off San Diego.

Nine challengers, several of them backed by billionaires and with budgets ranging from \$80 million to \$100 million, will vie for the chance to face Team New Zealand in the finals in February.

Conner is a professional sailor, not a tycoon, and his budget is believed to be about \$40 million.

His budget is far much less than Conner's, enough to pay for two nice sailboats and 70 people to go to work every day."

This is the first time Conner has been able to afford more than one new boat since the 1986-87 regatta, when he reclaimed the Cup from Australia four years after becoming the first American skipper in 132 years to lose it.

"Our program is quite strong compared to our programs in the past," Conner said. "But the bar has been raised tremendously from that level."

Bringing the America's Cup back to America

Conner is backed by the New York Yacht Club for the first time since his landmark loss in 1993. The club's commodore, Charles D. Cook, said \$40 million in Conner's hands is worth \$60 million to someone else.

"Dennis has proved to be extraordinarily resourceful and does not waste money," Dana said. "I think the fact that four America's Cups have not been won by the wealthiest syndicates. Money sure helps, but it's not always what wins the day."

Conner probably has as good a chance as any to reach the America's Cup finals opposite the Kiwis.

Although Conner has been viewed by outsiders over the years as a cutthroat competitor and a bully — he's been nicknamed "Big Bad Dennis" and "Dirty Den" — his crew remains extremely loyal.

Key sailors such as Trenkle, tactician Tom Whidden and navigator Peter Isler keep coming back.

Eight of his sailors have a total of 14 America's Cup victories among them, either with Conner or with America3 in 1992.

Since 1986-87, Conner has named all his sloops Stars & Stripes. The newest one, with sail number — USA-77, was launched in May, USA-66, which also cost \$5 million, was launched in August.

Before USA-77 arrived, he teamed up a yacht from the last America's Cup to train against USA-66.

While many challengers have trained in Auckland, where it's now winter, Conner chose to keep his team in Long Beach, where the weather's good and the breeze blows between 8 and 25 knots.

Conner's crew will move to Auckland at the end of July. No one will know until October how big a gap, if any, there is between the big-money programs and ones like Conner's.

"That's why the drama is there," Conner said. "We absolutely know that we're not a favorite, nor do we deserve to be a favorite. Read said, 'But at the same time, not one person here expects to lose, either.'"

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that "highly improbable" has to be redefined. He's won seven out of the last 11 majors. That's pretty good betting odds."

British bookmakers agree, lowering the odds of Woods winning the Grand Slam from 50:1 at the start of the year to 4:1 after he won the Masters and U.S. Open.

Then again, the expectations of Palmer and Nicklaus were not much different.

Palmer first cooked up the idea of a modern Grand Slam in 1960 after winning the Masters and U.S. Open in dramatic fashion — birdies on the last two holes at Augusta — and a stroke come-back in the final round at Cherry Hills.

In his first appearance at a British Open, he trailed by four strokes at the first round at St. Andrews when Palmer produced another patented charge and shot-68, only to finish one stroke behind Keil Nagle.

Next came Nicklaus, who looked unbeatable in the majors in 1972.

He won the Masters by three strokes when no one made a move in the final round — does

that sound familiar? — then hit the most famous shot of his career, a 1-iron that glanced off the flagstick to win the 17th at Pebble Beach, to win the U.S. Open by six strokes.

But at Muirfield, Nicklaus trailed Lee Trevino by six strokes after the third round. Undaunted, the Golden Bear made a furious charge on Sunday and was leading the British Open at one point.

Trevino chipped in for par on the 17th hole and beat Nicklaus by a single shot.

The frustration and disappointment were more in tense than I care to remember even now, a quarter of a century later," Nicklaus wrote in "My Story," his 1997 autobiography.

He never had another opportunity.

No one has — until now. Woods won his third Masters when he took command early in the final round and watched five top players collapse trying to catch him. The U.S. Open at Bethpage Black was just different. Woods built a four-stroke lead and played mistake-free when it mattered.

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course has 14 changes in angles and draws its strength from the fierce wind that blows in from the Firth of Forth.

Because of a wet spring, the rough is so thick that the only way to get to the fairway — will be to back it out to the fairway.

"He will not have a big advantage with his length or his strength, because I think the rough at Muirfield is such you will not be able to advance the ball," said Nicklaus, who won the career Grand Slam at Muirfield in 1966 when the rough was up.

"The only advantage is he's a better player."

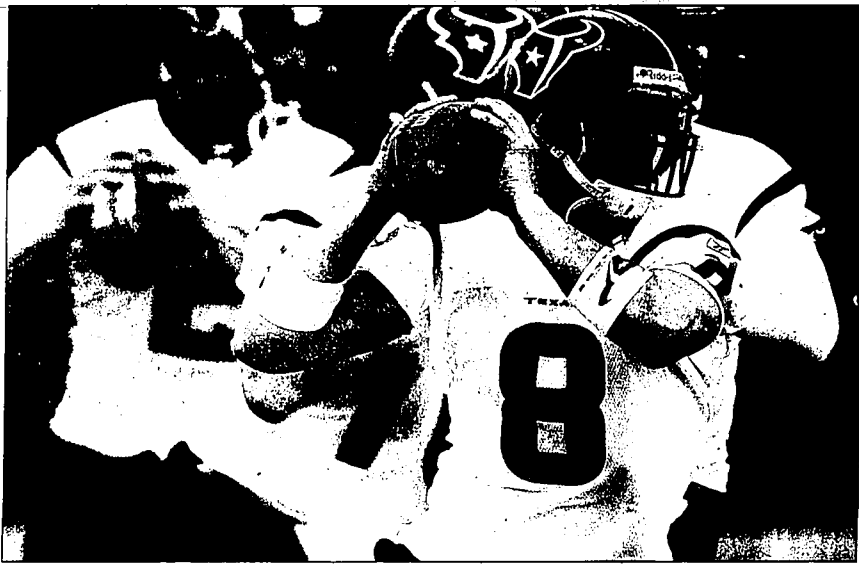
That's been enough to bring Woods 32 victories on the PGA Tour and eight majors in just six years as a pro, which puts him ahead of pace to break Nicklaus' record of 18 majors.

Should he win the next two majors and an undisputed Grand Slam, Nicklaus wonders whether his record — the benchmark for greatness in golf — will even matter.

"I think my record will be pretty meager after he's won two Grand Slams," he said.

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Houston Texans quarterback David Carr (8) looks for a receiver during a drill on the first day of minicamp at the Texans' practice facility in Houston April 26.

Texans prepare for training camp

NFL will return to Houston after five-year break

By Michael A. Lutz
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Charley Casserly was driving along a Houston freeway during a business trip after the departure of the Oilers after the 1996 season when a thought struck him.

"I said, 'What's wrong with this picture?'" Casserly recalled. "Here was the nation's fourth-largest city in the heart of football country without a pro football team."

At the time, Casserly had no way of knowing he'd some day be general manager of the NFL's newest franchise — in Houston.

The Texans take the field for real Friday when coach Dom Capers assembles the squad for their first training camp, leading up to their first preseason game Aug. 5 against the New York Giants in the Hall of Fame game in Canton, Ohio.

From the beginning, owner Bob McNair has made a strong effort to make the team fan friendly. When practices begin, the Texans have set aside eight nights at their new training facility adjacent to Reliant Stadium for fans to watch practices and get autographs.

The Texans are scheduling the workouts so fans can watch at times when the team will be outside on two manicured fields instead of inside the air conditioned bubble for morning drills.

"We always want to try to make it a pleasant experience for the fans," McNair said. "We don't want them to come out expecting to be right there on the sideline watching the team work out and then they find out that the team has gone into the bubble and they can't see them work out."

The Texans are constructing bleachers at their practice site to accommodate up to 2,000 people. There is no seating in the indoor practice field.

A preseason practice highlight will be a scrimmage Aug. 2 with the Dallas Cowboys at Robertson Stadium at the University of Houston. About 30,000 tickets have been sold.

NFL calendar

July 22 — Signing period ends at 2 p.m. MDT for unrestricted free agents who received June 1 tender.

Aug. 3 — American Bowl, Osaka, Japan; San Francisco vs. Washington.

Aug. 5 — Pro Football Hall of Fame game: Houston vs. N.Y. Giants.

Sept. 1 — Roster cutdown to maximum of 53 players.

Sept. 2 — Practice squads established.

Sept. 5 — 2002 season begins.

Oct. 15 — Trading deadline.

Oct. 30-31 — Fall Meeting, New York City.

Dec. 30 — Regular season ends.

2003:

Jan. 4-5 — Wild card playoffs.

Jan. 11-12 — Divisional playoffs.

Jan. 13 — Conference championships.

Jan. 26 — Super Bowl at San Diego.

Feb. 3 — Pro Bowl at Honolulu.

The stadium formerly was called Jeppesen Stadium and was the site of the 1962 AFL championship game between the Oilers and the Dallas Texans, which later became the Kansas City Chiefs.

Players who participated in that game will be invited to be a part of the festivities.

McNair has done much right since paying \$700 million on Oct. 6, 1999, for the league's 32nd franchise. And fans have responded, swarming to buy tickets to watch the first pro football game in the city since the Oilers left for Tennessee and became the Titans.

"We certainly don't need giveaways to sell tickets," said senior vice president Jamie Rootes. "We have sold 57,000 season tickets. I know that exceeds the Cowboys, and the most the Oilers ever had was 45,000."

After playing their next two exhibition games at New Orleans on Aug. 10 and Kansas City on Aug. 17, the Texans will play their first game in their \$365 million retractable-roof Reliant Stadium on Aug. 24 against the Miami Dolphins.

The regular season begins Sept. 8, after a full week of city-wide celebrations. The Texans will open against the best of all possible opponents for fan appeal — their rivals to the north, the Dallas Cowboys.

Iverson

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were broken when police searched the vehicle Thursday, but in court papers investigators

said they were also seeking automobile repair receipts.

While the blood and glass may bolster the police theory

that Iverson acted violently, defense attorneys said the failure to find a gun will hurt the prosecution.

"Unaccompanied by a weapon, this is a nothing case, an absolute nothing case," said Edwin Jacobs Jr., an attorney for convicted Philadelphia mob boss Joseph Merlino.

"If police have a gun and an eyewitness, this is a tougher case to defend. If police don't have a gun, and an eyewitness who says, 'Well, he had a gun in his pocket but he didn't take it out and I didn't necessarily see it,' that becomes a much easier case to defend."

Barring discovery of a weapon, he said, the case would come down to a credibility contest between the former NBA MVP and his two accusers, Charles Jones, 21, and Hakim Carey, 17.

Since March, Jones has been living with Iverson's cousin, Shaun Bowman. Carey lived upstairs, but said he was with Jones the night of the alleged confrontation.

During his 911 call reporting the alleged attack, Jones told dispatchers that Iverson and his wife "have been going through some type of problem or whatever at home," and that Iverson had thrown her out of the house naked.

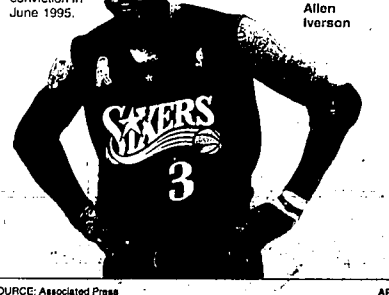
"It's like the third time he did it," Jones said. "He told her the next time he see her he was going to kill her."

Jones claimed that sometime around 3:30 a.m. on July 3, Iverson and another man arrived at the apartment looking for

Iverson's troubles away from the court

Allen Iverson, the Philadelphia 76ers star and a former NBA MVP, has had some run-ins with the police in the past.

Incident	February 1993	August 1997	July 2002
Arrested for fighting in a bowling alley in Hampton, Va.	Police near Richmond, Va., pull over a car, in which Iverson is a passenger, and find a gun and two marijuana cigarettes.	Allegedly forces his way into his cousin's apartment with a gun and threatens two men.	Charged with criminal trespass, simple assault, terroristic threats and gun offenses.
Result	Spends four months in prison before then-Gov. Douglas Wilder grants him clemency.	Pleads no contest to gun charge. Completes 100 hours of community service, two years of drug testing and three years' probation, after which his record is cleared.	Allen Iverson



SOURCE: Associated Press

Tawanna. While there, Jones said Iverson threatened to shoot him.

Police said Iverson was accompanied by his uncle, Gregory Iverson, and that Carey picked his photograph out of a lineup.

Jones has stuck to his story in subsequent police interviews and when confronted by reporters.

"I have no reason to challenge his credibility," Police Commissioner Sylvester Johnson said.

Criminal defense attorney David McLaughlin said jurors might suspect the story was embellished by someone seeking to cash in on Iverson's fame.

"This young man who is the complaining witness, I believe he has dollar signs in his eyes, and I believe he has an awful lot of baggage," McLaughlin said. "I believe it would be awful difficult to get a fact-finder to believe him beyond a reasonable doubt."

Iverson's attorney, Richard Sprague, is vacationing in Europe. His law firm declined to comment on the case.

Report: Bruce Matthews will retire after 19 seasons

HOUSTON (AP) — Veteran offensive lineman Bruce Matthews officially will end his NFL career after 19 seasons Monday at a news conference in the offices of Tennessee Titans' owner Bud Adams in Texas.

The Houston Chronicle reported the retirement Friday night, but the Titans would not comment on the report. Team spokesman Robbie Bohren confirmed the Titans have scheduled a news conference for Monday.

The announcement has been expected since the end of last season, but the man who had played more NFL games (296) than anyone except kickers had kept his options open just in case he wanted to return.

Matthews, who will turn 41 on Aug. 8, never missed a game due to injury in his career.

Only he and guard Randall McDaniel, who also retired this year, appeared in every game in the 1990s.

Matthews spent the first 14 years of his career with the Houston Oilers, who drafted him with the ninth pick overall in 1983. He reluctantly moved with the team to Tennessee and played in the only Super Bowl of his career in January 2000, when the Titans lost to the St. Louis Rams 23-16.

Matthews' decision means he will remain tied with his brother, Clay Matthews Jr., with 19 seasons in the NFL. His brother played 278 games at linebacker for Cleveland and Atlanta from 1978-96, and their father, Clay Sr., was a defensive lineman for the San Francisco 49ers in the 1950s.

The team is expected to retire Matthews' No. 74 later this season.

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2000 preseason.

The Dolphins expect Fiedler to make a full recovery. He will be re-evaluated when training camp begins July 26 and a more definitive date for his return will then be set.

Levens leaves Green Bay, signs deal with Eagles

PHILADELPHIA — Dorsey Levens, the fourth-leading rusher in Green Bay history, signed a one-year contract with the Philadelphia Eagles on Friday.

The 6-foot-1, 230-pound Levens was looking to get more playing time, than he did in Green Bay. He could get that chance with Philadelphia, which was looking for a running back to replace Correll Buckhalter, who will miss the season with a knee injury and possibly split time with Duce Staley.

Eagles coach Andy Reid was an offensive assistant with Green Bay during the first five of Levens' eight seasons with the Packers.

Terms of the contract weren't disclosed and a message left for Levens' agent Friday wasn't immediately returned.

The 32-year-old Levens, who graduated from Georgia Tech after transferring from Notre Dame, rushed for 3,937 yards with the Packers. He was a two-time 1,000-yard rusher and earned a Pro Bowl berth after the 1997 season.

Levens was limited by two knee injuries during the 2000 season. He lost his starting position to Ahman Green in 2001, and gained 165 rushing yards and 159 receiving yards, including one touchdown pass reception, in a backup role.

He was cut for salary cap purposes in February.

Falcons waive Graham, sign veteran WR Jackson

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — The Atlanta Falcons on Friday waived wide receiver Jeff Graham, who failed to show up for mandatory minicamp earlier this week, and signed eight-year veteran Willie Jackson to take his place.

