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"I thought about what would happen if I got pregnant, but it was far away from my mind. We were, like, all in love, and we didn't care." - Yasmin Ibarra

## Two teens, with child



Above, Richard and Yasmin Ibarra, ages 17 and 16, got married in December and became parents to Elijah in January. They spend most of their limited free time in their apartment playing with their son. 'This is never where I thought I would be,' Richard said. Top, Yasmin and Richard work on school projects in May. They both are committed to staying in high school and getting their diplomas.

## Couple aims to beat the statistics

Richard and Yasmin Ibarra learn to shoulder their adult responsibilities, with help from family and friends



Marly Sanchez adores her grandson, Elijah. 'I can't even express how I feel about having a grandchild,' she said. 'He's everything, he's my life.' She supports the couple by watching the baby when Richard and Yasmin have to be at work at the same time or when they need to spend some time together as a couple, not just as parents.

Photographer Lisa M. Collard spent four months tracking the lives of teen parents Richard and Yasmin Ibarra, as they struggled to raise a child while following their own paths toward adulthood.

Today she tells their story in words and pictures.

TWIN FALLS

It was June. School was out. Summer was in the air. And Yasmin was late.

Her mother's first reaction was tears, followed by a trip to the drugstore.

The test was positive. Yasmin had joined the almost 1 million American teens who become pregnant each year.

"When she first told me, I was in shock," said her mother, Marly Sanchez of Twin Falls. "Not mad, but in shock. I thought, 'Oh my God, what is she going to do? She's only 15!'"

Thirteen months later, Yasmin's life is difficult and often exhausting. But thanks to help from family and friends, a supportive school environment, a little help from public agencies and their own willingness to sacrifice, Richard and Yasmin Ibarra are beating the statistics.

National statistics show that most teen mothers - more than 75 percent - are single. Most drop out of school. Most are on welfare. Their children are more likely to go to prison than children of older moms. Their daughters are more likely to become teen mothers themselves.

The Ibarra are pursuing what they hope will be a different life for themselves and their son, Elijah. Yasmin admits it isn't easy.

"We couldn't do it without the support of our family," she said. "It would be hard. We're so lucky - they offer to help all the time. We are fortunate to have that kind of support. I know a lot of girls are young and don't have nobody - they have to do

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## All 9 are alive

### Rescuers reach trapped miners

The Associated Press

SOMERSET, Pa. - Rescue workers on Sunday began pulling nine miners from the watery, 240-foot-deep shaft where they had been trapped for three days.

a jubilation reward for an effort that had been fraught with one gut-wrenching setback after another.

The second of Pennsylvania Gov. Mark Schweiker's nine coal miners emerged around 1:30 a.m. The first, pulled out around 1:30, was dropped onto a stretcher to the applause of rescuers.

After crews struggled two grueling hours without signs of life, Gov. Mark Schweiker appeared before reporters Saturday night and raised his fists over his head.

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## Looking at the stats

### Businesses scrutinize economic figures

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - If Magic Valley produces a round of favorable economic statistics, businessman Steve Gentry orders more inventory.

Gentry, owner of Wholesale Carpets in Twin Falls, keeps the closest watch on new-home construction. Firm prices are another key factor in his business strategy.

"All our long-term decisions would be influenced by the farmers' success," he said.

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### On the sunny side

There's a lot of good news about Magic Valley's economy, and not much bad.

Today's Money section reports these causes for cheer:

- Super-low jobless rates.
- Job creation.
- Continued inquiries from potential employers.
- A hearty market for home sales.
- Even fiercer home construction.
- Low interest rates.
- Increased sales by local businesses.
- Improved conditions for farmers.

#### Quarterly review



STORY AND PHOTOS BY LISA M. COLLARD

<p><b>7 days, 7 reasons to read</b></p>	<p><b>Bad breath</b> Americans spent \$1 billion last year on bad breath. Did it help? Monday</p>	<p><b>Endowment</b> A Twin Falls alumnus honors teacher with endowment in his name. Tuesday</p>	<p><b>Their passion</b> A Burley couple blends marriage, gardening. Wednesday</p>	<p><b>Busy week</b> The annual Hispanic Heritage Fiesta fills week with activities. Thursday</p>	<p><b>Kickin' up your heels</b> Western swing revivalist band 'Asleep at the Wheel' headlines in Hailey. Friday</p>	<p><b>Calling Christian writers</b> A local group meets to critique each others' work. Saturday</p>	<p><b>Back to school</b> Find out what teachers wish parents knew - and vice-versa. Sunday</p>
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# A new enemy at Fort Bragg: Violence in soldiers' homes

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — A soldier's life is filled with challenges and difficulties, from basic training to the battlefield. But it's rare that those stresses have the deadly consequences that have shaken the Army at Fort Bragg.



Cumberland County Sheriff's Department deputies investigate a fire south of Fayetteville, N.C., July 9. The burned body of Marilyn Griffin, 32, was found in her bedroom where the fire apparently started. Army Sgt. Cedric Ramon Griffin, 28, was charged with her murder.

In three of the killings, the men involved were Special Operations soldiers recently returned from duty in Afghanistan. The fourth soldier hadn't been deployed.

In the two years leading up to these killings, there had been no domestic violence deaths at Bragg, said Col. Tad Davis, the post's garrison commander.

He said anxiety over the war in Afghanistan probably is no more cause for a deadly outcome than deployment anywhere else, especially if a soldier's marriage is already troubled.

"We've got thousands of soldiers deployed in 30 countries around the world," Davis said. "In many cases, those situations are as stressful as Afghanistan."

But it's not just assignment to Afghanistan, said one expert. Stress and anger management sessions have increased at the post since the terror attacks on Sept. 11, said Henry Berry, manager of family advocacy programs at the post. "Change brings about a degree of stress," Berry said. "The military community requires its members to adapt to ongoing change within life and work."

Defense Department spokesman Jim Turner said Saturday he was not aware of any similar pattern at any other U.S. military installation. More than 50,000 soldiers are stationed at the base, including elite Special Operations troops and paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division.

Before Sept. 11, as many as 5,000 of the post's soldiers were on deployment on any given day. Since then, Bragg has sent that many or more additional troops into the field, although officials wouldn't release exact numbers.

The husbands of the four slain women all were senior noncommissioned officers. Domestic violence usually occurs in the ranks of younger soldiers who have young children and little money, said Dennis Orthner, a professor at the

# Congress moves on many issues

Combined wire reports

WASHINGTON — Eyes squarely on the fall election, Congress crammed as much as possible into its most productive work week of the year before rushing out to campaign for control of the House and Senate next year.

Lawmakers pushed through as many key election issues as possible as the House started its summer recess, with the Senate staying in session one more week. Then Congress will resume its work in September after Labor Day.

They dealt with business, economic and ethics issues that they hope will shore up consumer confidence in the economy and the stock market before the November elections.

The election will determine control of both the Democrat-led Senate and the GOP majority House. Democrats hold the

Senate by a single seat; Republicans control the House by seven seats.

The White House prodded GOP leaders to soften their stances on several issues and resolve disputes with Democrats on some issues before the break.

With both parties ready to deal, the House and Senate sent legislation to the president that creates stiff penalties for corporate fraud and document shredding.

Congress also passed a \$28.9 billion counterterrorism package for the remainder of the budget year, through September. That ended a four-month fight with Bush over how much to spend to replenish Pentagon accounts and bolster security at home.

Democrats and Republicans alike held out for a more expensive bill. But with just two months left in the fiscal year,

lawmakers felt pressure to accept Bush's demands for less and move on to a fresh pile of spending bills this fall.

Early Saturday, by a three-vote margin, the House of Representatives voted to give President Bush the power to negotiate international trade agreements that Congress can ratify or reject but can't rewrite.

The president hailed the vote later Saturday morning, saying the "fast track" trade promotion authority "will open markets, expand opportunity and create jobs for American workers and farmers."

Senate approval of the measure could come as early as this week. Some legislators, many of them Democrats, fear new trade pacts will cost American workers their jobs, harm the environment and encourage the exploitation of workers in less developed foreign countries.

**U.S. forces ambushed — A12**

Andrea, and himself in their home in Stedman, authorities said.

The Fayetteville Observer reported that Floyd was a member of Delta Force, the secretive anti-terrorism unit based at Fort Bragg, but post officials wouldn't confirm it. He had returned from Afghanistan in January, officials said.

In the fourth case, Sgt. Cedric Ramon Griffin is charged with stabbing his estranged wife, Marilyn, at least 50 times and setting her home on fire on July 9. Griffin, assigned to the 37th Engineer Battalion, had not been deployed to Afghanistan.

The first occurred June 11. Sgt. 1st Class Rigoberto Nieves — a soldier in the 3rd Special Forces Group who had been home from Afghanistan just two days — shot his wife, Teresa, and himself in their bedroom, Fayetteville police said. Officials say Nieves had requested leave to resolve personal problems.

On June 29, sheriff's investigators said, Jennifer Wright was strangled, about a month after her husband, also with the 3rd Special Forces, returned from Afghanistan.

Master Sgt. William Wright, who had moved out of the house and was living in barracks, reported his wife missing July 1. On July 19, he led investigators to her body and was charged with murder.

On the same day that Wright was arrested, Sgt. 1st Class Brandon Floyd shot his wife,

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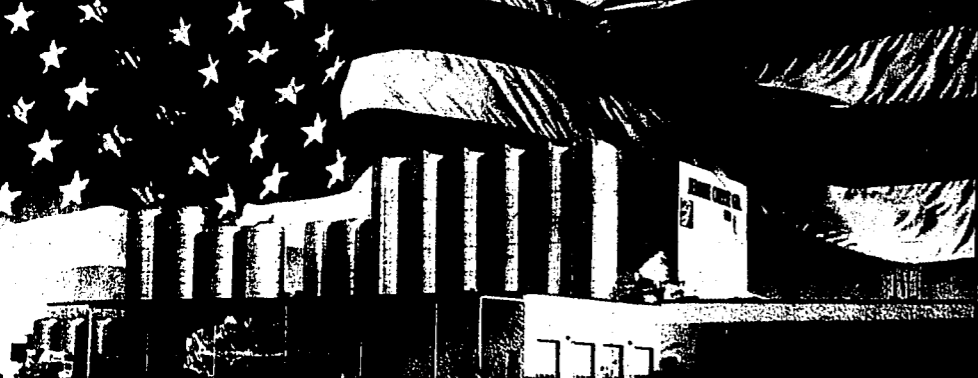
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NATION

# Simpson, Otter want deal to apply elsewhere

The Times-News and States News Service

WASHINGTON — Western Republicans are howling over a provision to waive environmental regulations and allow logging in the Black Hills of South Dakota to reduce the risk of fires.

If South Dakota gets special treatment, then why not other states around the country that are at risk of devastating forest fires? That's what Reps. Mike Simpson and Butch Otter and other like-minded Republicans have been asking.

"I say what's good for the goose is good for the gander," Simpson said. "Simply put, we believe lives and property in Idaho are just as important as lives and property in South Dakota."

The provision, inserted in a supplemental defense spending bill by Washington's leading Democrat, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, waives environmental regulations and lawsuits to make way for the thinning of forests in the Black Hills to reduce the threat of fire.

"As we have seen in the last several weeks, the fire danger in the Black Hills is high and we need to get crews on the ground as soon as possible to reduce this risk and protect property and lives," Daschle said in a statement after a House-Senate conference committee agreed to include the measure.

Simpson and Otter are now co-sponsoring legislation to expand the Daschle language to the rest of the nation. They and others say that if Daschle can work for freezing environmental laws in South Dakota, then the Senate leader should help shoulder the same treatment for other states.

In the past, Daschle has sided with environmental groups that are routinely critical of forest thinning because they claim that timber companies frequently cut mature trees rather than clear undergrowth and snags trees to reduce the risk of wildfires. This time several environmental groups are siding with Daschle



Rep. Mike Simpson

because the Black Hills provision resulted from months of negotiations among environmental groups, logging companies, local communities and recreational interests, according to Daschle spokesman Jay Carson.

Before the talks, forest thinning and logging had been blocked for years by legal battles. "Without the stakeholders agreeing to this, there would have been immediate lawsuits," Carson said. "This process is what all states should use in trying to achieve good results that cannot be achieved in a unilateral way."

Otter said there's not enough time to work out such agreements for other parts of the West where fire danger is high.

"It would be great to have the kind of locally negotiated agreements that Senator Daschle suggests on the need and process for improving forest health, and gaining consensus behind the relationship between thinning and healthy forests would be wonderful," Otter said. "But environmentalists have dug in their heels so often and so insistently against any measures to thin forests in the West that I and many others despair of reaching the kind of sweeping consensus the senator says is necessary before applying the South Dakota model nationally."

# Flames force evacuations in Oregon

THE DALLES, Ore. (AP) — Gusty wind on Saturday stoked a 9,000-acre fire that threatened homes overlooking the Columbia River gorge, and more residents were urged to leave their homes.

A contingent of 125 Oregon National Guard troops arrived Saturday to join the 800 firefighters already at work protecting the city of about 12,000 residents on the Columbia River bluffs.

The blaze had grown by 3,000 acres during the night and was only 30 percent contained, fire officials said.

Wind that had hampered fire crews for several days continued to blow through the gorge at 20 to 25 mph Saturday, with gusts of up to 40 mph.

Residents of 20 more homes were urged to evacuate Saturday, bringing the total to close to 250, said Stan Hinatsu, spokesman at the fire command center. Two outbuildings burned during the night, but no homes were destroyed, he said. A few outbuildings also burned on Friday.

Fire crews struggled against the wind Saturday to contain the fire's northeast flank in steep, hard-to-reach terrain. An additional 400 homes could be threatened if the wind shifted, fire officials said.

Firefighters parked their red and yellow engines in driveways and prepared to fight house to house if the fire picked up.

"Winds in the gorge are the single most significant element. It's been a very dangerous fire," Hinatsu said. "Our focus is firefighter safety and defending structures."

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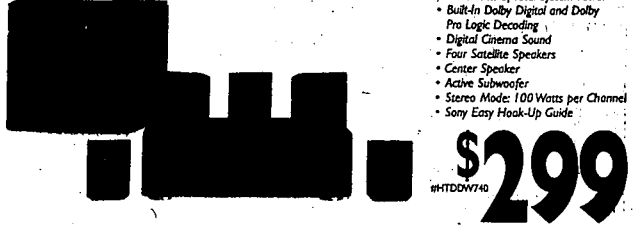
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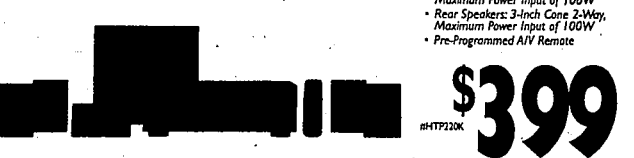


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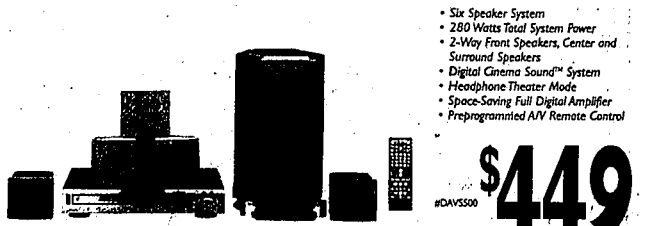
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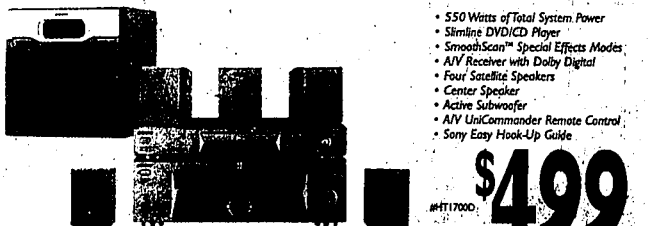
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# Miners

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"All nine are alive," he said. "And we believe that all nine are in pretty good shape."

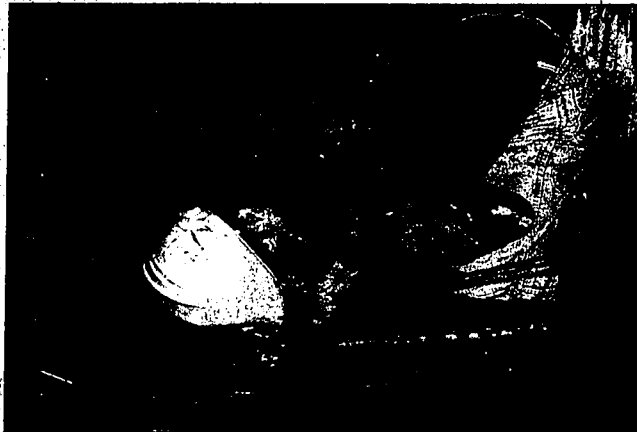
Randy Fogle, 43, of Garrett, was the first to be pulled from the 26-inch wide hole. He had reported feeling "some heart stress" while still in the mine.

Officials said they would be able to pull the miners up one at a time at roughly 10- to 15-minute intervals.

After more than 74 hours of frantic drilling, a giant auger pierced the ceiling of 4-foot high chamber at 10:16 p.m., allowing workers to drop a telephone line



The second of nine trapped miners at the Quécreek Mine talks to a rescuer at the surface through a telephone line into the mine Sunday.



A rescue worker listens as he holds a microphone cable and hears voices of the nine trapped miners at the Quécreek Mine in Somerset, Pa., Saturday.

to the miners through a small air pipe. Rescuers were seen hugging and giving the thumbs-up sign soon after the rescue.

The word came from an unidentified, mud-caked rescue worker who shouted up from the pit near where they dropped the communication device. "They're all down there. They're waiting to come up. There's nine of them. We talked to them on the telephone."

The Sipesville Fire Hall, where the families had been gathered, erupted in celebration. Families cried and hugged and many were in the street with hands in the air.

"Wow. Wow. Wow. It's just unbelievable," said mine worker Lou Lepley, who has been staffing the mine entrance for three days. "I have no words."

The miners became trapped in the flooded Quécreek Mine at about 9 p.m. Wednesday, when they inadvertently broke into an abandoned, water-filled mine that maps showed to be 300 feet away. As much as 60 million gallons of water rushed into the shaft where they were working, and they were able to warn a second crew, which escaped.

Rescue workers had remained optimistic the miners were alive, even though there had been no contact with them since midday Thursday, when tapping was heard on an air hole.

"If there's any slogan (among the rescue workers) it's 'nine-for-nine,'" Schweiker said before the drill broke through. "We're bringing up nine of our guys."

Reaching the men was sometimes painfully slow. Drilling a rescue shaft to the men, age 30 to 55, didn't begin until more than 20 hours after the accident, because workers had to wait for a drill rig to arrive from West Virginia. And drilling was halted early Friday morning because a 1,500-pound drill bit broke after hitting hard rock about 100 feet down.

A second rescue shaft was started and it wasn't until Saturday that measurable progress was being made on both shafts.

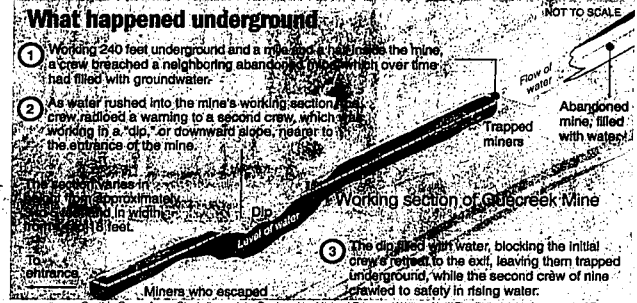
Rescue workers suffered several gut-wrenching setbacks, including a broken drill bit Friday that delayed the effort by 18 hours. The rescuers worked cautiously toward the miners because they feared compromising a hollowed-out section of coal seam believed to be about 4 feet high which may have been partially flooded.

