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# Testing for teachers?



Linda Berry, a drug screen specialist with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, prepares a urine sample for random testing. Legal experts say it might be unconstitutional for school districts to randomly test employees.

## Court rulings lean against random drug testing

By Robert Mayer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - As the Twin Falls School District ventures into random drug tests for its administrators, it needs to tread carefully lest the new policy be deemed unconstitutional, legal experts say.

With few exceptions, government agencies are prohibited from mandating random employee drug testing by the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the experts say.

Attorneys who specialize in public entity law say that for public school employees to be randomly tested, it must remain purely a voluntary endeavor. The minute it's written into policy, it's no longer voluntary and

therefore vulnerable to legal challenge, they say.

Last week, Twin Falls School District administrators suggested and approved subjecting themselves to random drug testing. They view it as a way to clear any public perceptions stemming from felony drug charges against a former school principal.

The testing has the possibility of being expanded to all district employees, depending on the outcome of future district meetings with classified and certified employees.

The legal standing of random drug testing is constantly evolving in the courts.

To date, there hasn't been a definitive U.S. Supreme Court ruling that involves public school employees and random drug

tests. The nation's highest court has ruled on random testing for other government entities, however.

**Search and seizure**

The Fourth Amendment guarantees against unreasonable search and seizure by the government.

Because the considered drug tests are, by definition, random and therefore done without reasonable suspicion or cause, such tests are considered unreasonable search and seizure, said Jill Chestnut, executive director of Drug Free Idaho Inc.

A key factor is whether an employee works for the government.

Private companies are free to randomly drug test their employ-

ees. Public school districts, on the other hand, don't have that option, because public school employees are, in effect, government workers. And it is the government that is prevented by the Fourth Amendment from unreasonable search and seizure - not private employees.

There are situations, however, in which certain government employees may be randomly tested. Two 1989 U.S. Supreme Court rulings favor prominently into this exception: National Treasury Employees Union vs. Von Rabb and Skinner vs. Railway Labor Executives Association.

Both cases established that government employees who are in "safety-sensitive" positions



Pope John Paul II lights a candle in front of his parents' and older brother's graves at the Rakowicki cemetery in Krakow, Poland, Sunday.

## TEARS, CHEERS AND A WISH TO RETURN

### Pope greets 2 million in homeland

The Associated Press

KRAKOW, Poland - In a tearful, farewell Mass in his beloved Krakow, Pope John Paul II told more than 2 million Poles on Sunday that he would like to return one day - but "this is entirely in God's hands."

The ailing, 82-year-old pope, brushing aside any notion he might step down while making his ninth papal trip to his home-

land, grew weaker during the three-hour service until adoring throngs raised his spirits by chanting his name.

"God bless you," he said to applause from the vast throng filling the Blonia meadows. Then, choosing his words carefully, he said, "I would like to add 'until next time' but this is entirely in God's hands."

The Polish pilgrimage has

## Pakistani religious schools offer refuge for al-Qaida

The Associated Press

KARACHI, Pakistan - Nimble fingering his prayer beads, the headmaster of one of Pakistan's biggest Islamic schools fondly describes Osama bin Laden as an inspiration and fugitive Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar as his friend.

Nizamuddin Shamzai's madrassa, Jamia Banuri Town, educated many former Taliban leaders, and his son and nephew fought alongside the Taliban against the U.S.-led coalition in Afghanistan. And if any Taliban or al-Qaida fugitives turn up at his door, he says,

they will be welcome and protected from American or Pakistani authorities.

"There isn't anyone who would turn them away," Shamzai said. "It is every Muslim's duty to help them."

Western intelligence officials believe many Taliban and al-Qaida members have found refuge at Islamic schools in Pakistan - some in the rural, deeply conservative tribal belt along the Afghan border and others in Pakistan's teeming cities.

Madrassas are often affiliated with militant groups such as Jaish-e-Mohammed and Harkat-ul-

Mujahdeen, both of which used to have training camps in Afghanistan and worked closely with Taliban and al-Qaida leaders.

One former Taliban commander, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he is in hiding, said he spent several days in Pakistan's southwestern city of Quetta with members of Harkat-ul-Mujahdeen. These days he is on the move, slipping back and forth across the mountainous border between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Pakistani and American officials are well aware of the madrassas' potential as possible

hiding places. However, raiding them could trigger a revolt. Many Pakistanis, including some without extremist views, would see it as an affront to their faith, especially if Americans were involved.

"We think there are some Taliban or al-Qaida, or both, at some of these schools, or certainly they know where many of them have gone," said one Western diplomat in Islamabad, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "But it is a secret society. We can't bust in there - not without causing a riot. All we can do is try to apply pressure on the militants and their infrastructure."

## Drug court could lead to dismissal of charge

### Former principal might not get criminal record

By Mark Heinz Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A drug court program could mean the way out of a criminal record for a former Twin Falls elementary school principal.

But her future in education could still be in doubt.

If somebody seeking job references for Mary Lee Roberts should someday call the Twin Falls School District, officials would be honest and to the point, Superintendent Terrell Donicht said.

"With respect to the facts, we would be honest and tell them about her performance as a principal and also the facts as we know them about the charge that has been leveled against her."

Roberts, 48, resigned as principal of Bickel Elementary School after a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance was filed against her. The charge stemmed from investigators' allegations that Roberts in July tried to mail a package containing about a pound of marijuana from Houston to her Twin Falls County home.

Roberts has since waived her right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded guilty to the charge in exchange for a chance to enter the drug court program. That program is aimed at rehabilitation, and charges are dropped against defendants who complete it.

### The end of a career?

Roberts' resignation came before the Twin Falls district could bring any disciplinary action against her, but the district did file a report on the situation with the Idaho Department of Education's Bureau of Certification and Professional Standards, Donicht said.

An investigation into Roberts' situation has been opened, said department spokesman Allison Westfall. But it's tough to say where that will lead, she said.

Most likely, a report will be filed - perhaps as early as November - with the department's Professional Standards Commission, Westfall said. That commission is appointed by the

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## Would he kill again?

### Police try to block release of inmate

The Associated Press

HOUSTON - The murders were as random as they were vicious: stabbings, hangings, stranglings. In 1982, the women didn't know each other or the hooded man who, according to one survivor, enjoyed the killing so much he was "clapping and dancing."



Coraj Eugene Watts

Police eventually caught up with Coraj Eugene Watts but couldn't connect him to the savage crimes in Texas and Michigan.

Desperate to close the cases, prosecutors agreed to a plea bargain. In 1982, Watts admitted he killed 13 women. "They had evil in their eyes," he said - but he went to prison for burglary with intent to commit murder.

He was sentenced to 20 years and prosecutors, police, and

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# Bush would explain Iraq decision

### Aide says president hasn't made up mind over Saddam Hussein

WASHINGTON (AP) — If President Bush orders military action against Iraq, he will fully explain to Americans his decision to try to remove Saddam Hussein from power, a White House aide said Sunday.

"President Bush also understands if we go forward, if he decides that we need to take action to minimize the threat that he now poses, that he will do so in a way that will clearly be articulated to the American people, clearly articulated our friends and allies," said Dan Bartlett, the president's communications director. "And you'll find, because of the abysmal record of Saddam Hussein and the threat that he causes in the region, and to us as well, that we will have support."



President Bush

"The president hasn't asked for support because he hasn't made up his mind. But I think you'll find many people rallying to such a noble cause."

Also on Sunday, White House officials said Vice President Dick Cheney was a late addition to the participation list for the military planning summit Bush is convening Wednesday at his Texas ranch, where he is vacationing.

Cheney, reportedly hawkish on military action against Saddam, will join Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers and others at the meeting. White House spokeswoman Claire Buchanan said the session is not meant as a war-planning huddle on Iraq, but as a chance to update plans for military transformation, missile defense and the Pentagon budget.

The Bush administration accuses Iraq of supporting terrorism and of rebuilding its banned weapons of mass destruction programs. Many U.S. allies and lawmakers are resisting the push to oust the Iraqi president, arguing that an invasion cannot be justified without firm proof that Iraq is developing nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

"The American people must be behind this. The Congress must be involved. And that, I'm sure, is what the president would intend when he is ready to make that case," said Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., on CNN's "Late Edition."

# Airports fret at looming baggage screen deadline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Managers at some major airports believe his travel problems could lie ahead come the Dec. 31 deadline to begin inspecting every piece of checked luggage for explosives. They also are raising questions about whether the bomb-screening equipment is sophisticated enough and in adequate supply.

The prospect of long lines and the funds space for the many crammed airports have led Congress to consider delaying the screening requirement by a year. "I see disaster coming," said Bruce Baumgartner, aviation manager at Denver International Airport. "If it doesn't work and people are inconvenienced, people are going to stop flying."