The Falcons signed Graham to a one-year contract in April, but a month later his name was listed on a federal search warrant connected to massive cocaine bust in Dayton, Ohio. He has not been charged with a crime.

Falcons coach Dan Reeves was upset Thursday when Graham did not attend minicamp. His agent, Mitch Frankel, said he was absent because of a death in the family.

Graham's sister was arrested last year after federal agents seized more than 100 pounds of cocaine, and his father was killed in an automobile accident later in the year.

Graham was waived by the San Diego Chargers earlier this year. Jackson spent the past two seasons with the division rival New Orleans Saints.

Seahawks release Levon Kirkland — no explanation



KIRKLAND, Wash. — The Seattle Seahawks released former Pro Bowl linebacker Levon Kirkland on Friday.

Kirkland, a 10-year veteran who played one season for the Seattle Seahawks, finished with 101 tackles, one sack and forced two fumbles in 2001.

Kirkland had his sixth straight 100-tackle season and eighth overall, pushing his career tackle total to 1,005. He started 16 games last season, extending his string of consecutive starts to 123.

The Seahawks did not say why they released him. Kirkland was not available for comment and calls to his agent were not immediately returned.

Kirkland signed a \$7.5 million, three-year contract, with a \$2.3 million signing bonus before last season.

Dolphins' Fiedler will miss start of camp after surgery

DAVIE, Fla. — Miami Dolphins quarterback Jay Fiedler will miss the start of training camp following hip surgery Saturday.

Fiedler had surgery to repair a tear in his left hip joint, the opposite hip he injured during the

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RIVER PARTY



Members of the Boat-Float crew 'Sharkin'-Too arrive at the boat landing in Livingston, Mont., Friday in preparation for the 39th Annual Yellowstone River Boat Float. The lime green, wooden boat, which is decorated as a shark, hit the water Friday for its 11th year. Participants float from Livingston to Laurel, Mont., during the three-day water party.

TV Guide calls Springer worst of all time

NEW YORK (AP) - The worst TV shows ever are pretty much "The Jerry Springer Show" tops TV Guide's list. "Awful television shows are a storied part of our society," TV Guide editor-in-chief Steven Reichle said Friday. "Some of them actually are very successful and are great guilty pleasures. And no one has turned guilty-pleasure TV into more-of-an-art

form than Jerry Springer." The list is in the July 20 issue of the magazine, on newsstands Monday. "The Jerry Springer Show," a syndicated daytime talk-show that since 1991, was first on a list of 50 worst shows only two months after "Seinfeld" was No. 1 on a TV Guide list of the best 50 shows. Second worst on the new list was NBC's "My Mother-The Car,"

1965-66, followed by NBC, UPN and TNN's "KFI," in 2001; ABC's "The Brady Bunch Hour" (1977); and CBS' "Hogan's Heroes" (1965-71). Rounding out the top 10 were "Celebrity Boxing" (Fox, 2002-present); "AfterMASH" (CBS, 1983-84); "Cop Rock" (ABC, 1990); "You're in the Picture" (CBS, 1961); and "Hec Haw Honeys" (syndicated, 1978-79).

TV dating shows prove how desperate we are for love

By Gill Pennington St. Louis Post-Dispatch "My name is Sarah, and I'm a cocktail waitress. ... I love the outdoors. ... I'm a shopholic." Sarah, meet Levi. He's a med student, but "the first thing that attracts women to me is my male beauty." Sarah, Levi declares, "is smokin'." Sarah and Levi are going out. Also Cameron. And Miles. And Graeme. In her foursome of suitors, Sarah hopes to find a soulmate. She's looking for love the modern way - on national TV. In this case, the venue is the late-night matchmaking show "elimDATE," but tweak the rules and it could be "Blind Date" or "Rendez-View" or "A Dating Story." In prime time on Fox, "Five desperate women" from the lower 48 are currently "Looking for Love" in Alaska. "Meet My Folks" on NBC asks

parents to choose a suitable young man to accompany their daughter on a "dream vacation." True romance is a time-honored form of entertainment, created when the first little brother spied on his big sister and her boyfriend. "The Dating Game" and "Love Connection" commercialized the concept on television from the 1960s to the '90s. The real-life dating shows that crowd the current TV lineup are both more sophisticated and more innocent than their predecessors. Considered en masse, they suggest that the 21st century finds us cynical, but still hopeful, lonelier than ever, but not willing to accept isolation; ready to risk anything - even humiliation in front of a nationwide audience - for a chance to live happily ever after. All that and hoties in tight jeans, too. No wonder dating shows do booming business with

TV viewers 18-34, who have made "elimDATE" and "Blind Date" big hits in syndication and gave ABC's "The Bachelor" (in which a single guy chose a potential bride from 25 candidates) enough buzz to spawn two forthcoming sequels. On "elimDATE," players are encouraged to insult one another in front of the camera. Over at "Blind Date," the producers and smiling host Roger Lodge do most of the insulting. "Dating Story" has pop-up balloons that suggest what the daters are really thinking. Mildly risky for its day, the original "Dating Game" (1955-74) called on three bachelors - unseen behind a curtain - to win the hand of a lovely lady by answering questions such as, "If we were marooned on a desert island, what's the first thing you'd do and why?"

Politician mistakes Jude Law for car thief

BUCHAREST, Romania - Jude Law got an unexpected earful at the Bucharest airport when a Romanian politician mistook the actor for a car thief.

Dinu Patriciu, a leading member of the opposition Liberal Party, told The Associated Press on Friday that he saw Law and another man get into his Land Rover early Thursday at Bucharest's Otopeni Airport.



Jude Law

Patriciu said he angrily yelled at the men because he presumed they were trying to steal the vehicle. He realized he had made a mistake when they showed him rental papers.

The firm rented it to Castel Films, a producer for "Cold Mountain," which is scheduled to begin filming in Romania next week.

Patriciu, who is also one of Romania's richest businessmen, was embarrassed, but said Law's reaction made the situation uncomfortable. "I was very unhappy because he started swearing. I am not a native English speaker but I

People in the news

understood what he was saying," he said. "He kept telling me that he had come to bring money to the country. Later, I was told he was a Hollywood star."

Larry Kaplan, a publicist for "Cold Mountain," said Law did not want to comment.

Max Weinberg heads out on Springsteen tour

NEW YORK - Max Weinberg is packing up his drum kit to take a leave of absence from Conan O'Brien's "Late Night."

The NBC show's handleader is going out on the road with Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band in a tour to support the new album, "The Rising," it was announced Friday.

The tour, which opens Aug. 7 at the Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford, N.J., will stretch into next year.

Jimmy Vivino, guitarist for the Max Weinberg Seven, will be the handleader after Weinberg begins his hiatus on July 19. James Wormworth will sit in on drums.

"Mighty Max" Weinberg has been a member of the E Street Band since 1974. He took a previous leave from O'Brien's show for Springsteen's reunion tour in 1999-2000.

- compiled from wire reports

Linda Thompson makes first album in 17 years

By Jim Farber New York Daily News

NEW YORK - Don't come to Linda Thompson looking for marriage advice.

"I don't think marriage is a good idea, for the most part," says the singer, who happens to be one of the most famously divorced women in rock. "It was invented when people only lived to be 19 or 20. Now that people live to be nearly 100, you're lucky if you don't want to throw your self out a window by some point."

Thompson almost did just that 20 years ago. In 1982, Linda and her then husband and musical partner, Richard Thompson, were going through a terrible

split after he fell in love with another woman. To make matters worse, the breakup came as his first couple of British folk rock was touring to promote one of the most admired albums of that year, "Shoot Out the Lights."

The recording went on to become a classic. The next year, to become a rubbernecking milestone, up there with Fleetwood Mac's double breakups of the '70s.

"It was strange," Thompson says of the tour, with typical understatement. "Thankfully, I was high as a kite most of the time."

That's honest. "Well," says Thompson with a laugh, "what's the point of lying?"

Phil Donahue returns to television

SECAUCUS, N.J. (AP) - In the beginning, there was Phil. History reminds us that on Nov. 6, 1967, "The Phil Donahue Show" premiered.

Then, 29 years and nearly 7,000 shows later, after a million audience members had passed through his studios in Dayton, Ohio, then Chicago and New York, he taped his final "Donahue" on May 2, 1996.

By then, the genre he pioneered - the syndicated weekday talk show with audience interaction and viewers phoning in - was jammed with invidious alternatives.

"The daytime arena changed, the ground shifted under my feet," says Donahue with a knowing laugh, "and I was glad to leave."

Now he's back, ready to start anew Monday night on MSNBC, a cable network that wasn't born yet when he last asked "Is the caller there?"

Since its July 15, 1996, sign-on, MSNBC has spun its wheels in competition with CNN and especially Fox News Channel. Now it hopes to gain traction with a revamped schedule on which "Donahue" will occupy a key position.

Advertisement for Qwest Wireless. Includes text: "DISCOVER THE VALUE OF QWEST.", "THE MOST ANYTIME WIRELESS MINUTES FOR THE PRICE.", "1000 ANYTIME MINUTES for \$39.99/month", "IT'S YOUR TIME ANYTIME.", "Call now and ask how you can save 10% off your wireless calling plan.", "Ask about our optional ONE BILL ONE VOICE MAILBOX ONE NUMBER SERVICE", "Kyocera 2135 Phone ONLY \$49.99 (plus tax, shipping & handling)", "Qwest. ride the light", "Broadband Internet Voice Wireless", "Features for all Anytime Minutes Calling Plans include: Domestic Wireless Long Distance from your Home Coverage area to anywhere in the United States, Wireless Voice Mail, Expanded Home Coverage, Wireless Caller ID. Offer ends 8/5/02."



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Hearing Aid company adds new computer

TWIN FALLS—A new Dell computer was added to Maico A-1 Hearing Aid Center's collection of technology to fit new digital hearing aids. The added speed will cut down on waiting time, the business said.

Wayne Anderson, owner of Maico, has been fitting hearing aids for 28 years. Maico has had an office in Twin Falls for more than 44 years. Anderson said he has always added the latest advances in the hearing industry and new equipment as it is developed.

Widex Hearing Aid Co. recently introduced new digital hearing aids at a meeting in Salt Lake City, Anderson, along with his saleswoman, Sonia Foss, were the only attendees from Idaho. They had firsthand experience working with the new Compass software and the new Diva digital hearing aids. They also received continuing education credits for the meeting, Anderson said.

Starkey Manufacturing Co. introduced its new software at an Idaho, Oregon and Washington three-state meeting in March. Anderson attended that meeting, and Parish was sent to the Starkey Northwest factory for training. While at the factory, she toured the facility, learning better techniques for fitting hearing aids.

Maico's short-range goal is to rearrange the inside of the offices in both Twin Falls and Burley to make more room for testing, fitting and counseling. Anderson has 15 patients, and to introduce new advances in the field; Anderson said in a statement. In the next couple of years, he expects to hire two additional employees.

Maico A-1 Hearing Aid Center is at 155 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls, phone 733-7330; or at 140 E. 13th in Burley, phone 678-3467. Both offices are open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. five days a week.

CSI center offers 'Job Seeking Skills' workshop

BURLEY—The College of Southern Idaho's Center for New Directions is offering a "Job Seeking Skills" workshop.

The class is for anyone interested in starting new jobs, moving up in current employment or increasing confidence to get the jobs they've always wanted, or for those feeling a little shaky about their job-seeking skills, said a press release from the center.

Participants will learn the basics of job seeking from a professional career facilitator, including application processes, resume formats, cover letter, interview techniques and follow-up with potential employers.

The workshop will be held from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. July 23 at the CSI Burley Center. Admission is free. Students must call or come in to sign up. For information, call (800) 680-0274, Ext. 2650.

Albertsons offers college saving with card purchases

TWIN FALLS—Albertsons Idaho customers now can save on their college back on their purchases for college when they use their Albertsons Preferred Savings Cards, to purchase certain grocery items, the company said.

"Now, every time customers shop at Albertsons, we are providing them access to 'free money' to help save for a loved one's education," said Bob Colgrove, Albertsons Intermountain Division president. "The money invested from their weekly grocery bill can make a significant difference when a child or grandchild goes to college."

The grocery chain's Intermountain Division now participates in Upraise, a national service that allows families to save for college when they buy products and services from certain companies.

Albertsons customers may participate in the Upraise program service by registering for Upraise Cards at www.upraise.com. Enrolling is free. Families can track their contributions online, Albertsons said.

Facility helps supply restaurants

The Associated Press

SODA SPRINGS—For Doug Foss and his five employees, catching a fish is no big deal. They have 25,000 of them ranging in size from 2 to more than 7 pounds. The fish aren't for eating though, they're all breeding stock to raise more than 80 million fish a year for restaurants, supermarkets and school lunch trays.

It plays a key role for Clear Springs Food Inc. of Buhl, one of the nation's largest fish processors.

"Our company produces 18 (million) to 20 million pounds of fish each year," Foss said. "We just keep the breeding stock here to produce the eggs for the growing facilities."

Because of the cold, 48-degree, free-flowing water used at the facility, the Soda Springs plant works well in the company's overall plan.

Cold water inhibits growth of fish and lowers food intake. A 2-pound fish produces roughly 3,000 eggs a year while a 7-pound fish produces only 4,000 to 5,000 eggs.

In Soda Springs, because of the cold water, the spawners don't grow as fast so they don't take up as much room or as much feed, but the smaller fish still produce nearly the same number of eggs.

"We spawn these fish four times in their life," Foss said. "You control the water like that if the water is warmer. A 5.5-year-old fish in 58-degree water on this type of feed would weigh around 20 pounds, and you wouldn't have enough room for them and they would eat a lot more."

Wild fish spawn naturally once a year like the hatchery fish, but because of the controlled environment hatchery fish will never spawn on their own. They will produce eggs, but never lay them. Without the employees to spawn the fish, the eggs would rot and then be reabsorbed back into their systems.



Sunlight reflects off a holding tank filled with spawning rainbow trout in June at the Clear Springs Food Inc. hatchery in Soda Springs. There are about 25,000 fish at the hatchery, ranging in size from 2 to more than 7 pounds. The fish aren't for eating though, they're all breeding stock to raise more than 80 million fish a year for restaurants, supermarkets and school lunch trays. Below, Doug Foss, manager of the hatchery, stands next to rows of egg incubator tubes.

Rainbow trout are spring and summer spawners traditionally, with a few strays spawning in the fall. The spawning process is triggered by the amount of light the fish receives from the summer sun.

To enable Clear Springs to have a continual source of eggs, it uses daylight lights in part of the facility to trigger spawning in the winter months.

"When I first started, we would buy eggs from Tasmania for our winter eggs," Foss said. "When it's winter here, it was summer there, and their fish would just be beginning to spawn. Since we started using the lights, we can provide nearly 95 percent of the eggs we need to raise fish year-round."

After the fish are spawned, the eggs are incubated for roughly 28 days. Several

thousand are pilled into 3-foot-tall, 12-inch-across tubes with water flowing through them. Roughly 75 percent of the incubated eggs make it to the eye stage. Eggs that die are discarded.

At the eye stage, the eggs are boxed up and shipped to facilities between Wendell and Buhl. Once the fish reach the correct size, depending on the product they will be used for, they are shipped to one of the processing plants.

"We have two different processing plants that are completely automated," Foss said. "Some of the fish are packaged whole, some in fillets, with others becoming breaded patties or roundies," fish meat stuffed with spices, cheese or vegetables and rolled.



Nation sees rising insurance costs

By Sheryl Jean Knight Ridder News Service

Individuals, big businesses and mom-and-pop shops all have something in common these days: rising insurance costs.

Name the line of insurance — from homeowner and auto to farm and property — and rates are going up.

"We've never had this impact on all lines at one time in our history," said Al Parsons, president of the Insurance Federation of Wisconsin. One of the few lines not seeing large increases is individual term life insurance.

Many rates are increasing this year by double digits — and some by triple digits — which means a bigger bill for the average American consumer or business.