Helicopters were standing by to whisk miners from the scene 55 miles southeast of Pittsburgh to hospitals, and medical personnel were set to immediately treat injuries or hypothermia.

Nine decompression chambers also were at the scene. Medical personnel said the air pressure on the miners could be as much as is experienced at 40 feet underwater, and the men could suffer the bends - bubbles in the bloodstream caused by rapid changes in pressure - once they were rescued.

Air had been pumped into the chamber at a temperature of more than 100 degrees in the hope that it would warm the men.

Before the drill broke through, 30 feet of water had been drained from the mine, the amount needed to give the trapped men more room and ensure the pressure of Pittsburgh water to rise when the ceiling was pierced. A tarp was placed over the res-



Miners who escaped from the mine. Schweiker said family members of Flight 93 victims sent an e-mail message to the families of the miners.

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# Thousands view Hawaiian volcanic activity

**VOLCANO, Hawaii (AP)** - Glowing lava set trees afire and oozed into the ocean before dawn Saturday as thousands of spectators braved Kilauea Volcano's scalding spray to witness the spectacle.

It is the most dangerous display of volcanic activity from Kilauea since 1995. Since the flow began May 12, the lava has triggered one major fire, burning more than 3,600 acres.

"It's amazing. The volcano watchers are literally standing on the edge of creation," said Mardie Lane, spokeswoman for

Volcanoes National Park. "Park rangers have been issued respirators to protect against the noxious fumes and flying volcanic glass particles that are forming new black sand beaches along the shore, she said.

The Hawaii Volcano Observatory reported that Saturday's breakout of lava crossed the Chain of Craters Road and cascaded into the sea on the east side of the Big Island.

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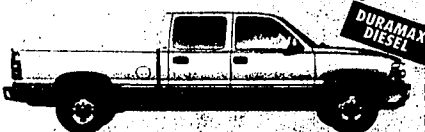
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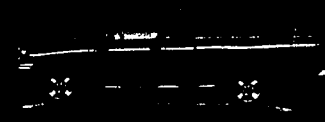
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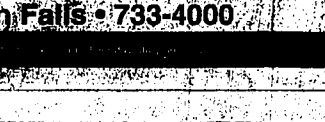
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# Mountain area feels a surge

## Tourism, retirees fuel strong economy of Selkirk Loop

SANDPOINT (AP) - While much of the rural West is shriveling as jobs in timber, mining and ranching disappear, the southern Selkirk Mountain area in the U.S. and Canada is adding people and jobs.

A new University of Montana study found that although the region is far from interstate highways and commercial airports, its mountains and lakes are fueling an economic resurgence despite the loss of timber jobs.

"Beautiful surroundings and small communities have attracted a growing population to the southern Selkirk region," UM economics professor Thomas Power wrote in his report for The Lands Council, a Spokane-based environmental group.

The report found that three factors fuel the economic growth in the Selkirks: increased tourism and recreation jobs; a growing number of retirees and changes in technology that allow more people to leave large cities and work in attractive rural areas.

The International Selkirk Loop, a region of northeastern Washington, northern Idaho and southern British Columbia, has seen remarkable growth in just the last decade, Power found.

Population on the U.S. side, covering Bonner and Boundary counties in Idaho and Pend Oreille County, Wash., grew from 42,000 in 1990 to 57,000 in 2000, up 34 percent. On the Canadian side, the Creston and Nelson, British Columbia, areas grew from 36,000 to 44,000, up 21 percent.

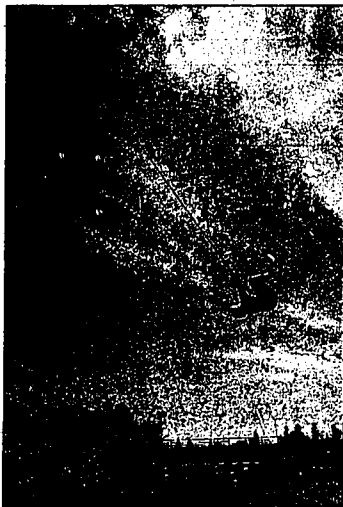
The biggest community on the U.S. side is Sandpoint, located on the shores of Lake Pend Oreille and just 10 miles from the Schweitzer Mountain ski area. With four seasons worth of recreation opportunities, Sandpoint is a Mecca for skiers, boaters, mountain bikers, hikers and sportsmen. The large arts community. Homes costing upwards of \$300,000 are common along the shores of the 37-mile long lake.

The downside is that traffic is so bad that the state of Idaho is preparing a \$45 million highway bypass to relieve congestion through this community of 6,800 residents.

Power said natural resource industries peaked economically in the West around 1978-79, and Western states have had a quarter century to find new ways to survive.

"Small towns have not become ghost towns," Power said. "We've had an in-migration of people."

Not everyone in Sandpoint is writing off the logging industry, even though the timber harvest on national forests on the U.S. side of the Selkirks dropped 70 percent between 1989-1998, from 435 million board feet to 132 million.



D.J. Spokas, of Spokane, Wash., swings over Sand Creek in Sandpoint, early in July. The International Selkirk Loop, a region of northeastern Washington, northern Idaho and southern British Columbia, is bucking the trend of declining natural resource areas in the rural west.

Department of Labor, said population growth has brought its own problems. Many newcomers compete for scarce jobs, she said.

"The number of people who bring their own jobs is grossly exaggerated," Tacke said.

Sill, Power believes that future economic vitality in the Selkirks will not depend on logging, mining and agriculture. His report found that timber employment dropped by 16 percent in the region in the 1990s, while total jobs grew by 50 percent. And of the 12,500 new jobs in Bonner and Boundary counties in Idaho and Pend Oreille County in Washington between 1979-1999, 80 percent were in construction, government, services and trade, not natural resources, the report said.

"I think timber will continue to play a role, but a much smaller role than in the past," said Kevin Clegg, executive director of the

Bonner County Economic Development Corp. Kathryn Tacke, who studies the region's economy for the Idaho

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### Newspaper carrier admits to vandalism

SANDPOINT (AP) - A stake-out by the Daily Bee circulation department has nabbed a suspect and a confession in at least one incident in a rash of newspaper rack vandalism.

Anthony Dalley, 64, a contracted motor route carrier distributing papers for the competing regional newspaper, will be charged with tampering with a vending machine and could be fined \$300, police said.

For the past several weeks "out of order" signs have been sprouting up on Bee vending machines. Grease also was squirted into the coin mechanisms on the racks, making them unusable.

Those actions have cost the paper more than \$1,000 in lost revenue, manpower and damage, Bee Publisher David Keyes said. Armed with a video camera, Bee circulation director Chris Watkins parked near one machine early Thursday in hopes of spotting the culprit.

At about 3 a.m., Dalley, a 64-year-old contract carrier for the Spokesman-Review, arrived to deliver papers in the Spokesman rack next to the Bee machine, Watkins said. After putting in new Spokesman papers, he squirted the lubricant into the mechanism in the Bee rack.

The tape turned over to police clearly showed Dalley and his license plate and vehicle.

Police Det. Jimmy Cornelius said on Friday he asked Dalley about the damage to the machines and got a confession.

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MAGIC VALLEY

Two teens, with child



Photos by LISA M. COLLARD/The Times-News

Richard comforts Elijah when he gets his booster shots from a nurse. Yasmin can't listen to her baby crying in pain. She says adjusting to parenthood was hard. 'I wasn't used to it,' she said. 'I had to take him to doctor's appointments, and we had to make sure our bills were paid and stuff. For me it was a real big change.'

Parents

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it on their own."

Staying in school

**Y**asmin (pronounced yass-MEEN), 16, and Richard, 17, got married in December. Their decision was not popular with their families. Both mothers thought they were too young and were afraid that they wouldn't be able to finish high school and take care of Elijah.

But the couple has stayed in school, thanks to plenty of help. Both Yasmin and Richard attend the alternative Magic Valley High School and are dedicated to getting their diplomas.

"They are so great to have in class," said humanities teacher Kelly Talkington, who sees many pregnant teens come through her door. "They are the epitome of hope for young people."

When school is in session, Elijah is in day care there. During the summer they stagger her fast food work and his car detailing job so that one of them can be with the baby most of the day.

Yasmin's mother watches him when their schedules overlap. "It's my two hours of joy," Sanchez said.

Until the couple finishes high school in about two years, the juggling act and crazy schedule will continue. They could have it easier and live with Yasmin's mother, as they did the first three months of their marriage. But the desire for privacy and independence pushed them to move out on their own.

Support from all quarters

**T**he young couple's friends also help when they can. Yasmin's best friend, Larissa Cleveland, helps keep an eye on the baby when she and Yasmin go shopping together.

Trips to the mall are the extent of Yasmin's social life. With school, work and caring for the baby, there is little time left over for Richard and Yasmin to spend time together or even to sleep. Rarely is there time or money for a movie or dinner with friends.

"We can't have fun like we used to," Yasmin said, "but we can have fun with our baby."

Yasmin and Richard get a lot of support from the community as well. They live in low-income housing. They had Medicaid for prenatal care and the delivery and still have Medicaid for the baby. They receive Women, Infants and Children support for some food such as milk, cheese, cereal and baby formula.

But everything else they have to pay for themselves.

The financial realities of raising a child are sobering. The Ibarras struggle to keep a little money in their bank account for emergencies.

"When I go shopping now, instead of going to my section, I would rather go to the baby clothes and see what I can find for Elijah," Yasmin said. "If I need stuff I'll get it, but I'm not going to go to the mall and get stuff just because I want it anymore."

A national problem

**T**hough in recent years teen pregnancy has declined in America and in Idaho, it still remains a significant issue. According to a National Vital Statistics Report, four in 10 teenage girls will get pregnant before the age of 20.

"More people need to be aware



Yasmin and Richard move their wedding presents into their new apartment on moving day. They moved out of her mother's house to start building their own life together and to have more privacy.

of this issue," said Shelli Rambo Roberson of the Idaho Health and Welfare Department. "It does impact everyone. If not on a personal level, it hits on a financial level by increasing taxes."

A recent private study estimates that teen pregnancy costs the federal government at least \$40 billion annually.

National research attributes the drop in teen pregnancy rates to better public education and access to contraceptives. But that didn't help in Yasmin's and Richard's case. They had health education at school and had heard the risks of unprotected sex.

Yasmin's mom works in a health clinic and had talked to her about safe sex when she was 14.

"I gave her alternatives," Sanchez said. "I told her to go to a

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"We can't have fun like we used to, but we can have fun with our baby."

- Yasmin Ibarra



Richard worked part-time as a cook at Cafe Olé during the school year. Over the summer, he's detailing cars full-time at a dealership.



The Ibarras check on Elijah and change his diaper in school day care on a short break. Part of what makes it possible for the Ibarras to stay in school is the school's day care and being surrounded by other teen parents and teachers who support them.

Two teens, with child



Like a typical teen, Yasmin struggles to come up with something original to say in her friend's school yearbook at the annual school barbecue at Rock Creek Park.



Yasmin chooses clothes for Elijah from the clearance racks at Old Navy, while friend Larissa Cleveland watches over him. Brief shopping trips are Yasmin's only social life since having the baby. 'I used to go out all the time before,' Yasmin said. 'But now, I hardly ever go out with my friends.'

Baby

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clinic or one of her aunts if she didn't want to talk to me."

Richard says he knew the risks as well. Yet they still didn't feel the need to use condoms.

"I thought about what would happen if I got pregnant, but it was far away from my mind," Yasmin said. "We were, like, all in love, and we didn't care."

Making their way

The pressure of trying to be a decent parent while still trying to figure out your own life is enormous. Like all teen-agers, the Ibarra are still trying to figure out what they want to do when they "grow up."

Richard said he has had to grow up—overnight.

"Because of my son, I look at things in a different way," he said. "I'm more responsible. I think that now I'm making smart choices, better choices."

Richard's hobby is fixing up his Lincoln Continental, and he someday would like a career as an auto body technician. Yasmin would like to go to college and possibly get a job in a medical field, as long as it's something she really enjoys and can make good money doing.

They plan on having more children someday—maybe in 10 years, when they have their lives more established.

For now, caring for their son is taking an enormous amount of sup-

About teen parents

For the most part, Yasmin and Richard Ibarra are not typical teen-age parents. Due to the support they receive from friends, family and the community, as well as their commitment to building a life together, they are doing much better than the majority of teen parents. Here's what the statistics show:

- ✦ Nationally, only one in three teen mothers receives a high-school diploma.
- ✦ Nearly 80 percent of unmarried teen mothers receive welfare.
- ✦ Children of unmarried teen mothers are 50 percent more likely to repeat a grade in school.
- ✦ They're also more likely to suffer from low birth weight and related health problems.
- ✦ And they're three times more likely to go to prison during adolescence.
- ✦ Girls born to unmarried teen moms are more likely to be unemployed and to become teen mothers themselves.

Sources: National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, Alan Guttmacher Institute, Annie E. Casey Foundation



Yasmin and Richard share a tense bowl of cereal for dinner after a minor disagreement about their relationship. Yasmin doesn't cook much in the new apartment, so they eat cereal frequently.

port from family, friends and the community—as well as all their own resources. But six months into their young lives together, the Ibarra are doing surprisingly well. "People always see the negative," Yasmin said. "Not all teenagers are stupid and their lives

ruined by having a baby. For us it's not like that. I have a happy life. I love waking up with him looking at me and him smiling at me—it feels so good. I wish I would have waited, but I'm not sad at all." "I miss being 16," Yasmin admitted, "but what am I going to do?"



Yasmin and Richard enjoy a rare and welcome moment of relaxation at home. 'We are happy, and we love him more than anything,' Richard said. 'Yeah,' Yasmin said. 'We have an apartment, we're still going to school, we're working and having Elijah. It's hard, in that we don't have enough time to sleep, you know, but other than that we have a good life.'

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A U.S. Army soldier holds the hand of a wounded soldier airlifted from an ambush after landing Saturday on the tarmac of Bagram airbase, 18 miles north of the Afghan capital of Kabul.

Ambush injures U.S. troops, kills Afghan allies

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) - Five American soldiers were injured and two Afghan militiamen were killed Saturday in a 4.5-hour gun battle in eastern Afghanistan during a search for Taliban and al-Qaida fighters believed to be hiding in the lawless region. At least three of those who opened fire on the U.S. and Afghan troops from a mud-brick compound also were killed, said Col. Roger Kling, military spokesman at Bagram, the main U.S. base in Afghanistan. One attacker was wounded and is now in U.S. custody. It was the fifth time U.S. forces have been attacked since hostilities against them rose sharply after a U.S. air strike July 1 that Afghan officials say killed 25 people at a village wedding party. The wounded soldiers were flown to Bagram. Four of them, the wounded early in the attack, had injuries that were not life-threatening. The condition of the fifth, wounded late in the gunfight, was not immediately known.

Powell seeks dialogue between India, Pakistan

NEW DELHI (AP) - Concerned about a festering of tensions, Secretary of State Colin Powell is pressuring India and Pakistan to open a dialogue on resolving their differences over the disputed border region of Kashmir. Powell took his message to Indian Foreign Minister Yashwanth Sinha Saturday and will make the same appeal today in a visit with President Pervez Musharraf in Pakistan. He also planned to see Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The U.S. delegation had no comment after the talks, which included an hour-long meeting between Powell and Sinha. Indian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Nirupama Rao said India is not satisfied with the progress so far after tensions reached a high point in the spring. She said infiltration by Islamic militants into Indian-held Kashmir "has come down only marginally" over the past six weeks, notwithstanding promises by Musharraf to curb these activities permanently. The fragility of the situation was underscored by an outbreak of violence in Kashmir as Powell was arriving in the Indian capital. Seven people were killed in attacks in the Kashmir Valley on Saturday and Pakistani guns shelled Indian positions along the cease-fire line.

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Islamic court cracks down on opposition party, leaders

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - A hard-line Islamic court banned the leading opposition party Saturday and jailed more than 40 leaders for as long as 10 years each. The court said Freedom Movement leaders acted against national security with the intention of "overthrowing the establishment." The court is one of several hard-line institutions controlled by unelected clerics who have thwarted reform efforts of President Mohammad Khatami since his landslide 1997 election. Iranians, who overwhelmingly backed Khatami's program of political freedoms and reforms, have become increasingly frustrated by the perceived lack of progress. Freedom Movement party leader Ebrahim Yazdi described the verdicts as "unconstitutional," but said the continued repression of reform efforts would only further alienate Iran's conservative establishment from the country's people. Iranians are "aware of the realities and will not be deceived," Yazdi told The Associated Press on Saturday. Yazdi was not among those sentenced. He was undergoing cancer treatment in the United States when party members were arrested in March 2000. The official Islamic Republic News Agency reported the reformist party's leaders were convicted of "acting against national security for the purpose of overthrowing the establishment - having contacts with foreigners, including diplomats of foreign countries, propagating against the Islamic republic through public speeches, collecting classified information and insulting the authority of the state." Thirty-three leaders received jail terms ranging from four months to 10 years. Eight others were ordered to pay fines of up to \$6,250. Eleven were acquitted, according to the agency.

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# Cuts to UN fund are unjustified

Every administration makes certain compromises - in policy and appointments - to satisfy important political constituencies. But most administrations draw the line at compromises that cost lives. The Bush administration now has crossed that line - not accidentally but deliberately.

The decision announced last week to withhold the \$34 million United States contribution to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) will cost uncounted women and children their lives. This organization supports family planning and maternal health programs in more than 140 countries, including education programs to prevent HIV/AIDS. Its projects have a proven track record of reducing mortality rates for mothers and infants, as well as limiting population growth.

If historical patterns hold, UNFPA says that the loss of the U.S. contribution - 12 percent of its \$270 million budget - will translate to 2 million more unwanted pregnancies, 800,000 more abortions, 4,700 more dead mothers and 77,000 more deaths among children under 5. Even if those estimates cannot be proved, the loss of American support clearly will be paid for in human suffering.

Despite its consistent set of policies supporting voluntary contraception methods, UNFPA has been under attack from a group of legislators who accuse it of condoning, if not supporting, abortion. A long-standing statute prohibits any U.S. support of overseas family planning programs that include abortion as an option. But these lawmakers, led by Rep. Christopher Smith, a New Jersey Republican, remain unsatisfied.

Between 1986 and 1992, they succeeded in cutting off U.S. support for the fund, but America came back in when Bill Clinton took office, and President Bush continued it in



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his first year, asking for \$25 million in his budget and signing an appropriation for \$34 million.

But then, last January, came a letter from Smith and other abortion foes alleging that UNFPA was subsidizing China's population policy, including its abhorrent practice of forcing parents with more than one or two children to pay exorbitant taxes if they refuse to end another pregnancy by abortion.

In response, Bush froze the \$34 million and ordered a State Department review of the UNFPA program in China. Secretary of State Colin Powell, who had testified early in the administration that UNFPA "does invaluable work through its programs," was on the spot. So he sent a three-person team to China and said he would await their report. In May, he got back a memo which said, "We find no evidence that UNFPA has knowingly supported or participated in the management of a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization in the PRC (People's Republic of China). We therefore recommend that... the \$34 million which has already been appropriated be released to UNFPA."