Airports without enough of the explosive detection machines in place by year's end must check bags with smaller hand-held equipment that finds traces of explosives.

The trace detectors require more employees and take longer to examine luggage than the larger machines.

Without enough employees and equipment, passengers could face waits of three hours to have their baggage checked for explosives, said Kevin Cox, senior executive vice president at Dallas/Fort Worth Airport.

"It will be catastrophic," he said.

Congress, which imposed the deadline in security legislation passed after Sept. 11, is having second thoughts. The House last month voted 217-211 to extend the deadline by a year. A Senate committee will consider the idea when lawmakers return from their summer vacation in September.

Rep. Peter DeFazio, a member of the House Transportation aviation subcommittee, said Sunday that the deadline should be met to prevent terrorists from blowing up an airplane with explosives hidden in luggage, as was done on Pan Am Flight 103.

"I believe an explosives attack is much more likely than a takeover," said DeFazio, D-Ore., on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Some airport managers say the government is installing obsolete equipment. They say the systems are slow and often mistake ordinary substances for explosives.

Jerry Orr, aviation director at North Carolina's Charlotte-Douglas Airport, calls the machines "yesterday's news."

"We ought to take whatever time is necessary to do it right the first time," Orr said.

# Water concerns grip Nebraska cities

The Associated Press

One by one, the wells are drying up in western Nebraska's Cheyenne County.

Extreme drought is forcing desperate farmers to pump more and more groundwater to irrigate their fields and keep their crops alive.

The drought has ravaged cities as well. In Sidney, two of nine municipal wells are expected to go dry in the next week, and others could become useless if water levels drop lower, leaving inadequate supplies for 6,200 residents to fight fires, drink, cook or even bathe.

"All the irrigation wells west of us are running dry, one by one, like a domino effect, and it is coming closer to us each day," said city manager Gary Person. "They are now running dry within a mile of town."

The situation is forcing farmers and city-dwellers to compete over every drop of groundwater, and some wonder who will win — and whether the state or courts will help decide.

"People realize that everyone is in these situations, so they are trying to work through this difficult time," said Jack Daniel, who monitors public water supplies for the state.

With groundwater use in Nebraska mostly unregulated by the state and controlled exclusively by local natural resources districts, courts could be the only recourse for cities and domestic well owners, said Ann Bleed, deputy director of Department of Natural Resources.

"We've heard concerns from domestic well owners whose wells have gone dry. They have asked, 'What can be done?'" she said. "If a domestic well owner sues an irrigation well owner, they very well could win."

Sidney's city manager doesn't think it should come to that, and he wants the state to step in and ensure that communities have enough water.

"Nebraska has to get dead serious about its water laws," Person



Steve Lloyd, director of Public Services of Sidney, Neb., surveys an irrigated corn field Friday. Despite water restrictions and conservation efforts by its residents, the city expects two of its wells to go dry in the next week.

Harriet Semander, whose 20-year-old daughter Elena Semander was strangled with her own shirt, isn't convinced that will be enough.

"There's no doubt in my mind that he has been sitting in prison for the last 20 years planning his next murder," she said. "This man was street smart. He was cunning. He liked what he did. Of course he is going to do it again, and when there is the next victim, we can all take the blame for it."

"We would try and come up with the very best supervision plan we possibly could," Collier said.

"Everybody knows he is going to kill again," said Houston police Sgt. Tom Ladd, who interrogated Watts after his arrest in 1982. "His last statement to me was: 'You know, Tom, if I get out, I'm going to do it again.'"

"He's a homicidal time bomb," Ladd said.

Watts declined an interview request from The Associated Press. His defense attorney in 1982, Zinetta Burney, did not return calls requesting comment.

Finding new evidence will be tough, Ladd said. DNA testing wasn't done in the 1980s, and evidence collection was handled differently.

And with Watts' attacks lasting just moments, he left little behind, the homicide detective said.

Bill Nebeker and His Family would like to THANK all who donated time, money, talents, and energies to the Benefit Golf Scramble, Dinner, and Auction held in his honor on July 29th, 2002.

The day was a huge success and the response, from those who participated, was overwhelming.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### City Council holds its regular meeting

**TWIN FALLS** - Today the City Council will consider a grant application for a construction/security project for Jossil Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport.

The council will also consider parking space removal on the east side of Bridgeview and hear a presentation on parking in downtown Twin Falls.

The meeting starts at 5 p.m. in the City Council chambers.

### Buhl School District will hold workshop tomorrow

**BUHL** - The Buhl School District will present a special workshop for substitute teachers from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday in the library at Popplewell Elementary School.

The workshop will cover how to become a substitute and tips on how to be an effective substitute. Staff members and substitutes will make presentations, and participants will receive a copy of the Buhl Schools Substitute Manual. Those who attend will be paid a higher rate on the substitute pay scale.

For more information or to register, call Lynn Busmann at the school district office at 543-6436.

### Former prisoner of war will give speech

**TWIN FALLS** - Retired U.S. Air Force colonel and former Vietnam War prisoner of war Edward L. Hubbard will give a free motivational presentation at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium.

His appearance is co-sponsored by the CSI Honors Program and Edward Jones Investments.

Hubbard joined the Air Force Reserves at the age of 17 and was called to active duty in 1962. From 1966 to 1973, he was held by the North Vietnamese as a prisoner of war. Throughout his 28-year military career, he was awarded more than 60 commendations and medals, earned five college degrees and became known as the leader who could help units and organizations in the military increase their efficiency and productivity.

In 1988, Hubbard began sharing his inspirational story and ideas with groups around the nation. His book, "Escape from the Box: The Wonder of Human Potential," was published in 1994. As a motivational speaker, Hubbard says he is dedicated to helping others overcome any obstacle, handle any odds and reach any goal by developing the correct state of mind.

For more information about the Twin Falls presentation, call Bob or Dean Seibert at Edward Jones at 733-4925 or CSI Honors Program director Jamie Shetler at 732-6812, or contact Shetler by e-mail at jshetler@csi.edu.

### Major road project begins next week north of T.F.

**SHOSHONE** - A major construction project to increase safety and reduce traffic congestion at the junction of Interstate 84 and U.S. Highway 93, three miles north of Twin Falls, will begin the week of Aug. 26, the Idaho Transportation Department said.

Signs alerting motorists of the upcoming construction will be installed this week.

The project, scheduled for completion by December 2003, will involve replacing the existing I-84 westbound structure and the westbound on- and off-ramps. The result will be increased clearance over Highway 93 and accommodation of higher and wider loads. A non-stop loop ramp for northbound highway traffic merging into the westbound lanes of I-84 also will be constructed.

Construction of the new ramps will cause minimal traffic interference the rest of 2002.

Only brief traffic stops will be required during blasting operations.

I-84 eastbound traffic will be restricted while the new westbound overpass is constructed. Highway 93 traffic will be shifted to accommodate construction.

Western Construction Inc. is the contractor for this \$7.27 million project.

Compiled from staff reports

By Robert Moyer  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - It's something that the College of Southern Idaho hasn't seen in nearly 20 years: a smaller budget than the previous year.

The proposed 2003 budget is \$24.5 million, a 1.8 percent decrease from last year's \$25 million spending plan.

A struggling state economy featuring holdbacks and other decreases in revenue forced the college to make cuts across the board in both personnel and operating costs.

"You don't give raises, and you ask people to take on a bigger load," said Mike Mason, vice president of finance.

The budget will be up for approval tonight at the CSI board of trustees meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the Taylor Building, Room 258.

Overall, revenues are generally down.

State appropriations decreased 8.6 percent: \$14 mil-

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lion for the coming year, down from \$15.3 million in the current year.

And a bear market, combined with 40-year-low interest rates, helped drop CSI's investment income by nearly 40 percent.

The college did receive a 5.2 percent increase in county property taxes. The more than \$2 billion in property value in Jerome and Twin Falls counties will allow CSI to draw in \$3 million.

But with property taxes providing only 12 percent of the general budget, officials had to turn to the students to make up for some of the losses.

Thus, a larger student body paying higher tuition and fees - \$38.50 per credit, up from \$35 per credit - should bring in \$4.4 million, a 25 percent increase from the previous year's \$3.5 million.

With revenues down, so too are expenditures.

While operational budgets were frozen, the largest cuts involved employees.

Most areas on campus saw loss in personnel - administration, faculty, physical plant, and the Herrett Center.

For the most part, salaries didn't budge. The exception was a handful of faculty members who received an increase in pay for promotions, such as associate professors who became regular professors.

"The faculty put in the time, so we felt like we had to honor that," Mason said.