And the outlook isn't any better: Industry experts predict rates nationwide will keep rising for the next 18 to 24 months.

Everyone is affected. Higher insurance rates may force some businesses to cut other costs to maintain profit margins and a competitive edge. Consumers could see higher costs on two ends: They'll pay more to insure their cars, houses and health and they may see higher prices as some businesses pass on their higher insurance costs to customers.

Dean Klinckhammer of St. Paul, Minn., has seen his home and auto insurance rates increase about 15 percent this year. "I work for the state and we're fighting to get a 3 percent raise every year, then auto insurance goes up 15 percent and other costs increase," he said. "It's hard to get ahead."

Small-business owners are also in a tough spot, squeezed by the increase in commercial and personal insurance rates.

Take John Columbe, owner of Eagle Beach Resort in Park Rapids, Minn. He's lost sleep thinking about the 20 percent rate increase in his health insurance and the 100 percent spike in his resort insurance. Expected to top it off, the small lake-

Insurance rates rising

Estimated average U.S. rate increases for several insurance lines, 2002:

Homeowners	+8-9%
Personal auto	+8-9%
Health	+20%
Commercial property	+30%
General liability	+40%
Workers' compensation	+20-25%
Directors' and officers' liability	+50-40%
Surety bonds	+25-30%
Aviation	+60-100%

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side resort had to cancel its water-skiing school and events for the first time in 22 years because it couldn't find an insurer.

"I've never experienced that kind of rate increase in my life," said Columbe, who runs the resort with his family. "And it's not only the cost, but the availability. A larger resort may have (water-skiing) insurance, and they'll have a service that I don't have. That will probably cost me some business."

As a result of the higher costs, some individuals and businesses are choosing — or being forced — to go without insurance, reduce coverage or increase their deductible.

Some are looking at alternatives such as self-insurance, industry observers said.

"Many insurers say they need the rate increases to cover billions of dollars in losses from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and heightened risk factors."

Insurers also cite the poorly performing stock market, which has hurt investments that provide extra income to offset expenses and help keep rates

down. Natural disasters, rising drug prices and continually increasing jury awards and settlements have affected many insurance rates.

Some observers say insurers are using Sept. 11 as an excuse to boost revenue and return to profitability.

"Insurers should justify to the public and regulators the reasons why they need the rate increases," said Norma Garcia, senior attorney for the West Coast office of Consumers Union, publisher of Consumer Reports magazine. "Certainly, 9/11 was an awful tragedy and one that we're not trying to downplay. But we don't want to see the public held hostage by insurance companies claiming that the losses from 9/11 were so great that they now need to be bailed out ... at consumers' expense."

Commercial insurance rates this year will increase an average of 30 percent because of losses from Sept. 11 and the continued threat of terrorism on property, businesses and workers. (Rates were already rising 15 percent before Sept. 11 from increasing claims and court awards.)

"Some industries such as trucking, food and construction are hit harder because of a greater perception of risk."

Business that buy aviation insurance and liability coverage to protect their directors and officers will see the biggest increases — as much as 400 percent, said Bob Hartwig, chief economist for the Insurance Information Institute. In addition, many insurers are restricting coverage and some have stopped writing new policies, he said.

"There's a lot of uncertainty about what's going on right now, but nobody is going out of business because of their insurance costs," said Jeffrey Nicholson, vice president of commercial client sales for the Minneapolis office of insurance broker Marsh USA Inc. "The little guy will feel that pain because it's right out of their pocket."

Loss of trust in businesses may damage the economy

BUSINESS MIRROR
Seth Sylla

NEW YORK—To some people, all the talk about restoring trust in corporate America may come off as a debate over ethics. But there's far more at stake than that.

Some experts already believe the public's deepening cynicism about the business world is wreaking heavy damage to the stock market, and could by extension injure the overall economy.

What's worse, some feel that companies and regulators may be underestimating the seriousness of the challenge in getting regular folks to put their trust, and subsequently their investments, back in big companies.

"There is a real issue of trust out there and Americans are just starting to pay attention to it," says Richard Sylla, a financial historian at New York University's Stern School of Business.

"When we saw the WorldCom executives taking the Fifth like the Mafia used to do, it became clear that things are worse than any of us thought," Sylla said. "We're already in a bear market, and this is just helping things

along."

For an even scarier thought, consider what could happen if even more companies follow Enron, WorldCom and Global Crossing into the annals of American corporate malfeasance.

The Securities and Exchange Commission has been busy bringing cases against companies, and is now forcing the top 1,000 corporations to verify the accuracy of their financial statements.

While it's hard to quantify the effects that a generalized loss of confidence can have on an economy, it's easier to see the reasons why trust is so vital for an economy to work at all.

Imagine if investors thought every company was lying about their books — they'd leave the stock market altogether and just buy bonds. That would make it

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Satellite radio companies go head-to-head for market

By Ron Harris
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO—On desolate stretches of Interstate 5 between Los Angeles and San Francisco, country music is about the only thing on the radio.

Nothing against country music, folks, but choice can be a good thing.

Now, the fledgling satellite radio market offers that choice. The only two companies in the game — XM Satellite Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio — officially began battling head-to-head for the market July 1 as Sirius finally caught up with XM and launched nationally.

XM's service (\$9.99 per month) has been available

nationally for eight months. Sirius' more recent launch (\$12.95 per month) has created more noise about this new market, which the companies say should serve both well.

The main work left for both is to fine-tune relations with auto manufacturers and car stereo makers to get the special satellite receivers and antenna kits, which start at about \$250, onto American dashboards.

Consumers should anticipate a brief primer on satellite radio the next time they go shopping for a car costing more than \$30,000. Some less expensive new cars also will offer the option.

For those new to the technology, satellite radio transmissions

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CAREER MOVES

TWIN FALLS — Gary W. Davis of the Idaho Bureau of Disaster Services completed the Emergency Management Institute's "Incident Command System Curricula Train the Trainer" course in Emmitsburg, Md., on June 28.

The course trains participants to teach the ICS field courses that the FBI offers. These courses are Intermediate ICS, Advanced ICS, ICS: Law Enforcement, ICS: Public Works, ICS for Public Officials Conference and the ICS Emergency Operations Center Interface Workshop. This combined course concentrates on "how to teach" the courses rather than on course content.

Davis lives in Filer and works in Twin Falls.



William Ratcliffe

TWIN FALLS — William W. Ratcliffe was recently promoted to manager of Longview Fibre's Spanish Fork Sales District, which includes the state's Utah, Nevada and Arizona. Ratcliffe will be responsible for sales in the three-state region for litho-laminating and other graphics specialty packaging, triplex wall boxes and an array of corrugated containers produced by Longview Fibre's Utah plants at Spanish Fork and Cedar City. Ratcliffe also will oversee sales activities at the company's distribution warehouses at Las Vegas and Logan, Utah, and a sales office in Tucson, Ariz. He will be based in Spanish Fork. Ratcliffe has more than 20 years of experience in forest-product sales. He has been a sales representative for Longview Fibre's Twin Falls container plant for the past 14 years, selling corrugated boxes in Idaho, Montana and northern Nevada. Before joining Longview Fibre, Ratcliffe sold building materials in the same area for seven years, advancing to district sales manager and later to general sales manager.

Ratcliffe is a member of the Idaho Growers & Shippers Association. He has a bachelor's degree from Washington State University in liberal arts. He and his family are moving from Twin Falls to the Spanish Fork area.

TWIN FALLS — Ray Ströberg was elected executive committee member of the Independent Insurance Agents of Idaho Inc.

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Chrysler Group will offer Sirius Satellite Radio as a dealer-installed option this fall on 16 vehicles including the Chrysler PT cruiser and Jeep Grand Cherokee.

Buyers can include the radio's cost and monthly fees in the vehicle price and payment installments.

Sirius chief executive Joseph Clayton expects his company to become profitable if it gets to 3 million subscribers by 2005. XM estimates it will reach profitability with about 4 million subscribers by late 2004 or early 2005.

To realize such projections, each company will need a cash infusion in the coming months to keep the services alive.

Sirius has \$200 million in cash on hand to get it through to the end of the first quarter of 2003. XM has \$320 million in cash to get it through to the same point next year.

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during the recent annual agents convention in Coeur d'Alene.

Ströberg will serve on the board of directors and help the company formulate plans for continued growth of the association and consumer awareness.

Greg Bloomfield of Wood River Insurance Inc. in Hailey, was elected as a regional director for 2002-03.

IAI said it represents the majority of all independent insurance agents throughout Idaho. The association belongs to the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America. Its members offer all lines of insurance — property, casualty, life and health.



Gene Hite

MINNEAPOLIS — After 17 years with General Mills, Gene Hite will retire July 15.

Hite received bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from the University of Idaho then spent 17 years in Procter and Gamble's research and development organization, working on such products as Pringle's Potato Chips, Puff Facial Tissues, Olextra and Duncan Hines Cookies.

He joined General Mills in 1985 as a director of corporate research, with responsibility for creating the technology pipeline feed product development efforts. In 1992, he was named director of technology marketing operations, with responsibility for General Mills' worldwide licensing operations. In 1994, he was appointed area development director, Asia Pacific, where he supervised and expanded the company's export and licensing operations in Asia. In 1996, Hite was appointed director of technology marketing and licensing, with accountability for identifying and licensing operations from outside the company.

In June 2000, he was appointed to his current position as senior licensing officer of General Mills. In addition to negotiating technology licenses, he has managed the R&D relationship between DuPont and General Mills, the first such relationship in the company's history, a press release said.

Hite serves on the boards of Source Food Technologies of Minneapolis, Encapsulation Systems Inc. of Philadelphia and Microwave Solutions Inc. of

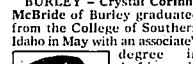
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For the past 23 years, Hite and his wife, Barbara, have operated their own business, Heart Wood Design Inc., as well. This company produces examination question banks which accompany textbooks for use by university professors and high school teachers.

The Hites live in a western suburb of Minneapolis. He is the son of Gene Sr. and Sylvia S. Hite of Jerome and is a 1963 graduate of Jerome High School.

BURLEY — Crystal Corinne McBride of Burley graduated from the College of Southern Idaho in May with an associate's degree in drafting technology.

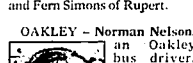
The 2001 graduate of Burley High School accepted a drafting position with Fortune 500 company, Williams Natural Gas Pipeline, in Salt Lake City.



Crystal McBride

She is the daughter of Alan and Corinne McBride of Burley and the granddaughter of Keith and Fern Simons of Rupert.

OAKLEY — Norman Nelson, an Oakley bus driver, was chosen as the Cassia County school district's Transportation Department Employee of the Year by a ballot of department employees.



Norman Nelson

As Transportation Employee of the Month for April, he was one of nine employees eligible for the annual honor.

He has been with the district since January 1990.

Nelson drives the bus that brings students from the Oakley area to the tech center, Education Center, Newcomer Center and Burley junior high and high schools; he fills in as a substitute driver in the afternoons.

Nelson moved with his family from Minnesota to Rupert in 1974. In 1981 he moved to Oakley. After that he worked as a meat cutter for a grocery business and did various jobs from which he is now retired.

He and his wife, Sue, have five children and five grandchildren.

New medical testing lab opens shop in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — Dynacare, a medical testing laboratory, has opened at 284 Martin St.

"We're here to create a little medical competition," said Evans Calas, director of business development for the Dallas-based company. "Twin Falls is a one-horse medical town, but competition is good for everybody."

Dynacare is the third-largest provider of clinical laboratory services in North America, according to its Web site. The laboratory does clinical testing on body fluids such as blood and urine and on tissues and other specimens. Medical tests are sent to Dynacare's Seattle-based laboratory, and results are back the next day, said Karen Kessler, the laboratory's phlebotomist.

Kessler has more than 15 years of blood-drawing experience. "We're fast and efficient," Kessler said. "People can be in and out of here in less than 10 minutes."

Local laboratory hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The local office can be reached at 733-0696.

Woman purchases Ketchum talent, production business

KETCHUM — Jennifer Diehl recently purchased Palmer Talent & Production from Gretchen Palmer.

Palmer Talent & Production provides models, actors and production support for advertising agencies, photographers, catalogs, production companies and film crews that shoot in Sun Valley, Stanley, Boise, Twin Falls and surrounding areas. Recent clients include Polaris, Men's Journal, Getty Images/PhotoDisc, L.L. Bean, KBC Productions, KBC Channel 2, SunBrite, Goodyby, Silverstein & Partners, Eric Kiel Photography and Action Optics, a press release said.

Diehl grew up in the Wood River Valley, earned a bachelor's degree at the University of California Santa Barbara and worked in television production in Los Angeles. For seven years, she produced David Stoecklein's calendars and coffee-table books and, last year, published the second edition of the "Sun Valley Celebrities & Local Heroes Cookbook" for The Advocates.

As a model she has appeared in Men's Journal, Better Nutrition, Big Sky Journal, Early Winters, Outdoor Photographer, Road Runner, Better Homes & Gardens, L.L. Bean and Vogue.

Palmer Talent, along with Fairlight Dance Centre, is offering its annual modeling and ei-



Jennifer Diehl

roning classes for teens starting July 23. The classes feature runway work, grooming and skin care, posture, table manners, ballroom and a photo shoot with photographer Caroline Woodham. Registration deadline is Saturday.

Diehl and Palmer Talent & Production can be reached at 788-1953.

Owner of Twin Falls IHOP wins Franchisee award

TWIN FALLS — Stanley Wong — owner of the Twin Falls IHOP and 21 other IHOP restaurants throughout Northern California, Utah and Idaho — received the 2002 Franchisee of the Year award.

"Wong runs his business as a family endeavor — his wife and children are involved in his business," said Julia Stewart, president and CEO of IHOP Corp., in a statement. "He is dedicated to quality guest service and is constantly developing and coaching his employees."

Wong and his family continue their involvement in day-to-day operation of his restaurants. An IHOP franchisee for more than 30 years, Wong also works with the company at the corporate level as a member of the Franchise Board of Advisors and the Promotion and New Products Committee.

Franchisee of the Year candidates are nominated by eight regional directors across the country and submitted to a panel of IHOP senior executives. They are judged on leadership skills, adherence to operations standards and promotion of the IHOP brand. More than 90 percent of all IHOP restaurants are franchised, and there are more than 350 IHOP franchisees nationwide.

Public Relations group honors Jack in the Box Inc.

TWIN FALLS — For the fourth consecutive year, the Public Relations Society of America named the Jack in the Box Inc. report — the best among the nation's major corporations for style and readability, the restaurant chain said.

"With financial reporting increasingly scrutinized, we wanted to develop an annual report that not only satisfied technical financial requirements but also one that the investment community would actually read," Robert J. Nugent said. "Our annual reports are typically used as a recruiting tool, informing prospective employees about the company while giving them a sense of what it is like to work for Jack in the Box."

Beginning in 1999, the company's annual reports have parodied a comic book, a children's storybook told in verse, and an institution's exchange folder with historical information from the company's 50 years in business. The most recent annual report parodies a coffee-table art book from the collection of "Jack," the company's fictional founder and star of its television

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Bank, park collaborate to offer Yellowstone Visa card

TWIN FALLS — U.S. Bank and the Yellowstone Park Foundation collaborated to offer consumers the Yellowstone Visa credit card.

Every time a cardholder pays for a purchase with the card, U.S. Bank will donate a portion of that purchase to the Yellowstone Park Foundation on an additional cost. The money raised from the credit card program will help fund projects in Yellowstone that are beyond the financial capacity of the National Park Service, such as wildlife conservation research, educational exhibits and the preservation of historic structures and artifacts.

The Yellowstone Visa card, issued by Elan Financial Services, features a scene of Yellowstone and its wildlife. Call (888) 327-2265, Ext. 8300, or visit www.ypl.org.