It was not a casual finding. The team interviewed UNFPA and Chinese officials, visited five counties where the joint program was operating, noted the prominent signs in the clinics promising "no birth quotas, no targets," and asked doctors and patients if there were coercive abortion policies now. "All answered in the negative," while conceding that before UNFPA arrived, such things had happened.

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That finding echoed what every other inspection team from every other donor nation had reported to its government. But it was not what the White House wanted to hear. So the administration sat on the report for two months (freezing the money) and then, in an astonishing display of hypocrisy, said the \$34 million still would not go to UNFPA.

Someone wrote a letter, which Powell signed, saying, "Regardless of the modest size of UNFPA's budget in China (\$3.5 million, or 1.5 percent of its planned worldwide spending), or any benefits its programs provide, UNFPA's support of, and involvement in, China's population planning program activities allows the Chinese government to implement more effectively its program of coercive abortion."

Forced abortions still take

place in China, as Powell's emissaries confirmed, but apparently not in the counties where UNFPA operates. No U.S. dollars go directly to China. The United States long has insisted that UNFPA put America's contributions into a separate account, and not draw on it for its China programs. Money is fungible, of course, but the real effect of the Bush administration decision is not to "punish" China but to reduce the medical services for women in other poor countries.

Powell, to his credit, said the \$34 million will be added to the United States' own overseas health programs - which operate in barely more than half the number of countries UNFPA reaches.

That is some small consolation. But when our government allows special-interest pleading to cost lives, it shames us all.



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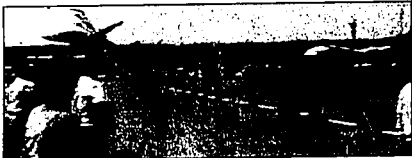
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# Air show crash kills at least 78



Spectators watch as an Su-27 fighter plane hits the ground at an air show Saturday in Lviv, Ukraine.

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — A fighter jet slammed onto the tarmac and sliced through a huge crowd, killing at least 78 spectators and injuring 115 in the western Ukrainian city of Lviv, emergency officials said.

The two pilots successfully ejected just after the Su-27 first touched ground at Skniriv Airport. It later exploded into a massive ball of flame that engulfed onlookers. One of the pilot's ejection seats with its orange-and-white parachute was seen lying in a field at the air base.

The plane was in the sky for about two minutes, but then it appeared to go silent and headed toward the ground and banked left — its wingtip clipping trees and touching another plane on the ground before it crashed.

Video of the crash showed the jet then sliding backward along

the ground on its left wingtip and nose before it began cartwheeling and then exploded, throwing off flaming debris.

"I could only grab children and hold on. We were thrown away and hands and legs were flying all around us," said one spectator.

Zinovy, who did not give his last name. He and his child were injured.

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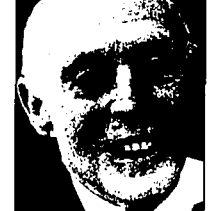


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Walter Lorenzo Blaylock

Walter Lorenzo Blaylock, 91, passed away the night on Pioneer Day, July 24, 2002. Walter was born on May 22, 1911, to Benjamin Franklin Jr. and Josephine Montgomery Blaylock in Panguitch, Utah. Drought forced his family to move several times during childhood. The family eventually settled south of Burley in 1923 to begin their farm. Walter had just six weeks of high school education but never stopped learning. He was always thirsty for knowledge from books and life. While saving money for a career as a mechanical engineer, he was called on a LDS Mission to Germany during Hitler's rise to power. He returned home in the 1933 depression, tried several jobs and moved to Los Angeles to drive a bus for the Los Angeles Motor Coach Company and then worked for Ford. He enlisted in the Army Air Force and also proudly serving his country. He received an auto mechanic, airplane mechanic, electrician, and radio lab technician. Returning to Idaho, he settled down to make his own way. He worked for the "Camera Center" which he owned and operated for 26 years.

In June 1947, he married Joan Asthman from Logan, UT, in the Idaho Falls Temple. She brought four children into the marriage and he promptly adapted them to begin their new family. Walter and Joan had three beautiful boys. With such a large family they needed much more space than the old mechanic garage. Walter had built by hand and in 1970 the family went on a shuffling spree and bought a large seven bedroom house that they built onto the base of Walter's garden. Many happy years were spent in the home. Walter's large garden space, neat and many vegetables, was the pride and joy. He loved to work his land and enjoyed being away from his best friends. He was never able to find many times would not rest from his hard work.

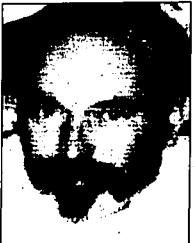
Walter never missed a Sunday church session. Family and religion were important to him. He was very active in the LDS church and was always the first to help a family in need.

Surviving are Joan Asthman, Providence children Randy (Vicky) Blaylock, Richmond, Vickie (Scott) Emberton, West Jordan/Twin Falls; Danny (Doc) Blaylock, Twin Falls; Sharon Blaylock, Smithfield, Mody (Marilyn) Sheldahl, Smithfield; Tahya Nelson, Murray, Camie (Brandi) Hagan, Burley; Barbara (Gracie) Green and five great-grandchildren, Sandra, Maude Anne Stark and Madison (Leonard) Butler, both of Burley.

There was a big celebration on Pioneer Day as "Nana" welcomed Walter back home to be reunited with his family and friends, that passed beloved.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 29, 2002, at Nelson Funeral Home, 162 E. 400 North, Logan. He is survived by two sons and Military Honors at Providence Cemetery in lieu of flowers. (Walter would have preferred vegetables anyway), please make contributions to Nelson Funeral Home for Walter Blaylock.

BURLEY



George 'Ray' Fairchild Jr.

George 'Ray' Fairchild Jr., a 74-year-old Burley resident, passed away Thursday, July 25, 2002, at Cassia Regional Medical Center. Ray was born August 9, 1927, in Rupert, Idaho, the son of George Raymond and Kate Ulrich Fairchild. Ray was raised and attended schools in the Mini-Cassia area. He joined the Navy and served through the latter part of WWII. He also was a Boxer during his service in the Navy. He worked for Burley Laundry Company for several years. He also tutored and was known as "Straighty" by many of his friends. He married Donna Fae Stapleton January 19, 1968, in Burley, Idaho. Ray and Donna worked for AAP and Simplicity, where he retired in 1981. He enjoyed bowling, fishing, crossword puzzles, watching baseball especially the team the Atlanta Braves, and working in his yard. He loved being at home with his family. Ray was a devoted husband and father.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Fae of Burley, his seven children, Thomas Jacob Mulliken of California, Kathy Devers of Burley, Daniel (Floyd) Smith of Burley, Stephen Devers of Twin Falls, Pam Green of Burley, Mike (Tammie) Devers of Burley, and Donald Fairchild of Burley, 29 grand-children, and nine great-grandchildren, three sisters (Lila) Thompson of Hoquiam, Max (Loryn) Thompson of Oakley, and Kathryn (Larry) Slanger of Oakley. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, and three granddaughters.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 30, 2002, at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 East Main Street, with Larry Hansen officiating. Burial will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call Monday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. or one hour prior to the service on Tuesday.

HEYBURN



Minnie Mae 'Pat' Smith

Minnie Mae 'Pat' Montgomery Smith, 80, of Heyburn, returned home to her Heavenly Father on Thursday, July 25, 2002. She was surrounded by her loving family.

Pat spent most of her life as a homemaker, making a comfortable home for her husband and children. She worked in the fall as a lab technician for the Amalgamated Sugar Company. She loved doing genealogy, working in the Family History Library, gardening, handicrafts, and was an expert seamstress. Her greatest joy was in doing quilt squares for others. She was an active member of the LDS Church, serving in most of the auxiliaries. Her favorite calling was working with the children in the Primary organization.

She is survived by her husband, Herbert of Heyburn; three daughters, JoAnn (Robert) Pocatello, Karen (Flea) and Sydney (Quigley), both of Salt Lake City, Utah; ten grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son, Gary Barton, a daughter, Patricia Searie, her parents; four brothers, and one sister.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 30, 2002, at the Paul Third and Fourth Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 300 West Heyburn, with Bishop Kay Catmull officiating. Interment will be in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, on Monday, from 6 until 8 p.m., and at the church on Tuesday, from 10 until 10:45 a.m.

BURLEY



Dorothy M. Henderson

Dorothy Millard Henderson, 90, of Greenacres, Washington, and longtime resident of Burley, died Friday, July 26, 2002, at Good Samaritan Retirement Village.

She was born on June 18, 1912, in Oakley, Idaho, the daughter of John Joseph and Emily Halverson Millard. Her parents met in Oakley, and raised their family there, first moving to Burley in 1939. She loved her childhood in Oakley. Their family lived next door to grandparents or cousins for most of Dorothy's upbringing, and they shared many wonderful years there. Dorothy loved school, and participated in sports and church activities. She played on the girls basketball team, which won state championship her senior year.

Upon moving to Burley, Dorothy worked as a telephone operator and helped support her family during the Depression. She met James Henderson just prior to moving to Burley. His family was from Burley, and once Dorothy had moved there, they began their courtship. They married on December 24, 1933, in Burley. Jim's career with J.C. Penney took the young couple to Rawlins, Wyoming, where their daughter Joyce was born, and then to Miles City, Montana. When Jim joined the Navy during World War II, Dorothy and Joyce returned to Burley, where they lived with her parents. While Jim was stationed out of Long Beach, California, Dorothy and Joyce traveled there and lived for a time, where Jim would join them on leave. After the war, the Hendersons returned to Montana, and spent many busy and memorable years in Choteau, still

with J.C. Penney. They moved to Colfax, Washington, in 1957.

Jim and Dorothy returned to Burley in 1962, where they opened Henderson's Book and Lard. Dorothy worked in the store till her retirement in the early 1970s. After Jim's retirement, they were able to travel and they enjoyed visiting friends and family all around the country. Dorothy was a voracious reader, enjoyed gardening, crafts and handwork, and served in the Family History Center. She was an avid genealogist and spent many happy years doing research and compiling family records in 1999. Jim and Dorothy moved to Greenacres, Washington, to be near their daughter Joyce and her family.

Dorothy was a lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and served as Relief Society President, Young Women advisor, Sunday School Teacher, and Visiting Teacher during her life.

Survivors include her daughter, Joyce (Robert) Sitt, and her granddaughters, Lara, Kristine, and Shannon Stott, all of Spokane, Washington, one sister, Doris (Dale) Wyatt of LaGrande, Oregon; one brother, Robert (Carolyn) Millard of Los Angeles, California; her brother and sister-in-law, Sam and Theo Henderson of Burley, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, and her husband, Jim, who passed away on June 14, 2002.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, August 3, 2002, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, where friends may call one hour prior to the funeral. Interment will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorials be directed to the LDS Perpetual Education Fund, or the Good Samaritan Village at 17121 East 8th Avenue, Greenacres, Washington 99016, where Jim and Dorothy received loving care.

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SERVICES

Esther Shafer of Twin Falls and formerly of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary; friends may call from 9:10-4:5 a.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Ray Dimond Zollinger of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Springdale LDS 1st and 2nd wards chapel, 209 S. 475 E., Burley; interment will be at the Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

L. Pearl Cross of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Filer IOOF Cemetery (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Robert LeRoy Fuss, graveside service with military honors at 2 p.m. Monday at the Rupert Cemetery (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Janet Maureen Bair of Burley, service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel, 7209 Oakley Ave.; interment will be at Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from

6-8 p.m. today and from 1-1:45 p.m. Monday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Dennis W. Nasum of Gooding, service at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel; burial will be at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding; friends may call from 1-7 p.m. Monday at the chapel.

DEATH NOTICE

Helen E. Stephens GOODING Helen Elaine Stephens, 83, of Gooding and formerly of Ogden, Utah, died Saturday, July 27, 2002, at the Aspen Grove Assisted Living

Center in Gooding. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service in Gooding. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.



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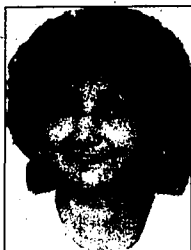
JEROME



**Katherine Morfin**  
Katherine Morfin, 91, of Jerome, died Friday, July 26, 2002, at her home.  
She was born June 25, 1911, in Youngstown, Ohio, the daughter of Robert and Magdalena Wernet Neprawnik.  
The family settled in Hagerman and later moved to Jerome, where Katherine received her education. She married Bernard Murphy in 1929 in California and they later divorced.  
Katherine then married Alfred Morfin Jr. on July 4, 1946, in Las Vegas.  
They returned to Jerome in 1972 and have resided here since. Alfred preceded her in death in 1993.  
Katherine was a member of St. Jerome's Catholic Church and was active in the senior citizens group.  
Survivors include her step-daughter, Kay Marie Peterson of Gaston, Ore.; a son, Charles Murphy of Jerome; five brothers and sisters, Joseph (Marge) Madesh of Milwaukee, Ore.; Charles (Selma) Madesh of Lakeland, Calif.; Marie Manger of Norwalk, Calif.; Helen Hudspeh of Jerome, and Margaret Spencer of Lewiston, Idaho. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Erin (Marvin) Thompson, David Peterson, Diane Peterson, Keith

Peterson and two great-grandchildren, Sara and Danielle Thompson.  
A Vigil service for Katherine Morfin will be conducted Monday, July 29, 2002, at 7 p.m. in the Holy Robertson Funeral Chapel by Rev. Mr. Bill Lasi.  
A graveside service will follow on Tuesday, July 30, 2002, at 10 a.m. at the Jerome Cemetery.  
Friends may gather at the cemetery shortly before time of service. Friends may call at the chapel Monday evening from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m.  
A Celebration Mass will be held during the regular morning Mass on Monday, August 5, 2002, at St. Jerome Catholic Church. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Holy-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

BOISE



**Joyce Elizabeth Sweet**  
Joyce Elizabeth Sweet, 63, of Boise, went to be with her Lord Jesus on Wednesday, July 24, 2002. She died peacefully at her home with her family at her side.  
Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, July 29, 2002 at Summers Funeral Homes, Meridian, Idaho. Pastor Don Wright will officiate. A Private Burial will take place in Wapato, Washington, at a later date.

Joyce was born on February 1, 1939, in Wadena, Minnesota, the fourth of five children born to Gale Modosa and Howard Otto Thomas. When Joyce was at a very young age, the family moved to Washington and then on to Idaho. Joyce married Lawrence L. Sweet on January 19, 1956, in Mountain Home. Five children were brought into this union. Joyce, Larry and their children moved many places before returning to Idaho, including Salt Lake City, Utah, Arlington, Texas, and South Bend, Indiana.  
Joyce was a beautiful and vibrant woman, her family was always the most important to her.  
She was the best Mom, Grandma, Aunt, Sister and Friend we could have asked for. She always welcomed people into her home, making them all feel like part of the family.  
She loved decorating and kept us all in awe of her ability to make every corner of her home a masterpiece.  
For over 30 years Joyce fought a brave and courageous battle with cancer and heart conditions, never once giving up. She was a legend to all that knew her.  
Rest in Peace with Jesus, Mama. We all love you.  
The family would like to give a special thank you to her wonderful caregivers, Michaela Macure, Jennifer Kaiser, Anna Hendricks, Melanie Virden, Shelby Chadwell, Megan Pauly, TLC Nursing, and the most wonderful team at St. Luke's Hospice.  
Joyce is survived by her husband, Larry; four daughters, Cindy Wallace and her husband David of Horseshoe Bend, Idaho, Cheryl Warner and her husband Rocky of Emmet, Idaho, Janice Warnke and her husband Randy of Shoshone, Idaho, Elizabeth Allen and her husband Wayne of South Bend, Indiana, and one son, Mark Sweet of Shoshone, Idaho; eight grandchildren, Charles, Shane, Heather, Matthew, Tyler, Elizabeth, Thomas and Zakary; and one great-grandson, Kayden. She is also survived by her sister, Shirley (Virgil) Houghton of Cheyenne, WY; her brothers,

Robert (Dolores) Thomas of Tappanish, WA, and Richard Thomas of Boise; and many loving nieces and nephews. Joyce was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Raymond (Butch) Thomas.  
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her name to St. Luke's Hospice, 100 E. Idaho Street, Boise, ID 83702 or Girls and Boys Town, Father Val J. Peter, Boys Town Center, Boys Town, NE 68010.

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The project was first proposed in 1980 but halted due to a lack of financial backing.  
In 1993 the upper five miles of the canal were enlarged and lined, providing up to 500 cubic square feet of water for the Fall River hydroelectric power plant.  
Proponents of the plan said Marysville is an ideal place for

the project because the canal runs downhill and gravity would create a pressurized pipeline.  
Atchley also said the project would provide a way to conserve cost, energy and water while reducing soil erosion and improving the water quality of the Henry's Fork and Fall rivers.  
Ken Beckman, the district conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, said similar projects have shown a 50 to 60 percent water savings. In Marysville, an estimated 35,000 acre-feet of water would be saved by laying 45 miles of pipe over 21,000 acres.  
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Schools: Low scores don't reflect reality

LEWISTON (AP) - The news that 88 Idaho schools designated as serving low-income students failed to meet learning standards was a shock, but educators say that does not show the reality about their children.

"It raises a lot of questions for the future, and I would hope that as this moves forward that we'll be able to be in a situation where a state that expects a lot from its kids won't find itself cast in a negative light," state Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard said.

Idaho has 672 schools, and 420 of them are designated as serving low-income students. One-fifth of those failed the standards.

The federal "No Child Left Behind" act requires that students in schools where scores do not meet state academic standards for two consecutive years be allowed to transfer to another public school.

It is unclear how that will play out in rural school districts where there are no other choices.

Many of the targeted schools normally place well above the state averages on their tests.

St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish Catholic School in Lewiston has been recognized for three years in a row by the state as a merit school, significantly exceeding state requirements for accreditation.

Educators at St. Stanislaus and other schools on the list tested their kindergarten through third-graders last year on the state's new Idaho Reading Indicator, as all other schools did. The test measures students' reading comprehension, but it also tests how well they read in a one-minute period.

Several of the Title I disadvantaged students passed the comprehension portion of the test, but did not do so well in the

timed area.

Prairie Elementary School Principal Rene Forsmann said that is not surprising, but it is not an accurate measure of how well the children read.

"When you pull out our Title I students, they are typically our slower readers," Forsmann said. "They want to sound out the words, use their strategy, because they're hard workers. I would challenge anybody to say that a slow reader is not a good reader."

Idaho Board of Education member Karen McGee of Pocatello acknowledges the educators' concerns. The problem is, she said, the state is no longer in control.

"We have to comply with No Child Left Behind. It's not like we can slip up. Not only is it the state saying it, I think for the most part we're ahead of the curve, but there's no way to slip up."

6,000-acre fire winds down

CASTLEFORD - Fire crews had nearly controlled Saturday evening an almost 6,000-acre wildfire 15 miles southwest of Castleford.

Lightning ignited the Horse Skin fire Thursday and burned in grass and sagebrush, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management reported.

It was the fourth large wildfire west of Castleford this week.

Crash sends three to Gooding, Boise hospitals

SHOSHONE - A two-car crash just north of Shoshone on Saturday sent three people to the hospital but left no one with serious injuries.

Roxie Daugherty, 92, was taken by LifeFlight to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, where she was

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listed Saturday in stable condition, the Idaho State Police said.

Two people in another vehicle, Stanley Bertagnoli, 62, and Bernice Bertagnoli, 59, were taken to Gooding Memorial Hospital and were also listed in stable condition, the ISP said.

Police said Daugherty was northbound on Idaho Highway 75 in a 2000 Chevy Impala and attempted a left-hand turn onto Fourmile Road.

