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UNLEASHED EMOTIONS

MV visitors to Ground Zero come away sobered, inspired

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — She stood at the top of one of the World Trade Center's twin towers and looked down at the bustling city below. From 110 stories up, city buses looked like match cars. She was so high in the sky, she said, she could actually feel the building sway.

That was three years ago. Last spring, Jerome Middle School teacher **Jody Draaper** returned to that place, now solemnly known as **Ground Zero**. The terrorist attacks just six months before had turned the towers where she once stood into smoldering ash and twisted steel, leaving a 16-acre hole in the ground. Almost 3,000 people perished in that one attack alone. Draaper said except for the hum of the bulldozers and backhoes, there was hardly any sound. People in the crowd on the viewing platform seemed deep in their own thoughts as they watched the workers at the business of clearing the rubble, recovering the dead.

"Even with all the work going on, there was a quiet reverence," Draaper said. "People were quiet and respectful."

Ground Zero was one of the stops on a whirlwind tour of New York City, Washington, D.C., Boston and Philadelphia, a trip that has been a spring break tradition for Jerome Middle School students and their teachers and parents for 25 years. Draaper and fellow teacher's aide **Kathy Lundgren** took 14 students and many of their parents on last spring's trip.

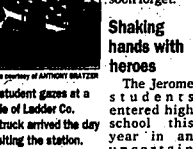
"When you first saw it, you reared up," said **Linda Hamilton**, who accompanied daughter **Morgan** on the trip. "The Jerome students, parents and teachers are among a number of Magic Valley residents who have visited Ground Zero in the past year. They all described their visits as emotional experiences they won't soon forget."

Shaking hands with heroes
The Jerome students entered high school this year in an uncertain world. Student **Cody Luper** said he felt a mix of emotions at the site. Please see NYC, Page A5



Jody and Tonia Martin rode their motorcycle all the way from Kimberly to Ground Zero in New York City this summer. The couple, both volunteers of the Rock Creek Volunteer Fire District, were awestruck by the enormous hole that was left behind by the destruction of the Twin Towers.

A Jerome Middle School student gazes at a patriotic mural on the side of Ladder Co. 10's new fire truck. The truck arrived the day Jerome students were visiting the station.



Jerome High School student Jordan Lundgren adds a Jerome Fire Department patch to a memorial inside Ladder Co. 10 of the Fire Department of New York. Lundgren's dad, Rob, is a volunteer firefighter.



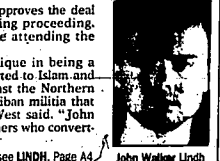
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Lindh cooperates with investigators, asks for forgiveness

WASHINGTON — John Walker Lindh's lawyers say he is telling federal agents everything he knows, and he wants Americans to forgive him for joining the Taliban militia. The United States would be interested in Lindh's knowledge of other fighters he met as well as places he had been in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Before his military training in

Afghanistan, he spent time in a pro-Taliban border-region of Pakistan. Lindh's attorneys **Tony West** and **George Harris**, in interviews last week, would not describe the information their client is providing, and government officials refused to comment. Lindh, 21, is undergoing debriefings with several government agencies as part of a plea agreement. He would receive a maximum 20-year prison term if officials are satisfied with his cooper-

ation and the judge approves the deal at an Oct. 4 sentencing proceeding. Multiple agencies are attending the debriefings, West said. Lindh "was not unique in being a Westerner who converted to Islam and decided to fight against the Northern Alliance," the anti-Taliban militia that became a U.S. ally, West said. "John ran into many Westerners who converted."



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John Walker Lindh

Pieces of the puzzle

Owner, bartenders try to sort out night of shooting incident

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Had the half-finished wall not been there, the bullet probably would have gone humming over people's heads in **Woody's Bar** and likely would have whizzed into a brick wall on the far side.

"This whole thing is kind of crazy," bar owner **Dave Woodhead** said, as he inspected a slug hole in a 2-by-6 piece of lumber about eight or nine feet up on the unfinished wall.

Farther back along the apparent trajectory, there was a hole in one of the bar's front windows and the venetian blinds covering it.

Woodhead acknowledged that, had the wall not stopped it, the bullet's path probably would have been too high to endanger anybody. Even so, he said he was upset about it coming into his business.

Police weren't able to find the bullet that made the holes, and it's possible the slug might have bounced out of the wood and into the building's basement through a gap in the floor. Nobody seems to know for sure, Woodhead said. "I think if they would have kept digging a little further into the 2-by-6, they might have found it."

One thing police were saying for certain is that the slug came from a handgun fired by **Dr. James Remier**, 51, of Twin Falls during an apparent confrontation at about 12:26 a.m. Aug. 20 in the parking lot in front of **Woody's Bar** at 215 Fifth Ave. S.

Reports indicate that **Robert Simons**, 29, suffered hearing dis-

GOP could be on defensive during elections

WASHINGTON — Voter anxiety over the economy, health care and financial security threatens to put Republican candidates across the country on the defensive this fall, brightening Democratic hopes of gaining seats in a crucial round of midterm elections that could break the political stalemate in Congress.

But Democratic optimism is tempered by the knowledge that the voters' concerns of summer have by now tended to conalesce into the kind of partisan anger that drove elections in the 1990s, and also by the reality that the shadow of Sept. 11 and the prospect of war with Iraq could make the fall campaigns a debate about guns as well as butter, which Republicans would prefer.

The midterm elections will mark the first national referendum on the state of the country after one of the most tumultuous years in American history. The backdrop for these elections — war and the recent recession — is as gloomy as voters have faced in nearly a decade. The tug and pull

7 days, 7 reasons to read
It's for kids
New School Days page focuses on students.
Monday

Try disc golf
Tee off with plastic discs.
Tuesday

A century of recipes
Hospice Visions Inc. is selling a new centennial cookbook.
Wednesday

Prep the pooch
The hunting season beckons your hound to get in shape.
Thursday

An actor's life
Current and former CSI actors form their own theater troupe.
Friday

Hut, hut, hike!
It's the first big weekend of high school football.
Saturday

Hitting the books
A large-scale survey of south-central Idaho teenagers looks at how many are doing their homework.
Sunday

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

IDAHO

Idaho Extremes
Yesterday:
High 91°
Low 33°
Cascade

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Twin Falls through 8 p.m. yesterday
Temperatures
Normal high/low..... 84/65°
Normal high/low..... 80/48°
High/low last year..... 90/57°
Record high..... 94° in 1999
Record low..... 34° in 1986

Precipitation
24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday..... 0.00 inch
High to low..... 0.43
Normal month to date..... 0.38
Water year to date (Oct. 1)..... 6.77
Normal year to date (Oct. 1)..... 10.54
Humidity
Yesterday at noon..... 40%
Barometric Pressure
Yesterday at 6 p.m..... 30.11 in.

TF pollen county yesterday: 74
Allergens: sage, nettle
Moist: High
Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Warm with sunshine and patchy clouds. ▲ 84° ▼ 54°	Patchy clouds. ▼ 54°	Mostly sunny and warm. ▲ 86° ▼ 56°	Mostly sunny and continued warm. ▲ 82° ▼ 54°	Times of clouds and sun. ▲ 80° ▼ 52°	Clouds and some sunshine. ▲ 72° ▼ 46°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Regional Idaho: Partly to mostly sunny today with a rather warm afternoon. Clear and pleasant tonight. Abundant sunshine tomorrow. Labor Day, with another warm afternoon.

Boise: Sunshine and just a few clouds today with a warm afternoon. Clear and comfortable tonight. Warm tomorrow, Labor Day, with abundant sunshine.

Northern Nevada: Mostly sunny and pleasantly warm today. Highs generally in the 80s to near 90 degrees. Mainly clear and comfortably cool tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow for Labor Day.

Northern Utah: Mostly sunny today with a hot afternoon. Highs ranging from the 86-92 degrees. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Hot again on Labor Day with sunshine.

Northern Idaho: A weak storm system passing by to the north today will bring clouds and some sunshine with a breezy afternoon. A shower cannot be ruled out across the far north later in the day.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states)

High 115° in Goodyear, AZ	Low 29° in Clayton Lake, ME
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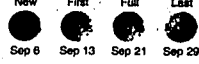
NATIONAL WEATHER

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



SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 7:52 a.m.
Sunset tonight: 6:13 p.m.
Moonrise today: 12:58 a.m.
Moonset tonight: 4:36 p.m.



UV INDEX TODAY



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

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Mon.
Atlanta	82	70	sh	87
Baltimore	85	72	sh	86
Birmingham	75	64	pc	80
Boston	78	67	pc	80
Buffalo	64	56	pc	75
Charlotte, NC	80	60	sh	83
Chicago	86	70	pc	89
Cincinnati	81	61	sh	86
Cleveland	88	61	sh	86
Denver	88	66	pc	84
Des Moines	87	68	pc	86
Detroit	83	65	pc	87
El Paso	94	70	pc	93
Fairbanks	54	40	pc	58
Fort Worth	79	66	pc	81
Honolulu	89	74	pc	88
Houston	85	71	pc	92
Indianapolis	81	67	pc	87
Jacksonville	87	71	pc	87
Kansas City	90	70	pc	90
Las Vegas	102	79	pc	102
Little Rock	92	75	pc	94
Los Angeles	85	65	pc	85

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Mon.
Calgary	78	54	pc	81
Edmonton	68	44	pc	68
Halifax	70	54	pc	71
London	72	54	pc	75
Montreal	75	49	pc	87
Ottawa	75	50	pc	83
Quebec	75	50	pc	83
Toronto	75	50	pc	83
Vancouver	65	51	pc	73
Victoria	68	51	pc	73
Winnipeg	70	59	pc	73

WORLD CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Mon.
Albuquerque	79	70	pc	80
Athens	77	54	pc	75
Bangkok	90	78	pc	89
Buenos Aires	80	71	pc	81
Calcutta	88	70	pc	87
Hong Kong	82	66	pc	81
Jerusalem	83	57	pc	84
Los Angeles	85	65	pc	85
Madrid	78	63	pc	78
Moscow	79	53	pc	83
New York	80	64	pc	81
Osaka	80	64	pc	81
Paris	84	66	pc	84
Rio de Janeiro	70	63	pc	69
Rome	84	61	pc	83
Sydney	81	73	pc	80
Tokyo	86	65	pc	82
Washington	80	65	pc	80
Zurich	83	63	pc	78

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Mon.
Boise	88	56	pc	88
Bonanza Ferry	70	51	pc	75
Burley	86	52	pc	86
Coeur d'Alene	78	48	pc	78
Elko	89	43	pc	89
Elgin, OR	84	54	pc	84
Hagerman	86	54	pc	86
Idaho Falls	82	47	pc	83
Kalispell, MT	88	44	pc	88
Lewiston	88	58	pc	88
Malden	88	48	pc	87
Mesa	78	49	pc	74

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Gunshot

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comfort associated with a gunshot and was treated and released later that morning at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Retmier, an orthopedic surgeon, is the chief of staff there and an office member of the hospital's governing board.

As of late Friday, no charges had been filed in connection with the incident, said Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebis. Loebis would not speculate what direction the case would take or when something might happen with it.

Twin Falls police Capt. Jim Moran said last week that his department had filed case documents related to the case with Loebis' office. But Twin Falls police detective Scott Smith said late Friday that investigators were still probing the case and talking to some witnesses, so all the paperwork hadn't yet been filed.

Simons on Friday declined to comment.

Retmier's attorney, John Brody, has declined to comment on the case beyond making a statement that it will be proven that Retmier's actions that night were justified.

Magic Valley Regional has also released a statement supporting Retmier.

The scene inside the bar the night of the shooting was laid-back and friendly. A mixed crowd of mostly younger people shared drinks and shot pool while a few danced to music blaring from a jukebox.

Retmier and Simons could be seen playing pool with a small group of others at one end of the

Reporter was on scene

Times-News reporter Mark Heinz coincidentally was at Woody's Bar playing pool and walked past the friends on the night of the shooting incident. He did not, however, witness the confrontation that allegedly led to a shot being fired. He did not see or hear anything unusual before leaving the bar sometime around midnight. On Friday, at a detective's request, Heinz filed a report to that effect with the Twin Falls police.

bar. There was apparently enough drink flowing among the group to make things loose and jovial, but nobody appeared to be highly intoxicated, agitated or out of control.

The men - including Retmier - struck out a little because they all had severely cropped hair or shaved heads. At one point, a young man from another group walked past the pool table and spoke out a friendly jab that "the bald-headed dudes." The remark was met with laughter.