Investor satisfaction leads to praise for A.G. Edwards

TWIN FALLS — A.G. Edwards said it earned accolades from two consumer authorities.

J.D. Power and Associates gave A.G. Edwards the highest ranking in the tie for investor satisfaction in this year's study of full-service brokerages.

Citing the firm's dedication to clients, Worth magazine named A.G. Edwards its "Editor's Choice" for a full-service firm in its July/August issue.

More than 8,500 investors across the country who utilized a major full-service brokerage house within the past 12 months responded to the J.D. Power survey, evaluating the top 21 firms in the full-service brokerage industry.

Factors that comprised overall satisfaction were customer service, advice, account management, information resources, Web site capability and cost of transactions and services. Of those, J.D. Power determined customer service, advice, account management and information resources were the largest drivers of customer satisfaction.

In evaluating customers' overall impression of the firm, J.D. Power's study found investors cited A.G. Edwards' trustworthiness, honesty, accessibility and responsiveness, the brokerage said in a press release.

Respondents also cited the time devoted to servicing client accounts as contributing to the firm's high marks in the advice category.

Meanwhile, Worth praised the firm's "single-minded focus on the individual investor" and the quality of the firm's research effort, saying analysts enjoy an "intellectual liberty" enabling them to assess companies objectively.

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Battered telecom remains a vital industry for world

By Beatrice E. Garcia
Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — Telecommunications was the toast of Wall Street, investors and consumers.

Not just during the boom years of the late 1990s, but for many years. This was the industry where the proverbial widows and orphans were told to put their money. The conventional wisdom said telephones would always be needed — in good times and bad.

That was true then and still is today.

But the gut-wrenching changes the telecom business is undergoing right now has everyone pretty spooked.

WorldCom's implosion over the last two weeks, in part, stems from massive pressures affecting the entire industry: competition from new players and new products, declining revenues, bone-crushing debt loads, a slowing economy, an oversupply of capacity and demand that didn't meet outrageous growth projections.

"All public companies faced the same pressures," says John Igoe, a partner with Edwards & Angells in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"But how each company handled these pressures says something about the integrity of its management."

Igoe, who has represented various local and national telecom companies, says the chaos at WorldCom has tarnished other companies in a sector that was already reeling.

Yet, analysts agree that telecom does have a future.

"It's like oxygen; we need it," says Jeff Kagan, a telecommunications analyst based in Marietta, Ga. "It's how we communicate. Everything is linked. Everything is networked."

Most also agree that the distinctions that exist today between players in the telecom business — local, long-distance, cellular, Internet access and data — will be gone. There will be communications providers, offering most — if not all — of these services.

"That means there could be too many players, too much competition," says Kagan.

"Customers can only choose one company," he says. "That means there has to be a wave of consolidation. You can't keep slicing the pie that thin and

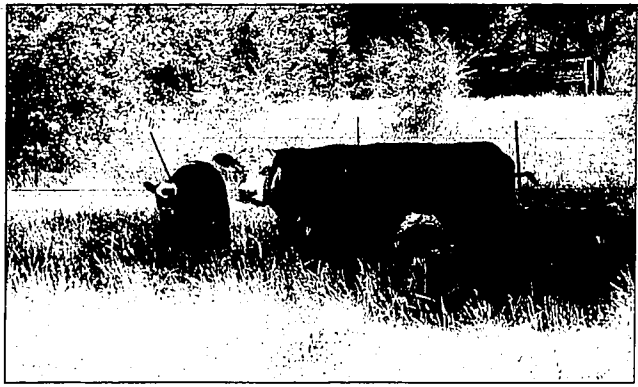
expect every company to survive."

The consolidation phase began in earnest about last year.

Northpoint Communications, Rhythms NetConnections, Teligent, and Winstar Communications are among the firms offering high-speed Internet access that are now listed among the dead and gone. ExciteHome, the largest provider of high-speed Internet access via cable modem, shut down earlier this year.

360 Networks was aiming to build worldwide fiber-optic networks, but its plans fizzled when the cash ran out. Global Crossing built its network, but declining revenues and a heavy debt load were its undoing. They're now hoping reorganization in bankruptcy court will provide a graceful exit strategy.

"If the financial community tended to evaluate companies by the number of cities they were in or the breadth of their services," says Courtney Quinn, senior telecom analyst for telecom strategies at the Yankee Group in Boston. "But they didn't have the customers and they didn't have the revenues."



While these cattle idle high in grass in a Jerome pasture, ranchers in much of the West are finding grazing land hard to come by due to drought.

USDA approves emergency haying

JEROME — Emergency haying of Conservation Reserve Program acreage was approved earlier this month by U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman. While that will help, it's no panacea for livestock producers suffering from drought conditions that are torturing the West.

Brian Dierlam, director of legislative affairs for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, said his organization has worked in close coordination with the states and the administration to bring relief to producers suffering from the drought.

"For the beef industry, the impact of a drought lasts longer than the drought itself because producers are forced to sell their production base," Dierlam said. "Ranchers can't simply shut the factory down and let it sit idle. Cattle have to eat."

Drought — extending from the Canadian border to the Mexican border on both sides of the Rocky Mountains — is taking its toll on livestock producers, he said.

In a move to ease immediate impacts on agriculture in drought-stricken areas throughout the country, Veneman authorized the emergency haying until Aug. 31, or until drought conditions subside, whichever comes first.

New wheat loan rates start debate on markets

IDAHO FALLS — A new provision in the 2002 Farm Bill that provides different county loan rates for different classes of wheat has left some growers concerned that important southern Idaho wheat markets may be lost.

Hans Hayden, a wheat producer from the Arbon Valley, fears the new loan structure will shift production away from soft white wheat.

In 2001, a wheat producer in Power County received a loan deficiency payment based on the county loan rate of \$2.53 a bushel regardless of whether the wheat was soft white or hard red spring. Under the provisions of the new farm bill, the loan rate for soft white wheat in Power County has improved to \$2.64 a bushel, but the loan rate for hard red spring wheat is \$2.96 a bushel.

With the new, improved hard red spring wheat varieties that are producing comparable yields to soft white wheat in the Arbon Valley, Hayden said flatly, the 32 cent differential would be enough incentive for him never to grow

New L.L. Bean CEO says his priority is increasing revenues

FREEMPORT, Maine (AP) — Chris McCormick faced the obvious challenges when he was named president and CEO of L.L. Bean a year ago: the aftereffects of Sept. 11 and anthrax scares, an economic slowdown, a company reorganization.



Chris McCormick

There was an added twist for McCormick. He was the first person outside the Bean family to head the 90-year-old apparel and outdoor equipment retailer.

The man McCormick succeeded, Leon Gorman, grandson of company founder Leon Leonwood Bean, was president for 24 years. Gorman became an esteemed figure as he took the company to new levels while maintaining its traditional values.

McCormick's mandate is to take the company even further.

"Growth," he said, "is the No. 1 issue facing our company." The catalog retailer's sales have hovered around \$1 billion for the better part of a decade, and its goal is 15 percent to 10 percent growth a year. To achieve that, McCormick plans to open more retail stores, pump up mar-

keting and launch other initiatives.

Beginning this month, L.L. Bean will start its most extensive national network and cable television advertising campaign.

Other TV campaigns will hit the airwaves in October and for the Christmas shopping season.

Don't expect pizzazz in those ads — they'll be in keeping with the company's understated image. The first ads will focus on product quality and the October run will emphasize family ownership.

McCormick also plans to expand the number of L.L. Bean stores, primarily in the Northeast. Retail sales now account for about 20 percent of Bean's revenues, and the CEO expects that number to be 30 percent in three to five years, and up to 50 percent down the road.

Besides its flagship store in Freemport, the company has large stores in Virginia and Maryland that opened in the past two years, plus 12 smaller factory outlets in the United States. It also has nine more stores in Japan.

Another store will open in New Jersey in August, and McCormick said several more — he won't say how many — will open in the next few years.

L.L. Bean is smart to try to propel sales through retail stores rather than its catalogs, said Candace Corlett, a partner at WSL Strategic Retail in New York.

A survey by WSL showed that 35 percent of women surveyed had bought something from a catalog in the previous three months, down from 42 percent two years earlier. At the same time, 38 percent of the women surveyed said they had shopped at a specialty clothing store, up from 32 percent in 2000.

However, Corlett added, simply emphasizing a different sales channel might not be enough to improve Bean's anemic growth numbers.

Trust

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much harder for companies to raise money and also wipe out a lot of wealth held by average Americans.

We're not at that point yet, but some experts in the field — don't laugh — business ethics are very troubled about the ways things are heading.

"I have no doubt that there are many ethical CEOs out there, but I don't know who they are," says W. Michael Hoffman, founder of the Center for Business Ethics at Bentley College in Waltham, Mass.

"Trust is the engine that drives business, so when investors lose trust ... there's going to be a real economic impact," he says. Benjamin Hermalin, interim dean at U.C. Berkeley's Haas School of Business, says there hasn't yet been nearly enough fallout on the stock market yet to get regulators and Congress to

start a bona fide drive to overhaul business practices.

"If there were a lot of it blow over, as long as the scandals don't continue," Hermalin said. "But if you have a WorldCom a week, forget about it."

For another scary thought, consider how long it has taken public confidence in business to get rebuilt in the past. Following the last big bear market in 1929-32, it wasn't until 1932, some eight years later, that the Dow Jones industrial average recovered completely.

"Restoring trust is a more drawn-out process than most people expect," said Silla, the financial historian. "If the government punishes people and puts in new rules, that's a start but it's not going to make everything peachy."

"I don't think Wall Street will be that exciting a place for the

next 5 to 10 years," he said.

While doubts may persist about the current administration's ability to sound convincing in singing the reform song, at least they've got the right sheet music. In his speech last week, President Bush said that "At this moment America's greatest economic need is higher ethical standards."

Still, many are still waiting to see more concrete action.

"There's been movement in the right direction, but I haven't seen enough from companies themselves from CEOs willing to take a stand," said Mark Schwartz, a lecturer in business ethics at The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. "I've been disappointed in the response from the corporate community."

She Sutil covers business for The Associated Press.

Farmbeat
Highlights of this week's Magic Valley Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

soft white wheat again.

Irrigators breathe a little easier after spring runoff

TWIN FALLS — A nearly perfect spring runoff is giving Magic Valley irrigators a bit of unanticipated breathing space this season.

With the reservoir system down approximately 1 million acre-feet below 2001 levels at the start of the season, many canal companies and irrigation districts had grave concerns about how long the water would last.

But off-and-on cool weather in April and May helped bring what snow had fallen on the mountains down quickly to the reservoirs where it could be stored for later in the season.

Although irrigation managers are singing the praises of a better-than-expected runoff, 2002 runoff is far from normal. The April through July runoff generated 2.87 million acre-feet of water, about two-thirds what would normally flow during that period. But it is better than 2001, when just 1.46 million acre-feet — just 46 percent of the 30-year average of 3.132 million acre-feet — came down the river.

Lincoln County farmers may look at graze-out provision

TWIN FALLS — Farmers who planted cereals this spring hoping for a grain crop but found their irrigation water ran out before heads filled can apply for a graze-out payment.

Based on crop reports in the last few weeks, Sue Cenarrusa expects to see some Lincoln County farmers elect to take the graze-out payment instead of a loan deficiency payment on their grain.

Cenarrusa, who is the Farm Service Agency executive director for Lincoln County, anticipates that farmers who planted oats, in particular, will take a close look at the program. Irrigators north of Shoshone will probably run out of water in mid-July.

More beet acres reflect production problems

BOISE — While beet growers constantly tell growers not to over-produce, a rise in acreage does not necessarily mean a drop in price.

Statistics show that U.S. sugar beet acreage rose by 5.5 percent over last year, said Judy Sprague, agriculture statistician for the Idaho Agriculture Statistic Service. While area planted rose from 193,000 acres in 2001 to 210,000 acres planted this year, the area harvested went from 179,000 acres in 2001 to a forecasted 209,000 in 2002.

One of the reasons for the difference between last year and this year is the power buyback, Sprague said.

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lizes soil and cultivates.
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drawn machinery.
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observing general condi-
tions; administering simple
medications to animals
and fowls. Healed to
livestock during
shortage and winter
months. Repairs farm
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other structures. May in-
clude crop raising duties
and products to be
delivered to market.
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*2001-AO
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experience. 324-7148

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raising duties as directed
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vests crops using a variety
of tractor drawn machi-
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maintains farm imple-
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ROUTE 726
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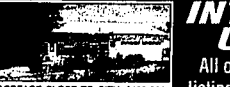
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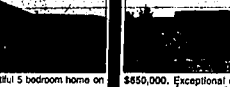
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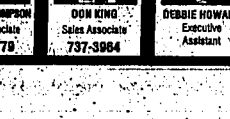
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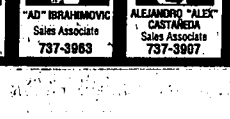
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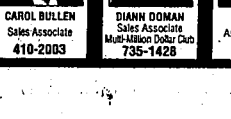
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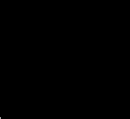
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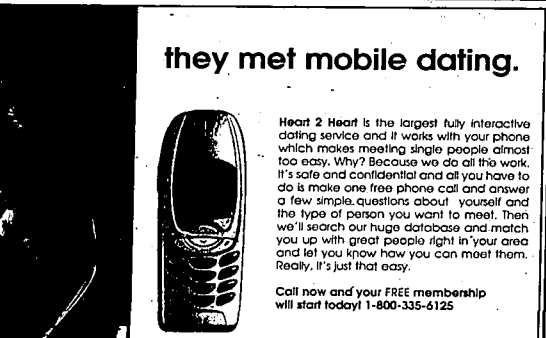
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Sunday, July 14, 2002

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff:
At duplicate with nobody vulnerable I held \heartsuit K-10-8-4, \spadesuit A-9-8, \clubsuit A-Q-9-6-4. I opened one club and heard my partner respond one heart. I raised to two hearts and we played in a 4-3 fit, with either spades or one trump would have been easier. Was I wrong to raise?

Phredman, Georgetown, Washington, D.C.

ANSWER: The problem with re-bidding one spade is that if you show your hand pattern but suggest extra values. However, your hand is too weak for that route. The choice is to rebid one spade and pass any minimum rebid from your partner, or to raise directly as you did.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
At duplicate with our opponents I held \heartsuit A-Q-J-8, \spadesuit A-J-8, \clubsuit Q-10-4-3, \diamond Q-6-2. My LHO opened one diamond and my partner doubled, over which my RHO bid one spade. I passed, but my partner said I had to double with nine points. What do you think?

Wagon Jackson, Marco Island, Fla.

ANSWER: You had one no-trump. When you have diamonds well stopped, you should rely on your partner to produce something in spades - his double promises the other suits, remember? Doubling one spade with nothing in trumps is a very speculative maneuver.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
At tennis with nobody vulnerable I held \heartsuit Q-J-8, \spadesuit 9-7-3, \clubsuit A-K-Q-9-3, \diamond 10-4-3. I pressed in first seat and heard my LHO open one diamond and my RHO respond one spade. I passed again, and eventually we defended against three no-trumps, which made when my partner led a heart. Afterwards he said that I should have opened

one club with such a good suit.
Golden Silence, Hartford, Conn.

ANSWER: Passing initially is fine, but when you get a chance to overcall, two clubs, you should take it. You need to get partner off to the right lead if you can, and this is the right way to do it.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
At duplicate you hold \heartsuit 10-7-1-2, \spadesuit K-10-8-3, \clubsuit 9-4-3, \diamond K-2. LHO opens one diamond, partner overcalls one heart, RHO doubles, and you raise to two hearts. LHO passes and partner bids three clubs. Should you sign off in three hearts or bid game?

Festus Lente, Philadelphia, Pa.