Police said she turned in front of the 1998-Chevy pickup Stanley Bertagnoli was driving southbound.

The pickup struck the Impala, sending it about 50 feet, while the pickup went off the road into a nearby field.

- compiled from staff reports

Kootenai gets ease-of-inmate tryst

LEWISTON (AP) - An investigation of a female counselor's relationship with a former juvenile inmate has been turned over to the Kootenai County prosecutor's office.

Justin R. Brown of Kootenai County was 16 when he was being held in the Idaho Juvenile Corrections Center in Lewiston. He was under the supervision of Devon Cain-Mercer. Brown turned 17 last November and Mercer - now Devon Brown - is 25.

The two were arrested June 11 in Boise and are reportedly expecting a child soon.

Idaho law allows a sexual battery charge when there is more than a five-year age difference between an adult and a minor who have sex. There is an eight-year age difference between the two.

Rathdrum Police Det. Glenn Johnson said Friday the report was sent to the county. It now is up to Kootenai Prosecutor William Douglas to decide whether to request additional information, file charges or drop the matter.

Devon Brown's attorney has denied she had any improper sexual contact in the juvenile institution or with a 16-year-old. Justin Brown's attorney has demanded the investigation and any characterization of the youth as a victim be halted.

Devon Brown was placed on administrative leave at the institution - and quit almost immediately - after a Kootenai County probation employee reported Justin Brown told him he and his counselor were having a romantic relationship.

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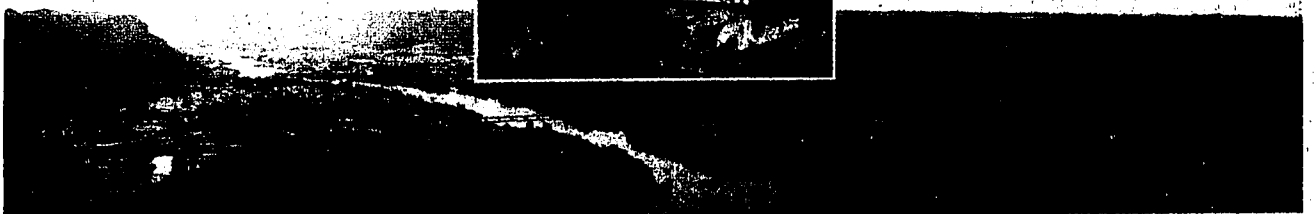
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“We had to create an atmosphere of excitement for the fans. ... I was a little reluctant to do it because I didn't want to be labeled as a hot dog, but the fans got so excited.”

—Ozzie Smith, on doing his first backflip as a member of the San Diego Padres in 1977

## TRIVIA

**QUESTION:** Who has the longest Formula One winning streak?

...answer below

## IN BRIEF

### Bruin boosters gather on Monday

**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls Bruin Booster Club will hold a planning meeting on Monday at 7 p.m. at the home of John and Susan Reitsma at 738 Canyon Rim Road.

For directions or other information, call 736-8200.

### Football officials will meet on Wednesday

**TWIN FALLS** — A mandatory meeting for all football officials will be held on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Twin Falls High School cafeteria.

### Thompsons hold Candleridge club leads

**TWIN FALLS** — Jim Thompson shot a 1-under 61 and Tamara Thompson carded a 69 to hold respective leads in the men's and women's championship flights at the Candleridge Golf Course club championship Saturday.

Jim Thompson leads Kevin Packard by one stroke and three back are Roy McDowell and Kevin Jones. Mike Galbos and Bill Jones share the first flight lead with identical 69s.

Jeanette Johnson trails Tamara Thompson by 11 strokes while Betty Pettit has a two-shot lead over Kathy McClure in the women's first flight.

Play resumes today at 9 a.m.

### Carmela Vineyards announces results

**GLENN'S FERRY** — The team of Roger Jones, Dan Hall, Jody Allen and Scott Simons shot a 58 to win the gross title at the annual Glenns Ferry Chamber of Commerce 4-person scramble Saturday at Carmela Vineyards Golf Course.

Rick Burke, Lisa Burke, Gary Severson and Norma Severson shot a 43.9 for the net title. Second net with a 45 went to Shan Phelps, Leslyn Phelps, Stacy Phelps and Joe Reid.

Second gross had a tie at 59 with the teams of Jon Brennan, Gregg Smith, Rocky Watkins and Peggy Watkins and Dale Smith, Bill Andrews, Jimi Orr and Oscar Ogden.

### Jerome Rec holds football sign-ups

**JEROME** — Registration for fall soccer and flag football through the Jerome Recreation District will begin Monday and run through Aug. 13. Cost is \$15, which includes a T-shirt.

The district office is also offering tennis lessons for beginner youth and adult players. Cost for the eight-lesson session is \$20 or \$25 for out-of-district.

The recreation district office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and is located at 2032 So. Lincoln.

Compiled from staff reports

**TRIVIA ANSWER:** Alberto Ascari, who won seven consecutive Grand Prix races in 1953.

# Cowboys capture state berth

## Spartans lose, but still advance to state tourney

By John Derr  
Times-News writer

**POCATELLO** — Welcome back Andy Coats.

The senior to be, who missed the last six weeks of the season due to an injury, entered the game in the fifth inning and was nearly perfect as the Twin Falls Cowboys topped the Upper Valley Bulldogs 3-1 Saturday to claim the second berth to the AA American Legion State Tournament beginning Aug. 3 in Lewiston.

Minico lost the first game of the day, 14-4 to the Bulldogs, but have already received an automatic berth and will join Twin Falls.

The question of the day for many of the fans at Halliwell Field in Pocatello was whether the Spartans would play due to the berth earned from hosting last year's tournament. Minico coach Ben Frank said that his team should play.

"We are in the tourney so we had to play. This game was still a part of it and would affect how things would turn out," said Minico coach Ben Frank, who added that if the Spartans would have won they wouldn't have played Twin Falls because it wouldn't have affected seeding.



Twin Falls coach Matt Rasmussen isn't sure they should play, but those are the rules.

"They always have. It worked out for us this year, but last year it didn't," said Rasmussen.

The tournament was full of surprises. The Idaho Falls Reds, who recruit players from several different schools, found out that two of the players would not be able to participate because they had exceeded the 4,000 student population limit. They voted as a team to forfeit rather than remove their teammates. The Idaho Falls Russetts, the second seed, left town without a win. Pocatello, which came in with the third seed, swept three games on the way to the championship.

### Twin Falls 3, Upper Valley 1

In a pitchers' duel, it is important to take

advantage of the opportunities when they come. Twin Falls did, Upper Valley didn't.

Twice the Cowboys, who swept Upper Valley during the season, converted with runners on first and third bases. Rasmussen said his team made the big plays when they needed to and responded well after a tough loss in Friday's championship game.

"We were able to execute the first- and third-situations. We spend a lot of time on that," Rasmussen said. "JD was great and I can't say enough about Coats."

JD Lott, who earned the victory over Highland on Monday, started the game since he still had four innings he could pitch.

"I told the coach I wanted to finish my four innings," said Lott. Rasmussen said that Lott throws strikes

and "that's what we needed."

The Bulldogs scored one run in the third. Wyatt Sutton doubled, then moved to third on a sacrifice fly to right. A high fly to center was misplayed and Upper Valley got on the board first.

The Cowboys came right back to tie it in their half of the inning. Brett Miller singled to open the inning, stole second, then moved to third on a past ball. Jake Asher was hit by a pitch and Twin Falls put on the double steal.

Upper Valley faked the throw to second, then tried to pick off Miller. The ball sailed into left and Miller scored.

Lott shut down the Bulldogs in the fourth, then Coats, who pitched his first two innings since June late in the Cowboys loss on Pocatello on Friday, made his entrance.

He allowed just two hits, didn't let a runner to get past second base and finished with six strikeouts.

"It felt great. I love the pressure and was excited to get back on the mound," said Coats. "I thought I did pretty good without having much stamina."

Derrick Tenney proved to be the right man in the right spot for Twin Falls as he accounted for two runs.

In the sixth he was hit by a pitch and

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## PICK-OFF AT THE SHOOT-OUT



Roland VanTassel of Burley intercepts the ball against Shoshone during the annual Magic Valley Shoot-out at the Magic Valley Football Camp held Saturday at Wendell High School. Several Magic Valley schools including Buhl, Twin Falls, Burley, Minico and Wendell participated in the workouts, which included a team tug-of-war and 7-on-7 touch football scrimmages.

## Hailey girl battles to defend cutting title

The Times-News

**FARMINGTON, N.M.** — Reigning national high school girls cutting champion Ashley Smith of Hailey isn't about to give up her title without a fight.

Smith, who will be a junior at Wood River High School in the fall, bolted to the front of the cutting event Friday night scoring 222 points in the second round of the National High School Finals Rodeo at McGee Park in Farmington, N.M.

Through Saturday morning's 11th performance, Smith held a one-point lead, 441-440, in the overall average over Shayla Smith of Nogal, N.M. with 2001 national runner-up, Courtney Sobel of Brenham, Texas, third with 438 points.

Raft River student, Melissa Oman, who lists her home as Grouse Creek, Utah, is mired in a three-way tie at 427.5 points with Californian Jordan Diaz and Keisey Deal of Elk City, Okla.

As a team, the Idaho girls were fifth with 1,350 points through Saturday morning. Texas led with

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### National HS Finals Rodeo

Today: Friday night  
Saturday morning  
roundup

## The Wizard is off to Cooperstown

By John Kekis  
The Associated Press

**COOPERSTOWN, N.Y.** — Ozzie Smith says he's done his last backflip.

Perhaps. "You never know what will happen when you get in front of people and start thanking the ones that have helped you along the way and see the look on their faces," the 47-year-old Smith said as he contemplated his induction today into the Baseball Hall of Fame. "How I will react to that, I don't know."

Smith, the 22nd shortstop to make the Hall, moved with his family from Mobile, Ala., to the tough Los Angeles neighborhood of Watts when Ozzie was 6. It was there that he learned to play

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The Cardinals' Ozzie Smith reacts to his ninth-inning, game-winning home run against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Oct. 15, 1985. Smith will be inducted into the Hall of Fame today.

## Armstrong cruises in Tour time trial

Champ enters today's final stage with huge lead

The Associated Press

**MACON, France** — Three-time champion Lance Armstrong added more than two minutes to his overall lead in the Tour de France by winning Saturday's 19th stage, an individual time trial.

The Texan finished the 31 miles from Regnie-Durette to Macon in central France in 1 hour, 3 minutes, 50 seconds for the 15th Tour stage victory of his career.

Barring illness or injury, Armstrong will win his fourth straight Tour when the race finishes today with the traditionally ceremonial ride on the Champs-Elysees.

Saturday's win made up for Armstrong's defeat in the ninth-stage time trial, when he finished

second behind Santiago Botero of Colombia. That was Armstrong's first loss in a major Tour time trial since he first won the race in 1999.

"After the first time trial, everyone said, 'Armstrong isn't good at time trials,'" the 30-year-old Texan said. "Today, I was very motivated to come back with a win."

His overall advantage over second-place Joseba Beloki of Spain grew from 5:06 to 7:17 — which would be his second-largest winning margin in the Tour. Armstrong won his first title in 1999 with a 7:37 lead over Alex Zulle.

In 2000, Armstrong finished 6:02 ahead of Jan Ullrich, and beat the German by 6:44 last year.

Armstrong's stage victory was an exclamation point on yet another dominating showing in the 20-stage cycling marathon.

"It's harder and harder to be away from home with a wife and three children," Armstrong said. "My girls started crawling while I was away at the Tour de France."

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SPORTS

# The falling of a Leaf

'Can't miss' QB excelled in failure

By Dave Goldberg  
The Associated Press

In the winter of 1998, NFL personnel executives were divided on who would be the better pro quarterback: Ryan Leaf or Peyton Manning. Either way, they were sure to go 1-2 in that year's draft.

The Indianapolis Colts, picking first, took Manning, leaving Leaf to San Diego.

The Chargers had traded two players and two draft choices to Arizona to move up one spot for the second pick to make sure they could get one of the "can't miss" QBs.

Manning has repaid the Colts by becoming one of the league's best players.

At the time, the Chargers seemed just as happy to get Washington State's Leaf.

"He's the future," San Diego coach Alex Spanos said. "Quite frankly, this man will solve all our problems for the next 15 years, and I told him that."

Instead, Leaf created more problems, alienating everyone from general manager Bobby Beathard to teammates and fans. And he didn't come close to performing like a franchise quarterback — or even a decent second-stringer.

Leaf didn't show up Thursday at the Seattle Seahawks' camp and told the team he was retiring — not that he had much of a chance to make the roster anyway behind Trent Dilfer and Matt Hasselbeck.

Coach Mike Holmgren decided not to try to talk Ryan Leaf into staying with Seattle.

Holmgren spoke to Leaf from the team's training camp facility after hearing of the quarterback's decision to retire.

"I hadn't seen him since our minicamp," Holmgren said Saturday as Seattle opened camp. "We had a good conversation. It was pretty clear to me. I've talked to a lot of players who decided not to play."

"I was surprised. I think he did a decent job in minicamps."

Leaf was going to be competing with Jeff Kelly and Ryan Van Dyke for the No. 3 job.

Career stats: 25 games, 21 starts, 317 completions in 655 attempts, 3,666 yards, 14 touchdowns, 36 interceptions. Add it all up and it comes out to a dismal quarterback rating of 50.

Leaf's failure really isn't unusual.

In the last decade, first-round quarterbacks who failed often: Rick Mirer (also drafted No. 2 overall), Heath Shuler, Todd Marinovich, Dan (Mark's Brother) McGwire.

Cade McNown and Akili Smith, two of the five QBs picked in the first round in 1999, have yet to do anything. And Jeff

George, a No. 1 pick overall, was never able to combine his talent with a prickly personality to succeed as he was supposed to.

But Leaf's on-field failures were exacerbated by his obnoxious conduct.

During one training camp with the Chargers, he had to be restrained by teammates after he confronted a heckler and threatened him. He was suspended without pay for four weeks for shouting obscenities at Beathard.

He also got into arguments with reporters and finally alienated his teammates for good by being caught on the golf course after saying his right wrist was too sore for him to practice or play.

How divisive was Leaf? When Pro Bowl safety Rodney Harrison was asked at the start of last season's training camp if he could identify the team's best off-season



Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning meets San Diego quarterback Ryan Leaf after the Colts beat the Chargers 17-12 in Indianapolis Oct. 4, 1998. At the time, NFL analysts were divided on who would be the better pro quarterback. Leaf retired from the NFL Friday.

move, he replied without hesitation: "Getting rid of Ryan Leaf."

Leaf then signed with Tampa Bay, letting everyone know he was a new man.

Bucs coach Tony Dungy praised Leaf's attitude, but he was cut before the regular season after going just 7-of-19 for 81 yards in exhibitions. He signed on with Dallas, still complaining of a sore wrist, but the results weren't much better: 45-of-88 with one TD, three interceptions and a 57.7 rating.

When the Cowboys made it clear that Quincy Carter was their QB of the future, then signed Chad Hutchinson, Leaf was gone again.

He certainly could reappear. Mike Holmgren, one of the game's best quarterback evaluators, grabbed him for the Seahawks, hoping that being near home might revive Leaf's career.

He might not be gone for good. After all, Kurt Warner made his way to stardom via the Arena League and NFL Europe, and

# Saints QB Brooks doesn't show for camp

Player has not contacted team

NEW-ORLEANS (AP) — New Orleans Saints starting quarterback Aaron Brooks did not report to training camp.

"Yes, I am surprised," general manager Mickey Loomis said Saturday. "We haven't heard from him, and we don't know why he isn't here. No one's talked to him."

Loomis said he assumes Brooks' failure to report Friday night was a contract holdout, but neither Brooks nor his agent have contacted the Saints or responded to calls from the team.

Brooks is in the final year of his contract, making the league minimum of \$400,000. The Saints have made an offer to Brooks and received a counter offer from Brooks' agent, Andre Colona.

Loomis refused to discuss what the Saints offered Brooks. Colona did not return phone calls to his office.

Loomis, who was thrown into the job after Randy Mueller was fired May 9, said he spoke to Colona Wednesday, and Colona told him Brooks had no problem waiting to negotiate a new deal.

Last season, Brooks tied a team record with 26 touchdown passes and set the season marks for rushing

yards by a quarterback (358 yards) and total offense (4,190).

After the Saints' first practice of training camp, coach Jim Haslett said he did not understand why Brooks or his agent failed to called.

"Communication is a big part of this," Haslett said. "I'd like to get to do what he's got to do. This football team will be fine. It's a great opportunity for Jake (Delhomme), and he's going to get a lot of reps. He has a chance to show people that he's a pretty good football player."

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baseball in his uniquely acrobatic way.

"I lived across the street from a recreation center," said Smith, whose parents separated when he was in junior high. "I don't know how my first game went, but I was excited about finally having the opportunity to play in an organized sport."

Although Smith's mother rarely saw him without a ball in his hands, it took time for him to begin dreaming about playing baseball for a living.

"It didn't become serious to me until I became a junior in high school," said Smith, who would go on to refine the position of shortstop during his 19-year major league career and make people appreciate the art of defense as never before.

Despite his gifted hands, he was always telling Smith he was too small. He struggled to get noticed. Eddie Murray, a power-hitting classmate at Lock High, who would go on to star with the Baltimore Orioles, was drafted after graduation, while Smith was overlooked and enrolled at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo on a partial scholarship.

Even in college, Smith was second string and made the lineup only after the starter broke a leg. Taught to switch-hit by his college coach, Berdy Hanz, Smith was drafted in his junior year in the eighth round by the Detroit Tigers. They offered him \$4,500; he asked for another \$500, was turned down, and stayed in school.

After being noticed in the instructional league by Alvin Dark, Smith signed with the San Diego Padres in 1977 for \$5,000, played 68 games in Walla Walla, Wash., and hit .305.  
The next season, Smith was the Padres' starting shortstop. He stole 40 bases and his glove work helped him finish second to Bob Horner in the NL Rookie of the Year voting. If people hadn't see taken note, they did after teammate Gene Tenace made a simple request.

"We weren't very good as a team at that time in San Diego," said Smith, who won 13 straight NL Gold Glove awards and holds five major league fielding records, including 8,375 assists and 1,590 double plays. "We had to create an atmosphere of excitement for the fans. Gene said a backflip would be a great thing to do on Fan Appreciation Day. I was a little reluctant to do it because I didn't want to be labeled as a hot dog, but the fans

got so excited."  
A ritual was born. A Wizard was in the making.  
In 1980, Smith had 933 chances and set a major league record of 621 assists, breaking the mark of 601 set in 1924 by Pittsburgh's Glenn Wright. His 5.75 balls reached per game dwarfed the league average of 4.30.

But after an embarrassing contract squabble arose in which Smith's agent took out a newspaper ad seeking a second job for his client, the Padres became worried they might lose Smith to free agency. So San Diego traded him to the St. Louis Cardinals for Garry Templeton in February 1982.

He was not known for his offense, batting just .262 for his career, with 2,450 hits, 28 homers and 793 RBIs. But his magic glove had an immediate impact on the field and at the gate as attendance at Busch Stadium surged along with the Cardinals, who won the World Series in his first year with the team.

Smith, who had to learn how to hit in the major leagues, proved an apt student. In the 1985 National League playoffs, the Cardinals and Los Angeles Dodgers split the first four games of the best-of-seven series and were tied 2-2 in the bottom of the 15th inning of Game 7.