While the college can squeak by with this budget, further shortfalls would cause permanent fundamental changes in the way CSI operates, Mason said.

### CSI's budget

Revenue	FY 2002	FY 2003	Change
Tuition and fees	\$3,497,400	\$4,373,400	25.05%
Tuition county	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	-
State appropriation - academic	\$10,291,600	\$9,410,800	-8.56%
Liquor Fund revenue	\$150,000	\$150,000	-
State appropriation - tech-ed	\$5,049,700	\$4,551,300	-9.87%
Tech-ed physical plant	\$409,800	\$409,800	-
County property taxes	\$2,876,600	\$3,025,300	5.17%
Inventory tax phaseout	\$515,000	\$515,000	-
Interest on investments	\$330,000	\$200,000	-39.39%
Grant management fees	\$215,000	\$220,000	16.28%
Other revenue	\$150,000	\$150,000	-
Totals	\$24,985,100	\$24,535,600	-1.80%

Expenditures	FY 2002	FY 2003	Change
Administration	\$1,055,200	\$1,059,400	-0.64%
Human resources	\$163,800	\$167,400	2.20%
Library	\$558,600	\$560,500	0.34%
Student services	\$1,135,800	\$1,136,300	0.04%
Herrett Center	\$489,300	\$445,600	-8.93%
Computer Center	\$525,800	\$584,800	11.22%
Resource development	\$294,500	\$264,400	-10.15%
Technology Department	\$719,100	\$703,800	-2.13%
Physical Plant	\$3,372,900	\$3,124,400	-7.37%
Institutional support	\$2,188,200	\$2,583,000	18.04%
Academic instruction	\$9,421,200	\$9,304,400	-1.24%
Technical instruction	\$5,049,700	\$4,601,300	-8.88%
Totals	\$24,985,100	\$24,535,600	-1.80%

## Man walks from Sawtooths to Selkirks

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

**KETCHUM** - Josh Burnim sat on top of a mountain in the Selway-Bitterroots and surveyed the peaks to the south that he had hiked through the month before.

Then he looked at the peaks to the north that he would be hiking in the coming days and weeks.

"What route would I take if I were a wolf or a lynx?" he asked himself.

It was a question this gangly 6-foot-2, 170-pound man asked himself often as he put one foot in front of another for 900 miles.

Burnim's backpacking trip makes most weekend backpacking trips look like pudding next to creme brulee.

Over a period of five months, he hiked from Redfish Lake in the Sawtooths to Kokanee Glacier Provincial Park north of Nelson, B.C. His goal: To see how to establish a freeway or corridor for wildlife stretching from the Sawtooths to the Selkirks to ensure the perpetuity of animals such as caribou, wolverines, moose and bears.

"When our forests get surrounded by development, animals lose their ability to find mates and establish territories," said the 28-year-old Burnim, who discussed his trip during a recent visit to Ketchum. "Without wildlife corridors, we'll see animals like the wolves and grizzly bears go extinct."

Burnim got the idea for the trek from Canadian bear biologist Karsten Heuer, who took a two-year, 2,100-mile trek from Yellowstone National Park to the Yukon Territory.

He prepared for the trip nine months in advance, stuffing his 70-pound pack with a lightweight Sierra tent, dinners donated by backcountryfood.com and trail mix and Power Bars donated by the food coop in Moscow where he had attended college. And he arranged for friends to deliver more food to him at 18 points along the way.

He zigzagged north through Idaho, as if climbing a steep staircase through the Sawtooth Mountains, the Frank Church-River of No Return and Selway-Bitterroot wilderness areas of Cotte-Mallard and Kelly Creek.

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Josh Burnim wore out three pairs of shoes during his Sawtooths-to-Selkirks hike. Being surrounded by pavement again has proven a culture shock, but he hasn't gotten any new holes in his boots.

## Peace Corps volunteer says she learned much in Panama

By Loretta Burkhardt  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Shani Cummins said she joined the Peace Corps to discover a new culture and "have a chance to change something for the better."

Returning to Twin Falls last week after serving two years in the central highlands of Panama, Cummins said she ended up being the beneficiary.

"These people have made a difference in my life and gave me so much more than I could ever give," she said. "They



Shani Cummins, a small number of Panama's 3 million citizens live.

Peace Corps volunteers are assigned to areas around the world.

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Shani Cummins poses with elementary school students in Panama after they planted trees for a reforestation activity she led as a Peace Corps volunteer.

## Jerome looks for sewer plant comments

**JEROME** - The city of Jerome is looking to the public for ideas and suggestions for fixing its wastewater treatment plant. City residents are urged to attend today's open house and speak up.

The city's plant is full; it has reached capacity and has no more room to accept new customers. The city receives odor complaints from residents several times a week.

### Open house

In an effort to fix the problem, the city hopes to gather ideas and suggestions from the public on how to best solve the current overloaded conditions at the plant and the accompanying odor problems.

City Administrator Travis Rothweiler said he will be explaining the city's treatment process and current problems. He will outline what the city has done to date and what the city hopes to do in the future.

The city is currently considering several possible options to solve the wastewater treatment plant's overloaded condition.

The city could just upgrade the current plant or also build a pre-treatment plant in the southern section of the city for the city's two large industrial users, Jerome Cheese and WestFarm Foods.

Rothweiler said representatives from Idaho Department of Environmental Quality have been invited to today's meeting.

## Ranger says fuels reduction plan can wait

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - The U.S. Forest Service has frozen funding for most projects in order to free up money to fight fires.

Ironically, that action will delay the fire prevention project at the Pomerelle Mountain Resort.

Burley District Forest Ranger Scott Nannenga agrees with the way Forest Service officials have managed money. The Forest Service needs to find money to continue fighting fires, and the fuels reduction project at Pomerelle can wait, Nannenga said. Forest Service officials said. Forest Service officials have allocated money for other fire prevention projects in areas where fire danger is higher and where more buildings exist.

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# MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

## Care facility rehabilitates older people Blaine commissioners hold hearing today

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**RUFERT** - Nursing homes have become more than the "last stop" in a fruitful life.

The change can be seen even in the names of these facilities. At Minidoka Memorial Hospital the facility is an extended care and rehabilitation center. Other local facilities are Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center and the Burley Care Center.

Joel Rogers is in the new position of director of extended care services at Minidoka Memorial Hospital, said including rehabilitation is "standard for the industry anymore."

Federal and state government regulations prompted the inclusion of rehabilitation, Rogers said. Medicaid put a limit on the number of days a person can stay in the hospital in certain situations. Where before patients would stay days or weeks in the hospital recovering, they are now often moved to rehabilitation.

Rehabilitation programs are also growing in an effort to change public perception about nursing homes, Rogers said. Hospitals and care facilities want to remove any stigma the words "nursing home" may cause.

"All facilities are trying to get away from the stigma," Rogers said.

Often older people don't want to think about living in a nursing home because they see it as a "last stop," they are afraid of being abandoned and they want to keep their independence, Rogers said. But sometimes an extended care facility isn't as bad as people think, especially if they are there for a short time.

Rehabilitation is a motivating factor. Director of Nursing Services Flo Holdaway said. People work hard to get stronger and go back home. Having a rehabilitation program "helps people stay in their homes longer."

Shauna Kraus, administrator at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center, said rehabilitation means there are fewer patients returning to the hospital. They are able to get stronger and be more successful when they do get home.

Patients in the hospital's facility for rehabilitation usually stay about six weeks, Holdaway said. The number of rehab patients varies. Currently the extended care facility has 10 rehabilitation patients and 48



F.E. 'Smookey' Vannatt takes a walk down the hall with rehabilitation aide Suzette Baker at Minidoka Memorial Hospital's extended care facility.

long-term patients. Rehabilitation aide Suzette Baker said the facility is seeing more and more people come in for rehabilitation.

Rogers said the hospital has been offering rehabilitation services, but hasn't focused on that option. Changes are expected in that effort though. Officials at Minidoka Memorial Hospital are looking at setting aside an area of the extended care facility specifically for rehabilitation patients.

Currently, all patients are cared for together. "That's not the perfect way to do it," Rogers said. Patients in rehabilitation need to have a positive outlook to help them get stronger. If they are part of the long-term patient group, they may get a more positive outlook. Rogers said going to get better. Rogers said. Having specific areas for the two types of patients would make sure "they don't start to

feel like long-term residents."

Kraus said the success of rehabilitation at Parke View is a rehab patient. With private rooms and their own dining room, patients stay between 14 and 21 days while they regain strength and then go home.

The therapy a patient undergoes in rehabilitation is different than care a hospital provides, Kraus said. Hospitals focus on acute care; rehabilitation looks at the person as a whole and what they need in order to return home.