ANSWER: Bid four hearts. Although you have a minimum in high cards, your partner has asked for help in clubs, and you have the perfect holding to cover any problems he might have. Your fourth trump is also a real bonus.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Holding \heartsuit K-Q-8-4-2, \spadesuit A-7-4, \clubsuit 5, \diamond A-J-6-4, I opened one spade and heard my partner raise to two spades. Since we are forcing no-trump, this showed a constructive raise. Should I have passed, bid game, or invited with three spades?

Fit to Be Fit, New Orleans, La.

ANSWER: Bid three clubs as a trial bid for game. Partner will evaluate his hand in terms of his high cards and trump support, but especially on whether he has help for you in clubs. He will appreciate that club honors would be useful, but that three small clubs would be very bad news.

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The discreet art of picking G-friends

My friend Elaine runs her kitchen with an iron potholder, insisting that the rolls be kneaded by hand, standing guard lest any man try to touch her rolling pin.

Linda works at a high-level job 50 hours a week, and fashions wood into shelves in her spare time.

Linda thinks everyone is trying to stereotype her and discriminate against her. Elaine thinks the women who embraced the liberation movement were overreacting, launching a campaign to weaken America's family structure.

Girlfriends are the hot topic of the month, thanks to Rebecca Wells and her 'Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood.'

When Wells' best-seller became a movie, starring Ashley Judd and Sandra Bullock, the world took notice.

Now, Wells' Web site - www.ya-ya.com - is dedicated to 'Ya-Yas, dahlins' all.'

The July issue of Ladies' Home Journal magazine devoted an entire section to 'Girlfriends.'

Medical studies say girlfriends help us cope with stress, the magazine reported, and 56 percent of women surveyed say their best friend knows them better than their husband does.

Ladies' Home Journal documented several celebrity girlfriends - Ellen Barkin and Julianne Moore, Selma Blair and Reese Witherspoon, Gwyneth Paltrow and Madonna - in addition to Courtney Cox, Arquette, Lisa Kudrow and Jennifer Aniston, who are 'Friends' both on TV and off.

Sometimes I wonder how people choose their friends. I don't even completely sure how I choose mine. I do know that there are certain types that I generally shun:

Cheap friends: A friend who drives 30 miles out of her way to save a dollar on gas is simply too time-consuming.

Gourmet cook friends who expect me to cook like them: I like having friends who feed me, but I get nervous around people who are shocked to find out that all my recipes start with, 'Open the box.'

Friends who are always on a diet, and actually stick to it: It's OK to be on a diet all the time, but what good is a friend who doesn't understand the magical power of chocolate to soothe a wounded spirit?

I have a writer friend who divides everyone in the world into fourths. She says a fourth of the people are interested in having fun. Another fourth are detail-oriented perfectionists who are more melancholy. Another fourth are leaders who like to be in control. And the final fourth try to keep peace and avoid hassles.

None of this is bad, I suppose. The bad part is that some girlfriends expect way too much from each other.

Guys have buddies, too, of course, but those relationships don't provide great emotional moments.

'Ya-Ya' movies: A Georgetown University professor once explained that, for women, talk is the glue that holds relationships together. Whereas, for men, activities/sports hold relationships together, and talk is used to negotiate one's position in a group.

You need good talk to generate good scripts. And so, we focus our cameras on girlfriends, who have long talks and share juicy secrets.

I know some secrets about my women friends: My friend Ely was mortified when she called the police and reported her car stolen, five minutes before she remembered she had parked it down the street instead of in the garage.

My friend Janet never did tell anyone she was substitute church secretary the week when the bulletin read, 'Come to the song service; the singing will start at 7 p.m.'

Oops. What did you say about women and talk? Looks like Ely and Janet have two less secrets now.

Just don't tell them I'm the one who blabbed.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Horse of a different color

BSU historian finds mystery in Magic Valley

Idaho is one of the strangest states in the union - the last frontier, delivered to rock and desolation.

-Vardis Fisher

By Steve Crump Times-News writer

BOISE - Consider, Todd Shallat says, the impression you'd get of the Magic Valley if you never left Interstate 84.

'Looks like Illinois,' he said. 'But get off the road. It's a vertical museum.'

Shallat, a Boise State University history professor, transformed an invitation to write a history of the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument into something of a cottage industry.

He recruited Magic Valley specialists in archeology, paleontology, ethnography, history and hydrology, raised the money to get their essays published - and set in motion the founding of a quarterly magazine in the process.

The result was 'The Secrets of the Magic Valley and Hagerman's Remarkable Horse,' certainly the most comprehensive and likely the most lively history of the place ever published.

'Like a lot of Idahoans, I'd driven across the Magic Valley and didn't get much impression of it,' he said. 'It turned out to be an amazingly cool place. The name says it all: Magic Valley. There's mystery there.'

Largely because, by the conventional rules of civilization, it has no business being there - at least not in its present green and verdant form.

'It's an amazing feat of engineering,' he said. 'Full of remarkable people.'

Inspired by folks with a little view of the universe, the Magic Valley never quite cooperated with that vision, Shallat says.

Westward travelers whose eastern experience of land gave them little vision or vocabulary to interpret the plain's geography,' he wrote. 'They had to invent new ways to see and describe. As they did, their sense of the place evolved and so did the stories surrounding it.'

A written-off wilderness was now recognized as a singular place. Explorer Clarence King's desert river became a Washington Irving's picturesque landscape.

Natural wonders became natural resources. Wilderness became monuments, and monuments became part of what Wallace Stegner called 'the geography of hope.'

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'If you want to know something about the place, all you have to do is ask somebody

What makes the Hagerman Horse so important? First, the discovery from Hagerman is the largest sample of this extinct species from one locality. More than 200 individuals of both sexes and all ages were recovered by the Smithsonian. Included are complete skeletons as well as skulls, jaws and detached bones. They were about the size of the present-day Arabian horse, and had a single toe (hoof). Vertebrate paleontologists must often work with single, isolated bones or teeth. So it is often difficult to assign them to an already described species when differences in sex or age of an individual are taken into consideration. This problem is simplified here by the large number of individuals recovered at the Hagerman Horse Quarry. Despite the popular use of the name, Hagerman Horse, it is actually more closely related to the zebra. Although we don't have fossil evi-

dence of stripes, the pattern of the chewing surfaces of the teeth and details of the skull and rest of the skeleton indicate that this animal was more closely related to the living Grey's zebra of Africa than to horses. So the next time you're at the zoo, take a good look at the zebras on display and you'll have an opportunity to see a close relative of one of the earliest residents of the Hagerman arch. James W. Gidley, the Smithsonian paleontologist, who led the initial excavations at Hagerman in 1929, felt that the horse being uncovered was different enough in its skeleton that it represented a new species distinct from any other known fossil horse. He proposed the name Pleistippus shoshonensis. By placing the Hagerman horse in the genus Pleistippus, he considered it to be closely related to other fossil species, Pleistippus simplicidens, from Texas. Although another horse, Equus itabacensis, had been

described from elsewhere in the region, Gidley considered this species to be more primitive. Since the early work of Gidley, many other studies on fossil horses have been made and the consensus is that the horse at Hagerman, in fact, belongs in the modern genus Equus and that it is the same as that of the today most prevalent horse, the Hagerman Horse. The scientific name of Equus simplicidens is the Hagerman Horse. The Hagerman Horse also has the reputation of being the earliest Equus. The genus that includes modern horses, dating to about 4 million years ago. Even though the species Equus simplicidens is known from elsewhere in Nebraska, Florida, and Texas, the other records, and the fact that it is the earliest Equus, make it the Hagerman Horse. -Source: Gregory McDonald, director of science and paleontology, University of Colorado Museum

there," he said. "Somebody always knows someone else who knows everything you need to know." The book and an shorter companion volume, "Equus Evolves: The Story of the Hagerman Horse," were published by Boise-based Black Canyon Communications, started by a

couple of Shallat's former students - editor Kathryn Baxter and photographer James Frost. Although Black Canyon was incorporated with one book in mind, it now publishes Black Canyon Quarterly, a journal about the history and people of the Intermountain West. Its second edition was issued

late last month. "I hope Idahoans will love the book and the new journal," said Shallat. "And it's right here in the Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 733-9311 or write to him at crump@timesnews.com

Help families blend with these seven tips

When it comes to stepfamilies, anything that promotes stability - like family meetings - is good.

I've watched so many stepfamilies that just floundered," says stepfamily researcher E. Mavis Hetherington. "I think the important thing is to ask, 'Gee, what are the different ways you can succeed?'"

As psychology professor at the University of Virginia, Hetherington trucked 1,400 families for 30 years through divorce and remarriage. In addition to seeing how stepfamilies failed, she saw how the good ones worked.

"Stepfamilies, like machines, are subject to the complexity principle: the more working parts, the greater the risk of a breakdown," says Hetherington, author of "For Better or Worse: Divorce Reconsidered" (Worton, \$26.95).

Yet successful stepfamilies had some commonalities, she found:

- Good timing. Stepfamilies created

Etc...

- When children are younger than 10 or older than 16 are easiest to launch.
• Confidence. Contrary to dire predictions, the Hetherington study found 80 percent of children in once-divorced families and stepfamilies lead well-adjusted lives, nearly the same rate as children whose parents had not divorced (90 percent). About 80 percent of adults also recover well.
• There is just tremendous resiliency," Hetherington says.
• Traditions. Structured activities, such as family meetings, really benefit stepfamilies. Eating dinner together, special birthday and holiday celebra-

tions, church, homework time, having TV and household rules are cohesive forces.

"It takes a while in the stepfamily, but it gives a sense of family-ness. It isn't just people living together. Everyone is part of it," Hetherington says.

• Relatives. Grandparents and relatives help a new stepfamily forge an identity by welcoming everyone.

• The right schools. The study found kids in stepfamilies do best in supportive, well-organized and structured schools.

"We do not find permissive schools are good for these kids: They feel more secure in a predictable environment," Hetherington says.

• Communication among adults. Parents, stepparents and exes keep lines of communication open.
• Thick skin. Savvy stepparents don't take everything personally. -Source: Detroit Free Press

Lincoln County Fair starts Tuesday

Tuesday through Saturday

SHOSHONE - The Lincoln County Fair will be held at the county fairgrounds. The main carnival starts Thursday and runs through Saturday, but fair activities kick off on Tuesday with a BOB (Build Our Barn) Rodeo for kids.

Created pig wrestling for children is scheduled for Wednesday in the evening.

Regular rodeo events take place Thursday through Saturday, with carnival fare, booths and exhibits on those three days. There is no charge to get into the fair.

On Thursday, will also be the Lincoln County Fair Parade which proceeds through Shoshone on South Rail Street, South Apple Street, G Street and then to the fairgrounds.

Every week, To Do for Families list family-oriented events in south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Families Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 54, Twin Falls 83402. Deadline is noon on Wednesday.

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FAMILY LIFE

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
 616 Eastland Drive
 Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
 Monday: Beef stroganoff with noodles, Italian vegetables, fruit salad, rolls, carrot cake.
 Tuesday: Pork chops, potatoes, gravy, carrots, cottage cheese salad, bread, cookies.
 Wednesday: Taco salad.
 Thursday: Barbecue chicken, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls, dessert.
 Friday: Ham with raisin sauce, sweet potato, creamed corn, Jell-O salad, rolls, fruit crisp.
Activities:
 Library, Pool Room, and Baggin' Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies... Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Monday
 Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Foot clinic, make-up appointment
 Music by Cliff Hawk and Beryle
Tuesday
 Ticket Tuesday

Blood pressure check from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Wednesday
 Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 Federation Board meeting at 1 p.m.
Thursday
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Friday
 Lunch bingo
 Quilting
 Early close at 2:30 p.m.
West End Senior Citizens Inc.
 1010 Main St., Buhl.
 Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1

p.m. on Sunday.
 Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Lunch prices are \$3 and evening meals will be \$2. Sunday dinners are \$3.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.
 Sunday: Swiss steak dinner

Monday-Friday: Menu not available
Activities
 Thrift shop open every day. Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Roseland Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$3.
Sunday
 All-you-can-eat swiss steak dinner. \$3.50 for seniors; \$4.25 for adults and \$2.50 for children under age 12.
 Last Resort will play Monday
 Exercise from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Smorgy at 5:30 p.m.
 Cards at 6 p.m.
Tuesday
 Exercises from 7-8 a.m.
 Quilting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Treasure Tuesday
 Bingo at 1:45 a.m.
 Crafts from 1-4 p.m.
Wednesday
 Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Thursday
 Exercises from 7-8 p.m.
 Quilting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Blood pressure check at 11:45 a.m.
 Please see CALENDAR, Page E3

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Senior Golf Vacations By Dan Aspell

There are plenty of senior vacation packages available for every lifestyle. A person over 55 can learn practically anything in the world, and do it almost anywhere, including the Antarctic. The question is, do most seniors really want to? Or does a relaxing week or two gazing across sand...and greens fit the bill?
 Golf vacations are becoming an international drawing card. While many seniors enjoy the plains of Tanzania or the Ngorongoro Crater for vacations, those with clubs in tow hit the Selborne Park Country Club in South Africa. A former dairy farm, this rolling course of greenery and wildlife provides a beauty far different than that in the United States and with incomparable scenery.

Thailand is a fantastic destination for any traveler, with its incredible weekend markets and nightlife, but lately the golf opportunities there offer an even more sublime draw to this exotic corner of southeast Asia. The Bangkok Golf Club is ready for you, with an 18-hole championship course and clubhouse full of the finest amenities (massage, pro shop, sauna, etc.) that the serious vacationer could want.

On the goldengolfer.com Web site, you'll find outstanding travel packages centered around some of Europe's best courses. For around \$1,999, you can fly from Boston to Ireland and play rounds at Lahinch, Adare Manor, Ballybanion, Kilarney and Tralee golf clubs, plus receive six nights of accommodations, breakfast daily and seven days of a rental car with unlimited mileage.

Of course, some seniors may be fairly new to the game, and not yet ready for such challenging courses. For those still learning who crave a tropical vacation, Jamaica's Breezes Runaway Bay Golf School on the island's north shore is well worth the ticket. The school offers instruction by CPGA and PGA pros, video analysis, an 18-hole course and weekly competitions. Plus, there are swimming pools, lighted tennis courts, a fitness center and daily trips to Ocho Rios and Dunnis River Falls. Check out their package and others at www.superclubs.com.

If you are considering these golf vacations it might be wise to learn how to say "Fore" in several different languages.