Smith, a spindly 190-pounder, muscled up against Dodgers reliever Tom Niedenfuer and hit a game-winning home run, the left-handed batter of his career. The Cards then won Game 6 to reach the World Series.

That was Smith's "power year" - he hit six home runs, double the number he managed in any other season - and his most satisfying.

In 1987, he again was instrumental in the Cardinals' World Series run. He hit .303 with 43 stolen bases, 75 RBIs and 104 runs scored and finished second in the MVP balloting to Andre Dawson of the Cubs.

Smith continued his strong play into the 1990s. His eight errors in 1991 set an NL record for fewest in a season by a shortstop. Despite playing with a slightly torn rotator cuff in his throwing shoulder the last decade of his career - he calls that his greatest achievement - the "Wizard of Oz" led the NL in fielding seven times.  
"Was he the best?" former

Cardinals manager Whitey Herzog once pondered. "He made more diving plays than I've ever seen. I don't see how it was possible to play it any better than Ozzie played it."  
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# Park posts record, ties Sorenstam

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. (AP) — South Korea's Gloria Park matched the tournament record with an 8-under 63, but all that did was tie her for the lead Saturday after three rounds of the LPGA Big Apple Classic with Annika Sorenstam, who had a 64.

Park, in her third season on tour, matched Betsy King's 63 from 1990, but that was when the 6,161-yard Wykagyl Country Club course played to a par of 72. Since it was changed to par 71 the next year, Park's round was the lowest.

Park has one career LPGA Tour victory, at the Williams Championship last year — five fewer than Sorenstam has in 2002.

Sorenstam, the 1998 and 2000 winner, made a 20-hole birdie putt on the final hole to match Park at 12 under 201.

## Gamez looks for first PGA win since 1990

SHAVIS, Ill. — Robert Gamez, unless since taking two events in 1990 in his first two months on the PGA Tour, shot a 5-under 66 Saturday for a share of the third-round lead in the John Deere Classic.

J.P. Hayes, the second-round leader after a course-record 61, shot a 67 to match Gamez at 18 under 195 on the TPC at Deere Run.

Mike Heinen, who opened with a 63 to top the field after the first round, was three strokes back at 15 under after a 66.

Chris Riley (66) and 2001 runner-up Henry Beard (68) followed at 14 under, and Tim Petrovic



Gloria Park, of South Korea, watches her tee shot on the second hole of the third round of the LPGA Big Apple Classic. Saturday, Park is tied for the lead with Annika Sorenstam.

(68) was another shot back.

Defending champion David Gossett shot a 67 to top an eight-player group at 12 under.

Gamez, who won the 1990 Tucson Open in his first official tour start, birdied the par-5 10th to grab a share of the lead with Hayes and Heinen, then took the lead with a birdie at the 11th. Gamez added birdies on Nos. 14, 17 and 18 to reach 18 under.

Hayes birdied four of the last five holes after putting the first 13. He won the 1998 Buick Classic for his lone tour title.

## Gilder stays bogey-free to lead FleetBoston

CONCORD, Mass. — Bob Gilder extended his bogey-free streak to 47 holes and kept his one-stroke lead after two rounds of the FleetBoston Classic despite a late surge by Jim Thorpe.

Gilder shot a 5-under 67 and was at 11-under 133 in his bid to become the first player to win consecutive senior tournaments since Thorpe did it last year.

Gilder beat Hale Irwin in a play-off last week in the SBC Senior Open in Chicago.

Thorpe birdied four of the last five holes for a 65. Ted Goin (66) and Dave Eichelberger (68) were another stroke behind.

## Sugai holds big edge at British Senior Open

NEWCASTLE, Northern Ireland — Japan's Noboru Sugai shot a 2-over 73 in windy conditions to take a six-stroke lead after the third round of the Senior British Open.

Sugai had a 6-under 207 total on the Royal County Down course. Canada's John Irwin (74) was second at 213, and South Africa's John Brand (73) was another stroke back.

Tom Watson, the five-time British Open champion, is making his first appearance in the tournament, shot a 76 to drop eight strokes back. He missed the cut last week in the British Open with rounds of 77 and 78 at Muirfield.

# Venus advances to final

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — With her booming serve falling perfectly, Venus Williams was simply too much for Lisa Raymond.

Top-seeded Williams overpowered her unseeded challenger 6-3, 6-0 Saturday in the semifinals of the Bank of the West Classic.

Williams, ranked No. 2 in the world behind her sister, Serena, hammered serves in excess of 113 mph at times to fluster Raymond, ranked No. 28.

"It's always pretty effective, but when it's really effective it's better for me," Williams said about her serve. "It makes the match a little easier."

Williams advanced to the Bank of the West final for the fourth time. She won the event in 2000 with a victory over Lindsay Davenport. Davenport, the second seed, was playing in the other semifinal match later Saturday against fourth-seeded Kim Clijsters, the defending champion. Williams and Davenport met in the final at Stanford three times.

With father Richard looking on, Williams sealed the first set with two consecutive aces, the first at 111 mph and the second at 110 mph.

In the second set, Raymond held nothing back, laboring to hit winners from the baseline. But Williams was too poised, putting the match away in 51 minutes.

Raymond remained good-natured throughout, raising her hands in victory when she won a rare point in the second set. The crowd at Toyota Family Tennis Stadium responded with warm applause.

## Gambill tops Roddick to reach Mercedes-Benz Cup final

LOS ANGELES — A funny thing happened when Jan-Michael Gambill backed up 10 feet behind the baseline to

receive Andy Roddick's powerful serves.

He won. Gambill defeated his good friend Roddick 7-5, 6-3 in Saturday's All-American semifinal at the Mercedes-Benz Cup. He advanced to the final for the second time in two years, having lost to Michael Chang in 2000.

Defending champion Andre Agassi, the No. 2 seed, played No. 8 Max Mirnyi of Belarus in a night match.

Gambill rallied from a 5-3 deficit, with service breaks in the 10th and 12th games, to win the first set. He credited the change in momentum to a change in tactics.

"Sometimes I get a little bit bullheaded, and I just stand on the baseline and try to duke it out. Against Andy Roddick, you just can't do it, he's too good," Gambill said. "I backed up and tried to give it my all. I came up with some real good returns. I was able to hit some balls deep on him."

Roddick's frustration peaked near the end of the first set, when he was broken for the second time. He questioned an overrule on his first serve by the chair umpire, then hit a forehand wide and watched his second serve carom off his racket frame to lose the set.

While Gambill headed to his seat on the changeover, Roddick stayed on court, gesturing and complaining, before he walked to his chair and jawed at the umpire.

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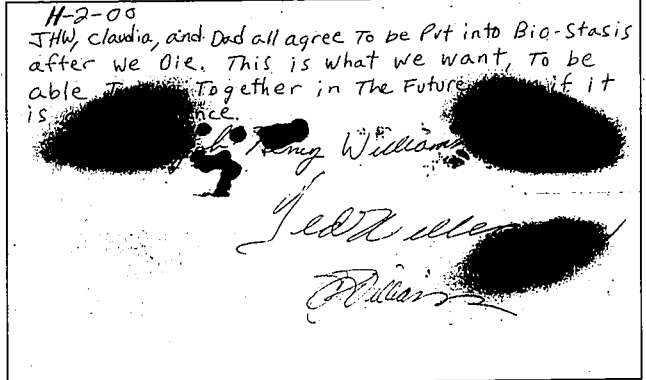
Lawyer says many aspects of 'pact' are suspect

INVERNESS, Fla. (AP) — A lawyer for Ted Williams' daughter says a note the late Hall of Famer signed signaling his wishes to be cryonically preserved is suspect.

Bobby Jo Williams Ferrell is questioning whether her father was capable of making a decision on how his body should be treated after death. Williams had been suffering from congestive heart failure.

He died July 5 at age 83.

John Heer, an attorney for Ferrell, said that Williams was in the hospital undergoing treatment for congestive heart failure in November 2000 — when the document purportedly was signed.



This photo, released Thursday by attorney Bob Goldman, shows Ted Williams' scrawled signature along with those of John Henry Williams and daughter, Claudia, on the bottom of a handwritten note dated Nov. 2, 2000. The pact was reportedly written in a Gainesville, Fla., hospital room before the Hall of Famer underwent surgery — more than three years after he signed a will requesting to be cremated.

"We don't believe Mr. Williams would have been physically capable of signing it at (that) time," Heer told The Associated Press on Saturday.

"There are so many things that jump out at me, not even being an expert. ... The date appears to have been changed. We cannot tell when the signatures were placed on there."

Heer's questioning of the document was reported Saturday by the St. Petersburg Times.

Ferrell is fighting Williams' two other children's wishes to keep his body frozen. His body was sent to Alcor Life Extension Foundation, an Arizona labora-

ry that does cryonic preservation.

Williams' son, John Henry, and daughter, Claudia, have produced a handwritten note in which the aging Williams asks that his body be frozen. It was filed Thursday in Citrus County Probate Court.

The signatures of Williams, John Henry and Claudia are on the note dated Nov. 2, 2000, four years after Williams

signed a will calling for his cremation.

"JHW, Claudia and Dad all agree to be put into bio-stasis after we die," reads the pact, which family attorney Bob Goldman said was written in a Gainesville hospital room before the baseball great underwent surgery. Williams had a pacemaker inserted in his chest Nov. 6, 2000.

Heer said he plans to hire handwriting experts to examine the pact, and questioned whether Williams knew what he was signing, if he signed it.

"He always signed his legal documents 'Theodore S. Williams,' and when he was signing memorabilia, he signed 'Ted Williams,'" Heer said. "He signed this document 'Ted Williams.'"

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## SPORTS IN BRIEF

**Posts will protect Tampa stadium from terrorists**

TAMPA, Fla. — Officials are planning to install concrete posts in front of Raymond James Stadium to protect against a terrorist attack.

The home of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers will be protected by 700 posts, which are expected to be in place before the team's preseason game against the Miami Dolphins on Aug. 12, officials said.

The posts would prevent someone from driving a car, possibly loaded with a bomb, into the stadium.

Several posts, or bollards, are already in place around the stadium. After the Sept. 11 attacks, the sports authority began discussing ways to increase security.

During games last year, police cruisers parked in front of vulnerable areas, Casey said. The project will cost \$120,000.

**NCAA will investigate Mississippi State**

JACKSON, Miss. — NCAA investigators will be on Mississippi State's campus next week, athletic director Larry Templeton said.

"They'll be interviewing several of our athletes," Templeton told the Clarion-Ledger newspaper. "They'll be following up on self-reported violations over the last 18 months. I would guess they'll be here for a day and a half."

Templeton also said the NCAA asked permission to inquire about other schools.

Templeton declined to name the athletes scheduled to be interviewed by NCAA officials and the sport or sports involved. He said officials didn't request permission to speak to any MSU athletic staff members.

Templeton said MSU's athletic department has reported 10 to 12 second-year violations in the past 18 months.

Secondary violations, according to the NCAA manual, are "isolated or inadvertent in nature ... and provide only a minimal recruiting or competitive advantage."

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**Steelers hire NFL's first female trainer**

LATROBE, Pa. — Plenty of NFL careers end because of torn anterior cruciate knee ligaments. Ariso Iso may be the first person to make it to the league because of one.

When she was an aspiring basketball player in Tokyo, a ripped-up knee set back her athletic career but got her interested in the field of sports medicine.

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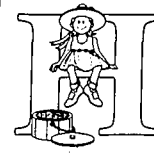
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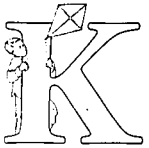
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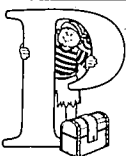
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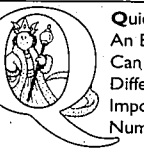
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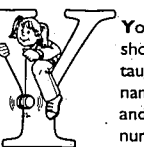
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Reed previously was an Olympic projects manager for the 2002 Winter Olympics. She graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1987 and the University of Utah in 1992. She is the daughter of Sharon Evans of Twin Falls.



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J.J. Lazenby Mark Homan

**TWIN FALLS** - Professional Truck Driving School announced the graduations of J.J. Lazenby of Twin Falls on July 5 and Mark Homan of Albion on July 19.

Lazenby and Homan each received a Class A commercial driver's license with hazardous materials, doubles/triples and tankers endorsements.

Homan will be driving for Reed Grain. Lazenby will drive

for a company in Twin Falls.

**BURLEY** - Steve Foster, chief executive of NBA Springing Plaza in Burley and NBA Valley Vista Village in Twin Falls, attended the annual staff conference for National Benevolent Association personnel in St. Louis.

The association is the social and health services division of the Disciples of Christ church. The nonprofit says it operates more than 90 facilities and programs nationwide which provide housing and programs to older adults, children and people who are "differently abled." The organization's motto, "What we do best is care," was the focus of the four-day conference.

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Clint Crane

**BURLEY** - Clint Crane joined Century 21 Riverside Realty as a sales associate.

Crane has lived north of Rupert for the past 28 years and was active in farming through 2000. He has been involved in auto remarketing for the past five years. He speaks Spanish.

**TWIN FALLS** - J. Walter Sinclair, a partner at law firm Steel Rives LLP in Boise, was elected president-elect of the International Association of Defense Counsel for 2002-03.

Association members unanimously elected Sinclair to serve a one-year term as president-elect, followed by a one-year term as president and a one-year term as past president.

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insurers. Sinclair has been a member for nearly 13 years. In that time, he has held positions including secretary and chairman for the business litigation committee and chairman of the legislative, judicial and governmental affairs committee.

An Idaho native, Sinclair has nearly 25 years of legal experience. Prior to joining the Boise office of Steel Rives earlier this year, Sinclair was a partner at Benoit, Alexander, Sinclair, Harwood &

High LLP in Twin Falls, where he practiced for 23 years.

**RUPERT** - Daryl Ammon will be honored at an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday at R & J's, at 100 S. 207 W. in Rupert.

The event will commemorate his 25 years of service as manager of R & J RV Sales and Service. Refreshments will be served.

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■ Nextel Partners Inc., a digital wireless service, announced results of its community phone loan program for the second quarter.

The company donated more than \$21,000 in free wireless service from April through June to Special Olympics of Idaho.

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Youth Soccer League and other Idaho groups.

Nextel's four-in-one wireless technology combines digital cellular, digital long-range walkie-talkie, wireless Internet access, and text and numeric messaging in one phone. The donations help organizations improve coordination among staff and volunteers, the company said.

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Bank of America branch manager Victoria Prescott presents a check to Larry Koontz, CARES coordinator, and Larry W. Baxter, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation executive director.

■ Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation recently received a \$2,500 grant from Bank of America Foundation.

The grant is for support of Magic Valley Regional's Burley office for CARES, Children At Risk Evaluation Services.

Since 1995, CARES has been providing evaluation for Magic Valley children when there are

concerns about abuse. The services include medical examinations and interviews. The CARES satellite clinic in Burley opened last fall to provide a more convenient location for those services in Mini-Cassia.

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## MILESTONES

### New restaurant opens serving European cuisine

**TWIN FALLS** - Owners Goran and Diana Kekerovic opened Grill House on July 20 at 561 Fillmore St. - next to Campus Tanning Salon in the Campus Commons shopping area.

Grill House serves European cuisine from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and from noon to 9 p.m. Sunday.

"Everything is on the grill," Diana Kekerovic said.

The restaurant's main cook is her husband, who worked for 10 years as a chef in Bosnia, specializing in grill cooking.

Grill House's specialty is cheap, ground beef mixed with spices and garlic and grilled, Diana Kekerovic said. The Grill House Mix is a combination of spicy slush cheap, cheap, one

slish kebab and marinated sirloin strips with fries.

Desserts include banana splits and ice cream cups. Coffee offerings include lattes, espresso and cappuccinos.

The restaurant can seat 26 people inside and nine outside, Diana Kekerovic said.

"European style is kind of sitting outside, sipping on your coffee," she said.

She and her husband aimed to create a welcoming atmosphere, and they encourage patrons to visit with other diners at the restaurant. They and their one employee hope to attract recent European immigrants as well as the rest of the local population, she said.

Grill House can be reached at 734-3356.

### Gallery of contemporary art opens in Sun Valley Village

**SUN VALLEY** - A new art gallery in the Sun Valley Village

features contemporary art.

Sun Valley Gallery will open Saturday in the space formerly occupied by Panache.

Barbara Savage, an artist who has lived in the Wood River Valley for more than 20 years, will manage the gallery. A graduate of the Emma Willard School in New York, Savage received a bachelor's degree in art from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis., and studied printmaking at the University of New Mexico.

She obtained a master's degree in painting from the University of Minnesota and has maintained a painting studio for several years and has shown her work in various galleries throughout the country.

Savage dropped out of art to establish the gallery and acquire art from throughout the country, a press release said.

Sun Valley Gallery will host an event with fondue and libations from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday

to present contemporary art, most of which has not been shown in the area, the release said.

Other participating village stores that have relocated will be included in the event.

Towne & Parke Jewelry will feature local artwork as well as its traditional jewelry selections in a larger, air-conditioned space across from Ram Restaurant. Bill Mason Outfitters will show off its space and new merchandise in its new location by the Chocolate Foundry. Panache will feature a style show from its new location, which was formerly Joli Soleil.

For more information, call Lyn Stallard at 726-3845 or Terry Fischer at 720-6263.

### Ice cream and gift shop opens for business in Almo

**ALMO** - Daughters Gift and Ice Cream Shop is open for business at 2978 S. Elba Almo Road

in Almo.

The store can be reached at 824-5543. Business hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and Monday through Wednesday on occasion. The business is open from Memorial Day through October.

Jackie Henson and Shirlene Packer and their families own and operate the business.

Items for sale include ice cream, wood art, yard art, iron art, T-shirts, aromatherapy hand creams and lotions, jewelry, sewn items and pottery.

Most of the items for sale are handmade.

### Qwest announces two-way text messaging availability

**TWIN FALLS** - Qwest Communications International Inc. announced availability of two-way text messaging.

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Alyce Rollins of Burley receives a complete computer system as D. L. Evans Bank's 'Education Pays' award, presented by Dan Lloyd, the bank's Rupert branch manager. To be eligible for the drawing, students must be in junior high or high school and receive an A in one or more core classes. D. L. Evans Bank gives away a computer annually in Boise, Twin Falls and Mini-Cassia.



Monica Rasmussen, owner of Monica's Antiques in Burley, donated trees to the Oregon Trail Botanical Garden. From left are Rasmussen, Duane Rasmussen, Adila Masoner of Burley's tree committee, Dale Whipple of the botanical garden, Julie Woodford of Burley's tree committee and Steve Thompson of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce ambassadors.

Burley's botanical garden received a contribution recently from Monica Rasmussen, owner of Monica's Antiques on Overland Avenue in Burley.

Rasmussen donated 10 arbutus trees.

She and her husband, Duane, also planted all the trees in the northwest section of the garden, next to a caboose, to serve as a wind break for tender spring plants.

Last year the Rasmussens brought in a load of smooth river rocks to decorate individual gardens.

The Rasmussens have been

active from the beginning with the Oregon Trail Foundation that established the botanical garden near the airport a few years ago. They have each maintained a flower garden spot since the project's inception. Their flower beds have been among the top 10 gardens each year. The Duane Rasmussen garden spot is sponsored by Jensen Jewelers in Burley, where he is manager.

Both Rasmussens have done extra work in the botanical garden to help get the area clean and ready for planting each spring.