Bartender Don Drury, who was on duty that night, said he can recall that night, but said Retmier came in earlier with a friend and drank some wine. Neither said they could identify the friend, who later left Retmier alone.

Simons' group - who had been regulars on Monday nights - showed up some time later.

Drury said, Retmier apparently didn't know them, but he joined them in playing pool and drinking beer, Drury said.

Drury and Lucas Woodhead said they didn't know any of the men in Simons' group by name. Drury said they haven't been back in the bar since the night of the shooting. He said he hadn't seen Retmier there before or since.

That night, around 12:20 a.m., Retmier headed toward the bar's front door, followed by Simons and one of the other men, Drury and Lucas Woodhead said.

About five minutes later, they said a shot could be heard. But with all the other noise in the bar, it didn't generate much notice, they said.

"People inside probably thought it was just a pool stick smacking the floor," Lucas Woodhead said.

He said he went outside and found Simons and the other man watching Retmier drive away in a pickup, but they would not explain to him what had happened.

Drury said Simons and the other man then came back into the bar and asked for a phone to call the police. But he also said they would not give him any details of what had happened outside.

Dave Woodhead said he and some of his staff had been questioned by police and members of the prosecutors' office, but they had been given no indication where the case might be headed.

As Dave Woodhead walked back through the bar after inspecting the bullet damage, one of his employees said in joking manner that the bar should take on a new slogan.

"We should call it, 'Where people come to unload,'"

Times-News reporter Mark Heinz can be reached at 735-3232 or by e-mail at mheinze@gmagicvalley.com.



Police officers escort suspects of a gang rape to court in Pakistan Tuesday. Some were found guilty early today.

Pakistani judge sentences six to death for gang rape of woman

DERA GHAZI KHAN, Pakistan (AP) - A judge sentenced six men to death by hanging in the gang-rape of a woman to punish her family - a case closely watched by government officials and international human rights groups. Eight men were acquitted in the verdict early today.

Defense lawyer Malik Salim said that he will appeal the decision in a higher court within seven days. "All of the accused should have been acquitted," Salim told The Associated Press. "We will challenge this decision."

Those receiving the death sentence included four accused of the actual rape and two members of a tribal council that ordered the June 22 assault in the village of Meerwala, about 350 miles southwest of Islamabad. They also were fined \$660 apiece. The eight who were acquitted were also members of the council.

The council ordered the rape after a high-status clan, the Mastoi, accused the victim's brother of having sex with one of their women. The victim's family is from a low-status clan.

In a daylong vigil before the verdict was announced, hundreds of people from the Mastoi clan, mostly relatives of the defendants, stood outside the courthouse in a light rain and prayed for an acquittal.

The victim was not present, but several of her relatives stood outside the court under police guard. If she is satisfied that the judge has done justice for us," said one of the victim's brothers, Hazoor Bakhsah.

Judge Zulfiqar Ali Malik issued the verdict shortly after midnight in his chambers with all 14 defendants present.

The verdicts and sentences were announced outside the courtroom by the prosecutor and defense attorneys. Journalists were not allowed inside.

The conviction was likely to please human rights groups that had strengthened calls for greater central government control in Pakistan's fiercely independent tribal regions, where federal laws are often ignored in favor of clan justice.

Rights advocates say that the number of atrocities against women in Pakistan is increasing. The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan has demanded an end to punishments by tribal councils.

The 20-year-old victim, a member of the Gujjar clan, testified during the nearly monthlong trial that defendant Abdul Khalid and three others dragged her into a house and raped her.

The woman testified that the Mastoi's clan had ordered the rape to punish her family after one of her brothers had sex with one of their women.

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Grateful to have a job

Some workers worry this Labor Day

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many Americans this Labor Day are just thankful to have a job.

The nation's unemployment rate is hovering near a seven-year high, and new jobs are not being created as the bleak economy lingers on the cusp of recovery and recession.

"To working families, it looks a heck of a lot like a recession," said Jared Bernstein, an economist at the union-supported Economic Policy Institute in Washington and an author of "The State of Working America 2002-03."

The list of large employers seeking bankruptcy protection is formidable: Knart, Polaroid, Enron, WorldCom, US Airways and more. Companies recently announcing layoffs include American Airlines, Chrysler, Williams Cos., Coca-Cola and Nokia.

For Kathy Angiolillo of Woodbridge, Va., the economy couldn't get any worse. She was laid off from her lobbying job at a nonprofit organization July 3 and has a 4-year-old son to support. Unable to find another full-time position, she has been working as a receptionist or office assistant while searching for a temporary firm call.

"I don't care how much they pay, just give me a job," she said. "If they called me to walk dogs I would do it."

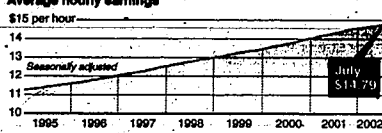
Angiolillo has sent out dozens of resumes, often without receiving any response. Employers that initially show interest end up turning her down because they think she is overqualified, will demand too much money or won't stay long.

"I miss the '90s," Angiolillo said.

The state of labor today

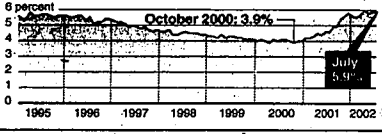
After benefiting from a long stretch of economic expansion in the '90s, the U.S. workforce has endured a lull since the boom ended. Incomes continue to rise, but at a slower pace.

Average hourly earnings



The unemployment rate, after falling to a 30-year low in 2000, has returned to levels prior to the boom.

Monthly unemployment rate



SOURCE: Department of Labor

So do a lot of people. The recent string of corporate scandals and a volatile stock market have made that time of free-wheeling prosperity a distant memory to many workers now jittery about the future of their jobs and careers.

The unemployment rate, now at 5.9 percent, dropped to a 30-year low of 3.9 percent in 2000 as the country enjoyed the longest stretch of prosperity on record. Jobs were relatively easy to find, and many employers had to compete for workers by boosting salaries and upgrading benefits.

Between 1995 and 2000 the average income of black and Hispanic families grew by 17 percent and 27 percent respectively. For white families, it grew by 11 percent. The median family income was \$52,321 in 2000, compared with \$46,857 in 1995.

"The tight labor markets of the late 1990s brought the first persistent, broad-based prosperity in decades," said Lawrence Mishel, EPI president and an author of the "Working America" analysis

of Labor Department data.

But the pay of corporate executives grew even faster during that time. A chief executive last year was paid in one day what an average worker earned in almost a year, according to EPI figures.

As wages grew during the boom, so did the hours at work, and America remains a workaholic nation. The average worker logged 1,877 hours in 2000 — more than any other rich, industrialized country, EPI said. The average middle-income, two-parent family works 660 more hours per year — 16.5 more weeks — than in 1979.

"But now with the boom gone bust, American workers are heading back to an economy marred by slow wage growth and no job growth, with wage and income disparities widening once again," Mishel said.

Employers are under less pressure to keep improving wages and benefits to attract workers. Hourly wages are growing faster than inflation, but the acceleration has slowed to the lowest since the beginning of 1995.

Blair trims support for Iraq attack

LONDON (AP) — Caught between American leaders' increasingly stern talk on Iraq and doubts at home about the wisdom of going to war, Prime Minister Tony Blair said Saturday he didn't yet know how best to ensure Saddam Hussein does not maintain weapons of mass destruction.

The prime minister insisted the world would not stand by while the Iraqi leader violated U.N. resolutions on the weapons, but said he had not decided whether military action was the way to stop him.

"Doing nothing about Iraq's breach of these U.N. resolutions is not an option," Blair told reporters flying with him to Mozambique, Britain's national news agency Press Association reported. "That's the only decision that's been taken so far. What we do about that is, an open question."

Concern is growing among the British public and Blair's own Labor Party about participating in any U.S. offensive aimed at toppling Saddam, just as the Bush administration appears to be toughening its rhetoric on the subject.

A gap between the close allies appeared to open a week ago, when Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said Britain's policy was to press for the reintroduction of U.N. weapons inspections before considering military action.

That didn't jibe with Vice President Cheney's assertion that inspections would be counterproductive, although Washington has been sending mixed signals about inspectors' possible return.

Official: Hijack suspect attended U.S. flight school

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — A Swedish man of Tunisian origin who was arrested with a gun in his carry-on luggage at a Swedish airport, once attended a U.S. flight school, a top security official said Saturday. The suspect's lawyer denied that his client was planning to hijack a flight to London.

The 29-year-old suspect, identified by his lawyer as Kerim Chatty, was being held on a preliminary charge of planning to hijack a plane and illegal possession of a firearm after he was detained Thursday. Police said he had been on his way to an Islamic conference in Birmingham, England.

Margareta Linderoth, the director of the national security police, said authorities were investigating possible links to terrorist groups. But she denied a report that the suspect was planning to crash the aircraft into a U.S. embassy in Europe or that they were looking for four men connected to such a plan.

Chatty was detained at

Vaesteraas airport in central Sweden as he prepared to board a Ryanair flight to London.

Defense attorney Nils-Uggla said his client, whose father is from Tunisia and mother is from Sweden, has denied any plans to hijack the plane and can explain why he carried a gun in a toilet-artificial bag. Uggla would not be more specific, citing a gag order.

A hearing will be held in a few days to determine if Chatty should remain in custody until prosecutors decide whether to charge him.

Although Linderoth said her agency, known as SAPO, was investigating a possible link to terrorist groups, she stressed that this was just one part of the investigation. "It's too early to say" about a motive, she said.



Kerim Chatty

Military officers say war against Iraq could sap anti-terror effort

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As the Bush administration intensifies talks about toppling Iraq's President Saddam Hussein, military officials are confronting what some see as a looming problem: that by launching a war in the Persian Gulf, the administration will divert attention and resources from the military campaign against al-Qaida and terrorism.

Although Pentagon officials are proceeding to refine plans for a war against Iraq, military officers warn that a major campaign in the Middle East would place a serious drain on intelligence gathering and special Forces units, two central components of the military's efforts to hunt down al-Qaida and Taliban members in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

How to balance these conflicting stresses on U.S. forces is among the key factors being assessed by war planners, and could contribute to the shape and timing of any military campaign against Iraq. At the moment, with Osama bin Laden, the al-Qaida leader, and his lieutenants still being sought along the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan and elsewhere, some military officials worry that the administration may be shifting the focus to Iraq too soon.

"It's preferable to sooner," said a senior officer involved in the Pentagon's deliberations. "Can you imagine how it would look if we go to war against Iraq and there's another terrorist attack in the United States at the same time? People will wonder what we're doing."

Germany holds evidence on Moussaoui, against execution

BERLIN (AP) — Germany has told the United States it will withhold evidence against Sept. 11 conspiracy defendant Zacarias Moussaoui unless it receives assurances that the material won't be used to seek a death penalty against him, Germany's justice minister said in remarks released Saturday.

Investigators suspect Moussaoui, who is awaiting trial in Virginia on charges of conspiracy to commit terrorism and murder federal employees, was

training to become the pilot of one of the airlines attacked for the attacks when he was arrested.

German prosecutors say he received money for flight school fees from a member of the terrorist group based in the northern city of Hamburg. But the government insists it can't bend laws forbidding the extradition of suspects to countries with the death penalty or supplying evidence that could incriminate someone facing execution.

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Muslims pray during the Islamic Society of North America's annual convention in Washington Saturday. The ISNA is the largest annual convention of American Muslims.

Elections

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 on voters between the national unity engendered by the war on terrorism and the personal financial insecurity many Americans feel after seeing retirement savings shrink in this year's market plunge has made this a particularly unsettling — and unpredictable — election for candidates.

Robert Teeter, a Republican pollster, said that despite a series of wrenching events over the past year, from the terrorist attacks to a sluggish economy and the scandal over corporate accountability, the election has not yet taken on a clear shape. "I don't think you can detect a national theme or a national issue or a national message," he said.

But Democratic pollster Stan Greenberg, while acknowledging that this has been "a very strange year" politically, predicted that when the elections take shape, underlying domestic concerns will drive voters toward the Democrats.

"I think that September 11th and the anniversary of it and continuing potential terrorist dangers keep people from politicizing in partisan terms what they're thinking on a range of issues," Greenberg said. He added, "We're in an environment where people are reluctant to make a partisan choice until they have to. But they will."

For President Bush and Democrats and Republicans in Congress, the stakes couldn't be higher, with small changes in the composition of the House or Senate having potentially significant consequences on Bush's ability to control the agenda. The results also will shape the early stages of a presidential election in 2004 that both parties already are pointing to with great intensity.