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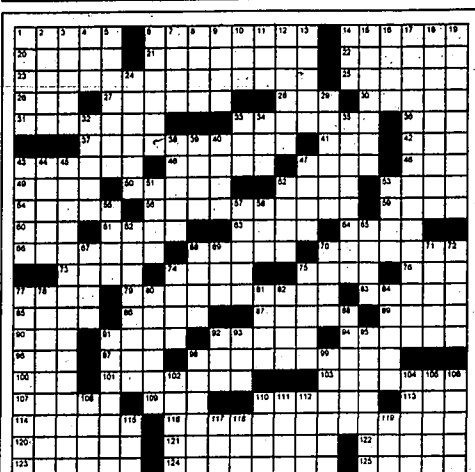
BODY PARTS

By Sheryl Scott, Akron, Ohio

- ACROSS**
- 1 Rental agreement
 - 8 Be identical
 - 14 Seasoned
 - 20 Cancel
 - 21 Matchless?
 - 22 Flammable solvent
 - 23 Wood-burning cookers
 - 25 Holidays
 - 26 "Xanadu" grp.
 - 27 Crumbly mineral residue
 - 28 Tent stake
 - 30 Assessed
 - 31 "101" Antonioni film
 - 33 Diverse
 - 34 Assemblage
 - 36 Dander
 - 37 Weakness of humanity
 - 41 "Kluge" author's initials
 - 42 Periphery
 - 43 Tyroisier roller
 - 46 Put
 - 47 Schedule figs.
 - 48 Of the 80s
 - 49 Pravalent
 - 50 Energy form
 - 52 Actor Montand
 - 53 "Kochov" novel
 - 54 Large antelope
 - 56 Indoor TV antenna
 - 58 Peak in Greece
 - 60 Camera abbr.
 - 61 Greek confest.
 - 63 Provides the crew for
 - 64 Leave at the altar
 - 66 In a shabby way
 - 68 Colorful mounts
 - 70 Automobile displays
 - 73 1970 Paul Newman movie
 - 74 Reagan's secretary of state
 - 75 "Sunk Rivers" state
 - 76 Demure colloq.
 - 77 "Yves the French" win
 - 79 Countermarch
 - 83 Chalkboard
 - 85 Shield
 - 88 18th-century Scottish philosopher
 - 87 Basketball player
 - 89 Brains' sch.
 - 90 Reassembling: suft.
 - 91 Diner food
 - 92 Gender's mate
 - 94 Graphic artist M.C.
 - 95 Tenth mo.
 - 97 Economic stat.
 - 98 Look like a tourist?
 - 100 Greek letter
 - 101 Prase too highly
 - 103 Nodding approval
 - 107 Madame de
 - 109 Hamdon and
 - 110 Cobb-
 - 113 Letters from the morgue
 - 114 miscelany hot
 - 116 Bedroom piece
 - 120 Deep-seated

THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams



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- DOWN**
- 1 Jockey cap
 - 2 "Gay"
 - 3 Writer Chekhov
 - 4 Hero, for short
 - 5 One voted in
 - 6 Waste glass gathered for remelting
 - 7 Cameo gem
 - 8 die
 - 9 Cole and Hanouti
 - 10 AFL--
 - 11 Sportscaster
 - 12 Cross
 - 13 Profoundly
 - 14 Ford lemon
 - 15 Keep it quiet!
 - 16 Noddywoman
 - 17 Noddy
 - 18 Corn lily
 - 19 Glutton's pride
 - 20 Clean coal
 - 21 Book dalam
 - 22 Sling mud
 - 23 Moves from dusk to dark
 - 24 Elasticized band
 - 25 frequently
 - 26 Actor Gulgoler
 - 27 Morsel for Bobbin
 - 28 Boxer's Achilles' heel
 - 29 Briny deep
 - 30 Loose fat
 - 31 Ruzer's pride
 - 32 News media
 - 33 French textile center
 - 34 1932 Gary Cooper film
 - 35 Tanguay and Gabor
 - 36 Helen of
 - 37 Gravings
 - 38 Survey
 - 39 Speaker's platform
 - 40 Public fora
 - 41 Summer color
 - 42 Hearty, but insouciant greeting
 - 43 Clean coal
 - 44 Gerwin and Levin
 - 45 Fine, dry particles
 - 46 "Hurlyburly" playwright
 - 47 OPEC product
 - 48 Clean coal
 - 49 Book dalam
 - 50 Sling mud
 - 51 Moves from dusk to dark
 - 52 Auth. of "A Room with a View"
 - 53 Type of phone
 - 54 Production
 - 55 Ninyhammer
 - 56 African fox
 - 57 Fortuitous
 - 58 Raal stinker
 - 59 Middle word of a French motto
 - 60 Remove inwards
 - 61 80s hairstyle
 - 62 Abnormal; perf.
 - 63 Egyptian bees
 - 64 Two before U
 - 65 Skin eruptions
 - 66 Sault -- Marie, MI
 - 67 Chinese dynasty
 - 68 Spandex brand
 - 69 Nodons
 - 70 Typical pattern
 - 71 Scatted
 - 72 View from Cleveland
 - 73 Customary extras, briefly
 - 74 111 French you
 - 75 '80s hairstyle
 - 76 Abnormal; perf.
 - 77 Two before U
 - 78 Sault -- Marie, MI
 - 79 Chinese dynasty

Calendar

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Bingo from 1-3 p.m.
Senior at 5:30 p.m.
Cards at 6 p.m.
Friday Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven
 222 Main St., Filer
 Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
 Tuesday: Meat loaf
 Thursday: Roast beef

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
 310 Main N., Kimberly
Monday: Macaroni and cheese, hot dogs, green beans, fruit salad, bread and butter, cookie, pears, coffee, milk, tea
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff over noodles, mixed vegetables, Jell-O, pineapple, upside down cake, coffee, milk, tea
Friday: Pork chops, potatoes, gravy, corn, tossed salad, rolls, butter, cake, ice cream, coffee, milk, tea
Activities
 The thrift store is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday and from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Tuesday: Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Dominoes at 1 p.m.
Thursday: Crafts at 1 p.m.
 Trip to Jackson, Bus leaves center at 1 p.m. The cost is \$3 per person, sign up.

Camas Senior Center
 127 E. Willow, Fairfield
 Meals are served at 12 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The suggested donation for seniors is \$2.50. The cost is \$3 for lunches and \$2 for children under age 10. To eat a meal at the center, call ahead at 764-2226.
Tuesday: Pizza, green salad, cake, ice cream
Wednesday: Corned beef and cabbage soup, carrot and raisin salad, fruit, cookies
Friday: Roast pork, peas and carrots, potatoes, cabbage salad, fruit, pie
Activities
Tuesday
 Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Exercise class from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Wednesday
 Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Exercise class from 12:30-2 p.m.
Thursday
 Art class from 1-3 p.m.
 Quitting from 1-3 p.m.
Friday
 Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Exercise class from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.
 308 Senior Ave.
 All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.
Monday: Baked Salisbury steak, potatoes, gravy, winter mix vegetables, salad, french bread, peach cobbler
Tuesday: Liver and onions, potatoes, corn, broccoli salad, bread, cookie
Wednesday: Meat loaf, potatoes, gravy, peas, carrots, cole slaw, bread, pudding
Thursday: Roast turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, green salad, roll, cake
Activities
Monday
 Pool at 9:30 a.m.
 Pinocle at 12:30 p.m.
 Hand and foot at 6 p.m.
Tuesday
 Pool at 9 a.m.
 Bridge at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
 Pool at 9:30 a.m.
 Fun night at 6 p.m.
Thursday
 Pool at 9:30 a.m.
 SHIBA at 11 a.m.
 Fiddlers at 12:30 p.m.
 TOPS at 5 p.m.
 Pinocle at 7 p.m.
Friday
 Bridge at 1 p.m.
 Hand and foot, check at 1 p.m.

Bowling at 1:30 p.m.
 Bingo at 6:30 p.m.
Jerome Senior Center
 212 First Ave. E.
 All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, bread sticks, green beans, tossed salad, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Chicken salad casserole, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, three bean salad, carrot cake
Wednesday: Baked ham, macaroni and cheese, country vegetables, fruit salad, custard
Thursday: Meat loaf, potatoes, gravy, carrots, Jell-O with fruit, peach cobbler
Friday: Taco salad, fruit cocktail cake
Activities
Monday
 Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Tuesday
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.
 Snack bar at 6 p.m.
 Early bus bingo at 6:45 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
 Aerobics at 11 a.m.
 Pinocle at 7 p.m.
Thursday
 Aerobics at 11 a.m.
 Pinocle at 4 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center
Monday: Meat loaf, macaroni and cheese, buttered carrots, homemade rolls, baked apples with raisins, orange juice, milk, coffee
Thursday: Beef vegetable soup, turkey salad sandwich, coconut cream pie, orange juice, milk, coffee
Shoshone Senior Center
 218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Tuesday: Cheese pizza with Canadian cream, mixed salad, garlic bread, tapioca pudding, peanut butter cookies, orange juice, milk, coffee
Wednesday: Taco soup, deviled eggs, homemade bread, cream puffs, orange juice, milk, coffee
Friday: Turkey roast, broccoli, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, pumpkin roll, orange juice, milk, coffee
Activities
Monday
 Exercise from 9:30-9 a.m.
 Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
 Quitting from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday
 Lunch at noon
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Wednesday
 Lunch at noon
 Rotary Club
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.
 Snack bar at 6 p.m.
 Early bus bingo at 6 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Thursday
 Exercise from 9:30-9 a.m.
 Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Richfield lunch
Friday
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.
 Toenail clinic at 10 a.m.
 Diabetic support group meeting at 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Citizens
 203 Wilson, Eden
 Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days. Home delivered meals are delivered Monday through Friday.
Tuesday: Liver and onions, potatoes, gravy, corn, salad, pears, cookies, roll
Wednesday: Bake day
Thursday: Chicken party, taro tots, green beans, cole slaw, peach crisp
Activities
Wednesday
 Bingo at 7 p.m.
 South Hills van trip

Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center
 140 E. Lake, Hagerman
 Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2. Coffee, tea, juice and bread served with all meals.
Monday: Meat loaf, potatoes, gravy, vegetables, salad
Wednesday: Oven fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, salad
Friday: Ham and beans, salad, corn bread
 Thrift store open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center
 721 Third Ave. S., Halley
 Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals.
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff, buttered noodles, broccoli, rolls, raspberry delight salad, cheese-cake bars with cherry topping
Wednesday: Baked chicken with stuffing, gravy, mixed vegetables, stuffed celery, rolls, peach cobbler
Friday: Roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, rolls, stuffed celery, fruit salad, devil's food cake, ice cream

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center
 702 11th St., Rupert
 Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day meals.
Monday: Assorted salads, chicken nuggets, fries, Texas toast, carrots, ice cream, beverages
Tuesday: Fruit salad, baked ham, sweet potatoes, rolls, vegetable, chery crisp, beverages
Wednesday: Birthday/anniversary dinner
Thursday: Cottage cheese, sirloin meat, fries, corn, fruit cocktail, beverages
Friday: Smorgasbord
 Center gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Quilting and pool table daily during center hours. Crafts every day. Volunteers are needed to do grocery shopping for shut-ins. Call Rileys at 436-1200

Golden Heritage Senior Center
 2421 Overland, Burley
 All dinners are served at noon.
Monday: Sausage gravy over biscuit, mixed vegetables, peaches, chocolate pudding cake
Tuesday: French dip sandwich, potato soup, cole slaw, fruit, chery chaisy day
Wednesday: Chicken malibu, baked potato, broccoli normandy, rolls, Clara's salad, chery cobbler
Thursday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, dried carrots, rolls, fruited Jell-O, coconut cream pie
Friday: Taco salad, refried beans, vegetables, rice, peaches
Activities
Monday
 Pool at 10 a.m.
 Exercise at 11 a.m.
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Tuesday
 Pool at 10 a.m.
 Exercise at 11:15 a.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
 Pool at 10 a.m.
 Exercise at 11 a.m.
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Thursday
 Pool at 10 a.m.
 Exercise at 11 a.m.
Friday
 Pool at 10 a.m.
 Exercise at 11 a.m.
Bingo at 1 p.m.
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE CALLENS

JEROME - Jerry and Pat Callen of Jerome will be honored at an open house and barbecue Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and family are invited to attend from 7-10 p.m. at the home of Dennis and Sandra Capps, 350 W. 500 S., Jerome.
 The event is hosted by their children, Jerry, Tim, Sandra, Greg and Melonie.



Jerry and Pat Callen

THE EWINGS

GOODING - Ronald C. and Janice Ewing of Gooding will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a barbecue and get-together from noon to 4 p.m. today at the Fast Park in Gooding.
 They were married July 14, 1952, in Buhl and were sealed in the Boise Temple in 1992.
 He was an automotive service technician for many years until he retired. She is the supervisor of the laycare at the Accelerated Learning Center in Gooding.
 They have five children, Ronald L. Ewing of Wendell, Randy (Martha) Ewing of Aurora, Colo., Cathy (Ron) Price of Dietrich, Mary (Bill) Dayley of



Ronald and Janice Ewing
 Gooding and Scott Ewing, both of Gooding.
 The couple have 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

THE BESSIRE

MURTAUGH - Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bessire of Murtaugh will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Relatives and friends are invited to attend from 2-4 p.m. at the Murtaugh City Hall. They request no gifts. Well-wishes may be made by calling 432-5202 or mailing to 4465 E. 2900 N., Murtaugh, ID 83344.
 Bessire and Wynne Fuller were married July 19, 1952, in Pocatello. They have lived in Murtaugh all of their lives and are some of the pioneers among farmers.
 The event will be hosted by



Glenn and Wynne Bessire - their children, Shella (Dale) Adams of Burley, Monica Smile of Oakley, Bryan (Sharla) Bessire of Heyburn and Yale Bessire of Murtaugh.



Dick and Maxine Machamer



THE MACHAMERS

TWIN FALLS - Dick and Maxine Machamer will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2-4:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 447 Senstrom Ave.
 They were married April 16, 1952, in Twin Falls.
 He was employed at Sterling Jewelry and owned Dick's Trophies before retiring in 1991. She worked for Bennett's Twin Falls Glass and Paint and the Glass Man.
 They have been active in Masonic organizations, Eastern Star, Good Sams Bluebirds, and are members of the Twin Falls United Methodist Church. She is also a member of Chapter #829 PEO and is currently president of the Twentieth Century Club.
 They regularly volunteer at the Twin Falls Visitor Center.
 The event is hosted by their children and grandchildren, Sheryl, Dave and Kevin Selding of Shelton, Wash., and Doug, Barbara, Justin, Meagan and Ryan Machamer of Overland Park, Kan.

Ready for a change in cuisine?
 Try a new dish from a recipe you'll find in the Food and Home section on Wednesdays.

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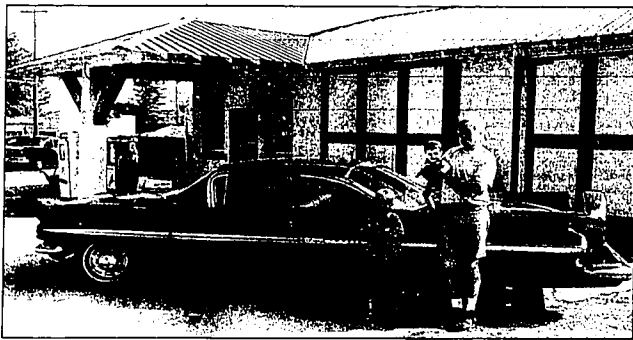
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Gerald Knutson and grandsons, Casey Platings and Kyle Harrison, pose with grandpa's 1959 Chevy Impala as part of the recent Classic Cruisers car show. Knutson also is an event organizer.

Cars cruise for awards, charity, fun

By Margo Holley
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY - More than 150 cars from four states participated in the Classic Cruiser car show June 26-28.

The weekend started on Friday evening with the cars lining three blocks of Main in downtown Twin Falls for a street dance, with the night lights showing off the shine of the classic cars," said organizer Stacy Sommer of Denver, Colo.

A trip through the West End on June 27 started off in Filer with doughnuts and photos as neighbors brought out lawn chairs to watch the classic cars.

The event also included a ride to Buhl, a tour of the Rotary Dairy in Hollister, and a cruise down Blue Lakes Boulevard, where the classics and their drivers were greeted with cheers and applause.

June 28 kicked off with breakfast in the Twin Falls City Park

and children's games. Awards were given later for such distinctions as youngest registered driver, "Car from afar" and oldest driver. Stacy Sommer also won the Lug Nut Award after her 1959 Chevy station wagon broke down on Blue Lakes Boulevard and had to be pushed off the road.

Proceeds will go to the Make a Wish Foundation. Last year's event raised \$800 for the organization.

CAR FUND-RAISER

The Oakley High School music department is giving away a 1985 Isuzu I-Mark two-door sedan. Tickets are \$50, and available from any band or choir member July 26-27 during the Oakley Pioneer Days celebration or by calling 677-3883. Only 100 tickets will be sold. The car is on display at 4C's, 3635 Overland Ave. in Burley, July 15-25. All proceeds go to support the Oakley Hornet Band and Chorallers.