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# Job growth slows but keeps going forward in Magic Valley

## Employment rates

Employment in Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties combined  
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	May '02*	May '01	% change
<b>Nonfarm payroll jobs**</b>	<b>39,280</b>	<b>38,960</b>	<b>0.8</b>
Goods-producing industries	6,840	6,990	-2.1
Manufacturing	1,300	1,920	-3.1
Mineral and construction	1,940	5,030	-1.8
Durable goods	890	880	1.1
Nondurable goods	4,050	4,150	-2.4
Food processing	3,060	3,110	-1.6
Miners, manufacturers	990	1,040	-4.8
<b>Service-producing industries</b>	<b>32,440</b>	<b>31,970</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Transportation, communications and utilities	2,680	2,640	1.5
Wholesale trade	2,340	2,330	0.4
Retail trade	8,190	8,360	2.0
Finance, insurance and real estate services	1,230	1,270	-2.9
Services	10,370	9,560	8.5
Government administration	3,860	3,900	-1.0
Education and health services	3,670	3,810	-3.7

\* Excludes 120,000 jobs of people who worked for or received wages in the home sector, including the 12th of the month.  
Source: Idaho Department of Labor

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Second-quarter job growth flattened some from the early 2002 pace in Magic Valley's central labor market.

But new jobs in service industries kept the trend positive, the Idaho Department of Labor said.

"Cutbacks in state funding have caused government-education (job numbers) to decrease significantly, and this trend will likely worsen as more school districts cut staffing," said Greg Rogers, the department's regional labor economist. "However, the low unemployment rate and strong consumer confidence in the Magic Valley are keeping the area's economy fairly strong."

The Labor Department's publication of sector-by-sector job data is delayed by one month, so the May data which appear here are the most recent available. But the department already released June's overall nonfarm job total for Twin Falls, Jerome and

Gooding counties combined.

And May's 39,280 job total — broken down here by sectors — is smaller than the overall second quarter's average of 39,363.

"Agricultural hiring has been strong despite market concerns in the Mini-Cassia area caused by the announced closure of the J.R. Simplot Co. in Heyburn," Rogers said. "A cool spring has somewhat eased water concerns, and it appears that water supplies

should be adequate for all crops."

New Twin Falls employers and rapid home construction also account for some of the job growth.

And Magic Valley businesses are on the hunt for more workers. In June, employers in *The Times-News's* classified advertising section bought 20 percent more employment ads than a year earlier. The newspaper's employment ad numbers were up 17 per-

cent in May and up a noteworthy 47 percent in April, compared with a year earlier.

"Despite continuing concern about state budget cutbacks, the Magic Valley economy continues to perform well, and job growth continues," Rogers said.

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# Sales rise around Magic Valley

## Computer change complicates comparison

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Twin Falls County businesses rang up more in second-quarter sales than a year earlier.

"People are working, and they're spending money. When they're optimistic, they spend more," said Dave McAlindin, Twin Falls city's economic development director.

But it's difficult to ascertain just how big the increase is.

Certain sales in Twin Falls County — including taxable and nontaxable — totaled \$790.0 million from April 1 through June 30, compared with \$749.9 million in second quarter 2001, according to Idaho State Tax Commission reports. On paper, that's an astounding 77.4 percent rise.

In reality, the change was less drastic, and Sam Cohen, a tax policy specialist for the tax commission.

The tax commission's gradual hunt for a new computer system periodically interrupted processing of sales tax returns between April 2001 and January 2002. The delays artificially inflated sales totals for some periods and depleted others, Cohen said.

As a result, second-quarter 2001's reported sales totals for each county were short by something like a third of actual sales, he said.

If that approximation is correct, Twin Falls County — and most other Magic Valley counties — still posted some year-over-year sales growth in the most recent second quarter.

The tax commission's old and new computer systems process sales data differently, and their results aren't truly comparable. So Cohen said local economy watchers can't depend on simple apples-to-apples comparisons from one year to the next until February 2003, when the tax commission will have operated normally with the new computer system for a full year.

Even then, the county-by-county sales numbers come with a set of disclaimers.

They exclude sales by businesses that have locations in more than one county. If those companies only file just one sales tax return, they aren't included in county-by-county numbers. Also excluded from county totals are sales by businesses headquartered outside

of Idaho — including many major retailers with local stores.

Also, sales numbers jump around from time to time as businesses change their reporting habits, Cohen said.

The tax commission asks businesses to disclose nontaxable sales, but because no tax is due there are no tax consequences or other penalties if they don't.

Twin Falls County's taxable sales rose 59.1 percent from \$78.4 million in the artificially shortened second quarter 2001 to \$124.74 million in the most recent second quarter. Again, even with the adjustment of approximately a third, the trend is up.

Here are other Magic Valley sales for the second quarter, reported by the tax commission:

- Blaine County**
- Total Sales — \$152.16 million, up 54.0 percent from the artificially shortened second-quarter 2001.
  - Taxable Sales — \$86.46 million, up 63.8 percent.
- Camas County**
- Total Sales — \$1.26 million, up 106.6 percent from the artificially shortened second-quarter 2001.
  - Taxable Sales — \$747,014, up 66.8 percent.
- Cassia County**
- Total Sales — \$94.17 million, up 29.3 percent from the artificially shortened second-quarter 2001.
  - Taxable Sales — \$31.06 million, up 50.7 percent.
- Gooding County**
- Total Sales — \$30.50 million, up 75.1 percent from the artificially shortened second-quarter 2001.
  - Taxable Sales — \$9.44 million, up 52.5 percent.
- Jerome County**
- Total Sales — \$85.50 million, up 52.8 percent from the artificially shortened second-quarter 2001.
  - Taxable Sales — \$34.23 million, up 62.6 percent.
- Lincoln County**
- Total Sales — \$5.78 million, up 70.0 percent from the artificially shortened second-quarter 2001.
  - Taxable Sales — \$4.60 million, up 73.9 percent.
- Minidoka County**
- Total Sales — \$87.78 million,

up 39.3 percent from the artificially shortened second-quarter 2001.

• Taxable Sales — \$18.92 million, up 85.7 percent.

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# Home building displays vigor

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** – Consumer spending – fueling growth in retail, travel and many service industries – has been “the primary driver of recovery in the West,” according to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

“Nowhere is the resilience of consumers as apparent as in Western housing markets,” it said this month.

And Twin Falls has its share of the action.

Twin Falls-based First Federal Savings Bank boasts more home construction loans than ever in its history. And that’s during a year that’s just average on the commercial side of the construction-loan business, said C. Alan Horner, president of First Federal.

The bank’s mortgage loans in process declined for a while in the spring, he said, “and now they’ve gone right back up.”

Last year, 70 percent of First Federal’s residential business was refinancing, Horner said. This year 70-80 percent of its home-related business is loans for purchases and construction.

## Building boom

Home building is hot in Magic Valley’s biggest market.

Heard that before? You’re likely to hear it again. It has become a refrain, with an increasing tempo.

Builders and owners in the April-to-June quarter lifted new single-family home values by 2.4 percent compared with a year earlier.

The average value on new-home permits issued by Twin Falls city and Twin Falls County building departments combined climbed to an estimated \$102,528 – up from the \$100,132 average of second quarter 2001 and the \$79,525 of a year before that. Homes permitted in the rural areas of the county rose in value, on average, while their city counterparts slipped.

Those results exclude duplexes and apartment units but do include mobile homes, and the few mobiles valued in department reports at less than \$20,000 were rounded up to \$20,000.

Here’s the hot part of the news: By the end of June, department records showed an invigorating

## Quarterly review



A 47.9 percent rise in the quarterly combined number of home permits the two departments issued. The second-quarter total of 142 bested the 96 of second quarter 2001. That time, the total had risen a comparatively wimpy 7.9 percent from the 89 of second quarter 2000.

The activity in the most recent quarter was heavily concentrated in the city, where home building is on track to break the record it set last year.

## Sold signs

Local real estate agents’ sales of houses – including both new and previously occupied homes – continued climbing from year-earlier levels during April through June, though more slowly last year. And the average price of those transactions took a small step forward.

“The market right now is really good,” said Olivia Rowe, executive officer of the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors.

Home sales in all of Twin Falls County – including residential acreages but excluding mobile homes – climbed 4.8 percent from 251 a year earlier to 263 in the second quarter, according to data from the Greater Twin Falls Multiple Listing Service. That’s a smaller jump than the 5.9 percent growth between the 237 such sales in second quarter 2000 and the year-ago total.

The average price paid in the most recent quarter – \$108,864 – was just 2.1 percent above second quarter 2001’s average of \$106,637. The year-ago figure, by comparison, was up 7.1 percent from second quarter 2000’s \$99,526 average.

The Federal Reserve’s San Francisco district – which includes Idaho – said this spring’s commercial real estate markets continued to weaken around the district, “while demand for residential real estate remained fairly solid.”

Demand for major home appliances was steady throughout the region, with sales driven partly by the strong home sales and low interest rates, the district reported.

## All about autos

Even the slowing growth of the local home market is more welcome than decline in another big-

ticket market.

For 10 consecutive quarters, new-automobile sales in Twin Falls County had fallen from year-earlier levels. Helped by major automakers’ interest-free financing, the final quarter of 2001 interrupted that slide. But the trend reasserted itself this year.

The county’s dealers in April through June sold 41 fewer new automobiles than they did a year earlier.

The total of 794 new cars and trucks sold in the second quarter was 4.9 percent below the 835 sold in the corresponding months of 2001. Then, the total had been down a steeper 12.8 percent from 2000’s second quarter, according to reports from the Idaho Automobile Dealers Association.

Auto dealers on the north side of the canyon, meanwhile, also rang up fewer sales than a year ago.

Jerome County’s dealers sold 97 new cars and trucks in April through June. That’s down 11 percent from the 109 of a year earlier. It’s also a few notches below the 121 such sales of second quarter 2000.

With a slightly wider perspective – Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Mindoka and Twin Falls counties combined – you’ll still see doldrums at the new-auto lots. Annual valleywide sales of new cars and trucks dropped 8.8 percent last year. So far this year, they’re down 7.7 percent from first-half 2001.

Perhaps cautious buyers are opting for used models instead. Valleywide sales of used cars and trucks rose 5 percent from 2000 to 2001.

Dealers in Magic Valley sold a slight 1 percent more used automobiles in first-half 2002 than in first-half 2001.

The Federal Reserve’s San Francisco district gave an even wider perspective in June: “Many district contacts noted that new automobile sales were holding up well during the most recent survey period. Respondents also indicated that inventory levels for both new and used cars were adequate.”

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**MONEY**

**Farm conditions improve, but aren't great**

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Despite a downturn in milk prices, and grasshopper populations of damaging size in parts of southern Idaho, some local and regional observers say Idaho agriculture is in decent shape this year.

"We don't hear the doom and gloom of the past," said Jim McLaughlin, Farm Service Agency's county executive director for Twin Falls and Jerome counties. Industry conditions are improved, though weather- and water-related concerns remain, he said. Prices in general have risen, though, of course, everyone on the farm would like them higher.

"I don't know of a commodity out there ... that somebody's really complaining about that's still bad," McLaughlin said. "I'm not saying it's great, but it's better than it has been."

The agency's loan deficiency payments on grain crops are down to almost nothing from big volumes in 2000 and 2001, he said. Those payments are the difference between local loan rates and local cash prices.

Soy and bean prices are higher than a year ago. Alfalfa is staying up in price. Cattle are an exception, he said.

"Cattle prices aren't the greatest," McLaughlin said.

**Analysis**

"The foodstuffs from the land drive much of the state's local economies.

Food processing, including a growing cheese manufacturing business, provides an average of 17,500 jobs per year. Truck drivers, equipment operators/maintenance workers, seed and fertilizer retailers and marketing representatives are just a few examples of the jobs tied directly to agriculture. Although the number of farmers, ranchers, and hired help has been declining — due to technological improvements, farm consolidations, grazing limitations and crop selection — the importance of Idaho's agricultural industry remains paramount.

— Idaho Department of Labor analysis

As long as the weather cooperates, he said, a farmer will do OK this year — if that farmer has sufficient irrigation supplies.

"The mood on Idaho's farms has largely improved this year, given higher prices for most farm commodities," said Jeff Thredgold, an economic consultant for Wells Fargo.

That matters to Magic Valley. "In general, this is an ag community, and so goes ag, so goes our economy. It has been a little better in the last 18 months," said Ron Brown, president and chief executive of Buhl-based Farmers National Bank. Some segments of agriculture are down, "but by and large it is

probably above average."

Some of the bank's larger clients are implement dealers, truck dealers and dairies. They've made some cutbacks but generally have been successful, he said.

April-to-June prices for the beans and potato categories used for *The Times-News'* farm-price index were significantly above 2001's second-quarter prices, while wheat was unchanged from a year ago and cattle, sugar and butter showed declines.

The overall index climbed by 8 percent from a year ago.

Here's how second-quarter index prices compared with year-earlier ones:

- Potatoes, up a stunning 103.5 percent (in Magic Valley prices).
- Beans, up a substantial 52.6 percent (in local prices).
- Wheat, unchanged (in local prices).
- Sugar, down 3 percent.
- Cattle, down 8.4 percent (in local prices).
- Butter, down 43.4 percent.

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**Businesses keep an eye on the prime rate**

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — A continuation of the lowest short-term interest rate environment in 40 years will benefit small businesses in Magic Valley and the rest of Idaho, Zions Bank economist Jeff Thredgold said.

After cutting short-term interest rates 11 times last year, the Federal Reserve made no changes in the first half of 2002.

"There are rising expectations that the Fed could also leave policy unchanged during 2002's second half," Thredgold said in a report.

"The combination of sluggish U.S. economic growth, slack in the labor force and minimal inflation pressures suggests the Fed will not make a change in policy until late in the year, if at all," he said. "We forecast a 50-50 chance of perhaps one tightening move in this year's final quarter, with some modest tightening of monetary policy throughout next year."

What does that mean to small businesses?

"Many small businesses in Idaho tend to be net borrowers in order to meet the needs, sometimes seasonal, of their respective businesses. Low interest costs will continue to benefit these businesses in coming months," Thredgold said.

Banks' prime interest rate means more to consumers these

days than it used to. But small businesses, as well, feel the effects of this year's low prime rate.

The prime rate reported by Wells Fargo & Co. fell to 4.75 percent in mid-December and has stayed there since.

For no official reason, major banks have chosen to keep their prime interest rates set at three percentage points above the Federal Reserve rate, which is the direct reflector of the Federal Reserve's monetary policy, according to Kelly K. Matthews, economist for Wells Fargo's intermountain region.

Because interest rates on many credit cards and home-equity loans are tied to the prime rate, the prime is more relevant to the consumer market than it used to be, Matthews has said. On the other hand, many commercial borrowers now get loans at rates tied to other financial indicators or indexes.

Still, Zions Bank uses the prime lending rate as a component of its index of small-business conditions.

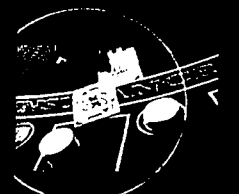
"The model assumes that most small businesses are borrowers, with financing costs tied to the prime lending rate," Thredgold has said.

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# Some say dairy outlook is overcast, but heat could help

By Carol Ryan Dumas  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — With a downturn in milk prices nearing the one-year mark, the nagging question on Gem State farms is just how long will the suffering continue?

"The milk outlook is not too good," University of Idaho dairy economist Wilson Gray said.

And while other factors do play a part in the price producers receive, the bottom line is old-fashioned, supply-and-demand economics, he said.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, butter production in May was up 14 percent and cheese production is up 2.5 percent over a year ago, Gray said, adding that government cheese purchases are expected.

"They (cheese makers) just can't move enough in commercial channels," he said. "They're making more product, but demand has slowed down."

The downturn in cheese demand is related to the downturn in the U.S. economy, he said. "People aren't eating out as much as they were. They're watching their budget."

In addition to high supplies of cheese and butter, there is more than 1 billion pounds of dry milk powder in storage, Gray said. "That is an incredible amount



University of Idaho dairy economist Wilson Gray isn't expecting any big improvement in milk prices this year.

of powder," he added.

Production increases in processing are a result of improved herds — more milk per cow — Gray said, adding that per-cow production nationwide is increasing steadily by 5 percent to 1 percent annually.

Idaho's 7 percent growth in production not only reflects improved herds but the continued move of milk production to the West.

"It's just kind of a structural shift that's still going on," he added.

Growth in the West is somewhat misleading, however, as the general trend has been a decrease in cow numbers nationwide.

With prices to producers declining overall since September — down to June's Class III price of 10.09 per hundredweight in an area where cost of production is \$11 to \$11.50 cwt — many producers are riding out the current downturn and no doubt hoping for some good news.

But good news is hard come by, according to Gray.

Idaho's milk prices are directly tied to the cheese market — which is soft at best, nearing the support price at worst.

In addition to soft prices, loss of expected corn acreage and a struggling alfalfa crop in many areas could drive up the price of feed.

In addition, severe drought in other cattle-feeding areas is bound to tighten hay supplies across most of the West.

"Feed (cost) affects the margin," Gray said of profits on the dairy, and if feed gets too high, dairymen will sometimes substitute another ration, which could affect milk production.

That could be bad or good, depending on perspective. Less

production overall would help the market, Gray said.

Perhaps the biggest potential for cutting production, however, is heat stress.

"If we have enough of this hot weather, it could stress the cows enough (that production would fall off). That would help improve prices some," he said.

The other possibility — which Gray isn't banking on — is an

improvement in the U.S. economy.

"If the economy will pick up, that will help, but I think people are still being cautious," he said. "You can look at the stock market and see people don't have a lot of confidence."

This story first appeared in Saturday's Magic Valley Area Weekly.

## The last snow melts in the mountains; water runs low

**TWIN FALLS** — It's official — winter is over. The last of the snow monitored by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service melted out on July 16, about two weeks later than normal.

The last snow-measuring site to melt out was the Lost Lake SNOTEL site located at 6,110 feet along the basin divide of the St. Joe and North Fork Clearwater Rivers about 50 miles northeast of Orofino. The site peaked at 78 inches of snow water on May 10, equivalent to about 780 inches of snow. The average snow water peak for the site is 61 inches in mid-April, and only two other years has the snow melted late at the Lost Lake site.

Ron Abramovich, hydrologist for the NRCS in Boise, said the late melt out is just another example of how unique the 2001-02 water year has been.

"Irrigators in southern Idaho are running out of water at the same time the last of the snow is melting," he said.

Irrigators who rely on Magic Reservoir, north of Shoshone, for irrigation water saw the season end in mid-July. The Salmon River Canal Company board of directors has set Aug. 23 as the shut off date for the project located in southern Twin Falls County.

### Judge dismisses stubble burning suit

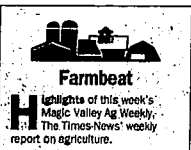
**WORLEY** — A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit filed by a group that sought to permanently put an end to stubble burning.

"I'm just relieved that the judge dismissed the whole case," said David Lampert, a grass seed grower from Worley.

SAFE (Safe Air For Everyone) had sued in early June seeking an end to field burning under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The act regulates disposal of solid waste.

Sixty-five Kentucky bluegrass growers in Kootenai and Benevolence counties were listed in the lawsuit. The suit asked for a permanent end to burning, but did not seek damages.

After two days of hearings regarding a preliminary injunction against stubble burning, Judge Edward Lodge dismissed the case on July 19 because he



Highlights of this week's Magic Valley Ag Weekly. The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

### Bean Growers cross fingers for cooler temperatures

**TWIN FALLS** — Continuing high temperatures around the Magic Valley have been great for growing as long as water is plentiful, but next week, bean growers desire a slight cooling trend that may or may not be delivered.