Neither Democratic nor GOP strategists expect that these midterms will provide the kind of decisive victory for either party that would break the country out of the 50-50 deadlock of the 2000 elections. Instead, they expect another long election night, with a few thousand votes scattered over a handful of close races determining who controls Congress in June.

If voter anxiety crystallizes around the domestic issues that

have lately risen to the top of the list of concerns, Bush faces the prospect of repeating his father's experience 12 years ago. At the time, the first Bush administration was preparing for war with Iraq and the military buildup in the Middle East had begun. But those 1990 elections turned on pocket-book issues, and Republicans lost eight seats in the House and one in the Senate.

Losses that large this year would shift control of the House to the Democrats, who need only six seats to depose House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. from power, and strengthen the Democrats' fragile one-seat advantage in the Senate. But in this midterm, the president has not become the focus of voters' anger — or of Democratic attacks.

That is a sharp contrast from 1982 and 1994, when criticism of the policies of Presidents Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton resulted in heavy losses for their parties in the House.

Lindh

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 The lawyers wouldn't say whether the Westerners included Americans. Authorities know of one other U.S. citizen who fought with the Taliban: Yaser Esam Hamdi, who was born in Louisiana and is being held by the military in Norfolk, Va. Lindh was in a Taliban unit consisting of non-Afghan fighters.

Lindh never contemplated that he would be fighting in a war that Americans would enter, the lawyers said. He now believes he made a terrible mistake by enlisting with Afghanistan's former harsh Islamic rulers and wants Americans to forgive him, West said.

Lindh understands Americans' extremely negative feelings toward him, West said. He wants his countrymen to know that he was not a terrorist and never joined Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network, even though he met bin Laden in a military training camp in Afghanistan.

American Muslims anticipate continued struggle for rights

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the war on terror in its infancy, American Muslims attending their largest convention of the year predicted a long struggle ahead to protect their legal rights and dispel the suspicion that has hovered around them since Sept. 11.

Their charities and mosques are being raided. Fellow Muslims are being detained indefinitely or deported. Their relations with the White House are strained, with the Bush administration insisting that the tactics Muslims and others condemn are critical to rooting out terrorist activity.

"You really don't know if you're safe anymore," said Ingrid Mattson, vice president of the Islamic Society of North America, which organized the four-day meeting that runs

through Monday. Muslim organizations have been working with other groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union, to challenge the government's new, far-reaching authority, including the right to imprison terror suspects without charges or defense lawyers. A civil liberties rally has been planned for noon today in connection with the conference.

Muslim leaders hold little hope they can win the repeal of these expanded powers. Many Muslim advocacy groups lack the resources for such a fight. Sarah Elrantawi, a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles-based Muslim Public Affairs Council, and even well-established organizations like the ACLU have been struggling to mount legal challenges.

"I don't see the situation improving. I see it getting worse," said Ibrahim Hooper, a spokesman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations, a Washington civil rights group.

Mattson said the changes have had a particularly chilling effect on donations to American Muslim organizations such as schools and charities.

"People are afraid if they give something it will be used to track them down," said Mattson, a professor at the Hartford Seminary in Connecticut. "If you can't donate to your local parochial school, what's going to happen?"

Sayyid M. Saeed, secretary general of the Islamic Society, said alliances with leaders of other religions are key to improving the situation for U.S. Muslims, but they won't be easy to build.

"He understands Sept. 11 changed the way people view Islam and that he came into national consciousness at a time there was a great deal of justified national pain and anger," West said.

"He made a mistake. He admits he made a terrible mistake. No one wants to be judged by the worst mistake they made when they were 20 years old."

Lindh is being held in the Alexandria, Va. Detention Center and the government's ties of confinement do not permit him to give interviews.

He is confined to his cell virtually the entire day except for the debriefings, family visits and meetings with his lawyers. He hopes to soon be allowed in an outdoor prisoner area.

Still a devout Muslim, Lindh reads the Quran and prays every day. He believes bin Laden and the Sept. 11 hijackers acted contrary to Islam's teachings by attacking innocent civilians and — in the attackers' case — committing suicide, the lawyers said.

He spends much of his day reading, picking books from a library cart sent to his cell. His choices have included biographies of Mohandas Gandhi and Nelson Mandela; works by Maya Angelou and James Joyce; and plays by William Shakespeare.

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 Ground Zero site.
 "It was devastating, overwhelming and sad," he said.

Lundgren's son, Jordan, now a high school sophomore, said he was amazed at the massive size of Ground Zero.
 "It was bigger than most people thought," he said.
 So thought student Emily Vanden-Bosch.

"I had a hard time imagining how big it once was," she said.
 The group also paid a visit to Ladder Co. 10 of the Fire Department of New York, located across the street from Ground Zero, which lost four of its firefighters when the towers collapsed. They shook the firefighters' hands and posed with them for pictures. During their visit, the company's new fire truck arrived to replace the truck that was in the stacks, a truck complete with a patriotic mural on its side of a firefighter gazing at an American flag.

Before they left the station, Jordan, whose dad Rob is a volunteer firefighter, added a Jerome Fire Department patch to hundreds of others on the memorial inside Ladder Co. 10.

An extended family

Jerry and Teddie Morton got off their Honda Valkyrie in Jersey City and stretched the soreness out of their legs.

It was the end of a long day - a 47.5-mile ride in a driving summer rain, part of a 6,000-mile country motorcycle trip to the East Coast.

Drenched and windblown, they were more than ready to set up camp for the night and get a good night's sleep. The next day's itinerary promised to be busy, beginning in the morning with a trip across the Hudson River on Marine 1, a 125-foot fireboat operated by the six firefighters of Marine Co. 1 of the Fire Department of New York.

Their destination - Ground Zero.

Of the 3,000 people who died at the site, 343 were firefighters - firefighters like the Mortons, who have been volunteering with the Rock Creek Volunteer Fire District for 15 years. He's a commander, she's a captain.

The Mortons were guests of Marine 1 firefighter Craig Brierly, who the couple had met three years before via an Internet chat room for firefighters. Even though the Fire Department of New York gets 6,000 calls a year and Rock Creek gets more than 125, Brierly and the Mortons still had something in common - that something that unites all people who are willing to run into inferno and save lives.

It's a brotherhood, really," Jerry said. "We're like an extended family. We can go to any fire station in the country and feel welcome."

The Mortons said Brierly's e-mails quit coming for awhile after Sept. 11, causing them to fear the worst.

But Brierly did survive, and he did eventually e-mail the Mortons. He explained to them he had just gotten off duty Sept. 11, when he was called back in, and he'd been busy working on the recovery effort ever since. The Mortons began making

plans to visit Marine Co. 1 on their July cross-country adventure.

Brierly and the Mortons stepped aboard Marine 1 and began making their way across the river. Ironically, Marine 1 had been scheduled to be decommissioned just before Sept. 11, because it was thought that fireboats weren't needed any more. Its two sister ships had already been retired. Luckily, Marine 1 was still operating on Sept. 11. As it turned out, it became the only available water source for fighting the Ground Zero fire, because nearby fire hydrants had been covered in the debris. For eight days, Marine 1 sent water from the river through 12 supply lines to fire engines at the site.

The Mortons looked across the Hudson at the Manhattan skyline as Brierly pointed out the empty spot where the Twin Towers once stood. These days, the famous skyline is no longer defined by what's standing, but more by what's missing.

Teddie still tears up thinking about seeing Ground Zero for the first time.

"It was like, wow, this is real," Teddie said. "You see it on television, but it's not the same. It puts a whole new light on it."

Jerry described the feeling at Ground Zero as "somber."
 "It's like the Vietnam Wall," said Jerry, whose best friend's name is etched on that monument. "There's a lot of respect. It's sacred ground because so many people lost their lives there."

Jerry and Teddie say their fellow firefighters don't consider themselves heroes. If anyone asked them, they'd say they were just "doing the job."

Recruiting in New York

College of Southern Idaho assistant men's basketball coach

Brian Hancock always looks forward to recruiting trips to New York.

"He said he loves the city - its boundless energy, its mix of cultures."

Hancock still has the ticket from his visit to Ground Zero - 11:30 to noon, Jan. 16.

Security around the area is tight, and visitors must secure tickets the day before they visit. So on the evening of Jan. 14, he and a friend went to get their tickets. Barricades and police kept anyone from getting close to the site where the recovery effort was still going on around the clock. Huge lights shone down on the workers below.

"It almost felt like you were at a set for a movie," Hancock said.

The next day, Hancock and his friend joined the long line to the Ground Zero viewing platform.

"It was unbelievable to see it," Hancock said. "There was kind of a silence you felt over the whole thing. There were still a lot of steel beams on the ground. To look at the size of the buildings that were still standing and know the towers were even bigger than that - well, it was breathtaking. It will always stay with you. It's hard to see the clips from Sept. 11 and be able to imagine it. It's hard to imagine that happened."

Hancock said he was also deeply moved by a memorial outside St. Paul's Chapel, an Episcopal church built in 1766 and located just a block from the World Trade Center.

"It was an old church made of gray stone," Hancock said. "The fence, which must have been eight feet tall, was covered with T-shirts, signs, flowers and hats from police departments all over the United States. It was amazing."

Draper envisions some kind of nondenominational church where people of all faiths could worship. Hancock sees a memorial that pays tribute to the victims of Sept. 11.

"We need to have some type of monument that reminds people of who was there," Hancock said.

that will forever be a marker in people's lives - the "where I was when" day of a generation.

"It was dramatic," said Jerome High School freshman Anthony Grutzer. "It happened so far away, but it affected everyone's lives."

Hancock remembers that day well. It was his mother's birthday, and he stopped to visit her on his way to work. When he got to CSI, a TV was on in one of the offices.

Jerry Morton, a mechanic, had just finished pulling a midnight shift at Lamb-Weston and had walked into the company cafeteria to grab his lunch box and head home. He said he looked up at the TV just in time to see the second plane hit the tower.

Teddie Morton, a school bus driver, was waiting for a tardy passenger on her morning route.

All of a sudden, the child and her mother ran up to the bus. "Did you hear? Did you hear?" the mother asked Teddie.

Teddie turned on the radio. One year later, many say it's time to stop reliving the horrific events of Sept. 11 and focus on healing. It's time to rebuild on a stronger foundation.

"We should never forget it, but how can the healing process begin if we keep reliving it?" Teddie said.

They have different ideas for what should be built at the site. "We need to put some kind of building back there and get business going," Jerry said. "It should have some kind of memorial."

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Luper said he would like to see two new towers go up - towers he said he'd make sure to visit someday.

Almost 3,000 people died at the World Trade Center that day. But 25,000 people survived.

And when it was all over, the terrorists failed to achieve their goal of tearing America apart.

"It rallied a lot of people,"

Hancock said. "It really brought the country a lot closer together."

Teddie agreed. "They can knock our buildings down, but they can't change who we are," she said.

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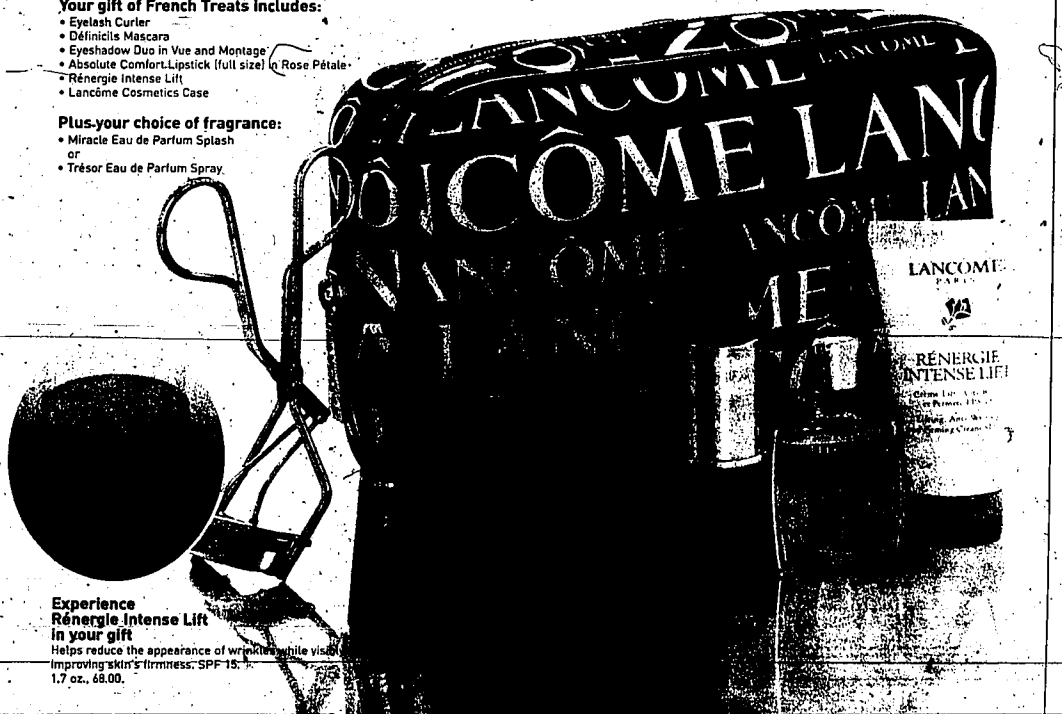
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Idaho ranch offers haven for Sept. 11 victims

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - A northern Idaho horse ranch has quietly been providing families of victims of the Sept. 11 attacks with time for some healing reflection.