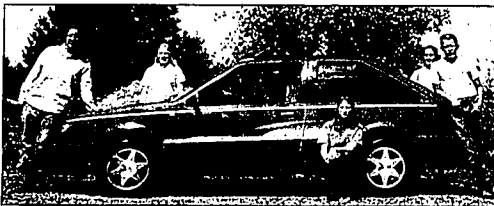


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SERVICE NEWS

Ledbetter graduates from specialist school

Navy, Seaman Joshua T. Ledbetter, son of Donna C. and Thomas L. Ledbetter of Jerome, has graduated from Operations Specialist School in Norfolk, Va.

During the course at the Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic, Virginia Beach, Va., students learn to operate surveillance and search radars, recognize and identify electronic signals, control aircraft approach devices and operate electronic navigation systems. Students are designed to prepare operations specialists for duty in a shipboard combat information center or at a shore-based fleet training center.

Ledbetter is a 2000 graduate of Jerome High School, and joined the Navy in April 2001.

Crandall completes Marine towed artillery course

Marine Corps Pfc. James L. Crandall, son of Ramona L. Crandall of Twin Falls, and Jim L. Crandall of Twin Falls, has completed the Towed Artillery Course with the Marine Corps Detachment, Army Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

During the course, Crandall learned to perform basic inspection, maintenance and repair of the towed artillery howitzer. Crandall also completed basic shop administrative forms and records management course.

Crandall is a 2001 graduate of Twin Falls High School, and joined the Marine Corps in August 2001.

Climer reports for duty with Marine squadron in Hawaii

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Corey A. Climer, son of Geraldine R. Lusk of Garden Grove, Calif. and Marvin L. Climer of Twin Falls, has reported for duty with the Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24, Marine Air Group 24, Marine Corps Base, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Climer joined the Navy in January 1997.

Clark graduates from weapons operation training

Clark, daughter of Jacqueline K. Clark, daughter of Terrence J. Berberick of La Pine, Ore. and Raymond E. Clark of Filer, has graduated from the Close-In Weapons System Operation and Maintenance Course.

while assigned to the Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic, Virginia Beach, Va.

Clark went through 27 weeks of intensive training, learning how to operate and maintain the Phalanx Close-In Weapons System, a rapid-fire gun used on ships as the last line of defense against anti-ship missiles and other security threats.

Clark is a 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High School, and joined the Navy in August 2000.

Cummings is deployed to Asia/Pacific region

Navy Seaman Lindsey J. Cummings, daughter of Coy L. and Terry L. Cummings of Elko, Nev., has departed to the Asia/Pacific region following an unexpected deployment change while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan.

Cummings and her shipmates will conduct training exercises with regional allies in the Western Pacific, and be able to respond to emergent national tasks where needed.

Cummings is a 1999 graduate of Elko High School, and joined the Navy in September 2001.

Cave group hears from National Geographic writer

TWIN FALLS - The Silver Sage Grotto will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Sage room 276 in the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho campus.

Internationally recognized caver and featured writer for National Geographic Magazine, Tom Miller, will speak. Miller is a former resident of Twin Falls and working in the department of geology at the University of Puerto Rico. The caves of Puerto Rico will be the featured topic.

The meeting is open to the public.

Cassia Historical Society seeks pioneers to honor

BURLEY - The Cassia County Historical Society will hold its 30th anniversary celebration Sept. 6-7 at the Cassia County Museum.

The committee is looking for pioneers 80 years or older who are still living in Cassia County to be recognized at the celebration. This includes businessmen, farmers, cattlemen, sheep farmers and anyone else who has been a long-standing part of the community.

Exp. pioneers or their families should send a brief history of the

individual to Cassia County Historical Society, P.O. Box 331, Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is Aug. 15.

For more information call Clarin Robins at 678-7172 or 678-5097.

CSI offers basic dog obedience course

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer a basic dog obedience course for owners and their dogs from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, July 22 through Aug. 14 on the east Expo Building lawn.

The course will teach pet owners

to train their dogs with basic obedience commands using positive reinforcement and behavior modification. Goals of the class include better mannered and socialized dogs and more educated and empowered owners. This class is taught by Donna Stanley, a licensed professional trained in behavior modification with 25 years of experience as a dog obedience instructor. The cost is \$40.

For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

CSI-science camp still has spaces for young people
TWIN FALLS - The College of

STORK REPORT

Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

Michael Allen Dezorzi Jr. son of April D. Henderson and Michael Allen Dezorzi Sr. of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, June 13, 2002.

Dylan Tegan Christensen, son of Kristal and Ryan Christensen of Twin Falls, was born Monday, July 1, 2002.

Kenneth Phillip Anderson, son of Tamara Lynn and Kenneth Carl Anderson of Wendell, was born Tuesday, July 2, 2002.

Hadley Stephen Petersen, son of Danielle Ward of Malta, was born Tuesday, July 2, 2002.

Joel Isaac Leon, son of Sonia Itheth and Jorge Jesus Leon of Jerome, was born Tuesday, July 2, 2002.

Jordyn Renee Skahill, daughter of Heather Melissa and Thomas Patrick Skahill Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, July 2, 2002.

Angelina Kathryn Zahurones, daughter of Amy Joan and Daryl James Zahurones of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, July 2, 2002.

Miriam Patricia Murrell, daughter of Mariza Concepcion and Rene Felipe Murrell of Jerome, was born Wednesday, July 3, 2002.

Trey Scott Crabtree, son of

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to:
Melissa Morgan
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Or fax to: 734-5538
Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper.
More information? Call Melissa at 735-3278

daughter of Trudy Darelene and Luis Antonio Damian of Murraugh, was born Saturday, July 6, 2002.

Tyler Lee McClimans, son of Calcy Rae Caswell of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, July 7, 2002.

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Ballice Ann Clark, daughter of Cameron and Mary Clark of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, June 23, 2002.

Miguel Angel Calvillo, son of Angel and Jamie Calvillo of Wendell, was born Thursday, July 4, 2002.

Isaac LaMar Cowans, son of Will and Mandie Cowans of Gooding, was born Thursday, July 4, 2002.

Daniel Dean Scott Hanse, son of Virgil and Angles Hanse of Gooding, was born Friday, July 5, 2002.

Angelica Jarmin Ramirez, daughter of Jose and Maria Ramirez of Glenns Ferry, was born Sunday, July 7, 2002.

Fredy Hernandez, son of Gilberto and Angelica Hernandez of Wendell, was born Monday, July 8, 2002.

Pamela Lynn and Brian F. Crabtree of Kimberly was born Wednesday, July 3, 2002.

Elizabeth Grace Hays, daughter of Lori Anne and Anthony Gail Hays of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, July 3, 2002.

Makayla Lynn Jacaway, daughter of Talisha Dawn and Nathan Lynn Jacaway of Bliss, was born Wednesday, July 3, 2002.

Kajessa Marie Staten and Tyler Ross Staten, daughter and son of Wendi Marie and Steven R. Staten of Hazelton, were born Friday, July 5, 2002.

Anthony Alzane Bauer, son of Fallon Pearl Barrios of Twin Falls, was born Friday, July 5, 2002.

Sharaiya Antonia Damian,



Hollie Little, second from left, presents International Awards to members representing three different chapters, from left, Carol Quintance, Jeanne Meyer and Marsha McCool for their outstanding leadership and work at last year's state convention held in Twin Falls. The chapter hosted about 140 women.

Photos courtesy of CAROL QUINTANCE

Twin Falls Beta Sigma Phi celebrates successful year

TWIN FALLS - Preceptor Alpha Kappa of Twin Falls Beta Sigma Phi celebrated a successful year and fun year at its Founders Day year-end event.

The group reported several money-making projects held during the year with money given back to the community to senior citizens at Christmas time, Valley House homeless shelter, a home for battered women and the Salvation Army.

The new officers for the next

year will be Janet Birrer, president; Lella Mason, vice president; Doris Finney, secretary; Shirley Blaha, treasurer; and Marlene Nelson and Sondra Hill as city council representatives.

Alpha Kappa honored Crystal Vincent as woman of the year. She models a hat the chapter fashioned and sold as a raffle item at its Founders Day celebration.



Interfaith group honors volunteers

TWIN FALLS - Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers has honored volunteers.

Helen Arnold of Twin Falls was named volunteer of the month for June. She has been instrumental in the formation of the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, and has served on its board of directors since its creation.

She also has performed numerous volunteer activities, and her "hands on giving has touched the majority of lives in our community in one way or another," reports Nora S. Wells, organization director.

Emmett Harrison of Twin Falls and Charles L'Herrison of Jerome have been named volunteers of the month for July.



They have dedicated their time to insuring the continuation of the organization both by hands-on volunteer assistance, and in serving on the Interfaith

Helen Arnold, right, is the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers volunteer for June. She poses with Nora S. Wells, organization director.

Photo courtesy of Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

Volunteer Caregivers Board of Directors finance committee, Wells said.

For more information about the organization, call 733-6333.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Southern Idaho's annual Science Camp scheduled Aug. 5-9 still has spaces open for students who will be going into the fifth through eighth-grades this fall.

The week-long camp features on-campus workshops and optional field trips. A new feature this year will be a model-rocketry class, plus separate learning activities for seventh- and eighth-graders.

The camp will consist of a 2 1/2-hour class each morning followed by lunch and a group activity. Those who sign up for the afternoon field trips will be able to choose from among activities in the South Hills, the Discovery

Center in Boise, the INEEL and the southern Idaho desert for even more hands-on learning.

When they register, students can select from a list of 13 different science endeavors, and will be placed in the classes of their highest interest based on availability. They can sign up for as many field trips as they wish.

The registration fee for the morning sessions is \$85 for the entire week if application is made before Friday or \$95 after that date. Each field trip costs \$15. The rocket class costs \$20.

For more information, call the CSI Community Education Dept. Center at 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

ENGAGEMENTS



Serena Van Beek and Aaron Konig

VAN BEEK-KONING

JEROME - Mr. and Mrs. John Konig of Jerome announce the engagement of their son, Aaron Konig, to Serena Van Beek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Van Beek of Hartley, Iowa.

Konig is a 1998 graduate of Wendell High School and a 2002 graduate of Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa, with a major in biology. He will be attending the University of New Haven-Sacramento to pursue a master's degree in forensic science.

Van Beek is a 1998 graduate of Western Christian High School and a 2002 graduate of Dordt College with a major in elementary education. She will be teaching at Liberty Towers Christian School in Sacramento, Calif.

The wedding is planned for Saturday at Cornerstone United Reformed Church in Sanborn, Iowa.

An open house/reception will be held from 2-4 p.m. Aug. 3 at the Twin Falls Reform Church.



Elaine Hopworth and John Webster

HEPWORTH-WEBSTER

RUPERT - Bill and Bonnie Hopworth of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Elaine Hopworth, to John Webster, son of Richard and Helena Webster of Houston, Texas.

Hopworth graduated from Mexico High School in 1996 and graduated from Ricks College in 1998 with a certificate in office education. She served an LDS mission in Charleston, W. Va., after which she worked in Prow, Utah, before relocating to Logan to attend Utah State University.

Webster graduated from Weedfield High School in Holston and attended Brigham Young University his freshman year, where he was a member of the Cougar Marching Band. He served an LDS mission in Phoenix, Ariz., and is currently attending USU, where he is majoring in business finance.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the Bill Hopworth residence, 850 E. 50 S., Rupert. The couple will reside in Logan, while continuing their education at USU.

GRAHAM-COX

TWIN FALLS - Randy and Jeannette Graham of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Jean Graham, to Jeffrey Alan Cox, son of Bill Cox and Terry Cox of Tucson, Ariz.

Graham is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and Boise State University. She is employed at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash.

Cox is a graduate of Flowing Wells High School in Tucson, Ariz. He is employed by Ram Brewery in Tacoma.



Andrea Graham and Jeffrey Cox
The wedding is planned for Friday at the Bishops House in Boise.

SCOTT-CANOY

TWIN FALLS - Mike and Kathy Scott of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Marie Scott, to Reggie Lee Canoy, son of Lyle and Sandy Canoy of Twin Falls.

Scott graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1995. She is employed at the Christian Bookstore in Twin Falls.

Canoy attended Kimberly High School. He attended Light Signs in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for 5 p.m. Saturday at the Airport Road Free Will Baptist Church in



Reggie Canoy and Katie Scott
Twin Falls. A reception will follow at Muggers Reception Hall.

GASSER-GILES

TWIN FALLS - Jim and Denise Gasser of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Erika Dawn Gasser, to Jared Craig Giles, son of Craig and Ewyon Giles of Hansen.

Gasser is a 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She attended the College of Southern Idaho and D & L Academy, graduating as a nail technician. She is employed at First Federal Savings and Loan.

Giles is a 1999 graduate of Kimberly High School. He attended Brigham Young University before serving an LDS mission to the Venezuela Caracas Mission. He is an Eagle Scout and is employed by Rock Creek Farms.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Mt. Timpanogas



Jared Giles and Erika Gasser
LDS Temple in American Fork, Utah. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the Gasser residence, 4128 Creek View Drive, Rock Creek Estates. In case of inclement weather, the reception will be held at the LDS Church on Caswell Avenue West in Twin Falls.

CONANT-HATTON

TWIN FALLS - Ralph and Guanel Conant of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Lynne Conant, to Zachary T. Hatton, son of Susan Schriver and Robert Lechot of Boise and Mel and Diane Hatton of Bend, Ore.

Conant is a 1993 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Idaho. She is employed at Sonoma State University as a human resource specialist in Rohnert Park, Calif.

Hatton is a 1993 graduate of Boise High School and a 2000 graduate of the University of Idaho. He is employed at Napa



Karen Conant and Zachary Hatton
State Hospital as a recreational therapist in Napa, Calif. The wedding is planned for Aug. 3 in Petaluma, Calif. The couple will reside in Petaluma.

BOEHMER-DARRINGTON

BURLEY - Bernie and Hilda Boehmer of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Boehmer, to Matt Darrington, son of Dean and Virginia Darrington of Declo.

Boehmer is a 1999 graduate of Burley High School. She is currently attending paramedic school at Weber State University.

Darrington is a 1997 graduate of Declo High School. He is currently attending Utah State University.

The wedding is planned for Saturday at the Cardston LDS



Matt Darrington and Amy Boehmer
Temple in Cananda. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. Aug. 2 at 302 S. Highway 77, Declo.

WEDDING

POWELL-ADAMS

BURLEY - JoAnn Powell and Matthew Adams were married June 8 in Oak Shade Baptist Church in Cleveland, Texas.

A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the Sweetheart Manor in Burley.

Parents of the bride are Elmer Powell and the late Rosie Powell, and Greg and Sharon Detling of Cleveland, Texas. Parents of the groom are Jim and Kayleen Adams of Kimberly.

Crystal Waller, sister of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Tiffany Williams and Windy West, friends of the bride, and Kristal Adams, sister of the groom. Shelby Waller, Jennah Collier, Rainie Waller and Kasey Brinkard; flower girls, served as flower girls.

Patrick Adams, brother of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen included Joe Kendall, Chet Danile and Tyler Haynes.



Matthew and JoAnn Adams

friends of the groom. Ushers were Jason Loftin and Mikky McCredith, friends of the bride. Jericho Adams and Cody Waller were the ring bearers. Cantors included Josh McConnell and Johnny Colbert, friends of the bride. Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Millie Powell of Crockett, Texas, and Charles and Jeannette Moore of Kennerd, Texas; Sissie Whirmire, aunt of bride; Bridgette Whirmire, cousin of bride; Angie Patrick and Kerri

Waller, friends of bride; and Fawne Adams, sister-in-law of the groom.

Fawne Adams, sister-in-law of the groom, attended the guest book.

The bride is a graduate of Crockett High School and has been attending Angelina College in Lufkin, Texas. She is employed at Sterling Bank in Houston, Texas.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Minico High School and Northwest Lineman College in Meridian. He is employed with L.E. Meyers in Houston.

The couple will reside in Houston.