Officials at Minidoka Memorial may change what their facility looks like aesthetically, to ensure the facility has a "homey" atmosphere, rather than an institutional feel, Rogers said.

"We try to make it as much a normal life as possible," Rogers said.

He related the experience of his own grandmother, who said she never wanted to be in a nurs-

ing home, but after living at the hospital's facility for one year said it was the best year of her life, Rogers said. She was among friends, had people to talk to and great food prepared for her each day.

Rogers will keep his \$71,800 salary as he moves into his new position. He will also continue to be a part of the radiology department, where he was director of medical imaging, until a replacement can be found.

Rogers' extended care services position was created to make sure those areas were receiving enough executive direction. Hospital Administrator Carl Hanson has been "trying to wear two hats" overseeing both the hospital and the extended care services, Rogers said.

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## Magic Valley in brief

**HAILEY** - Blaine County commissioners will hold a public hearing today to consider putting an ordinance authorizing funding for a consolidated emergency system on the November ballot. The enhanced 911 system would be paid for via a telephone user fee. The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. at the old county courthouse.

## Cycling celebration offers two days of activities

**SUN VALLEY** - There's something new under the sun for bicyclists. It's the Galena Lodge Cycling Celebration. The celebration will offer two days of bicycling activities. The Galena Grinder Cross Country Mountain Bike Race will be held at 11 a.m. Sept. 7 and will feature a one-lap format on Galena's trail, a post-race burrito bar and free camping in the pines.

The \$25 entry fee includes the burrito bar and camping. Sunday, Sept. 8, has been set aside for the Boulder Mountain Bike Tour. Bicyclists are invited to ride their road bikes up the highway from town or the Sawtooth National Recreation Area headquarters with a designated road riding group. Or you can ride your mountain bike up all or part of the Harman Trail with a designated mountain bike group. Or you can ride up on your own or drive up and ride the trail system. Whatever you choose, the day will culminate in a huge picnic and party on the Galena Lodge deck at 1 p.m. Cost is \$15 for the brunch, with drinks costing extra. For more information, call 726-0110.

- compiled from staff reports

## Opponents say land swap would price out families

**ALTA, Wyo. (AP)** - Opponents of a proposed land exchange that would expand skiing at the Grand Targhee Ski and Summer Resort say the swap would spur too much growth, drive up housing costs and price out many working families. In all, the U.S. Forest Service received more than 300 comments on the proposed exchange, with most opposing it, said Lynn Ballard of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest. The comment period ended last week.

Under the proposal, 120 acres of national forest land would go to the ski resort, and the Forest Service would receive about 400 acres of privately held, undeveloped land in prime grizzly bear habitat south of Yellowstone National Park.

The resort would then be able to develop up to 970 housing units on the newly acquired land. Environmental groups charge that forest managers are moving ahead with flawed data.

The Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance, Citizens for Teton Valley, Wyoming

Outdoor Council, Sierra Club and American Wildlands submitted a joint comment saying the latest recommendations are not an outdated 2000 appraisal in an exploding real estate market. The groups, who commissioned PriceWaterhouseCoopers to analyze the appraisal, said they found "serious, perhaps fatal flaws as to adherence to standards and independence." "We also found that the appraiser's analysis of changing market conditions was not reasonable and that the appreciation rate he employed was understated."

The groups also said the proposal ignores the socio-economic effects on Teton County, Idaho, west of the ski area, and Teton County, Wyo., to the east.

In particular, they said the exchange does not account for the population of housing near a ski resort, the resulting population growth and the increase in property values.

Many workers in Teton County, Wyo., depend on affordable housing in Idaho, but development at Grand Targhee could price them out of the area, the groups said.

## Columbine school has 60 percent staff turnover since deadly student attack

**LITTLETON, Colo. (AP)** - About 60 percent of the people on the staff at Columbine High have since the school became the site of the nation's deadliest school shooting in 1999. Only 58 of the 143 faculty members and staffers from 1999 are still at the Jefferson County school. For the district as a whole, teacher turnover was only 11 per-

cent annually from 1999 to 2001. Candace Birch-Sterling, a Spanish teacher at Columbine for 14 years, transferred to another school a year after the shootings in which one teacher and 12 students were killed. "I hated that the school I knew had been taken away from me. I didn't want to be an emotionally wounded teacher for the stu-

dents," she said. Columbine seniors Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold stormed the school April 20, 1999, killing 13 people before committing suicide. Twenty-three others were wounded. The turnover at Columbine is typical in the aftermath of tragedy, says Steven M. Herman, an Indianapolis specialist on post-

traumatic stress syndrome. "One of the most common ways of coping is flight," Herman said. "It is painful to be in the building, to be with people who shared the experience and see the reminders." Former teacher Patti Nielson was grazed by a bullet, then ran into the school library and told students to get under the tables.

She called 911 and hid in a cupboard when the gunman entered the library, where most of the students died. Nielson left Columbine the next year after experiencing flashbacks, forgetfulness, panicking and crying. "When you're in a cupboard for 3.5 hours and you're going to die and thinking you're not going

to see your kids again, I decided it was better if I took care of my own kids," Nielson said. Among those whose choice to stay was choir director Lelandi Andrus Jr., a Columbine graduate starting his 18th year at the school. "When your house burns down, you rebuild it," Andrus said. "This is home to me."

## Peace

Continued from A4 conditions to help improve living conditions through a "cultural exchange" of human relationships and educational programs. The corps' goal is to help people more effectively use the systems they already have in place. "It's not about handouts. We provide the human aspect to make improvements in health and resource management through environmental education," Cummins said. Volunteers provide technical training to help the developing world preserve natural resources. Even so, on the Panamanian isthmus, access plays a major role in enhancing native lifestyles. Though much of the area's travel is done with four-wheeled drive units, the remote area where Cummins served could only be accessed by a three-hour trip on horseback, or by the more common mode of transportation - on foot. "So you only bring what you can carry with you," Cummins said. And the accommodations in the isolated mountains left a lot to be desired. Upon her arrival at the small township in the highlands, one of her first orders of business was to make plans to build a home. And where houses are built of mud and grass, making the arrangements takes more time than the actual construction. For a one-room structure, it takes about a week to gather enough wood to make the frame, and about a day to apply the mud and grass mixture which, when dried, serves as the

## About the Peace Corps

The Peace Corps is an independent agency within the executive branch of the U.S. government. • Who's in charge: The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is charged with general oversight of the activities and programs, and the House Committee on International Relations serves a similar function. • Placement: Volunteers serve in countries that need and want Peace Corps assistance. The Peace Corps conducts extensive assessments of the security circumstances in every country before programs are established. • Volunteer requirements: To become a Peace Corps volunteer, an applicant must meet certain education and work experience requirements. When evaluating an applicant, the Peace Corps considers the "whole person," including life experiences, community involvement, volunteer work, motivation and even hobbies. In most cases, an applicant with a bachelor's degree in any discipline, strong motivation and a commitment to Peace Corps service will be competitive to become a volunteer. • History: The Peace Corps was initially established by President Kennedy by executive order on March 1, 1961, and was formally authorized by the Congress on Sept. 22, 1961, with passage of the Peace Corps Act. • Budget: The Peace Corps' annual budget is determined each year by the congressional budget and appropriations process, and is about 1 percent of the foreign operations budget. The annual budget for fiscal year 2002 is \$275 million. President Bush has devoted the highest level of funding to the Peace Corps than any time in the history of the agency. • For more information: Visit www.peacecorps.gov. Source: Peace Corps

finisher touch. And though the real estate value for a hut with dirt floors might be minimal, the life experiences gained by Cummins made the building priceless. "Helping to build a house is actually a social event, but for me, it was much more than that," Cummins said. To build her home, Cummins held what is called a "junta" - a local construction - shortly after she arrived. Although there is no charge for the junta, the host or hostess is expected to provide the food for the public event - in exchange for the labor. With more than 60 people helping, it took one full day to complete the project, which included gathering the grass, mixing it in a mud pit and applying it to the structure made of limbs. "And then it became my home - until I had to leave," she solemnly added. And what did her parents think when their daughter, who had just recently earned a degree in language/communications, decided to join the Peace Corps? "We supported her decision 100 percent," Terry Cummins said.