"Temperatures in the 80s are good for bloom," said Steve Salisbury, extension educator in Twin Falls County.

Salisbury explained that higher temperatures in the 90s can cause a drop in bloom.

A drop in bloom, of course, leads to less than desirable yields.

At this point, Salisbury reports that some fields have already started to bloom and that the rest will probably follow in five to seven days.

### Root maggots plague Minidoka beets

**PAUL** — While root maggots are a problem even in normal years, this year is like the perfect storm, where all conditions are aligned for better than normal conditions for the pest, especially in Minidoka County.

"Root maggots have been an extreme problem for everybody countywide," said Dan Schaeffer, a sugar beet grower in Minidoka County.

Schaeffer attributes the problem this year to lack of a winter frost.

"We need moisture in the fall and cold winter weather," he said.

He made two applications of a root maggot-controlling pesticide on all of his sugar beets this year. "Usually we just do it one time and that's it," Schaeffer said.

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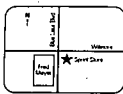
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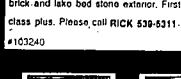
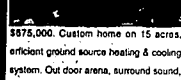
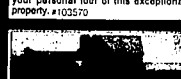
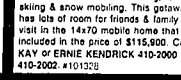
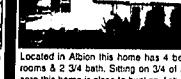
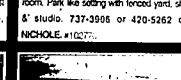
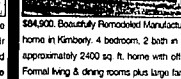
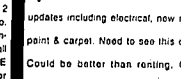
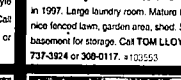
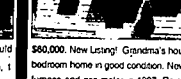
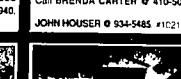
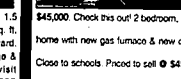
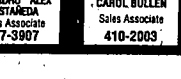
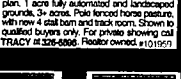
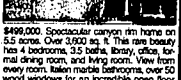
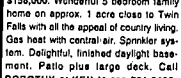
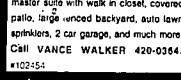
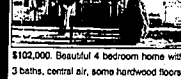
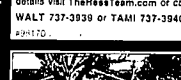
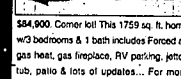
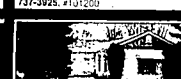
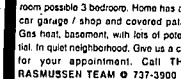
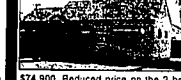
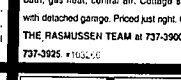
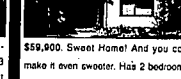
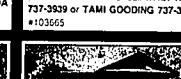
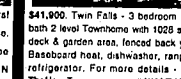
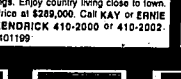
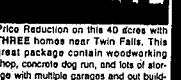
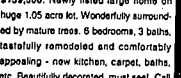
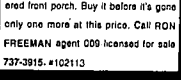
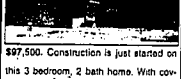
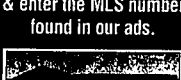
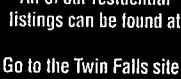
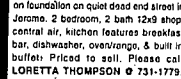
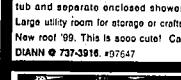
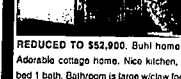
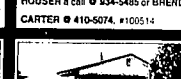
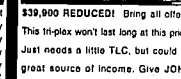
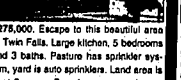
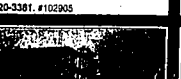
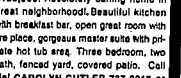
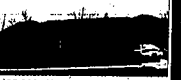
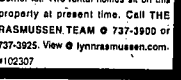
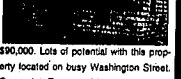
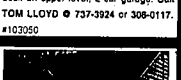
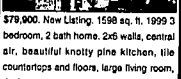
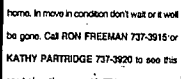
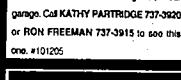
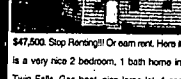
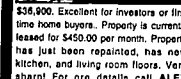
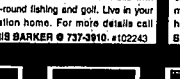
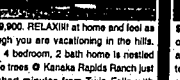
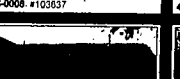
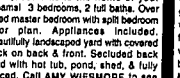
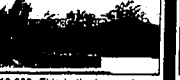
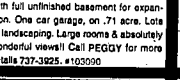
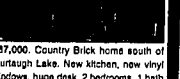
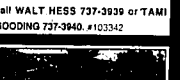
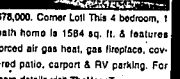
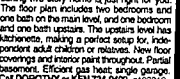
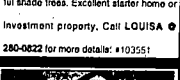
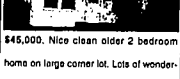
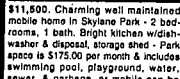
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Sunday, July 28, 2002

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: Holding A-J-3, A-K-9-4-1, Q-7-4, opened one...

should be a balanced hand with at least two spades, while a jump to three clubs is an overbid since...

ANSWER: I believe in raising in a major with three good trumps in an unbalanced hand...

Dear Mr. Wolff: When I do you recommend as my bid for the auction starts one spade...

Dear Mr. Wolff: How are you supposed to respond to a takeout double when you are low strength to make a simple response?

ANSWER: The problem with passing two diamonds is that it ends the auction, while game bid for responding one no-trump...

ANSWER: With both majors and extra shape, driving the hand to game via a cue-bid is not absurd...

Dear Mr. Wolff: How would you respond to a takeout double of one diamond, holding 10-3, 9-6-4, 10-9-7-3, 3-7-5?

Dear Mr. Wolff: Holding A-4, A-K-J-6-4, Q-10-3, A-Q-J-7, I opened one heart and jumped to three clubs over a one-spade response...

ANSWER: Do not bid one no-trump -- that shows 7-10 or so. The received wisdom here is to bid your cheapest three-card suit...

ANSWER: Actually, it is better to rebid two clubs than either of the other options. Two no-trump

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A: I recommend that any student thinking about taking advanced courses start by talking to a guidance counselor. Guidance counselors can give you the best advice based on your academic record and career goals.

They also know the local colleges, as well as courses offered that might be beneficial. For example, some states have "dual enrollment" programs that pay all or a portion of the costs of some classes. Some colleges require students to take a college entrance exam, such as the ACT Assessment before applying to take courses. Your guidance counselor will know the policies and procedures for your state and school district.

More importantly, guidance counselors can help you decide if it is the right time for you to take advanced courses. Much depends on your educational background, your plans and your abilities.

After talking with your guidance counselor, make an appointment to visit the local community college. It will give you a sampling of the college atmosphere. Most community colleges have advisers available to work with younger students.

## Making good use of computer time

Q: "I have just recently decided to quit playing computer games, logging on the computer and surfing the Net with no reason other than school research. The amount of time I spend on the computer has decreased to a point of almost nonexistence. I have high achievement goals and want to attend a prestigious college. What kind of computer time is beneficial, and is my decision hazardous to my future plans?"

A: Having computer skills is a plus for any student. Good keyboarding skills and the ability to research topics on the Internet are really useful in college. While it's OK to use the computer to relax during downtime, you might want to think of ways to use the computer to grow, such as using it for school research or even learning software that might be of use in college or a career. The most important thing to look at is how you are spending your time and to ask yourself if you could use that time more productively.

After coursework, other factors play a part in your success. Are you motivated? Do you spend enough time doing homework? Do you keep TV-watching to a minimum? Do you read outside of class? Are you exploring other interests or developing other talents, such as participating in sports, playing a musical instrument, or enjoying a hobby? There are many worthwhile things that you can do outside of school that will contribute to a well-rounded life. All of these things could be more important to your future success than using the computer.

## Finding teaching positions

Q: "Years ago I obtained a teaching certificate but I couldn't find work locally, so I started my own business. Recently, I decided to try again and re-certified, and once again there were no additional science teachers needed where I live. I guess my only hope is to relocate. It would be very helpful if there was a national directory of available teaching positions."

A: Finding good teachers, especially ones in math and science, is one of the most important issues facing our country. Unfortunately, the amount of need varies from region to region. If, like this reader, a teacher is willing to relocate, there are several resources available on the Internet. You might want to start by searching newspaper sites in regions that you may want to live, or search Department of Education sites for individual states. Web sites such as [www.recruitingteachers.com](http://www.recruitingteachers.com) (National Teacher Recruitment Clearinghouse) and [www.K12jobs.com](http://www.K12jobs.com) might also be helpful.

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# Get ready to learn

## Used correctly, technology can help; schools fight science gap

The Times-News

### Wired, but for success?

Visit any Idaho classroom and many students' rooms at home, and you'll find a dazzling variety of PCs, laptops, digital cameras and DVD drives. But is all this technology making kids smarter?

"I think it's making a difference when teachers take the time to reflect on what they're doing and how that impacts a student's learning," said K e r r i Whitehead, project coordinator for the Building Bridges to Technology project at Boise State University's College of Education. "Technology definitely allows certain things to happen that couldn't happen before."

For example, using the Internet for guided research can "widen a child's window to the world," she said. Students can use database programs to more fully analyze information and publishing programs to present their research.

And a generation of kids will graduate with basic job skills that include keyboarding, word-processing and desktop publishing.

Computers also allow home-schooled and virtual-school children access to one another.

A lot of parents and kids are able to get together online and create their own virtual community," Whitehead said. "Kids are even doing collaborative projects online."

To demonstrate technology's reach, children with disabilities from the Digital Divide Network:

- The United States has more computers than the rest of the world combined; 51 percent of U.S. homes had a computer in 2001.
- An estimated 429 million people (6 percent of the world population) is online globally, and 41 percent of them live in the United States and Canada.

But technology won't be a child's every need, Whitehead warns.

"People skills are important, and you can't get those from a computer," she said. "Kids still need to get outside and play."

### The science gap

Gender stereotyping is tough to overcome — especially by girls in science and in careers in math and science.

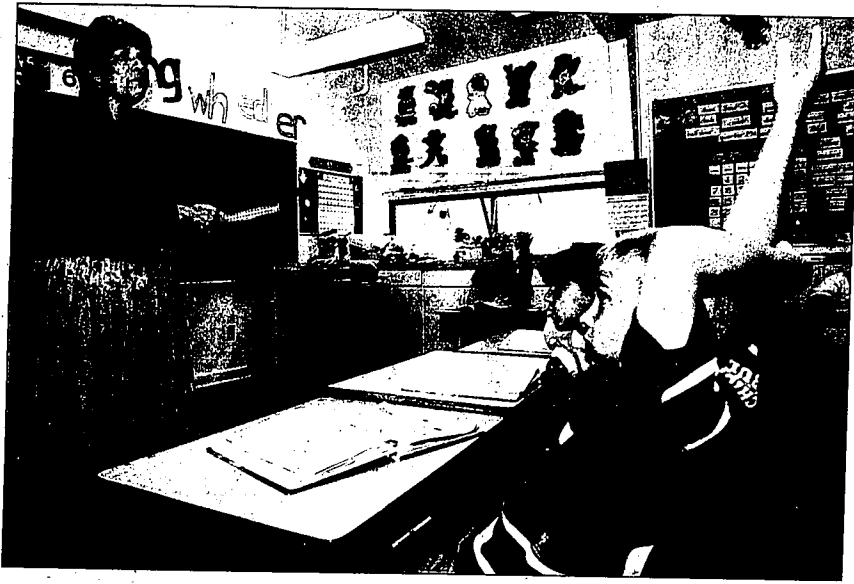
While it may be true that the gender gap in science, engineering, technology, math has narrowed, girls — by and large — still don't get enough encouragement to consider careers in fields that continue to be dominated by men.

In a recent publication of Computerworld, author Kathleen Melnyk cited a 2001 survey that showed girls are five times less likely to consider tech-related careers than their male peers.

"Girls are still bent on traditional female occupations such as teaching and health services," she wrote. How can parents, teachers and other adults help girls overcome these obstacles? Amy Moll, a professor of mechanical engineering at Boise State University, says positive messages, good role models and clubs and organizations are important.

"In recent years, I think more is being done to point girls toward certain (academic) programs that can expand their horizons," she said. "But it's still not enough."

"We need to tell girls that engineering and the sciences provide all kinds of career opportunities," Moll said. "We still have these cultural, stereo-



The opening of school in south-central Idaho is a month a way, but experts say the process of learning should start much sooner.

### 'Tis the season

This is the first of three Sunday editions about back to school. Coming next: Aug. 4: What teachers wish parents knew. Aug. 11: A home arranged for learning.

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types of engineers and scientists being boring, nerdy people doing nerdy stuff, but engineering and the sciences are incredibly creative professions."

Moll regularly visits Boise-area schools and speaks at career fairs to share information about careers in engineering and science with female students.

"I think it does make a difference for girls to actually see women in our professions discussing the many career opportunities available to them," she said.

### Parents, kids and choices

Do the right thing. It's simple and basic advice, says Boise State University nursing professor Cindy Clark, but it's also a crucial part of good parenting.

As their kids' primary life-skills coaches, parents must remember that they need to set the right example, says Clark, who worked as an adolescent and family therapist before joining the BSU nursing department, where she teaches courses on adolescent mental health.

"Parents need to be really good role models," she said. "Sometimes they don't realize it, but they are (the most influential people in their kids' lives) (well into their teens.)"

Research has shown that when kids make important decisions, they really look to their parents.

## Prevent 'gimme' fatigue

As kids head back to school, they are hammering parents to buy them all the latest clothes, shoes and backpacks — way more than any kid needs. How to set realistic limits on their materialism?

- Acknowledge your children's feelings. Sometimes it's tempting to meet a child's demands with a dismissive, "Oh, you don't need that!" But that kind of response sets up a power struggle. Instead, you can keep communication open by saying, "Yes, I can see that you'd really like to have that."

- Declare a waiting period before shopping, suggesting in the meantime that your children keep a running list of those "must-have" items. Children and teens are impulsive; when they want something they want it right now. Yet, if they wait a week or two, the items they so desperately "need" may barely be remembered — or already may have been declared post-peak by the peer group. It's often smart to buy only one or two essential items before school begins, then wait a few weeks before doing major shopping.

- Set up a realistic back-to-school budget and engage your children in comparison shopping to figure out what they can afford. Sometimes it's helpful to get a feel for the market by looking through catalogs first. When kids know their parents are serious about the budget, they often can make very wise choices about how to get the most for their money.

- Divide your shopping trip into two stages: Scout first, then buy. This is a great technique to avoid impulse buying and encourage careful decision-making. Make it clear to your children that the first time through the mall you are not going to buy anything, but are only going to look at the options. Have your children take a notebook and keep track of the items they like, noting brand, color, size and price. Then sit down and have a snack while you go over the list together and decide what to go back and purchase.

- For items that don't fit the budget, consider helping your children find ways they can earn money and save. Whether they do extra household chores for you or, if they're old enough, babysitting or lawn work for neighbors, earning money for things they want will build their confidence and increase their appreciation of what they have.

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Parents need to be involved with the kids and provide them with the proper structure, but there's only so much they can do," she said. "Kids still need to be held accountable. They need to learn freedom (from parental supervision) is earned through good and responsible behavior and through building trust between themselves and their parents."

### Writers must read

Want your child to become a good writer? Start by helping him or her become an enthusiastic reader, advises Boise State University education professor Norma Sadler, the author of a new book on how to use multicultural children's literature to teach writing skills.

"If students read the best literature, they see how language works well and they draw their own mental pictures from the

words," Sadler said. "They learn how to create their own stories by modeling from the best examples."

Sadler's new book, "Multicultural Connections: Creative Writing, Literature and Assessment in the Elementary School" (Scribner Press, 2002), offers a wealth of information about how to use literary elements such as plot, character and setting to help students write their own stories and essays.

The topic is timely, as school districts in Idaho and across the nation place an increasing emphasis on writing assessments to gauge student performance. College entrance exams, including the widely used Scholastic Aptitude Test, are also placing more emphasis on writing proficiency; the SAT will include essay writing beginning in 2005.

Good writing has its roots in close reading, Sadler says. By reading books from a broad range of cultural and ethnic perspectives, children gain a sense of who they are and how they fit into their culture. Their imaginations are fired to create their own stories, and they gain a sense of how to use language, narrative and pacing to make their tales come alive.

"It used to be we'd just teach the classics, books like 'Charlotte's Web' or 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory,'" Sadler said. "Now we have a broader perspective with wonderful authors from diverse backgrounds, and we have the opportunity to see a variety of cultures reflected in their work."

Sadler breaks new ground in her book by using multicultural literature, now an integral part of most school reading programs, to teach writing. Her step-by-step approach helps students make connections that will inspire their own writing.

Parents can provide additional support at home by encouraging their children to tell and retell stories about their personal lives and their families, Sadler said. Recounting events such as the times a child went fishing with his or her dad, the car broke down or the family bought a new puppy that tore up the fence allows children to explore elements of storytelling. The "home stories" that children choose to bring to school can also be used as the basis for writing projects, Sadler says.

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**FAMILY LIFE**

**Aries: Be discreet; innovate, Libra**

**IF JULY 28TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY**, you are independent, an original thinker. Although you have been hurt, you are always willing to give romance another chance. Your favorite colors almost always include white and yellow. Leo, Aquarius persons play major roles in your life, could have these letters in names: A, S, J. During August, you will be active in the martial arts, including astrology. Social life accelerates in September.

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** Be discreet, do not tell all. Don't confide or confess. Delve into unknown areas. Battle the fear, doubt and superstition. Taurus, Leo and Scorpio play roles.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** Many of your fondest hopes, desires will be fulfilled. You exude personality and sex appeal. Read, write and get thoughts on paper. Flirtation is serious. Gemini involved.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Emphasis on where you live, and with whom. Look beyond the immediate; perceive potential. Offer to travel is forthcoming; this could mean journey to foreign land.

**HOROSCOPE**  
Sydney Omar

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Your contributions will be acknowledged. You gain added recognition and could be on way to fame, fortune. Define terms, get promises in writing. Don't fall victim to self-deception.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You will have responsibility of investing other people's money. Maintain aura of exclusivity; you could be regarded as a "mysterious figure." Encourage that concept. Capricorn involved.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Look beyond the immediate. Be aware of legal rights, permissions. Spotlight on partnership, marriage. Your words could be quoted in faraway places. Aries plays outstanding role.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Do your work in innovative manner. What begins as routine could transform into "creative adventure." Adhere to your own style. Do not follow others. Leo figures prominently.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Focus on creativity, challenge and a variety of experiences. You emit vibrations of sensuality, sex appeal. Protect self in emotional clinches. Cancer native represented.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You will be involved with real estate, sale or purchase of property. Highlight humor and intelligence. Older family member has a say; you have right to disagree.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Short trip will involve temperamental relative. You beat the odds; you will do what many have considered impossible. Taurus, Libra and Scorpio natives play exciting role.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Income potential featured. At the track, choose number 5 post position in fifth race. Relationship grows hot and heavy; if you are not serious, move on! Sagittarius involved.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Be near water if possible. Domestic adjustment could include marital status, possible change of residence. Highlight diplomacy. Be generous but not extravagant. Libra figures prominently.

**Stimulate your brain with chocolate**



**LIFE AND TIMES**  
Denise Turner

"Change your thinking and you will change your life." That's the word from Shannon Bradford, a "thinkology coach" who's out to change the world, "orte brain at a time."

The idea is intriguing. A press release with information about Bradford's Mind Capital Brain Makeover Sweepstakes (www.mindcapital.com) says Bradford has formulated seven Brain Operating Principles that help people get more done, feel less stressed and become more successful.