Bridal Registry
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HATFIELD-HALL

DECLO - Darrell and Jan Hatfield of Declo announce the engagement of their daughter, Deena Renee Hatfield, to Michael Bruce Hall, son of Bruce and Betty Hall of Bellevue, Wash.

The wedding is planned for Saturday at the MK Nature Center in Boise. An open house to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. July 23 at the Rupert United Methodist Church.

The couple will reside in Caldwell, where they will continue working in the Nampa and Weiser School Districts.



Deena Hatfield and Michael Hall

HAWES-MOWER

TWIN FALLS - Scott and Cindy Hawes of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristi Rae Hawes, to Blaine Justin Mower, son of Don and Faye Mower of Twin Falls.

Hawes is a 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho, majoring in elementary education. She is employed at Immanuel Lutheran Child Development Center in Twin Falls.

Mower is a 2000 graduate of Worland High School in



Blaine Mower and Kristi Hawes
Worland, Wyo. He is employed by Pepsi Cola in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for Aug. 15.

HUBERT-TORGERSON

DIETRICH - Heather Hubert and Michael Torgerson announce their engagement.

Hubert is the daughter of Roy and Nedra Hubert of Dietrich. She is a graduate of Dietrich High School, Ricks College and Idaho State University with a degree in speech language pathology. She served an LDS mission in Arcadia, Calif. She is employed by the Alpine School District in Alpine, Utah.

Torgerson is the son of Ken and Renay Torgerson of Hamer. He is a graduate of West Jefferson High School. He attended Ricks College, graduated from Utah Valley State College and also served an LDS mission to Brisbane, Australia. He is employed in Orem, Utah.

The wedding is planned for Wednesday in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple. A reception will be held that night in Dietrich, and an open house will be held Friday in Hamer.

The couple will reside in Alpine.



Thomas Myers and Kerl Gott

GOTT-MYERS

JEROME - Daniel and Josie Gott of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerl Lea Gott, to Thomas Leroy Myers, son of Richard and Jacky Myers of Sterling, Colo.

Gott is a graduate of Jerome High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at JC Penney in Sterling and will attend Mesa State College.

Myers is a graduate of Sterling High School and CSI. He is employed by John P. Wersma Inc. in Sterling and will attend Mesa State College.

The wedding is planned for Aug. 3 at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls.

A reception will follow at the Snake River Elks Lodge in Jerome.

The couple will reside in Grand Junction, Colo.



Heather Hubert and Michael Torgerson

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FAMILY LIFE

ENGAGEMENTS

TIPTON-PARISH

MURTAUGH - Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Tipton of Murtaugh announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristel Rena Tipton, to Rodney Ellis Parish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Parish Sr. of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Peggy Komp of Essex, Ill.



Rodney Parish and Kristel Tipton location. The couple will reside in Hazelton.

WHITEHEAD-BAUMGARDNER

BURLEY - Daryl and Dorothy Whitehead of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Tawna Marie Whitehead, to Anthony Joseph Baumgardner, son of Laura Acosta and Tim Baumgardner of San Diego, Calif.



Anthony Baumgardner and Tawna Whitehead Thursday in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. Friday at 512 Riverside Drive, Burley.

Too many toys spoil the child

I am a professional advice-giver. In fact, I've been called the "Andy Landers of Parenting." I think that has a nice ring to it, and I'm thinking of putting it on my business cards. The test of anyone's advice, however, is strictly a matter of what happens when the advice is put into practice.



PARENTING John Rosemond

For years, I have ranted about toys. Today's children have too many, I say, and the ones they have do not, for the most part, promote creative, imaginative play. Therefore, the toys are worthless. Fifty or 60 years ago, an American 5-year-old was likely to have five toys. Said child, according to his mother, played imaginatively and independently for long periods of time (i.e., he/she stayed "out from underfoot") and rarely, if ever, complained of being bored. Today's children are obviously infected by "relentless underfoot disorder" (RUD) as well as the equally dreaded "perpetually bored disorder" (PBD). This has nothing to do with fluoride in the water. This has to do with too many stupid toys.

A clutter of toys clutters the modern child's environment, making it impossible for him to see the creative possibilities. Rather, he/she sees nothing but clutter. And like the disorganized office worker with piles of clutter on a desk that only becomes more and more cluttered, the only thing a child knows to do with clutter is make more.

I have maintained that if you want a child to play more independently and imaginatively, simply get rid of 90 percent of the

child's toys, keeping those that were in production before 1955. Some people think this advice is outrageous and unrealistic. Some consider it good advice, but they won't do it. Some people think this is good advice and they do it. I frequently hear from such people.

Along those lines, a mom writes: "I was skeptical, but your section on toys in 'Making the Terrible Thirties' inspired me to go through my kids' toys today while they napped. There were toys in every room, many with small pieces that were spread all over the house and under furniture, etc. After gathering them all together in one place, I separated them into two piles: 'keep' and 'toss.'"

Here's what I kept: Wooden blocks, a doll house and some of the furniture, the doll family, 6 Matchbox cars, 2 puzzles, 1 doll, 2 stuffed animals, a bag of plastic animals, toy woodworking tools, a bag of dress-up clothes, and about 10 books. On the back porch I left a tricycle, a pedal-powered car, a toy wheelbarrow, a ball, and a sliding board. I stored a few things in the basement and boxed the rest up for the Salvation Army. (They'll be well-stocked in Barbies and Matchbox cars for the next year or so.) I made a rule: If the

kids want one of the toys stored in the basement, they must trade one of their "spare" toys for it.

Their reaction (they're 3 and 2, by the way): Not only did they not appear to miss the toys that were gone, but they made a beeline for the ones that were out, and actually began playing enthusiastically with them as if they were brand new! I guess they'd stopped seeing the individual toys because of all the clutter. I'm sure it's no surprise to you, John, but it's like Christmas morning around here! Plus, I can walk from the kitchen to the den without stepping on 20 pieces-parts. So, thanks," signed, Uncluttered at Last.

This proves that where toys are concerned, less is more. Mom didn't say as much, but I'll just bet she is no longer having the problem she once had getting her children to pick up their toys. Boredom and not wanting to pick up one's toys stem from the same source: too many toys. From a child's perspective, picking up a clutter is daunting, whereas picking up less than 10 is manageable. The child can see that the task has a foreseeable end, and he/she is much more inclined to obey when told to put his toys away.

This is not psychology, folks; this is common sense. Signed, Andy.

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Medicare pays for glaucoma screenings

Knight Ridder News Service

Q. Does Medicare pay for glaucoma screening? A. People who have Medicare Part B (medical insurance) now are eligible for glaucoma screening once every 12 months. Glaucoma is the leading cause of blindness in African-Americans, and in all adults in their 60s or older.

If untreated, glaucoma can cause irreversible loss of vision. It's estimated that in the United States, about half of the people with glaucoma don't know they have the condition.

Q. My friend recently moved here from France. He knows some English, but he'd understand complex issues better if he could read in his own language. Do you have anything in French? A. Oh, we do. Your friend will be happy to know that we have information about Social Security programs written in his language! The newest addition to our Multilingual Gateway on the Internet is the French page. It includes information on retirement, and an overview of Social Security.

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Some people still doubt moon landing

This Saturday marks the 33rd anniversary of perhaps mankind's greatest technological achievement: the Apollo 11 lunar landing. Yet some people still insist it never happened.

Popular culture seems to resist acknowledging our ancestors' achievements. Some prefer to attribute the Egyptian pyramids, Stonehenge, and the statues of Easter Island to extraterrestrials. So it shouldn't be surprising that the lunar landing should meet with incredulity, although you'd think it would take longer than a single generation for such disbelief to set in.

Moon-landing doubters rely on the growing knowledge gap between scientists and the general public, and the popularity of anti-government conspiracy theories, to bolster their claims. Television airs their slick, plausible-sounding case in an effort to generate ratings, with no regard for reason or the ethics of misinforming the public. And the Internet provides an unrestricted forum for spreading their nonsense.

The following Web site is one of many that exploits the hoax-believers for what they are: self-deluded at best and con artists at worst - <http://www.badastrology.com/bad/tvfoxapollo.htm>

The hoax believers' arguments can't hold water for a number of reasons. Numerous to detail here, so I'll skewer just one: "The moon landing must have been faked because, with only one source of light (the sun) and no atmosphere to scatter light, shadows should be perfectly black. Yet Apollo photos show faint illumination within



SKYWATCHER Chris Anderson

Sky calendar (for Saturday)
• Planets:
One hour before sunrise: Saturn: ENE, very low
One hour after sunset: Venus: W, very low
• Moon:
First quarter, Tuesday, 10:47 p.m.

shadows, proof that they were taken on a movie set with multiple lighting sources." Pure bunk! The sun, the earth (which is much brighter than the full moon), the astronauts' bright white space suits and the surface itself all cast light into lunar shadows. Take a look at tonight's moon as it sets, just before midnight. Tranquility Base lies just west of the center of the day-night line.

Although no telescope is powerful enough to prove it, there lie the artifacts of our first small step onto another world.

Next week: The summer moon skims low in the southern sky.

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Birthday today? You have writing talent

IF JULY 14TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are analytical; you are into a natural psychologist and have talent as writer. You are romantic and enjoy flirting no matter what your chronological age. You are always ready to give romance another chance. Gemini, Virgo and Sagittarius persons play meaningful roles in your life, could have these letters in names: E, N, W. During August, an important home or work agreement could include change of residence, marital status.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Attention revolves around achievements and rewards. What starts as a routine job will become a "creative adventure." Relationship could get too hot not to cool down.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20): You will have negotiations of love; separation is painful but temporary. Look beyond the immediate, take charge of your own destiny. Aries, Libra involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): New approach necessary in connection with sale or purchase of property. Highlight original thinking. Do things your way because your way will be right way. Leo represented.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Focus on relatives, emotional commitment that could lead to marriage. If married, there will be an addition to family. If single, you encounter future mate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): What you lost 24 hours ago had sentimental value. Good news! You will retrieve item returned. During social gathering, you will be more popular than ever. Sagittarius involved.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Cycle high; you will be at right place at special moment almost

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effortlessly. Tear down in order to rebuild. With added research, you transform rejection into acceptance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on clandestine operations; you could be dealing with classified information. Flirtation serious, and will become hot and heavy. Written material will be of special importance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be with family during journey involving business or pleasure. Emphasize diplomacy, avoid attempting to force issues. Be up to date on fashion news, styles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Do not equate delay with defeat. Avoid self-deception. Offer of promotion is valid - accept it. Pressure is, or you will have it. Pisces, Virgo will play outstanding roles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Today is tailor-made for you! Look beyond the immediate. Give attention to "abstract art." May rely upon you to delineate subtle meanings. You will be much admired and possibly in love.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Mystery, the source of funding comes to light. Don't apologize. Keep secrets sacred. If disloyal, you win allies. You will be helped by "occult literature."

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Be positive concerning legal rights and permissions. Attention revolves around cooperative efforts, partnership and marriage. Leo, Aquarius will play sensational roles.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating my ex-husband for five years. (He was my second husband.) We divorced in the mid-1990s. Two years ago, he took a job out of state, but we have continued to see each other. When we're alone together, we have a wonderful time and are very happy.

The problem is between him and my son from a first marriage. They do not get along, never have and probably never will. It was the reason our marriage failed.

My son has just graduated from high school and will be going to a local college in the fall.

My ex thinks it is time for me to sell my house and move in with him. If I do that, it will leave my son with no home base. Abby, I love my son. He has never been in trouble and is an honor student. Even though he is 18, I know he still needs me close by for the next few years. I also love my ex, but he has terminated our relationship because he says I have made him "second fiddle" by not agreeing to sell my house and join him at this time. I offered to keep my home here and travel back and forth as needed until my son is out of college. My ex insists that is ridiculous.

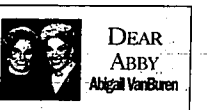
I am brokenhearted. What other solution could I have possibly made?

-SAD IN OHIO
DEAR SAD: None. Your ex gave you an ultimatum - to choose between him and your flesh and blood. It's the reason your marriage didn't survive.

Now may I tell you how much I respect you for making the decision you did? Many women would have made the selfish choice and rationalized it by saying that at 18, the young man was old enough to be on his own.

If your second husband really loved you, he would have won your heart with his maturity and patience and made sure that your love story had a happy ending for all concerned. Remember that - and your broken heart will heal faster.

DEAR ABBY: Can a man father a child 10 years after he's been shot in the testicles (one had to be removed) and in the



DEAR ABBY Abigail VanBuren

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stomach, and endured surgery and three blood transfusions? I have been with this man for 13 years and we have an 11-year-old. I have not gotten pregnant by him since, even though we have tried. All of a sudden, this girl he has been involved with on the side is saying she is pregnant after all his injurious lies!

I slept with him around the same time she says she conceived. How come I'm not pregnant? If anyone is pregnant, it should be me. Can someone just pop up pregnant under these circumstances?

BAWLING IN CALIFORNIA
DEAR BAWLING: Not knowing the extent of the man's injuries, I can only answer that, yes, it may be possible that he is the father. If there is any question in his mind, he should discuss it with his doctor to determine his sperm count - and with his lawyer to determine his liability.

DEAR ABBY: As a child growing up, I remember my Aunt reciting, "If 'tis and 'ands' were pots and pans, ..." and the rest escapes my memory. This little poem has been going round and round in my head, and it drives me wild that I can't remember the whole thing.

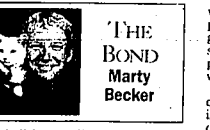
I know this isn't a serious problem, Abby, but I would appreciate it if you or your readers can give me. Thanks.

-DESPERATE IN OHIO
READERS: If any of you can help "Desperate in Ohio," please don't be shy.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and her daughter, Jeanne.

Book discusses interaction of people and pets

A few years ago, Nicholas Dodman, a British veterinarian and best-selling author, had occasion to meet his former prime minister, Margaret Thatcher, at a reception in her honor. On meeting the great lady, Dodman was introduced as an animal behaviorist and author of several books on the subject, whereupon Thatcher, slowly shaking his hand and looking mistily into the horizon said, with a flickering smile, "Ah, yes, behavior, that's what it's all about really, isn't it?" How accurate, she was.



THE BOND Marty Becker

Our behavior toward one another - between our pets and us - is what strengthens them or weakens mutual affection, trust or discord. In his latest book, "If Only They Could Speak" (W.W. Norton & Co.; \$24.95), Dodman discusses the complicated interactions between pets and people against the sometimes complicated backdrop of other family matters, emotional concerns, and family health.

Some of the stories, like "The Two Dogs of Mrs. Spinelli or The Pit Bull from Hell," are heartrending and tragic while others like "Sam's Story," about a dog rescued from a shelter, or "Poutergeist in a Fog," about a dog that overcomes "glorbial fear," are inspirational and heartwarming.

We are again impressed by the power of love as an owner struggles to make her Jekyll and Hyde-style cat become more event-tolerant and, indeed, safe to live with.

As we journey through the lives of people and their pets, the images Dodman vividly paints of dogs, cats, and people are often unforgettable. While the book may be tragic in places, it is tells stories that are true to life and an accurate account of the "life behind closed doors" of some pet owners who have experienced profound difficulties.

In this milieu, Dodman discusses animal intelligence from his vantage point of his course's chair at Tufts University, and has the courage to air his view that pets have feelings and emotions that can be active and colorful as our own. These feelings and emotions, he suggests, are the basic stuff, from which bonds are formed, though they're also occasionally the cause of great concern or even suffering when things go wrong.

While animals can't speak to tell us what we want to know about their concerns and feelings, they can communicate their likes and dislikes, their moods and emotions, their trust and mistrust through their behavior. Their behavior toward us and ours toward them forms and anneals the human-companion bond that develops. Behavior is key to all relationships and understanding or, as Margaret Thatcher phrased it, is what it's all about really.

I give this book an enthusiastic two thumbs and two paws up rating!

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