## Trek

Continued from A4 roadless areas and Cabinet Mountain Wilderness before ending up in the Selkirk Mountains 50 miles north of the Idaho-Canada border. He started off on snowshoes in deep, wet snow near Redfish Lake. In a symbolic gesture, he rafted part of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, the largest undammed river in the Lower 48. He got temporarily lost on trails in the Selway area that haven't been maintained since the 1970s. He slumped down 20-foot cliffs as he walked off-trail in some locations. And he grew used to the quiet of wilderness, only to have it shattered on occasion by thundering F-16s and the rumble of 18-wheel trucks. He also heard a pack of wolves howling in Clearwater country and sent a black bear packing by clapping his hands. "One of the most common ways of coping is flight," Herman said. "It is painful to be in the building, to be with people who shared the experience and see the reminders." Former teacher Patti Nielson was grazed by a bullet, then ran into the school library and told students to get under the tables.

## Fuel

Continued from A4 "He walks very much like an animal - soft and gentle-like. That gives him the ability to walk and see things as if he were a lynx or bear," said Kaz Thea, a Hailey conservationist who helped send Burnin on his way. Burnin encountered about 100 other hikers. Thirty-three friends joined him for parts of the journey. Still, he spent a seven-day stretch by himself. He took 1,200 slides to show others what he saw. In all, he crossed eight highways and 40 lesser roads. He encountered extensive damage caused by off-road vehicles, but he encountered far more roads and less cuts than he'd expected in British Columbia. "A lot of us believed we could always look north for wild animals' salvation, but that's not the case," he said. Central Idaho sports the largest

"block of wild country remaining in the Lower 48, but it's an island surrounded by development," Burnin says. Consequently, it doesn't begin to meet the needs of wild animals that call it home. Animals that are penned in 6x8 freeways, RV parks and new subdivisions are susceptible to getting wiped out by breeding success, floods and fire, Burnin said. Burnin would like to see Congress pass the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act to set aside wildlife corridors to allow animals to get from one area of wilderness to another. He'd also like to explore the idea of creating a wildlife overpass on Interstate 90, similar to those built in Banff National Park. "The areas I traveled through offer some of the best and most wildlife habitat left. We need to keep it that way. And we need to do more," he said. Ranneggs said. Ranneggs chose Pomerelle as a site for the project not because the area has a high risk of fire, but because there is more property to lose. Other parts of the forest have the same fuel accumulation, Nanneggs said. "Pomerelle wasn't there we wouldn't be doing this project," Nanneggs said. The Forest Service may hire a local contractor but could just as easily accept a bid from a company in Arkansas or Texas, because there are few contractors in the country who have the equipment to chop fallen wood, Nanneggs said.

Knute Rockne-III's struggle for his own identity.

SPORTS

SPORTSQUOTE

Your chance of going home without your neighbor's cookies on your shoes is better than ever. Cleveland Plain Dealer columnist Bud Shaw on the Browns' efforts to cut down on drunken fan behavior.

Cowboys give thumbs up to Cassia remodeling

By Scott Thompson Times-News writer

BURLEY — Jason Eiguren gave the remodeled Cassia County Rodeo arena "a double thumbs up" after teaming with Cody Young to catch their calf in 6 seconds flat. Moments later, T.J. Collett Jr. and Dusty Morse topped them by .1 of a second, which was good enough to tie Justin Hudson and Ben Hutchison for first place during Saturday's final round of the three-day Cassia County Rodeo. It was that kind of night as team ropers made short work of their calves thanks in large part to a completely restructured stadium that put the timed-events chutes at the south end of the stadium 180 degrees opposite from where they used to stand. "That was the best thing they could have done for the team ropers," Eiguren said. "We used to turn right into the fence and the heater would have no shot. I guarantee they will start to get some of the best ropers here when word about what they did spreads." Collett, who like Eiguren has been to the Cassia County rodeo in the past, agreed. And he also said the boisterous, near-capacity crowd estimated at more than 6,000 strong Saturday night won't hurt Cassia's reputation with cowboys. "Added money is what brings cowboys in," he said. "And with crowds like this, they might start getting it." Collett was also enthusiastic about the performance of himself and Morse in catching Hudson and Hutchison, who posted their time during slack following Thursday's performance. "I'm real pleased," he said. "But I know I can also do better." The two were not the only cowboys to seize top prize Saturday as P.J. Smith rode Calamity Jane to a score of 81 in the bareback competition to get things rolling and allowed Smith to edge Cody DeMeters and Jess Davis by a point. But the rest of the top scores and times from the previous two days held up. Although Thomas Bert's shot atop the quick-spinning World fell just a point shy of tying Bert Nielsen for the bull-riding title.

Cassia County Rodeo results

Results from Saturday's final round at the Cassia County Rodeo. Table with columns for event name, rider name, and score.

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TRIVIA QUESTION

Earlier this season, David Eckstein of the Angels hit grand slams in consecutive games. Who was the last major league player to do it before him? ...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

American Legion baseball Class AA NW Regional Tournament, at Harris Field, Lewiston Championship, 8 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Doan takes two main events at MVS

TWIN FALLS — Dan Doan won both main-event Budweiser Grand Nationals races held Saturday at the Magic Valley Speedway. But the 100 points weren't enough to overtake points leader Dale Miles, who used a second-place finish in one race to maintain his lead over Curt Kaneaster, Bob Nation, Doan and Ray Van Holland. Miles has 730 points to 678 for Kaneaster. Nation has 659 points, followed by Doan with 653 and Van Holland with 585. Sam Harris picked up his second win of the season in the Dairy Queen Thunder Stocks, edging Justin Macedo. Jim Shirley edged a third-place finish in the main event to help move up into second place in tie standings behind John Urie (604-586). Urie took fourth Saturday while Mike Buddenhagen took fifth. Buddenhagen is in third with 579 points. Jason Newhouse of Twin Falls won the Randy Hansen American Trucks series stop, edging Tom Vandenberg of Jerome. Sarah Ronch won the Middlekauff Queen Bees race. No further details on that race were made available.

Beem holds off Tiger

Unlikely champ withstands late charge by Woods

By Jack Taylor Detroit Free Press writer

CHASKA, Minn. — Looks as though Rich Beem can toss out that employee ID card for Magnolia Hi-Fi in Seattle now — he won't be using it again any time soon. Unheralded and underrated, the golfing nomad from the west, stared down a fierce finish by the determined and focused Tiger Woods on Sunday, shot a valiant four-under-par 68 and made off with the 84th PGA Championship at Hazletine National Golf Club. Beem came into the tournament without great credentials, despite winning the International just two weeks ago. But he popped in his daily dose of Pepto-Bismol, kept his smoking putter on the burner and held off Tiger's sevens-birdie blast to make his 10-under-par 278 stand up for a one-stroke win. "I never dreamed anything like this might happen — when I came here I didn't even really expect to make the cut," said Beem, who won the huge Wanamaker Trophy, accompanied by a check for a \$990,000. Beem's career as a salesman is history. Born in Arizona, schooled in New Mexico, Beem honed his game on the Dakotas Tour and now lives in El Paso, Texas, but not only is he a tour fixture now, he appears to have installed himself as a major player on the PGA Tour since he's only 31. This marks his third victory in his fourth season. He is also the 12th player in the last 15 years to make the PGA his first major title. He also extended Woods' record of never scoring in a come-from-behind victory in a major. But Tiger went like a whirlwind, not with a whimper. Woods rebounded from back-to-back bogeys that seemed to end his day just over halfway through to birdie the last four holes for an astounding 67. He came up one shot short since Beem carded an eagle and five birdies, birdied the treacherous 16th to offset the three-putt green at the last hole. "My nerves were hitting me," Beem admitted. "But I hit a beautiful 7-wood out there. I



Rich Beem celebrates after sinking a long birdie putt on the 36th hole during the final round of the PGA Championship at Hazletine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn., on Sunday. Chris Riley, a 28-year-old Californian, shot a closing 70 to sneak into third place at 283, a shot ahead of Justin Leonard and Fred Funk. Leonard staggered in at 77, while Funk had 73 as they shared fourth at 284, while Rocco Mediate (70) finished at 285 to edge Mark Calcavecchia and his second 74 in a row by a shot.