DeBe and John Muir, owners of Hidden Creek Ranch near Harrison, invited 50 family members to spend a week each at their guest ranch among North Idaho's wildlife, quiet forests and meadows - at no charge.

They presented their offer to the 9-11 Children's Fund in Red Hook, N.Y. Volunteers chose 50 appropriate recipients.

The five families arrived May 18 and joined ranch guests from all over the nation. A clinical psychologist was also made available at no charge.

The relaxed environment prompted some guests to talk about the family they had lost in the Sept. 11 tragedy. Others talked about the feelings the ranch had awakened in them and their relief at being away from the chaos at home.

"You kind of get goosebumps," said Laurie Melka, spokeswoman for Hidden Creek.

NATION

Doctors shun drug reps, hope to curb pricey prescriptions

By Tony Pugh
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Weary of their incessant visits — often more than 10 a day — doctors are starting to give drug salesmen the brush-off.

Doctors, hospitals and state officials are imposing new restrictions on pharmaceutical sales representatives out of concerns about the drug industry's questionable marketing practices, rising prescription drug costs and the growing army of salesmen knocking at their doors.

The number of drug sales reps has grown from nearly 42,000 in 1996 to almost 88,000 last year.

The pharmaceutical industry last year spent more than \$16 billion persuading doctors to prescribe their products. Nearly \$10.5 billion went for free samples of many drugs that were widely advertised to consumers. The larger goal is to ward off generic competition and to maximize sales of drugs protected by patents.

Because drug promotions can influence a doctor's prescribing habits, health care managers are betting that less contact with marketers will prompt more physicians to prescribe cheaper generic drugs that are therapeutically equivalent to brand name medications.

This alone could dramatically cut prescription drug spending, which is projected to reach \$161 billion this year. Drug spending, which jumped an estimated 16 percent in 2001 and is projected to grow 12.5 percent next year, is one of the major factors behind the nation's spiraling health care costs.

Among the efforts to reduce drug reps' contact with doctors:

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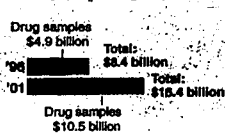
Marketing drugs to doctors

The number of pharmaceutical sales representatives and the amount spent to promote drugs to doctors have increased significantly.



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Cincinnati medical practice, began charging drug companies \$65 for a 10-minute meeting with its doctors last year. And Time Concepts, a northern Kentucky firm, has signed up 800 physicians nationwide who've agreed to charge drug companies \$50 for the same 10-minute meeting. The encounters were previously free.

The Polylinic, a medical practice in Seattle, Wash., charges drug reps \$30 for one hour's access to their premises. For \$200, the reps get eight hours. But at no price are they guaranteed a meeting with a physician. In October, drug reps will be barred altogether.

The American Medical Student Association approved a new policy in April urging physicians, residents and medical students not to accept promotional gifts from the drug industry. The policy also urges hospitals and residency programs to ban drug company-funded lectures and lunches.

• Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston began barring pharmaceutical reps from its patient and visitor parking garages in July. The reps are also required to make appointments with doctors before they enter the hospital.

• The Providence Medical Group in Portland, Ore., no longer allows visits from drug reps and only accepts samples of medications they've deemed cost effective. The practice has also banned gifts from reps such as catered lunches and office supplies, brand with drug company logos and product names.

States are also joining in. In June, Vermont passed a law requiring drug reps to report to the state all gifts to physicians worth more than \$25. Lawmakers in New York have proposed a \$75 limit.

The activity is a rebuke of an industry that has made enormous strides in treating the world's maladies.

Dr. Leonard Morse of Worcester, Mass., who chairs the American Medical Association's council on ethical and judicial affairs, said some restrictions, such as charging drug reps to meet with physicians, are "discourteous and disrespectful."

"If you think those people are coming to doctors' offices only to make a buck and profit, then the attitude is completely wrong," Morse said. "They're coming because they're bringing learned information that the doctor wouldn't otherwise get."

Jeff Trewitt, a spokesman for the Pharmaceutical Research

and Manufacturers of America, the drug industry trade group, said drug reps are being unfairly targeted. "Sales representatives are well trained technically and they convey important information to doctors on drugs, their characteristics and side effects. And they answer doctors' questions," Trewitt said.

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Michigan loses track of 302 kids

Knight Ridder News Service

DETROIT — Twelve-year-old Prentiss Rachal is supposed to be under the legal care of Michigan's child welfare agency.

But the agency has no idea where he is.

Prentiss is just one of 302 children whom the state has lost track of, according to the Michigan Family Independence Agency. Officials believe he may be in Georgia with his biological mother, whose rights had been terminated by Wayne County Juvenile Court in 1998.

"I just pray to God that this child is safe because I don't have any indication that he is," a Wayne County Juvenile Court referee said at an emotional Aug. 20 hearing on Prentiss.

Agency spokeswoman Karen Smith said the "vast majority" of the missing youths are older than

14 and that many of them are runaways from foster care.

Teenage girls, especially those who come from homes where they were abused or neglected, often run off with boyfriends they think they're in love with, Smith said.

Missing children aren't just a problem in Michigan.

In Miami last April, Florida authorities discovered that a 5-year-old foster child named Riva Wilson had been missing for 15 months. That state's Department of Child and Family Services came under intense criticism after reports that 500 foster children were missing.

Mark Jasonowicz, the Michigan agency's deputy director, said the agency has procedures to notify local police and juvenile courts immediately when a foster child is missing.

Police agencies handle such reports by waiting for a child to

turn up in a traffic stop or other action. But not by conducting door-to-door searches, officials said.

The fact that hundreds of Michigan foster children are missing disturbs some child advocates.

"How can you have a system in place and not know where 189 children are?" said Nannette Bowler, director of the Chance At Childhood Program at Michigan State University and the Detroit College of Law in East Lansing.

Sharon Claytor Peters, executive director of Michigan's Children advocacy group, said the child protection system is not funded well enough to provide adequate supervision for children in its care.

"We have unbelievably unmanageable workloads that we're putting on these people providing oversight," Peters said.

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Quest for the past: Man memorializes 'Death Railway'

ALONG DEATH RAILWAY, Thailand (AP) — Leaves of teak trees rustle in the moist wind. Smiling villagers tend papaya, papayas and bananas in neat stands. Below the cliff, the River tal styeps grandly around a bend.

A soothing landscape — for all but Rod Beattie, striding over the field, pointing and intensely conjuring up hellish scenes of six decades ago.

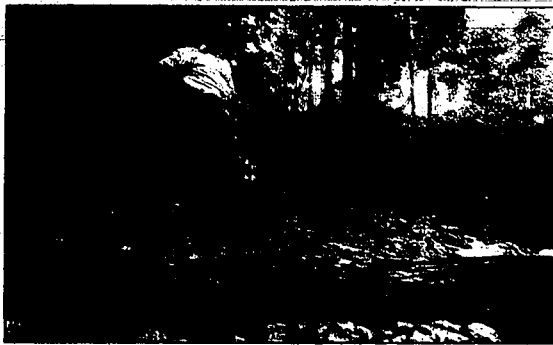
"Here was the isolation area where they came to die," Beattie says. Their withered bodies were repatriated where the teak trees stand. There was the cookhouse, tents, the garbage dump. Here is where Ray Parkin — an Australian writer who later recounted his wartime life — spliced the wire on the funicular that drew water from the river.

This now tranquil place was once Hin Tok River Camp, among a number that held skeletal Allied prisoners of war and Asian slave workers who labored on the "Death Railway" for the Japanese army.

This infamous episode of World War II has become an obsession and a mission for Beattie, a 54-year-old Australian who wasn't born until three years after the war ended.

Over the past eight years, on his own time and money, he has trekked more than 1,240 miles along its length, producing a detailed map and almost single-handedly clearing thick jungle from a five-mile section with a machete and saw.

Scouring the region with a metal detector and shovel, he has unearthed thousands of relics — buckles, insignia, tools, train parts and some poignant articles like a porcelain figure of the Chinese goddess of compassion found at a cremation site. Or a handmade tobacco tin with a



Australian Rod Beattie stands near Hin Tok Pass on the infamous 'Death Railway' near Sal Yok, Thailand, Aug. 8. Beattie has spent eight years to produce a detailed map of the area.

heart for "Mum," the dead soldier's name and a plea: "Oi, I'm empty. Please fill."

Some of these relics will be displayed at a museum in Kanchanaburi, about 70 miles west of Bangkok, which Beattie and four colleagues plan to open by the end of 2002 after four years of effort financed from their own pockets.

The museum, Beattie says, will in graphic, non-nationalistic terms show the Japanese feat of laying 250 miles of track through the jungles and hills of Thailand and Myanmar.

And it will detail the price paid: more than 12,000 of some 60,000 Allied POWs and as many as half the 200,000 Asian laborers dead, mostly from diseases compounded by brutal working conditions.

The harrowing story of the Death Railway has been depicted in a number of books and an

Academy Award-winning 1957 movie, "The Bridge on the River Kwai," which starred Alec Guinness and William Holden.

Beattie is sifting painstakingly through memoirs, archives and personal interviews with survivors to compile a computer

database that will eventually include 40,000 POWs who died while working on the railway or in captivity afterward.

Recently, the daughter of Australian Pvt. Jack McCarthy came to learn more about her father. From the database,

Beattie was able to tell her that McCarthy died at Linson Camp of beriberi and malaria on July 21, 1943. He pinpointed the initial burial site and took her to her father's final grave, a simple headstone adorned with a single red poppy.

"There is so much to do and so little time. My most precious resource is dying — the POWs," Beattie says in his office flanking one of two Allied war cemeteries in Thailand. The youngest ex-POW he knows is 77.

Many aging survivors or their kin — British, Australians, New Zealanders, Americans, Canadians, Dutch and others — still make the pilgrimage to Thailand.

Beattie tells of an Australian who was 2 when his father died on the railway and whose widowed mother had constantly reminded him that he would never measure up to the almost mythic dad. Beattie found the man a thoroughly unpleasant person but took him to the spot where his father died. The man returned months later, bringing his daughter, and Beattie said he came back transformed into a



Rod Beattie displays items unearthed from the World War II Hin Tok River Prisoner of War Camp near Sal Yok, Thailand. Allied prisoners of war, mostly British and Australian, were held at Hin Tok while being used as forced labor to build the 'Death Railway'.

warm, sensitive individual. "It's wonderful to be able to help those people to find peace," Beattie says. "You have to be personally involved to know that what happened so long ago is still having an effect, not only on the few surviving wives but on their children and grandchildren."

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NATION

Site of Lewis and Clark winter fort eludes researchers

WARRENTON, Ore. (AP) — Like all good visitors to Oregon, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark were not litterbugs. But archaeologists seeking the site of the fort where they spent the soggy winter of 1805-1806 sort of wish they were.

The explorers had little and they left little. Time and the elements have melted away the meager clues to exactly where Fort Clatsop stood.

A replica of the 50-foot-by-50-foot compound, built in 1975 using drawings in the explorers' journals as a guide may be close to the real location.

With the many thousands of visitors expected as the bicentennial of their 1803-1806 Voyage of Discovery nears, the National Park Service and others would like to know.