But other people have other ideas. The same week I received the Bradford press release, I also received one about author Ori Hofmekler ("The Warrior Diet"). Hofmekler shares diet/lifestyle tips for improving brain power. Among them, avoid a big breakfast and eat chocolate.

I think I like this guy. But I'm not really convinced that chocolate impacts my brain more than it impacts my hips.

I remember, a few years ago, reading about a product called Brain Gum, which was supposed to help your brain cells function better in old age. I kept part of the Brain Gum clipping, for future reference. The claim was that the gum increases the chewer's ability to concentrate by "utilizing a naturally occurring phospholipid that acts as a source of mind-expand-

ing nutrients." I couldn't pronounce "phospholipid" and I figured I shouldn't consume anything I can't pronounce, so I never ordered the gum. Maybe I should have, as a representative of my Baby Boom generation.

After all, we Baby Boomers - the targets of today's multimedia advertising campaigns - are a generation of people who believe BIG TIME in the benefits of learning, and stimulating the brain. We like having smart kids, too.

I have a friend in the Midwest who was blessed with a genius-type child. Joey, who was born a few years after his "normal" sister Julie, was devising scientific theories before he entered kindergarten. Older brother Jordan, a high-achiever himself, was already in college studying to be a physicist.

"When Julie was 5, I told her that thunder is two clouds banging together and she was perfectly satisfied with my explanation," my friend once recalled. "But

when I told Joey the same thing - he asked about thunder at age 2 - he just looked at me funny and said, 'Tll ask Jordan.'"

My friend and I never did have IQs anywhere near Joey's, or Jordan's, but both of us have wondered if we would lose the brain power we do have in our "golden years." My mom still worries about the same thing.

Every year, she always asks us what we want for Christmas and then forgets what we said. Last year, I told her I wanted some towels, a bracelet and some flavored teabags. She sent sheets, earrings and money. It was close enough.

Mom often says she's lived long enough to earn the right to relax and set her brain in neutral.

I, however, have to keep my brain functioning at top speed, especially in the newspaper business - and especially when I read about those realistic bloopers that somehow make it into print in newspapers across the country.

Try "Experienced mom, will care for your child, meals and snacks included." Or, "Wanted: Man to take care of cow that doesn't smoke or drink." Or, "Typhoon rips through cemetery, hundreds dead."

Brain stimulation? I'll take two, please.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

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**Senior Volunteers Are More Organized Than Ever**  
By Dan Aspell  
It goes without saying that the many charities and non-profit organizations of America would be lost without senior volunteers. They answer phones, stuff bulk mail, deliver meals, read to little ones...the list goes on. Nevertheless, some seniors find it difficult to find the right organization for their talents. They have the time and desire to volunteer, but don't know where they're needed most.

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Thankfully, there is an organization that is ready and waiting for them, one that pairs individuals to people and places for the greatest common benefit. Though the Senior Corps (www.seniorcorps.org) has been around for decades, many seniors are still unaware of its talent for placement.

The area first started in 1965 is the Foster Grandparents Program, the ranks of which now number nearly 24,000 volunteers who provide support for some 80,000 children, teenagers and their families.

To be a foster grandparent individuals must be at least 60 years of age and have a minimum of 20 hours per week to offer. They must participate in 40 hours of pre-service orientation and occasional workshops while working. Foster grandparents are needed wherever there are children and teens at risk or needing support and mentoring. You'll find foster grandparents in day care centers and Head Start programs, as well as drug treatment centers, correctional institutions, hospitals and schools.

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In response to volunteering, the government offers seniors a tax-free salary, meals while working, annual physical examinations, assistance with transportation and insurance while on the job.

The second Senior Corps area is the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), which began in 1969. According to the Corporation for National Service, some 455,000 RSVP volunteers serve in over 63,000 non-profit organizations, providing a whopping 91 million hours of support and service at an estimated value of \$1.2 billion.

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RSVP takes volunteers over 55 years old and often places them where their former career and life skills are needed, though volunteers are free to learn something completely new as well. Volunteers may work flexible hours, though pre-service orientation and some on-the-job training is generally required.

The third Senior Corps volunteer area is the Senior Companion Program, which after some off-and-on starts in the 1960s, was formally funded in 1974. Nearly 13,000 seniors have chosen this program, serving over 61,000 fellow seniors in need of assistance.

Senior companions must be over the age of 60 and able to devote at least 20 hours a week of service. Their job is to assist other seniors in need of help with grocery shopping, transportation, bill paying and household chores. They receive training in health topics, including Alzheimer's disease and diabetes, and usually help two to four clients per week.

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Jack Hyder talks to the children at the Boys and Girls Club about the American flag, while DeMolay members Dane Johns, Scott Steward and Dylan Beorchia listen.

## Bethel 56 installs new queen

TWIN FALLS - Kirsten Wright, daughter of Gary and Margaret Wright, will be installed as honored queen of Bethel 56, International Order of Job's Daughters at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Masonic Temple, 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.



Kirsten Wright

Other elected officers to be installed are Jennifer Bemis, senior princess; Hailey Beitia, junior princess; Nicole Patrick, guilder; and Hailey Everton, marshal. Appointed officers are Jessica Patrick, chaplain; Jessie Jensen, treasurer; Shlaim Johns, recorder; Brooke Jardine, musician; Ashley Jones, second mes-

senger; Marya Morrison, third messenger; Katie Garr, fourth messenger; Tami Craig, senior custodian; Dixie Craig, junior custodian; Ashley Jenkins, outer guard; and Jenny Smith and Brooke Sligar, choir.

Sara Jane Talkington, retiring honored queen, will serve as the installing officer, assisted by

Hillary Lytle, Megan Stevens, Andrea Harris, Erin Talkington, Amy Wicks, Liz Stuart, Cindy Blastock, Bonnie Lamborn and Debra Koutnik. "Always Follow Your Dreams" will be narrated by Dale Shropshire. Vocalists Sierra Seaman and Dana Wright and cellist Erica Blank will be accompanied by Bonnie Lamborn. Hosts will be Jeanette and John Lytle. Amanda Blastock will attend the guest book. The new queen's project is the Crisis Center of Magic Valley Volunteers Against Violence. The public is invited to the installation and reception.

## DARE GRADS



Fifth-grade students at White Pine Intermediate School in Burley held a graduation ceremony to commemorate finishing the Drug Awareness Resistance Education (DARE) program. After listening to several speakers, the children each received a certificate and a DARE T-shirt.

## Groups emphasize flag respect

TWIN FALLS - Earlier this year, the DeMolay announced that each chapter should rededicate itself to patriotism through service to communities using the ideals of DeMolay: love of God, love of family, and love of country.

To that end, members of the Twin Falls Chapter Order of DeMolay and Jerome Masonic Lodge spoke to the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley to help celebrate the 4th of July. The guest speaker was Jack Hyder, a member of the

Veterans of Foreign Wars in Wendell Thousand Springs Post 2974 and Jerome Masonic Lodge.

In his speech, Hyder spoke about respecting the American flag, how to raise the flag, when the flag should be flown, and at what point a flag be retired and a new one ordered. DeMolay members Dane Johns, Dylan Beorchia and Scott Steward demonstrated how to raise, lower and fold a flag.

A new flag was donated to the Boys and Girls Club by the CSI Surgical Tech Club on July 1.

Young men in DeMolay across the United States will show their patriotism by giving back to their communities this year, chapter representatives say. Earlier this year, the Twin Falls Chapter hosted a memorial ceremony for the victims of Sept. 11.

The VFW also support a "sponsor the U.S. Flag" program. If you are interested in sponsoring the gift of an American flag to a local school or community group, look at its Web site at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) for more information.

## CAUGHT BEING GOOD

These Robert Stuart Junior seventh-grade students were 'Caught Being Good' by the faculty and staff. They showed examples of mutual respect, attentiveness, attentive listening and responsibility during March and April. They are, from left, back row: Megan Sotini, Mandi Newell, Darrell Avery and Steven Bolton; second row: Andrea Loyo, McKeloe Conard and Whitney Petersen; front row: Roberto Ramirez and Chelsea Erdmann.



These students of Robert Stuart Junior High

## STORK REPORT

### Magical Valley Regional Medical Center

Arlene Alicia Ibarra, daughter of Lidia Ibarra of Gooding, was born Sunday, July 7, 2002.  
Marisela Jade Malvaez, daughter of Deri Jean Larva of Twin Falls, was born Monday, July 8, 2002.  
Ashton Kylie Landers, daughter of Erin Noel Landers of Jerome, was born Monday, July 8, 2002.  
River Lee Thompson, son of Aubree Jeannette Thompson of Kimberly, was born Monday, July 8, 2002.  
Sarah Virginia Anderson, daughter of Tammy Lynn and Steven Virgil Anderson of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, July 17, 2002.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Melissa Morgan The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 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

Alyah Abel Agustín, daughter of Juanita and Ramon Agustín of Burley, was born Thursday, July 18, 2002.  
Hunter Mikel Merriss, son of April Michelle and Mikel Donovan Merriss of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, July 18, 2002.

Bretton Edwin Cheney, son of Michelle Lea and Joseph Edwin Cheney of Jerome, was born Saturday, July 20, 2002.

Valette Christine Cummins, daughter of Mary Claire and Robert Scott Cummins of Hanson, was born Saturday, July 20, 2002.  
Jacob Christopher John Baker, son of Nicole Lea Baker of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, July 20, 2002.

### St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Alexander Ruben Slim, son of Kevin and Mary Slim of Jerome, was born Friday, July 19, 2002.  
Garrett Russel Hays, son of Bruce M. Hays and Stephanie Pryor of Filer, was born Saturday, July 20, 2002.

### Filer student racks up several awards from Legion

Mike Fort of Filer, son of Jay and Shelly Fort, won several awards in the American Legion Oratorical Contest.

He won first place at the Filer Post 47 contest, first place at the District 5 contest in Paul, and first place in the Area 3 contest in Wendell and third place at the Idaho State contest at Idaho Falls.

The contest consisted of an eight to 10 minute oration on a phase of the U.S. Constitution. His teacher is Christie Foster.

### Climer receives Moose International scholarship

Adam H. Climer of Twin Falls is one of 47 students in the United States and Canada to receive a \$1,000 R. Robert Dale Scholarship from Moose International.

Applicants must have a good academic standing and their parent or guardian must be a member of the Loyal Order of Moose or Women of the

### Moose

Climer is a member and officer of the National FFA, and worked two jobs. He plans to attend the College of Southern Idaho and study heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration.

### Golden Key Honor Society selects Jacobsen

Jamie Richelle Jacobsen of Buhl has accepted membership in the Golden Key International Honor Society, and was honored during a campus ceremony.

The society provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, community service, career networking and scholarships.

### Ash is recognized by Achievement Academy

Amy Ash of Twin Falls has been named a United States National Award winner in honor roll.

This award recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students.

Ash, who attends Robert Stuart Junior High, was nominated for this award by a teacher. Ash will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

The academy selects students upon the exclusive recommendation by teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and for academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship,

attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability.

Ash is the daughter of John and Susan Ash of Twin Falls.

### EOU announces 2002 spring term dean's list

Adrienne Fullmer of Twin Falls has made the dean's list for the 2002 spring term at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Ore.

More than 320 students achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or better. Qualifying students must have fulfilled a minimum of 12 graded hours.

### Denny takes spot on Rochester dean's list

Rachel Denny, daughter of Greg and Debra Denny of Twin Falls, has been named to the dean's list for the spring quarter at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y.

This is the fourth time Denny has received this honor. She is studying photojournalism. Denny is a 1988 graduate of Twin Falls High School and former correspondent for *The Times-News*.

### Twin Falls student earns place at college dean's list

Caroline Jelavich of Twin Falls was named to the dean's list for the 2002 spring semester at Randolph-Macon Women's College in Lynchburg, Va.

The dean's list recognizes those students who have achieved superior quality in their academic work.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### MVRMC awards college tuition to baby

TWIN FALLS - Kelby Jordan Andrew is the lucky baby who will receive four years of college tuition through the Native Idahoan Tuition Fund at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

All babies born at Magic Valley Regional during 2001 (12 a.m., Jan. 1, 2001 to 11:59 p.m., Dec. 31, 2001) were eligible to enter the drawing.

Daughter of Pat and Renee Andrew of Twin Falls, Kelby will receive up to \$31,000 to help pay for her tuition at any Idaho public college or university. Her name was drawn at random from over 1,000 entries. Kelby was born on July 7, 2001.

Magic Valley Regional has awarded at least one college tuition award each year since 1996. Special awards also were given during the grand opening of the Women and Infants Center at the hospital in

1996 and the Millennium celebration in 2000.

To receive the funds, the winning child must enroll in an Idaho college or university within 18 months of high school graduation. Funds will be held in trust by the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation until the child enrolls in college, and paid directly to the college where the child enrolls.

Make Appointment now for Red Cross blood drive

BURLEY - A Red Cross blood drive will be held from 12-6 p.m. Aug. 5 and from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Aug. 6 at the Burley Armory, 2000 E. Main St.

For an appointment or for more information, call Joyce at 676-2984.

Mindokota County Senior Center seeks donations

RUPERT - The Mindokota County Senior Center will hold a yard sale at 9 a.m. Aug. 23-24 at the center, 702 11th St. in Rupert, and seeks donations.

For more information or to donate, call the Mindokota County center at 436-9107.

Gooding County Senior Center serves breakfast

GOODING - The Gooding County Senior Center will serve breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the center, 308 Senior Ave. in Gooding. The menu will include coffee, eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, gravy and juice. The cost is \$3, and the public is invited.

## We want your news

Please send your news and photos to: Community Editor Pat Marcantonio The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303 733-0931 Ext. 288

For the Sunday page: noon Wednesday For the Thursday page: noon Monday For the Tuesday page: noon Friday For the Saturday page: noon Tuesday For the Wednesday page: noon Friday

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# 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: Cook's choice  
Tuesday: Lasagna, Italian vegetables, tossed salad, french bread, fruit pie  
Wednesday: Sweet and sour pork, rice, vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, cinnamon rolls  
Thursday: Menu not available  
Friday: Menu not available

Activities  
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Monday  
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Foot clinic, make appointment  
Tuesday  
Ticket Tuesday  
Blood pressure check from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Thursday  
Pinchle at 1 p.m.  
Friday  
Lunch bingo

## West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1015 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 Tuesday. 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.  
Monday  
Sunday: Menu not available  
Monday: Mallin chicken  
Tuesday: Lasagna  
Wednesday: King ranch chicken  
Thursday: Barbecue ribs  
Friday: Sweet and sour chicken  
Activities  
Thrift shop open every day. Quitting 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Bookend Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$3.  
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.  
Treasure Tuesday  
Bingo at 11:45 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.  
Quitting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Bingo pressure check at 11:45 a.m.  
Bingo from 1-3 p.m.  
Smorgy at 5:30 p.m.  
Cards at 6 p.m.  
Friday  
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

## Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.

308 Senior Ave.  
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.  
Monday: Tuna fish patties, potato puffs, carrots, salad, cake  
Tuesday: Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, carrot and raisin Jell-O, cookies  
Wednesday: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, oriental vegetables, cole slaw, french bread, strawberry shortcake  
Thursday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, applesauce Jell-O, fruit cake with lemon sauce  
Activities  
Monday  
Snack bar at 5:30 a.m.  
Pinchle at 12:30 p.m.  
Hand and foot at 6 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Pool at 9 a.m.  
Bridle at 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Pool at 5:30 a.m.  
Fun night at 6 p.m.  
Thursday  
Pool at 5:30 a.m.  
Linda Norris at 12:30 p.m.  
TUIPS at 5 p.m.  
Pinchle at 7 p.m.  
Friday  
Bridle at 1 p.m.  
Hand and foot check at 1 p.m.  
Bowling at 1:30 p.m.  
Bingo at 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday  
Breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m.

Jerome Senior Center  
211 First Ave. E.  
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.  
Monday: French dip sandwich, fatter tots, peas, tossed salad, fruit, cookies  
Tuesday: Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, carrots, green pea salad, strawberry squires  
Wednesday: Fish or chicken, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, Jell-O with fruit, apple crisp  
Thursday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, gravy, country vegetables, carrot and raisin salad, peach cobbler  
Friday: Roast pork, potatoes, gravy, peas and carrots, three bean salad, cherry cheesecake  
Activities  
Monday  
Aerobics at 11 a.m.  
Tuesday  
Pinchle at 1 p.m.  
Snack bar at 1 p.m.  
Early bird bingo at 6:45 p.m.  
Bingo at 7 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Aerobics at 11 a.m.  
Pinchle at 7 p.m.  
Friday  
Aerobics at 11 a.m.  
Old Time Fiddlers at 1 p.m.  
Pinchle at 2 p.m.

## Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St., Kimberly  
Monday: Sandwich, chicken noodle soup, cottage cheese, apricots, cookie, coffee, milk  
Wednesday: Salisbury steak over noodles, peas, cole slaw, bread and butter, cinnamon roll, coffee, milk  
Friday: Salad bar, rolls, watermelon, cantaloupe, coffee, milk  
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  
Dominos at 1 p.m.  
Thursday  
Crafts at 1 p.m.  
Friday  
Bingo at 11:55 a.m.  
Pinchle at 1 p.m.

## Camas County 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 adults and \$2 for children under age 10. To eat a meal at the center, call ahead at 764-2226.  
Tuesday: Liver and onions, spinach, cottage cheese, hash browns, fruit, dessert. Alternate meal will be available  
Wednesday: Tuna melt, mixed vegetables, fruit salad, macaroni and cheese, dessert  
Friday: Beef steak, cole slaw, potatoes, fruit  
Activities  
Tuesday  
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Exercise 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 from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Saturday  
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 from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Saturday  
Yard sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Sunday  
Sundries in the park

# ANNIVERSARIES

## THE HURLESSES

BOISE - Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Hurless of Boise were honored at a celebration for their 50th wedding anniversary at the Ameritel Inn Spectrum in Boise with family and friends. Billie Braun provided the entertainment.  
Hurless and Lois Watson were married June 20, 1952, in Jerome.  
He is a retired real estate broker and she is retired from the Idaho Attorney General's Office.  
The event was hosted by their four children, Linda (Phillip) Rietze, Brett (Cheri) Hurless,



Paul and Lois Hurless  
Todd (Tona) Hurless, all of Boise, and Paula (Stan) Tonkin of Flemington, N.J. The couple has eight grandchildren.

## THE PHILLIPSES

JEROME - Mr. and Mrs. Ed Phillips of Jerome will be honored for their 60th wedding anniversary at an open house from noon to 4 p.m. Aug. 4 at their home (five miles west, one mile north and one-quarter mile west of Jerome). A light lunch will be served. The couple's only wish is for their friends and family to join them for an afternoon of fun and enjoyment.  
Phillips and Betty Fowler were married Aug. 9, 1942, in Cut Bank, Mont. He worked for Toole County and she worked as a nurse's aide in Shelby, Mont. They lived in and around Concord and Shelby until 1955, when they moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he worked for Peter Kiewit and Sons Construction and she worked at the hospital. They moved several times with the construction, and she earned her licensed practical nursing license in Rupert. They moved to Jerome in 1964 and started farming northwest of Jerome in 1974.



Ed and Betty Phillips

She worked for St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome and he retired from construction and then worked for the North Side Canal Co. They are retired at their farm in Jerome in the summer and he works in the winter pumping propane in Quartzite, Ariz.  
The event is hosted by their three children, Beverly (Lenny) Meyers of Jerome, Clarence (Sally) Phillips and Vernon (Karen) Phillips, both of Boise; 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

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