More longing than sense

CHASKA, Minn. — Rich Beem keeps a bottle of antacid in his golf bag and his old salesman's I.D. card in his wallet. He still needs the first to steel himself for the journey ahead each day. The second is to remind him where he's been. On the eve of the final round of the PGA Championship, with only Justin Leonard ahead of him on the leaderboard and Tiger Woods lurking just behind, Beem said what a lot of other people were thinking: "Guys like me are not supposed to contend in majors." But guys like him might be the only ones who can trade shots with Woods down the stretch of a major and wind up ahead at the end. Guys with more longing than sense. Guys who still remember what it's like to make \$7 an hour selling cell phones and car stereos. Guys who have to squander their talent before they begin even to miss it. "He just trusted and believed in himself and he got the job done," Woods said. "Sometimes it may be a benefit to be a little naive in a situation." Like Bob Beem at this event two years ago Beem vs. Woods seemed like such an epic mismatch at first that anybody who turned on the TV Sunday must have wondered whether they had stumbled into a remake of "Tin Cup." But nobody who watched long enough to see Beem play a Please see LONGING, Page A8

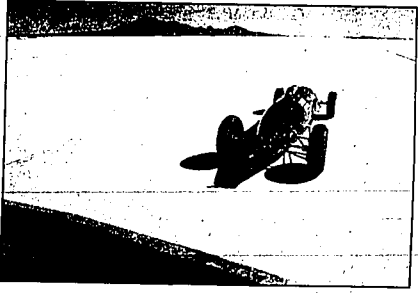


JIM LITKE

Salt flats beckon nation's racers

The Associated Press

BONNEVILLE SALT FLATS, Utah — On this stark white landscape in the Utah desert, hundreds of race car drivers have gathered to attempt to break into the 200 mph club — or, if that's too slow, the 300 or 400 mph clubs. The deafening roar of the engines masks the crunch of salt underfoot. Race officials — dressed in white from their ball caps to their slippers — shoes motion a car forward to the start line. An official points to the driver and then sweeps his hands toward the seven-mile course: Your turn. Every August, the world-famous track at the lunar-like Bonneville Salt Flats draws amateur racers to Speed Week. The flat expanse of packed salt about 110 miles west of Salt Lake City is all that remains of the ancient Lake Bonneville, ancestor of the Great Salt Lake. This week the lunar-like desolation gives way to something almost as alien. Racing aficionados hoping to break land speed records arrive with hundreds of vehicles, ranging from a dusty green 1953 Chevrolet truck to a 70-year-old tangerine roadster to a 25-foot-long, 4-foot-wide exotic. The Hats — reflect the mid-August sun on racers and specta-



Gary Colvert, of Enumclaw, Wash., gets a push from his team's van as he starts his run Wednesday at the Bonneville Salt Flats. year was set by Nolan White, who averaged 411 mph over two runs, a requirement to officially set a record. After making a record run on the 90-foot-wide track, inspectors ensure the vehicles' builders didn't cheat, which rarely happens. "You'd be frowned on by the rest of the competitors," inspector Tom Evans said. "It really is a bad thing to do — like stealing from the grocery store." The drivers race a second run Please see SALT, Page A8

Danny Almonte is still full of surprises

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Danny Almonte just can't act his age. Last year, he cost his Bronx team its third-place finish at the Little League World Series when Little League legend and Fred Funk. Leonard staggered in at 77, while Funk had 73 as they shared fourth at 284, while Rocco Mediate (70) finished at 285 to edge Mark Calcavecchia and his second 74 in a row by a shot.

ing, Almonte was one of two dozen kids practicing on a Bronx field that had nothing but its four bases in common with the manufactured diamonds of South Williamsport, Pa. Almonte, in a sweat-soaked gray shirt and Chicago Cubs cap, was just a 12-year-old and chased fly balls. On the concrete stands behind first base, plastic blue caps from crack wials sat alongside a crumpled cigarette. Danny Almonte, a reticent pack and broken glass. Only a pair of spectators watched: Ira Warheit, a Bronx dentist who serves as an advisor to Almonte, and a representative from the Dominican consulate. (Danny's parents reside in the Dominican Republic, and the teen lives with Paulino.) Almonte stood in center field, wearing a glove that was a gift from Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Orel Hershiser. "Danny just wants to play Please see ALMONTE, Page A8

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Compiled from staff and wire reports TRIVIA ANSWER: Albert Belle of the Baltimore Orioles in 2000.





SPORTS

Meg Mallon wins Canadian Open

Jarrett overcomes spin to win Pepsi 400

VAUDREUIL-DORION, Quebec (AP) — Meg Mallon, taking advantage of a triple bogey on the back nine by Carrión...

holes. Matthew, from Scotland, finished with a 79 for a 1 under total, tying Michelle Ellis of Australia and Michele Redman for second.

Golf early Sunday. He played the final five holes of the third round in 3 under and finished with a 69. Italy's Costantino Rocca and Scotland's Andrew Coltart tied for second at 2 under 286.

70 for a four-shot victory at the Compaq Open. A record 21,000 spectators crowded the Vasatorp Golf Club for the final round.

BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) — Dale Jarrett rebounded from a spin on the 12th lap and passed Jeff Burton with five laps to go to win the Pepsi 400 at Michigan International Speedway on Sunday.

Auto racing clinch the Formula One team title with four races left in the season.

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

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Football

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Da Matta gets sixth checkered flag of season

ELKHART LAKE, Wis. — Cristiano da Matta returned to form Sunday, ending a three-race slump with a victory in the Motorola 200.

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Ferrari clinches team GP title with Barrichello win

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Rubens Barrichello wasn't about to surrender his lead in the Hungarian Grand Prix.

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Draglia takes third at Norwich Union GP meet

GLASGOW, Scotland — Olympic world vault champion Stacy Draglia of Potomac leaped 14.9, and finished third behind Russians Svetlana Feofanova (15.75) and Yelena Isinbayeva (14.9) Sunday at the Norwich Union Grand Prix meet.

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Rangers send pitcher Valdes to Mariners

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Texas Rangers opened another spot for a young arm in the starting rotation by trading right-hander Ismael Valdes on Sunday to the Seattle Mariners for two minor-leaguers.

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SaberCats rattle Arizona in ArenaBowl XVI

SAN JOSE, Calif. — John Dutton passed for 236 yards and five touchdowns as the San Jose SaberCats won their first ArenaBowl, shutting out the Arizona Rattlers in the first three quarters of a 52-14 victory Sunday.

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Rangers send pitcher Valdes to Mariners

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Texas Rangers opened another spot for a young arm in the starting rotation by trading right-hander Ismael Valdes on Sunday to the Seattle Mariners for two minor-leaguers.

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LETTERS

High school students should look both ways

Once again, I am expressing my opinion on the speed zones in front of the high school. As I stated before, it is silly to assume that high school-age children are unable to look both ways before crossing a street...

As usual, the reason these children are crossing Filer Avenue is that a lot of the crossing has to do with the attending of classes during school time at the church down the street...

Another question: new tennis courts at the high school but no audiologists? PATTY MORROW Twin Falls

Schools prohibit provocative clothing

Regarding back-to-school clothes: I'm just curious whether anyone at The Times-News who may have been responsible for the recent photos and article on back-to-school clothes might be the parent of a teen-age girl? You see, bare midriffs and provocative clothes, such as some of those that were modeled in your photo layout, are prohibited by our schools, and I would guess the same may be true at other Magic Valley schools.

It is difficult enough to guide teens toward dressing responsibly, without our local newspapers splashing all the wrong photos and sending the wrong messages about what is acceptable. I'm all for individuality, but MTV-influenced styles are not necessarily appropriate for every occasion. Thank goodness some of our school administrators have seen fit to set some rational boundaries where clothes are concerned.

Did anyone at The Times-News even bother to investigate school rules, or were you merely influenced by local retailers (and advertisers) about what may be trendy in the fashion industry? SHARON STRICKLAND Gooding

Bill Chisholm protects homeowners from pollution

Today's (Aug. 14) Times-News reports on Tuesday's gathering of Republican luminaries, etc. These folks seem overtaken by what is known locally as the "Hemphillman Syndrome." The symptoms are the ridicule of Bill Chisholm's hair style and, on occasion, his clothes. To me, Bill Chisholm always appears neat and clean, not as resplendent as Republicans, but he has honestly tried to make Idaho a better place and worked at it on his own dime.

It's a bit disgusting to see Republicans who've fed at the public trough forever try to belittle a good, honest candidate. If they have no opposition, they criticize the Democratic Party, and if there is a candidate, denigrate them. It's arrogance and no respect for democracy. They have to do so little to be elected.

Republicans have only contempt for those who do work for office. Republicans claim property rights as their own issue, yet it's Chisholm who is trying to protect homeowners whose property is ruined by pollution. The state sends the ag department to help dairies, but the state commerce or treasury departments are not there for those whose property and lives are devalued.

A few years ago, Republicans could not live another day without term limits. Now they've reversed course and claim out-of-state money and the devil made them do it. The larger issue is the damage done to the initiative process in this instance. Citizen initiative is rendered worthless.

Anyone remember the big tax cut that couldn't fail to spark the economy? Now the Republicans have a commission to solve this dilemma. Maybe it's time Idahoans voted for change. EARL D. OLSON Twin Falls

Blinken shouldn't portray himself as a veteran

To Mr. Blinken: According to your biography, you are not a veteran of military service or a fighter pilot. However, your campaign Web pages contain pictures of you dressed in a military uniform and looking the part of a veteran and fighter pilot.