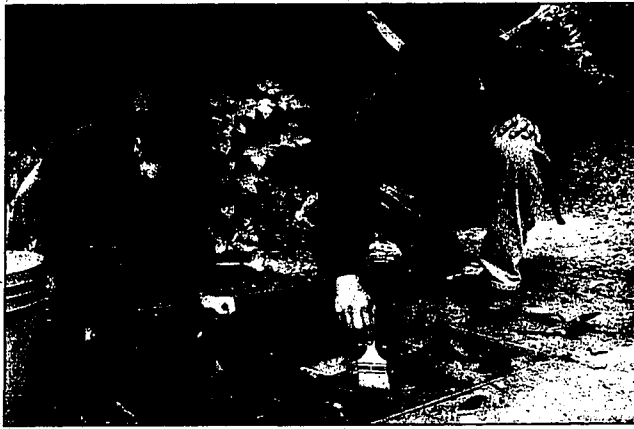
"A lot of Americans want to be at the location where a historic event occurred," said Bob Cromwell, the acting Park Service archaeologist for the Fort Clatsop National Memorial. "Highly acidic soil and two centuries of drenching rain have taken their toll. The area was old-growth forest when Lewis and Clark arrived, but over the years it has been cleared, farmed, and the forest has claimed it again."

It was a practice of settlers to toss bottles and other trash into latrines, making the privy pits good mines for archaeologists. But Cromwell said that didn't happen with Lewis and Clark.

"Everything they had when they got here, they held onto," he said. "There were no garbage pits like at other sites."

"It is a very wet atmosphere, and the area was very heavily used for 150 years," Cromwell said. "It is one of the most difficult places in the world I can think of to find a 200-year-old archaeological site. It is an awful site."

The search has centered on a few acres on the banks of the Lewis and Clark River, near where the Columbia River meets the Pacific. Archaeologists are



Jason Lang, left, and Tom Becker excavate around a metal-and-brick structure found under one of the two Fort Clatsop homestead sites Aug. 2 at the Fort Clatsop National Memorial in Warrenton, Ore.

confident the site lies within 100 federally protected acres. Congress in August added another 1,400 acres to the park, anticipating bicentennial visitors.

Magnometry, which measures, among other things, soil movement, previous fires and iron content, has been used in the search to pinpoint the site, but is confounded by a number of events, natural and man-caused.

"What may have been a fire pit, for example, may also have been a stump fire that burned down to the roots."

Most archaeologists say even beads, what may have been a bullet and the few other artifacts found near where the fort is thought to have been are inconclusive.

"The Indians had had contact with Europeans who sailed into the area for some time," said Julie Stein, a professor of archaeology and a soils specialist from the University of Washington. "They already had European and American goods similar to what Lewis and Clark brought."

Stein said the drawings of the fort in the journals were only plans of what the explorers hoped to build.

"There was probably no foundation," she said. "They were only going to be here three months. They didn't care how long it lasted."

Soil experts have pulled core

samples to test for mercury and phosphates, which could provide some clues.

It is recorded that the expedition killed and ate 131 elk during the 106-day stay, and while the wet, acid soil would have dissolved the bones long ago, the bone dump would have left phosphate deposits.

Mercury was used to treat a variety of ailments, including syphilis, which was rampant among expedition members, and would have been passed through the body. Mercury stays in the soil.

Efforts to locate latrines through high mercury and phosphate content of the soil have

been futile.

Army regulations called for building latrines 90 paces from the camp. If a latrine, located by Lewis and Clark, instead of others who lived in the area later, it might provide clues to where the fort was.

Stein said the soils of the area are naturally high in both mercury and phosphates, but not high enough to indicate a bone dump or latrine.

She said high phosphate levels are found at the top of soils. "If we had a latrine, we would have high levels of phosphates in deep holes," she said. "We have found nothing like that."

"There are too many ways to misread the dirt," she said. "If you want to know where the fort was, just look around here. Will you find it? I don't think that's possible."

Laura Phillips, who works with the University of Washington's Bourke Museum and has done work at Fort Clatsop, agrees that finding it is a tall order.

"It's a needle-in-a-haystack kind of place," she said.

Kentucky stops satanic religious services at prison

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — The Kentucky Department of Corrections has suspended formal satanic worship services at the Green River Correctional Complex while officials work to shape a statewide policy on the practice.

Inmates at Green River, a medium-security prison in Central City, had been allowed to hold weekly satanic services this summer as part of the official religious services calendar, said Lisa Carnahan, Corrections spokeswoman.

"We honestly didn't know it was on the religious calendar," Carnahan said after the Lexington Herald-Leader questioned the practice.

"We are researching it to see what we are required to allow under the law. But we've found information that indicates that satanic services could be a threat to the institutions, so for now we won't aid or abet satanic worship," she said.

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NATION

Jazz great Lionel Hampton dies at 94

By Larry McShane
Associated Press Writer



Jazz musician Lionel Hampton, seen here in a 1988 file photo, died Saturday at age 94. He broke racial barriers in public music performance.

health in recent years. Hampton played with a who's

who of jazz, from Goodman to Louis Armstrong to Charlie Parker to Quincy Jones. His own band helped foster, or showcase other jazz greats including Charlie Mingus, Dexter Gordon, Fats Navarro, Joe Williams and Dinah Washington.

"With Hampton's death, we've drawn closer to losing part of the origins of the early jazz era," said Phil Schaap, a jazz historian.

During his career, Hampton performed at the White House for presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Johnson, Nixon, Carter, Reagan and Bush. When he played for Truman, his was the first black band to ever entertain in the White House, Hampton once said.

Rep. Charlie Rangel, D-N.Y., remembered Hampton's 90th birthday party at the White House, when the man known as the "vibe president" invited President Clinton to grab his saxophone and jam.

"Lionel was a spectacular guy," said Rangel, who recalled seeing Hampton play at the Apollo Theater, the legendary concert venue in Harlem. "He has to be missed."

In 1997, Hampton received the Presidential Medal of Honor while wearing a borrowed suit, socks and shoes, because all his clothes and much of his bands' arrangements and other memorabilia had been destroyed in a fire two days earlier.

Hampton's music was melodic and swinging, but audiences also responded to his electric personality — the big smile, energy and bounce that contributed to his style. When not playing the vibes, he drummed, sang and played his own peculiar style of piano, using two fingers as if they were vibraphone mallets.

Hampton was a songwriter, too; he wrote his most-famous composition, "Flying Home," in 1937 and played it about 300 times a year for the next half-century.

It was a hit in 1942, propelled by an Illinois Jacquet tenor sax solo.

NEW YORK — There was more than musical magic on stage that day in 1936 when Lionel Hampton joined Benny Goodman in a Manhattan ballroom. It was a breakthrough in American race relations.

Hampton, a vibraphone virtuoso who died Saturday, broke a barrier that had kept black and white musicians from performing together in public. Through a six-decade career, he continued to build a name for himself as one of the greats in jazz history.

"He was really a towering jazz figure," said saxophonist Segy Rollins, who played with Hampton in the 1950s. "He really personified the spirit of jazz because he had so much joy about his playing."

The 94-year-old showman and bandleader died of heart failure at Mount Sinai Medical Center, said his manager, Phil Leshin. Hampton suffered two strokes in 1995 and had been in failing

Boyfriend faces murder charges in six deaths

RUTLEDGE, Ala. — A 22-year-old man is accused of gunning down his teenage girlfriend's parents last week in one of the worst killings sprees in state history.

Wesley Devone Harris was charged with murder Friday in the deaths of his girlfriend's parents, grandmother and three teenage brothers, authorities said. He could face the death penalty if convicted.

The rampage stunned and frightened the south Alabama crossroads community where the victims lived. Janice Denise Ball, 16, and her 1.5-year-old daughter were reported missing after the slayings.

She and Harris turned themselves in to authorities Thursday evening.

Harris, a high school dropout with a crack cocaine case pending against him, remained in jail in nearby Lowndes County.

Ball is considered a witness, and was in the care of welfare officials along with their daughter, said Maj. Ken Hallford, chief of the Alabama Bureau of Investigation. Both were in good physical condition.

Authorities declined to comment on a motive or exactly when the slayings occurred.

Some of the victims were last seen Monday. Bodies of the victims were found Tuesday and Wednesday: Two at the farmhouse, two in a nearby mobile home, one at a hog pen, one in the trunk of a car. Slain were Mia Ruth Ball, 62; her daughter, Joann Ball, 35; Willie Hasley, 40, the husband of Joann Ball; and their three sons — Jerry Ball, 18, Tony Ball, 16, and John Ball, 14.

Coleman Ball, whose mother and sister were among the victims, said he was relieved Janice Ball was viewed only as a witness. "I had just prayed to God that she didn't have nothing to do with this tragedy," he said.

Harris requested that he be held in Lowndes County out of fear that there would be relatives or friends of the slain family at the Crenshaw County Jail, Hallford said.

Relatives said they had heard talk of trouble between Harris and his girlfriend's parents but had not personally witnessed any.

According to court records, Harris was arrested Nov. 2 for distribution of crack cocaine and was released on \$5,000 bond. In March, he was accused of having a stolen pit-bull chained to the trailer he shared with his girlfriend on the Ball property, but the charge was dropped after the dog was returned to its owner.

Midwest Express: Striking flight crew will be locked out

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Midwest Express flight attendants will be locked out if they walk off their jobs as threatened, an airline attorney says.

Carol Skornicks, senior vice president and general counsel of Midwest Express, said the airline has filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court, contending the pilots would not be protected under federal labor laws.

The Association of Flight Attendants authorized a strike when negotiators failed to reach an agreement by a Friday deadline.

Musician partnered with U of I to showcase jazz

The Associated Press

For nearly 20 years, Lionel Hampton and the University of Idaho have partnered to showcase America's jazz music tradition and promote music education. The Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival at the University of Idaho has become a nationally acclaimed event, featuring four days of concerts, clinics and student competitions.

Here's a chronology of

Hampton's involvement at the university:

1984 — Lionel Hampton and his New York Big Band make their first appearance at the University of Idaho Jazz Festival. Hampton and his band continue to return annually.

1985 — Hampton and Jazz Festival Executive Director Lynn J. Skinner begin a close association in producing and expanding the festival. The festival is named the Lionel

Hampton Jazz Festival.

1987 — The University of Idaho names its School of Music after Hampton. The Lionel Hampton School of Music is the only such school named after a jazz musician. Six thousand students take part in the festival that year.

1999 — More than 850 student groups register to participate in the festival.

February 23, 2002 — Lionel leads his big band in what would be his final public performance.

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WORLD

Anti-U.S. feeling grows in Egypt

Middle class begins to question motives

Knight Ridder News Service

CAIRO, Egypt — Educated, secular Egyptians, whose support is crucial to the Western government of President Hosni Mubarak, have begun joining Islamic radicals in denouncing the U.S.-led war on terrorism and especially the Bush administration's plans to widen the war to Iraq.

Even people who support Mubarak have started using the kind of anti-American rhetoric formerly used only by the banned Muslim Brotherhood and militant Islamists. In interviews this week, many Egyptians said the terrorism war has become an excuse to undermine Arab countries, including their own, the Arab world's most populous, with 68 million people. Some said the United States has snubbed and unfairly blamed Egypt, an important and longtime U.S. ally.

"Osama bin Laden is an individual. He doesn't speak for all Arabs," said clothing merchant Ahmad Effat, 22. "Mohamed Atta (the alleged lead hijacker on Sept. 11) may be Egyptian, but he was one perverse case. Yet now the United States thinks it has very solid justification to do whatever it wants to do against us."

President Mubarak remains firmly in control, doing out lucrative government jobs and contracts to loyal military officers and political supporters and using Egypt's powerful secret police to crush dissent. And so far, the middle class opposition to Egypt's support for the United States and Islamic hostility to Mubarak's secular regime haven't started to merge into a popular revolution like the one that ousted the Shah of Iran, former pillar of U.S. policy, in 1979.

Still, the growing antagonism toward the United States threatens to undermine America's most important Mideast ally. Egypt was the first Arab country to sign a peace treaty with Israel, and it has played an important role in the effort to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. That conflict is another source of friction between Egypt and the United States, because of strong U.S. support for Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Egypt was also one of the first Arab countries to condemn the Sept. 11 attacks, and Mubarak has as much reason as the United States to attack Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network. Bin Laden's top aide, Ayman al-Zawahiri, and his former military chief, the late Mohammed Atef, were leaders of Egyptian Islamic Jihad, a terrorist group whose goal was ousting Mubarak and making Egypt an Islamic state.

In 1991, Egypt provided ground troops and bases for the U.S.-led coalition's war against Iraq. This time, Mubarak doesn't support a war against Iraq, and has warned the United States about its human costs. Some here think a war against Saddam would be nothing more than a U.S. attempt to control Iraq's oil reserves.

"We've been strategic allies of the United States for 29 years. But this administration is acting alone," without consulting Egyptian or other Arab leaders, said Abdel Monem Saad, director of the al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies, an independent research organization in Cairo.

While some Egyptians accuse the United States of alternately ignoring and bullying the Arab world, others charge that the Bush administration is browbeating Mubarak. Many of Mubarak's supporters were angered this month when President Bush pressured the Egyptian president to overturn a seven-year prison sentence given to human rights activist Saeed Eddin Ibrahim, who remains in prison.

Some commentators also argue that the United States actually does little about democracy and human rights in their country.

"Show us that the United States still adheres to the principles of human rights when it punishes Egyptians in America) without trial, and sends people to Guantanamo," said Mohamed Sid-Ahmed, a columnist for the Egyptian newspaper al-Ahram weekly.

Israeli missiles kill five; soldiers arrest Hamas leader

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — An Israeli helicopter fired missiles at a Palestinian car Saturday, killing three people inside and two children standing nearby, witnesses said. Israeli soldiers also arrested the Islamic militant group Hamas' top political leader in the West Bank.

The apparent targets of the missile strike in Toubas, 12 miles south of the West Bank town of Jenin, were two members of the Al-Aqsa

Brigades militant group. One, Rafiq Daraghmech, was killed; the other, 27-year-old Jihad Saufra, was severely wounded, according to Palestinian security officials.

A 10-year-old boy and a 6-year-old girl were killed and six other bystanders wounded when the three missiles struck, witnesses and hospital officials said. Three teen-agers in the car were also killed, they said.

The army had no immediate

comment on the attack. Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat called the missile strike a "brutal act of murder."

Meanwhile, a Palestinian gunman opened fire in a Jewish settlement in the West Bank on Saturday, seriously wounding two people before being shot dead, according to a settler spokesman and emergency officials.

The attack took place outside a religious school in the settlement

of Har Bracha, near the West Bank city of Nablus, said settler spokesman Yehoshua Mor-Yosef.

Palestinian militants often attempt to attack Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza. But Saturday's was the first successful infiltration since June 20, when a gunman shot dead five Israelis at the Itamar settlement in the northern West Bank before being shot dead.

In the West Bank city of

Ramallah, Israeli soldiers arrested Hamas leader Hasan Yusuf, leading him blindfolded and clutching a bottle of water out of a house into a military vehicle. The capture was filmed by Associated Press Television News. An unidentified man from the house was arrested along with Yusuf. Israeli soldiers conducted a wider sweep in downtown Ramallah on Saturday, pulling out men and leading them away blindfolded.

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Diplomacy, time may be helping Africa

By Andrew Rogovin
Times News Service

NAIROBI, Kenya—A new wave of African and Western diplomacy combined with war fatigue and the promise of economic recovery is raising hopes for leading some of the world's most war-torn nations.

The Democratic Republic of Congo, a pact was signed last month to end a four-year conflict that had involved seven African countries and killed an estimated 2 million people. It could allow the continent's third largest nation finally to tap its vast deposits of gold, diamonds, copper and other mineral riches.

In Sudan, the U.S. war order is helping to bring rebels and the government to the peace table after a 19-year war. And after years of civil war, even ethnically torn Burundi and Somalia—the latter the quintessential failed country, where warlords and anarchy rule—are attempting to reach cease-fires.

Secretary of State Colin Powell will see this changing landscape next week when he attends the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa. He also is scheduled to visit Gabon and Angola, where the death of U.S.-backed rebel leader Jonas Savimbi has raised hopes of peace after 27 years of war.

Even African nations still are engaged in war, down from 15 in 1995.

What has changed is that peace can be made that war and conflict is not as intractable as it once used to be," said Jackie



Cilliers, the head of South Africa's Institute for Security Studies, a research center.

The moves toward peace come as a young generation of African leaders in the new African Union is vowing to uphold international standards of human rights. The African Union was created last month to replace the toothless Organization of African Unity. These new leaders hope that peace and good governance will attract billions of dollars in Western aid, trade and investment. The World Bank already has pledged to lend \$50 million to Congo if it ends its war.

Such economic incentives are propelling African leaders to mediate an end to the continent's wars. South Africa is playing a key role in mediating disputes in Burundi, Congo and other countries. Kenya is trying to bring peace to Sudan and Somalia, where the cross-border proliferation of small arms is contributing to the violence and crime that are crippling Kenya's economy.

Washington has a leading diplomatic role in efforts to end the war in Sudan, a former sponsor of global terrorism. Last month, the government and the main rebel group, the Sudanese People's Liberation

Army, signed an interim deal to end the war, which pitted the Islamic regime in the north against Christian and animist rebels in the south. Both sides are in Kenya this week discussing power-sharing and military arrangements for a transitional period. A 2008 referendum on the future of the south has been proposed.

The war has prevented the Sudanese government from tapping all its vast oil reserves. Ending the conflict could bring the nation badly needed reconstruction money and debt relief.

The Sudanese government, which once harbored but later ejected terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden, also is worried about becoming a target of the Bush administration's war on terrorism.

"It was a wake-up call for the Sudanese government," said John Prendergast, Africa director for the International Crisis Group, a research center based in Brussels, Belgium. "They don't know what the U.S. will do in the next phase of the war on terrorism."

"It's definitely the best chance for peace in Sudan in nearly 20 years of civil war," he said.

Despite the hopeful signs, bringing peace to the continent will be extremely difficult, analysts say.

"It's too soon to say that this will result in a long-lasting peace," said Charles B. Snyder, a U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state for Africa. "We haven't seen any of these new deals come to fruition yet and put through a test of three years. The jury is still out, but you have to be guardedly optimistic at least."

EU may compromise on American exemptions

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP)—The European Union showed a willingness Saturday to compromise on U.S. demands that it expel Americans from prosecution at the international court on the crimes.

Italy and Britain have already indicated they are ready to break ranks with their EU partners and sign bilateral deals granting Washington's wish.

Ending a two-day meeting, the 15 EU foreign ministers also condemned Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's for flouting the international community's long-standing demand to readmit U.N. weapons inspectors.

And Danish Foreign Minister Per Stig Møller said he will tour the Middle East next week with a peace plan that is to lead to an independent Palestinian state by

2005, the date favored by President Bush.

Møller also said he will seek an EU-wide accord by Sept. 30 to grant Americans immunity before the International Criminal Court in any cases related to peacekeeping operations.

"Our aim is to arrive at an understanding with the United States ... without undermining

the ICC," Møller said.

The Bush administration is concerned Americans—politicians and members of the military—could become targets of politically motivated trials.

It has said sparing Americans that fate could be done under Art. 98 of the International Criminal Court charter, which deals with stationing troops in foreign nations.

WTO allows EU to impose \$4B in sanctions against U.S.

GENEVA (AP)—The World Trade Organization says the European Union can impose \$4 billion in sanctions against the United States—a figure 20 times bigger than any sanction allowed in the future—because of tax breaks given to U.S. corporations operating abroad.

Delighted by Friday's verdict, the EU vowed to go ahead with plans to impose the sanctions by working on lists of targeted products, including everything from textiles, foodstuffs and automotive parts to nuclear reactors, unless Washington ends the tax policy.


"The cost of noncompliance

with WTO is crystal clear," said EU Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy in a statement.

The Bush administration said it was disappointed in the decision, which it said would be irrelevant once it and Congress work out a new tax policy.

Aside from the rhetoric, however, the amount was so huge—and the stakes for U.S.-European trade relations so high—that there seemed little chance of Brussels actually implementing its threat.

Instead, experts said that the EU would likely use the figure as a yard stick in bargaining to force Washington to amend its law quickly.

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WORLD

Activists protest actions at summit

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — About 10,000 people marched Saturday from a township of tin shacks and open sewers to the glittering venue of a U.N. development summit to protest that world leaders are not doing enough to fight poverty.

Demonstrators dressed in red T-shirts and bandanas danced and sang old anti-apartheid songs as they gathered in the sprawling township of Alexandra, a long walk from the summit's site in Sandton, South Africa's lavish icon of conspicuous consumption.

Negotiations at the summit intensified Saturday, bearing down on some of the most contentious issues — including energy targets and agricultural subsidies

— in an action plan for combating poverty and preserving the environment.

But environmentalists and social activists said those commendable goals were being watered down. "We must liberate the poor of the world from poverty," South African President Thabo Mbeki said at a rally before one of the two protest marches out of Alexandra. He called on the summit to set clear timetables for reaching its goals.

The first march grew to about 3,500 people — mainly local residents — as it progressed through the narrow streets of Alexandra. Many chanted anti-American slogans and carried banners portraying President Bush as a "toxic

Texan."

"Africa is not for sale," said Milton Sibanda, 33, who joined the demonstrators carrying placards denouncing capitalism. "We need land. We need accommodation. Since Rio, they have been saying things have changed, but these 10 years, I haven't seen it."

The organizers of the march, an alliance of anti-globalization groups, said they want to "unmask" the summit as a farce.

In Saturday's second demonstration, various non-governmental groups meeting at a parallel forum marched on Sandton to deliver the message that "sustainable development is possible," said Muzi Khumalo, the spokesman for the march.

Indonesia slayings include Americans

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Gunmen armed with automatic weapons ambushed a convoy headed to a huge gold mine run by a U.S. corporation, killing two Americans and an Indonesian in an unprecedented attack Saturday in Indonesia's troubled Papua province.

Fourteen others, including seven U.S. citizens, were injured in the attack near the world's largest gold mine, the bloodiest incident involving foreigners in almost four decades of intermittent warfare between government forces and separatist rebels.

The Grasberg mine for many Papuans is a symbol of unwanted Indonesian rule.

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Subdued remembrances mark anniversary of Diana's death

LONDON (AP) — Five years after Princess Diana's death prompted an astonishing public outpouring of grief, Britain remembered her Saturday in far less subdued fashion, marking a mid-anniversary with small, personal gestures and private recollections.

Hundreds of bouquets piled up outside Kensington Palace, Diana's former home, far fewer than the thousands that formed an ocean of floral tributes when

the palace's ornate iron gates were a focal point for national mourning in 1997.

And at any time Saturday there were never more than about a hundred well-wishers in front of the palace, some of them people out for a stroll when they happened upon the display.

A few balloons fluttered above the gates and a basket of silk flowers sat nearby, beneath a picture of the late princess. "Diana we miss you," one card said.

Diana's sons, Princes William, 20, and Harry, 17, spent a week-end out of the public eye with their father, Prince Charles, and grandparents, Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, at the family's estate at Balmoral, in the Scottish Highlands.

"It is a private time," said a spokeswoman for St. James's Palace, where the young princes live with their father. "They will be remembering their mother in their own private way."

As in previous years, no official commemoration of the death was arranged.

Diana's brother Earl Spencer, whose searing eulogy at her Westminster Abbey funeral was watched around the world, said he would spend Saturday at home with family and friends.

A trickle of visitors left flowers outside Althorp, the family home where Diana is buried on an island in the middle of a small lake.

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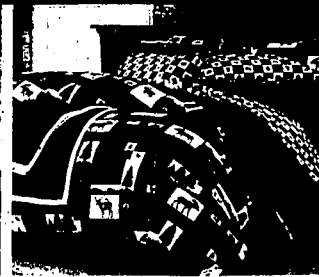
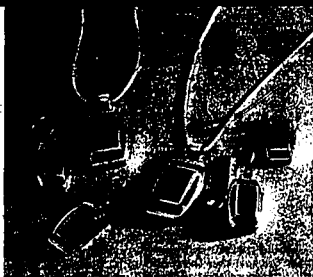
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EDITORIAL

Expect Midwest farms to devour ethanol profits

Just as the kiddies love all that yummy food at the county fair, farm-state congressmen and their constituents go hog wild over subsidized ethanol production.

For years, Midwestern states fattened up at Uncle Sam's chow wagon. Now, with energy legislation about to pass that mandates more ethanol production, there's grub for other crop-producing states, too. And Idaho is one of the states getting in line.

Unfortunately, ethanol may prove to be cotton candy for the Magic Valley economy: tempting but not nutritious.

Ethanol is grain alcohol, fermented and distilled from starch crops such as corn, potatoes, wheat and sugar beets. It works as a cleaning additive to fuel and lowers auto emissions, which is why it's being written into the new energy bill.

Investors in eastern Idaho are eyeing Magic Valley locations as potential sites for a large-scale ethanol plant. Intrepid Technology of Idaho Falls and Magic Valley Energy Coalition want to invest in a \$50 million plant for startup.