I am a lifelong Idaho Yellow Dog Democrat and my association with Idaho politics and campaigns dates back to the Church-Andrus-Evans era. I had the honor and privilege to serve Gov. Evans in his administration for five years and to be involved and committed full time to his campaigns in '78 and '82 and play an integral role in strategic and tactical political decisions.

I am totally shocked with your attempt to portray yourself as a veteran and a fighter pilot to Idaho voters via your campaign Web page. You are claiming something which you are not entitled to - military veteran status.

Apparently, your knowledge of Idahoans is rather shallow. You seem to think Idahoans are naive enough to swallow 'slick' marketing of your 'image.' You are greatly mistaken. The average Idahoan can see through your smoke screen.

I have never voted for a Republican in my life. However, this year I shall make an exception when I cast my vote for Larry Craig. Sen. Craig is, in fact, a veteran and, to the best of my knowledge, a former member of the Idaho Army National Guard (Weber Unit).

I shall encourage all my lifelong Idaho Democrat friends, veterans and non-veterans alike, to vote for Craig. I will provide them copies of your 'fighter pilot' pictures and let them judge for themselves. Somehow, I don't think they are naive Idahoans who will swallow your slick 'image.'

I believe passionately that Idaho does not need nor deserve you.

P.S. The picture of you with the Boy Scouts portrays a Boy Scout troop from New York. The troop numbers on their shoulders identifies them as such. Could you not find an Idaho Boy Scout troop to get your picture taken with?

P.P.S. The picture of you with the bull elk was not taken in Idaho - it is not an Idaho elk. The terrain and foliage suggests New Mexico

or Arizona; the average Idahoan knows the difference, too. P.P.S. I predict Larry Craig gets 68 percent of the vote this November for a 2-1 victory. FRANK OLANDER Gooding (Editor's note: Frank Olander is a retired Army lieutenant colonel.)

Litterers pollute Big Smoky Creek with beer cans

During the weekend of Aug. 10 and 11, my family and I camped at Bowns Campground north of Fairfield. This was my first trip to the area in approximately 15 years. Back then, Big Smoky Creek was beautiful and sparkling clear. I don't remember seeing trash in or around it. How things have changed! Now it seems the creek is a dumping ground for those too lazy to make that trip to the trash can.

Why do I say this? During our weekend stay, I found nearly a dozen beer cans without looking too hard. Every few feet, fishing line could be found littering the shore. The deep holes in the creek, which were once brilliant blue, are now full of dead fish and fish guts that people had carelessly thrown back into the stream after cleaning their catch.

Cigarette butts litter the shore in the popular areas. In fact, while fishing with my daughter, someone was kind enough to display to us how they get there - tossing their cigarette down without pause.

Yep, I'm from Boise, but that does not mean my viewpoint should be dismissed. If you are wondering why a person from Boise cares and why are they putting this in your newspaper? One, I grew up in the Magic Valley and often visited the area in my youth, so I will always care about it. And two, looking at license plates while there, I estimate that 75 percent sported 2T on them, with 2G and 2J close behind.

I hope that the fresh viewpoint of someone who has not been to the area for a while will help you realize the damage that has been done and prevent further damage. I also want to remind you how special of a place it is to a kid growing

up in the Magic Valley and hope you're visiting the area will put some effort into making it clean again and keeping it that way. That way our children will have memories of catching fish and wading in a pristine stream like I would, rather than memories of reading in Budweiser cans and asking their father why some man just threw a cigarette down onto the river bank. DAN ROBBINS Boise

America wastes resources on war against marijuana

Letter writer Brad Ling claims that drugs are illegal "to protect us." If that were the case, the two deadliest recreational drugs, alcohol and tobacco, would both be illegal. The drug war is, in large part, a war on marijuana, by far the most popular illicit drug. The University of Michigan's Monitoring the Future Study reports that lifetime use of marijuana is higher in the United States than any European country. Yet America is one of the few Western countries that wastes resources punishing citizens who prefer marijuana to martinis.

Unlike alcohol, marijuana has never been shown to cause an overdose death, nor does it share the addictive properties of tobacco. The short-term health effects of marijuana are inconsequential compared to the long-term effects of criminal records. Unfortunately, marijuana represents the counterculture to misguided reactionaries in Congress intent on legislating their version of morality. In subsidizing the prejudices of culture warriors, the U.S. government is inadvertently subsidizing organized crime.

The drug war's distortion of immutable laws of supply and demand make an easily grown weed literally worth its weight in gold. The only clear winners in the war on some drugs are drug cartels and shameless tough-on-drugs politicians who've built careers on confusing drug prohibition's collateral damage with a relatively harmless plant.

The big losers in this battle are the American taxpayers who have

been deluded into believing big government is the appropriate response to non-traditional consensual vices. The results of a comparative study of European and U.S. rates of drug use can be found at http://www.monitoringfuture.org/pubs/espnd\_pr.pdf or http://www.monitoringfuture.org/rp/pubs/espnd\_pr.pdf. ROBERT SHARPE Arlington, Va. (Editor's note: Robert Sharpe is the program officer for the Drug Policy Alliance, a nonprofit that works to promote drug policies based on common sense, science and public health.)

Tousley wouldn't do well as SIRCComm boss

I've had a letter in mind the last few days, and Sheriff Tousley has already proven my point via The Times-News headline on Aug. 14, "Sheriff seeks bigger budget." The following is my letter:

I don't understand the love affair between independent Sheriff Tousley and the Republican county commissioner. An independent is a fence-sitter that will kiss up to whichever party or situation is to its advantage. It has worked very well for Tousley. But tell me one thing: Tousley has done as sheriff to warrant confidence in him as the boss of SIRCComm.

His first project will be to "seek a bigger budget." Then he will dress the crew in fancy uniforms and buy new cars. I would suggest the commissioners tell him to stay in Twin Falls County and try to run the office to which he was elected more efficiently.

If the Twin Falls Police is such a lucrative job as Tousley states,

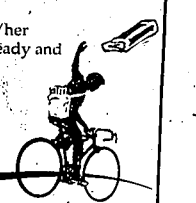
why do they have this enormous turnover that sucks up all of Tousley's deputies? He said, according to The Times-News, "The county loses most of its deputies to the Twin Falls Police Department." Maybe a little diversity in the makeup of the Twin Falls County commissioners would be a good thing. DWIGHT SHAW Twin Falls

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Army starts a real food fight

The U.S. Army is developing a new Combat Sandwich. Really. Army food technicians say this sandwich can remain edible, without refrigeration, for three years.

I recently had an opportunity to field-test the new Combat Sandwich, and will give you my review once I get my new artificial stomach.

No, seriously, I'm fine, and my review will follow this informative HISTORY OF MILITARY FOOD:

The legendary French general Napoleon "Bonaparte" once observed that "an army marches on its stomach." Of course Napoleon was talking about French soldiers, who drank large quantities of wine

and thus often could not march on their actual feet ("Forward ... CRAYZ!"). In battle, they routinely shot at their own artillery to make it shut up so they could sleep.

But the point is that food is vital for soldiers. The ancient Romans understood this: No matter how far their soldiers ventured from Rome, they knew that, come dinner time, the Domino's delivery chow would come thundering into camp, driven by a man who knew that if he was more than 30 minutes late, he would be disemboweled.

By the American Civil War, the military had developed a ration called "hardtack," which was similar to plywood, but not as tender.

"K-rations," the enemy would shout. "They're throwing hardtack!" In World War II, the army developed "K-rations," which were critical to the outcome of the war, because the allied soldiers knew that if they won, they would no longer have to eat K-rations. After the war, tons of leftover K-rations were given to starving war refugees, who gave them back to the army and used primarily in road construction and fruitcake.

During the Cold War, there was a fierce competition between the United States and the Soviet Union to gain superiority in the field of military food. This culminated in the Red Army's development of the legendary "Big Ivan" Tactical Assault sausage, which was the size of a subway car and theoretically could feed one infantryman for 400 years. In 1987, a dozen of these babies were dropped from bombers to Soviet troops in Afghanistan shortly thereafter communism collapsed.

So food has played a vital role in military history, which is why the army's new Combat Sandwich is so exciting. When I heard about it, I asked the army to send me one, and the army graciously sent me two: one barbecued chicken, and one pepperoni, both wrapped in brown military foil packets that you need a bayonet to open.

I field-tested these sandwiches on a Florida beach, where the harsh battlefield-style conditions included heat, sand, and a large pig walking around in a tiny red thong. But even under these conditions, the Combat Sandwich held up well. It's a "pocket style" sandwich, which means it looks as if it has spent time in somebody's pocket. But I thought it was quite tasty, in a spicy way. Of course, I think everything is tasty, including cold cuts so cold that when you try to take them out of the refrigerator, they skitter away on little mold legs and hide behind the beer. I will eat food with an expiration date written in Roman numerals.