The theory is, south-central Idaho is a prime spot, with freeway and railroad access, lots of local starch crops, and farmers who can buy the plant's used mash. Ethanol plants pay good wages, too. In reality, though, other states may get the smorgasbord from local ethanol production, and Idaho may get only the scraps.

Corn - not potatoes or wheat - will likely be the most affordable crop for ethanol

production, depending on market prices. Corn is primarily sent in from Midwestern states. That would largely leave out Idaho crops. Hopes of selling byproducts to local dairies may not pan out. Though distillery mash supposedly makes for great livestock feed, its moisture content means dairies can't keep it for long.

Our view: Idaho won't be profiting on ethanol production quite like our neighbors in the Midwest.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Intrepid says up to 300 million gallons of annual ethanol production could be created in Idaho over the next six years. But that may be optimistic. South Dakota, already an ethanol mecca, expects to produce only 250 million gallons a year by 2004, according to the American Coalition for Ethanol in Sioux Falls.

Then there are environmental concerns. Magic Valley already has an abundance of odor issues. Will residents welcome possible ethanol plant odors as well? Can the plant be sited appropriately?

Another concern is that ethanol consumes more energy than it produces. The *Wall Street Journal* cites research that shows if ethanol is to be created efficiently, it will rely on growing higher-yield corn. Again another bonus for the Midwest.

Local benefits would be felt most by investors and the haulers transporting grain and ethanol via rail or truck. Some local workers would get good jobs - but only 35 to 60 of them, initially.

The bulk of the benefits go straight to Midwestern farmers. Though the aroma of corn-fed money smells like profit, Idaho probably won't fatten up.



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Editorial misrepresented candidate

In the Aug. 20 editorial, *The Times-News* editors called me irresponsible without even talking to me about the county budget or what budgeting plans I would change or recommend. That is irresponsible reporting by the editorial board.

I at no time stated that the sheriff's budget should be increased by 30 percent. I said the deputies needed to have a 20-30 percent increase in salary to reach parity with other agencies. The 6.8 percent increase the sheriff received in the proposed budget included the 3 percent cost-of-living increase for employees. This was not a 6.8 percent increase in pay as *The Times-News* left the readers to their own interpretation.

The Times-News goes on to quote the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training Academy has Twin Falls County ranked eighth among 25 enforcement agencies in starting pay last year. This is another misleading statement that seemed to indicate Twin Falls County was eighth in the state rather than eighth of 25 local agencies which I have, as yet, been unable to determine where these 25 agencies are.

If we are to compare apples and oranges, or in the real world populations and workloads, then the facts change drastically. Twin Falls County has a current population of more than 70,000. The counties used in the article have one-third the population of Twin Falls; Bonner County half the population at 37,000. Deputy starting wage is \$29,600. That's \$4,600 more than Twin Falls County.

Filer Police Department and Buhl Police Department both pay more than \$600 more per year starting pay for certified officers. Kootenai, Bonnevill and Canyon counties all pay \$4,000 more than Twin Falls County.

READER COMMENT

Bob Powers

I could continue filling this page but will save the readers time by saying the county is 20 percent below average pay for police officers and deputies elsewhere in the Magic and Wood River valleys. That comparison was based on figures supplied by the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training Academy. The complete figures, comparing 25 local police agencies, appeared in *The Times-News* on April 7.

Readers may view the April 7 story, Powers' June 21 letter and our Aug. 20 editorial in our online archives. (Go to www.magicvalley.com and select "Archives" or stop by our office and ask to look at the back issues.)

This county, I suggest *The Times-News* looks deeper into the budget before giving it the great acclaim of being perfect beyond recourse.

The Times-News has no right to call me irresponsible without first finding out what my proposals are and actions I would like to take to meet the goals I have set.

I believe there is a better course and serious change is needed.

Bob Powers is a Democratic candidate for Twin Falls County commissioner.

Editor's note

W. A. stand by our Aug. 20 editorial, Bob Powers, in a letter to the editor printed June 21, wrote, "An increase of 20 to 30 percent in the sheriff's department is needed now, along with the \$250,000 needed to keep the seven employees on grants that run out this year."

The Aug. 20 *Times-News* editorial mentioned the 6.8 percent increase proposed by commissioners, which would take the sheriff's budget to \$2.07 million. The 6.8 percent referred to an increase in the sheriff's budget, not individual deputies' pay.

The editorial compared Twin Falls County deputies' minimum starting pay with the minimum starting pay of police officers and deputies elsewhere in the Magic and Wood River valleys. That comparison was based on figures supplied by the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training Academy. The complete figures, comparing 25 local police agencies, appeared in *The Times-News* on April 7.

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Distracted drivers drive rest of us nuts

The more time Americans spend in their cars, the more they're likely to make better use of that time by using cell phones and laptop computers to link up with the office and conduct business. Others simply entertain themselves via expensive music systems and TV.

Distracting pleasures and making business decisions can't be conducted safely in congested urban traffic. For your own sake and ours, keep your eyes on the road and your mind on the task at hand - driving.

Multi-tasking, to borrow a phrase from the federal bureaucracy, is never a good idea behind the wheel - yet motorists continually attempt it, often with disastrous results.

From yacking on a cell phone to fiddling with the onboard GPS navigation system, more and more drivers are trying and failing - to keep one eye on the road and the other on something else.

ERIC PETERS

An Associated Press story recently noted that accidents and deaths caused by distracted driving are on the rise. The National Conference of State Legislatures estimates 600 to 1,000 such deaths occurred in 2001, and that as many as 2,000 motorists could be killed annually by 2004 by distracted drivers.

Unfortunately, the problem is likely to get worse as new cars and trucks become even more loaded with the latest technological doodads - including Internet access and the ability to check e-mail, for instance - automotive conveniences that are just around the corner.

A popular "aftermarket" modification already causing problems is the driver's line-of-sight - which, though technically illegal without the ability of many backyard tinkers. Nor is it especially difficult to find a shop that will do the job, either.

We're seeing a lot of requests for mobile devices. Wireless World salesman Doug Kalpakoff told the AP. Meanwhile, automakers such as Infiniti and Mercedes-Benz have been adding such things as "intelligent" air control that allows the driver to adjust following speed and other such feats of technology that tend to absolve the driver of responsibility for actually driving the car.

BMW has an Active Cruise Control system that will actually exert pressure against the driver's foot if the computer, thinks it's time to slow down.

Now, we'll be able to just take a nap, or at least to do this tempting mix, new and extremely elaborate audio and navigation systems that demand rapt attention and it's no wonder that people find themselves pulled into the abyss before they even realize it's time to hit the brakes.

With commuting times rising and people spending more time than ever "car-cooned" in their vehicles, the temptation to make use of all the available technology becomes even greater.

Unfortunately, it may take regulatory intervention to deal with this burgeoning problem. Many states have taken steps, for example, to restrict or forbid the use of cell phones by the driver while the vehicle is in motion.

Similar steps may be necessary when motorists are able to access the Internet from their vehicles, a development that probably is only months - rather than years - away.

Even the most devout libertarians will find themselves hard-pressed to argue that government doesn't have the right to prohibit TV-watching by drivers of 3,000-pound moving vehicles.

With the first anniversary of Sept. 11 fast approaching, police forces should be watching for terrorists - not glass-eyed SUV drivers watching a football game.

Self-policing and applying plain old-fashioned common sense can go a long way in averting government intervention. "Multi-task" once you're at your desk, and not behind the wheel of a moving vehicle. Don't let your disgruntled ego tempt you into someone else's destruction.

Eric Peters frequently writes on automotive issues.

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Lawbreakers aren't always 'scum' - look at Clinton

"I must comment on the letter, 'Organization offers support to scum bags in jail'."

When I looked up "scum" in the dictionary, it said, "an element of society regarded as being vile or worthless." Is this truly your opinion of others, who by errors in judgment broke our laws? Let's look at some other lawbreakers.

Remember former President Clinton? He confessed to using drugs; he was publicly a fornicator and was caught publicly in numerous falsehoods. Also, current President Bush admitted that in his youth he was an alcoholic and a drug user. Had they been caught, these great men would have spent time in jail and become what you call, "scum bags." If they had, got what they deserved, "our nation would have been deprived of their great leadership. The point is, we have all made mistakes, we have all broken laws and we have all made errors in judgment; these people in jail just got caught."

Everyone has value and no one is worthless. If we break any law, we are lawbreakers and worthy to be labeled "scum bags," or is that term reserved for those who get caught? God loves those "scum bags" just as much as he loves you. We must

choose to be different than the animals we must not turn on our own when they are down and devour those who are wounded. The Bible tells us if we do not forgive, we cannot be forgiven. Have you ever heard, "What goes around, comes around"? Well, it really is true.

Whatever we say or do, both good and bad, to or about other people, will come back to us. If we encourage, we will be encouraged. If we ridicule, we will be ridiculed. If we bless, we will be blessed. If we curse, we will be cursed. Maybe not today and maybe not tomorrow, but one day, it will all come back to us.

If we forgive, we will be forgiven, or would we rather get what we really deserve?

LINDA MITCHELL
Hansen.

Discipline dogs a little, and they won't bark as much

After reading the letters concerning barking dogs in this section, I would more likely have to agree with the people who are barking irritates rather than the ones like Gerald Stewart Jr. who say that we should all just put up with it, close our windows or move to the toilet! My impression is that Mr. Stewart is one of these dog owners that some people are complaining about.

LETTERS

I do agree that dogs will bark at just about anything, but if a cat, another dog, people walking by, being horny, strens, squirrels or what have you, but if the owners would discipline their dogs at least part of the time, maybe the rest of the time meaning, would we care onto the dog as far as manners go.

We had a dog for 15 years and we taught the dog between right and wrong, if you want to put it that way. She knew the difference between a stranger coming off the house and a bird sitting on the fence and didn't bark, just because another dog was barking, so I know that you can have communications with your dog.

Where I live, there are eight dogs within 250 feet of me and at any time, be it day or night, there is anywhere from one to three dogs barking. This goes on from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. the next day. Not uncommon for this going on at 3 o'clock in the morning and go on for long periods of time. I can't believe that their owners don't hear this noise, too. Evidently people with dogs of 12 or 13 don't care about their neighbors! No one does have to have your window open to hear this.

TiI close with the title of a song that some country artists wrote: "Take Your Dog and Shove It!"

KEITH OWENS
Kimberly

Anthrax scare halted mail in Sen. Craig's office

I'm responding to Frank Mascari's letter to the editor of Aug. 22.

If Sen. Craig's Twin Falls office actually received in Washington, D.C., and the complexity or nature of the questions and concerns raised. It is Sen. Craig's policy to respond to all Idahoans, and with a web site and six offices that relay messages, a typical work month pulls in more than a thousand phone calls, faxes, e-mails and letters requiring responses.

However, the entire mail system nearly ground to a halt for more than three months last winter, when the discovery of anthrax shut down the building in which Sen. Craig's D.C. office was located. None of the other Idaho congressional delegation were affected by this catastrophe, but the Craig office is still receiving messages from constituents during that shutdown. There was an enormous backlog of mail and lost letters complicating the coordination of responses even as recently as today. This is not in any way intended to excuse a late response, but only to explain the challenges that likely played a part.

Also, the fund-raising letter that Mr. Mascari received from Sen. Craig was in no way generated by Sen. Craig's local Twin Falls office. Any fund-raising or campaign activities are handled by Sen. Craig's campaign office. By law, Sen. Craig has to keep campaign and fund-raising activities separate from Senate official business.

I'm sorry that Mr. Mascari assumed that he needed to give a donation to be heard by Sen. Craig; this is certainly not the case. Sen. Craig's No. 1 goal in his Senate offices is to provide timely and high-quality constituent service.

He represents all the people in Idaho and is working very hard to be responsive and accessible to all of Idaho's constituents.

That is exactly why he has provided offices throughout the state with trained staff to help him achieve this goal.

I hope this helps explain some aspects of Sen. Craig's job representing the people of Idaho. Let me invite Mr. Mascari and all area citizens to feel free to stop by the senator's Twin Falls office to talk about issues or concerns you might have. We will make sure Sen. Craig receives your comments.

KEITH B. HATHREYS
Twin Falls
Editor's note: Mike Matthews is the regional director for Sen. Larry Craig at the Twin Falls office.

OPINION

We need less talk, more unity on Iraq

Recently President Bush has been deluged with advice about Iraq, much of it coming from those with a record of 100 percent error on the subject. We have forgotten too quickly the misjudgments of officials who once saw Saddam Hussein as a responsible leader, counseled former President George H.W. Bush that the Arabs would handle him (before his rise to power) and expected Hussein to be dumped by some anonymous colonel, at no risk to the United States. If we are to avoid similar blunders in the future, then we must quickly clarify the suddenly emerging muddle on Iraq.