So I gave a few boxes of Combat Sandwich to my wife, who is very strict about food freshness, always rooting through the refrigerator and throwing out pieces of pizza that, in my opinion, still have years of service left. She actually liked the Combat Sandwich. So did my mother-in-law, who is picky about most things, although she has graciously made an exception in my case.

In conclusion, the Combat Sandwich is a strong addition to our nation's combat food arsenal. I know I speak on behalf of a grateful nation when I say: What's for dinner?

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'Say what?'



Wayne Anderson checks out a hearing aid at Malco A-1 Hearing Aid Center in Twin Falls. Experts say that while hearing aids have improved in the digital age, they still don't compensate fully for hearing loss.

Knowing when it's time to go buy a hearing aid

By Joan Bean Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Some folks who are losing their hearing never hear it coming. But those close to them do. "Often they don't think it's that great a problem that perhaps people around them do," said Jay Floyd, a Twin Falls audiologist.

Sometimes the problem is a conductive hearing loss, which is the type of hearing problem that keeps the sound from being transmitted to the auditory nerve. That happens, for example, when there's too much wax in your ear.

It's easily treatable, but sensorineural hearing loss means the auditory nerve itself is damaged or impaired. The sound is being conducted correctly and efficiently, but the auditory nerve is not responding.

In that case, a hearing aid is your last, best option.

Signs of trouble
Answering yes to any of the following questions may mean that you have a hearing problem.
Answering yes to several questions strongly suggests that a hearing check is necessary.
- Do you experience ringing or noises in your ears?
- Do you hear better with one ear than with the other?
- Have any of your relatives (by birth) had a hearing loss?
- Have you had any significant noise exposure at work, during recreation or in military service?
- Do you find it difficult to follow a conversation in a noisy restaurant or crowded room?
- Do you sometimes feel that people are mumbling or not speaking clearly?
- Do you experience difficulty following dialogue in the theater?
- Do you sometimes find it hard to understand a speaker at a public meeting or a religious service?
- Do you find yourself asking people to speak up or repeat themselves?
- Do you find men's voices easier to understand than women's?
- Do you experience trouble understanding soft or whispered speech?
- Do you sometimes have difficulty understanding speech on the telephone?
- Does a hearing problem cause you to feel embarrassed when meeting new people?
- Do you feel handicapped by a hearing problem?
- Does a hearing problem cause you to visit friends, relatives, or neighbors less often than you would like?
- Does a hearing problem cause you to talk to family members less often than you would like?
- Does a hearing problem cause you to feel depressed?
- Source: American Academy of Audiology

But a hearing aid won't do for your ears what glasses can do for your vision: Get things back to normal.

"It's not the same," Lloyd said. And despite being digitized, and miniaturized, a hearing aid is still a prosthetic device; you can't

make it invisible or get to the point where you're not conscious that it's there.

State of the art for hearing aids is the digital sound processor. Hearing aid specialist Fritz Kippes says it's the most effective tool for bringing out the voices over background noise so that a person can pick out voices over competing sounds.

"No hearing aid will eliminate background noise," Kippes said. "What the digital is reported as doing is bringing the voices out so that a person can hear better when there's other noise in the environment."

Wayne Anderson, a certified hearing instrument specialist, says digital hearing aids are the old-style analog models what CD's are to 3 1/2 long-playing vinyl photograph records. An analog hearing aid is basically amplifying circuitry with no computer adjustments on the basic hearing aid. Digitally adjustable analog hearing aids are available.

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Check out these tips on interfacing

As discussed in last week's column, there are several types of interfacing and two ways to apply them to fabric. Here are some other interfacing tips: Opinions vary about pre-shrinking interfacing. Some say it eliminates bonding problems with the fusible types, while others feel that because manufacturers of ready-to-wear clothing don't do it, we shouldn't, either.

If you want to pre-shrink interfacing, immerse it in a sink filled with warm water for a short time. Then squeeze out excess water in a towel and lay flat to dry. Never put the fusible type in a dryer.

Another way to shrink interfacing is to steam it as you begin to fuse the pieces. Just lay it in place on the fashion fabric, hold the iron just above it, and let the steam shrink the interfacing for a few seconds. Then smooth it and press down to secure it. Lift the iron up and place it down rather than sliding it over the fabric.

Some fabrics cannot be fused successfully because it would alter the color and texture. On velvets, beaded or sequined fabrics, faux fur, etc., use sew-in interfacing. For others, including georgette, chiffon and lace, try new lightweight fusibles. Sheer Magic by HVC is a popular brand. Choose a color that's close to your skin tone and the interfacing will hardly be seen.



can be fused at lower temperatures to suit our modern fabrics, and some are now available in 60-inch widths.

Four new fusible interfacing from Palmer/Pletsch are available in that wider size, and work very well. They're called Perfect Fuse and are available in charcoal/black and cream/white. They four types are:

- Sheer, all polyester, fairly crisp and nice for lightweight collars and cuffs.
• Light, polyester that fuses well to textured fabric.
• Medium, rayon/polyester for medium weights.
• Nylon, for fronts and collars of jackets and coats.

One-yard packages are \$7-\$9 in independent fabric stores or from Palmer/Pletsch at 800-728-3784, any time.

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New sugar substitute may hit shelves

With a nod of approval this month from the Food and Drug Administration, the latest sugar substitute - neotame - is poised to become a new ingredient in baked goods, soft drinks, chewing gum, frozen desserts and other products. Already approved in Australia and New Zealand, neotame joins the sweeteners aspartame (sold as NutraSweet and Equal), acesulfame potassium (Sunett and Sweet One), saccharin (Sweet'N Low) and sucralose (Splenda) now on the market. Sugar substitutes are one way, of course, to soothe a sweet tooth with fewer calories than sugar, honey or molasses. A 2000 survey found that 80 percent of adults in the United States use sugar substitutes at least once every two weeks, according to the Calorie Control Council, a trade group of diet food and beverage makers.

Failure to limit weight gain can lead to excess pounds later, according to a study published in the August issue of the journal Obstetrics & Gynecology. The study examined 540 predominantly white women to assess the impact of weight gain during pregnancy and the failure to lose weight after giving birth. Eight to 10 years after pregnancy, those who had gained more than the recommended weight were, on average, 18.5 pounds heavier than they were before pregnancy. By comparison, those who had gained the recommended weight were only 14 pounds heavier. In addition, women who did not lose their pregnancy gains within six months of giving birth

Health notes

weighed 19.3 pounds more than their pre-pregnancy weights a decade later. Those who lost their pregnancy gains were 5.3 pounds heavier than their pre-pregnancy weight.

Bug bites 101

A lot of the old home remedies work much better than insect repellents, says York County, Va., biologist Jim Rindfleisch. He dines, however, often wear Deep Woods OFF! because he likes the citronella oil in it. Remember that musk smells attractive to insects, while lemony fruit scents repel them, he says. Herbs also work well as repellents. Some herbs he suggests for creating extractions include rosemary, wormwood, lavender, lemon balm and pennyroyal. And citronella plants growing by the house do not deter mosquitoes, but essential oils to do the job.

Dubious docs

Every year, the nonprofit organization Public Citizen publishes its database of 6,700 "Questionable Doctors." The Most are still practicing. The Web site www.questionabledoctors.org. The fee for detailed reports on up to 10 doctors within a three-month period in any state is \$50.

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By Charles M. Schulz



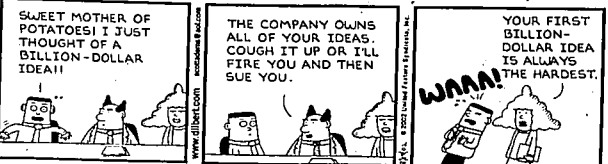
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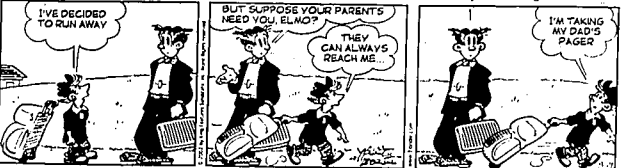
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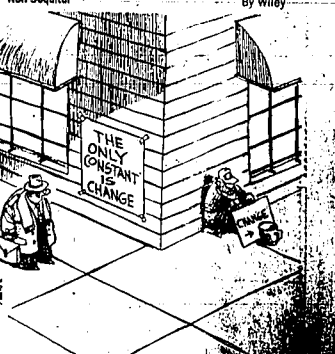
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