ALEXANDER M. HAIG JR.

Three points are most critical. First is the old adage that "loose lips sink ships." In this case, too many people in the administration are doing too much talking, adding to the illusion of war on the cheap through new weapons and internal uprisings, others just averse to the use of force. Both are undermining the resolve created by President Bush's earlier pronouncements. Such a collapse of discipline invites not only a torrent of bad advice, but also — more important — a worsening of our credibility in the Persian Gulf, where our record is less than stellar. A brief recital of events in the past 30 years, ever since we unwisely allowed the British-run gulf security system to dissolve, establishes the point: the undermining of the security of Iran and his replacement by an aggressive and fanatical Muslim regime; the successful bombing of our embassy and Marines in Beirut, followed by a U.S. withdrawal; the hostages in Contra episodes; and Saddam Hussein's post-Gulf War challenges (1993, 1994, 1996, 1998), none of them effectively rebuked by American military power.

Sorry to say, both Republicans and Democrats have shared the blunders. The inconclusive Gulf War (and our recent derring-do in Afghanistan) established our capabilities rather more than our wisdom in decisively ending threats to our security and regional peace. Small wonder that local leaders (all of whom despise Saddam Hussein) doubt we will do the job this time.

LETTER

Kempthorne relies on 'heap of money' too
 — Response to Aug. 27 editorial:
 You say Brady's budget plan "relies on finding a heap of money that doesn't exist." Please identify the money Kempthorne is relying on for his plan. A large increase in the economy? Don't we all wish that were a reality?
 You state Kempthorne's efforts to save on Medicaid have backfired. Remember that the savings were on the back of Idaho's children and working poor. Thank God labor forces were willing to step in and notify folks of funding available to assist less-affluent folks with medical insurance. Shouldn't that have been a major priority of our state government?
 You criticize Brady for his position on investment tax credits and suggest the state examine its tax records to see how much the investment tax credit is helping job growth. I applaud your suggestion. May I suggest you do the same to determine if the job growth you imply really exists, and if it is producing jobs providing "living wages"?
 You accuse Brady and Democrats in general of heading "straight to tax increases," while following up with the suggestion that "there are few budget-balancing options. Those options include: raising taxes on the wealthy, rolling back wages for state workers, cutting the state work force, or raising taxes." Don't you think that rolling back wages for state workers is really a tax imposed upon them while leaving the rest of us unaffected? A rollback in the wages of state-elected officials?
 I find it interesting you have mentioned the option of a tax. Does this mean that following the November election, we can expect the Republican-dominated State Legislature to "discover" this post-election option?
DAVID E. LARSEN
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untrue today. Those who counsel going to Jerusalem before going to Baghdad will never complete either journey. Bush has already committed the United States in support of the riskiest of propositions: a secure, democratic and peaceful Palestinian state. A successful strike against Iraq will surely not hurt that prospect. Does anyone believe that a Saddam Hussein with a growing arsenal of rocket-equipped weapons of mass destruction will help it?
 A third and final point: The war with Hussein never ended. Whatever the merits of announcing a pre-emptive military strategy or an objective of regime

change, we need neither of these to justify action against Iraq. Iraq's agreement that international inspectors would confirm the destruction of its weapons of mass terror was essential to ending the Gulf War. Hussein has grossly violated these provisions since 1998. The U.N. Security Council is united on the demand that inspectors must return, and even those Arab governments publicly opposed to an attack on Iraq will, in almost the same breath, urge the Iraqis to cooperate on inspections. Thus, should we choose to go to Baghdad, we would simply be saying to Hussein: We are enforcing the international mandate on your weapons of mass destruction reached in 1991 and reaffirmed ever since. Stand in the way and you will be destroyed. The alternative is to destroy your weapons. Period.

Some of those urging war on Iraq have suggested that we seek a fresh mandate from the United Nations. Of course we should consult with our coalition partners. But to seek new Security Council resolutions after Hussein's blatant violations would also suggest that the previous clearly stated U.N. demands were irrelevant and unenforceable. This is a sure way to discredit the United Nations.
 To sum it up: We have a historical credibility problem in the Gulf that will not be easily overcome through rhetorical posturing or diplomatic niceties. We need less talk and more unity in Washington; a clear-headed

presidential exposition of why Iraq and why now, tied to the existing international consensus on weapons of mass destruction; and regional actions that show our resolve and focus. Ultimately, an American foreign policy, or, for that matter, an international order that allows a country such as Iraq to acquire weapons of mass destruction while violating solemn agreements, is a guarantee of a world on the edge of greater terrors to come.

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When I was in college, I had a professor who explained the significance of grades to me:

"An 'A' means graduate school," she said. "A 'B' or a 'C' means you get to keep your scholarship and don't have to work graveyard shift at Jack in the Box. A 'D' means selling encyclopedias door to door. And an 'F' means Vietnam."

That was 1971, of course, and everyone on college campuses was a little testy. At the time, grades of 'A-minus' or better accounted for just 7 percent of those handed out nationwide. That meant a 93 percent chance of getting not-so-cheerful news with major consequences.

How times have changed. According to Newsweek magazine, 26 percent of college grades in 1998 were either "As" or "A-minuses."

And the *Boston Globe* reported that HALF of the undergraduates at Harvard got "As" in their courses and that 91 percent of the class of 2001 graduated with honors.

That's called grade inflation, or more fittingly, the Lake Wobegon Effect: All of our children are above average.

And it's not just confined to the groves of academe. I checked the *Times-News* archives, and the average south-central Idaho high school over the past three years has had seven valedictorians — seven — and in a few cases the number of valedictorians approached 10 percent of the graduating class.

That's goofy. There are no fewer "C" students than there used to be; it's just that some of them are graduating with 4.0 grade-point averages. It starts in kindergarten, I think: Everybody's special, but nobody's especially special.

Excelsior is the elementary school equivalent of cutting in line. By middle school or junior high school, most kids — and more importantly, their parents — have come to expect "As" and "Bs." If your child comes home with a "C," it's a problem — and one you certainly don't discuss with the neighbors.

So by high school, giving a grade lower than "B" is regarded as something of a punitive gesture: However will Johnny get into college?

The net effect of grade inflation, of course, is mediocrity. It doesn't matter, in many cases, if you're smart and do three hours of homework every day: You're going get the same "A" as the kid sitting behind you who managed to remember to turn in all his assignments on time.

That's why many employers anymore pay little or no attention to the grades you got in school when they hire; they're meaningless.

It's a shame, not because it penalizes students who are smart — they still do fine — but because it hurts those who are not as smart.

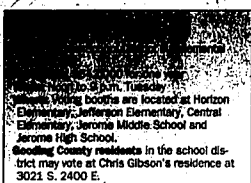
The best teacher I ever had was in eighth-grade algebra, Mr. Riley. Mr. Riley didn't give the top one-third of the scores do their own thing.

Then he'd take the other two-thirds of the kids aside — one by one — and have a little chat. "The first was really smart, you're a 'D' student. Show me that you're a 'C,'" and you'll get a 'B' in this class."

"In seven cases out of 10, the student said, 'Well, you're right. I finished working their books off, turned in extra-credit assignments, stayed after class, asked questions and ended the semester truly as a 'B' student — not as over the top as the students."

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Jerome will hold supplemental levy



Jerome schools are located at Horizon Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, Central Elementary, Jerome Middle School and Jerome High School.

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — In an era of tight budgets, the Jerome School District is scrambling to provide essential services to its students.

In an effort to meet its needs, the district is asking residents on Tuesday to support a one-year supplemental tax levy for \$542,000. Superintendent Jim Cobble said the levy is not related to this year's anticipated state funding as much as it is an attempt to get the district "back up to the

funding level of the 1999-2000 school year."

A supplemental tax levy requires a simple majority to pass and will be paid off in one year. If approved, the \$542,000 will be used as follows:

- \$150,000 set aside for transporting kindergarten children to and from school mid-day, Cobble said.
- For several years, Jerome schools have been running two sorts of kindergarten schedules. One scheduling arrangement has two half-day sessions Monday through

Friday. The other has children going to school all day Monday, Wednesday and Thursday the next week.

The district must (that children in alternating full-day sessions are absent more and score lower on tests than children in the everyday half-day sessions.)

If the levy is passed, the cost of busing will be a one-time expense. 85 percent of the cost will be reimbursed by the state after the first year. That amount will be

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CATCHING SOME AIR



BMXmen Tony Woodard from Nevada, left, and Shane Smith from Australia catch 'double air' on the 'half-pipe' Saturday afternoon at the Twin Falls County Fair in Flin.

Bikers, skater thrill T.F. fair visitors

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

FILER — Little Nick Wallace of Shoshone had just one thing to say Saturday afternoon after watching the BMXmen Action All Stars bike and in-line skate team at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.

"Awesome!"

Nick and his dad, Mike Wallace, both cheered loudly with the rest of the crowd as three riders and a skater shot back and forth across a massive wooden set of "half-pipe" ramps.

Upon reaching the apex at either end, they would launch themselves into brief but stunning flights, often performing tricks in mid-air. Another of the rider performed acts of grace and balance on the flat space between the ramps.

After the show, Mike Wallace said he was glad to see the BMX team come to the fair.

"It gives something for the younger generation. Something they're interested in seeing."

And youngsters of all ages showed their interest, crowding the riders for autographs and glimpses of their bikes and gear.

Rider Tony Pelogio, 30, of San Diego, Calif., said he's been riding professionally for more than a

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Fair time

only, goat show ring.

- 4 p.m. — Wild goat milking contest, Twin Falls 4-H only, goat show ring.
- 4 p.m. — Eve led fashion show, sheep show ring.
- 5 and 8 p.m. — Michael Mezmer's "Dreamcatcher" show, free stage.
- 8 p.m. — Liberty gospel quartet, main arena.

Fair admission

Admission is good for general admission access to all arena events.

Reserve seats to arena events are available at the Twin Falls County Fair office or by calling 326-4398. The pre-sale ticket office closes one hour before that day's event.

General admission, adults: \$6
General admission, children 6-12: \$4
Family pass (will admit two parents, three children 18 and under): \$20, available at the gate only.

Reserve seats to arena events: \$3
Carnival: The carnival runs daily from noon to midnight. An all-day carnival pass costs \$20.

Public parking: Free
Livestock parking: Free

Fair attendance

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Wednesday	19,320	14,052	12,281	14,599	14,806
Thursday	11,889	11,703	8,908	9,793	10,695
Friday	12,476	13,064	11,619	13,236	13,849

Brady challenges governor to debates

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's campaign manager isn't getting excited about a press release issued by Democratic candidate Jerry Brady that accuses Kempthorne of "ducking debates."

Brady, owner of *The Post Register* in Idaho Falls, used a quote from an eastern Idaho newspaper (not his own), it says. Brady accepted the newspaper's invitation to debate, while Kempthorne "said he leaves that sort of scheduling to his campaign people, who say they can't speak for the governor."

Kempthorne's campaign manager, Jason Lehotski, dismissed Brady's criticism.

"Right now the governor is out taking his message to the people around the state," he said. "He's attending county fairs and rodeos."

Besides, Lehotski said, the governor is not ducking debates, and the proof of that is that he debated around the state before the primary election.

In his press release last week,

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Idaho Falls woman takes rodeo crown

The Times-News

FILER — An Idaho Falls woman is the new 2003 Magic Valley Stampede queen.

Jana Lee Wilding, 20, was crowned Saturday night during the Magic Valley Stampede.

The first runner-up is Jackie Neal, 20, of Wendell, and the second runner-up is Teresa Stewart, 20, of Hagerman.

The title of queen went to Jaelyn Bruhn, 17, of Filer. The first runner-up is Myshia Mueller, 17, of Twin Falls, and the second runner-up is Melissa Webb, 16, of Kimberly.

The three queen and six teen queen contestants were judged on horsemanship, impromptu speaking, rodeo knowledge, presentation rides, personality and speeches.

Wagon Days kicks off

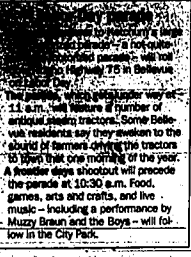
By Karen Bossak
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Bob Fosnot not just finished driving his hundred-year-old "Home, on the Range" wagon from Fairfield to Ketchum as part of outfitter Jim Super's annual covered-wagon trek.

But Saturday the Bellevue man hitched his Belgian mules up for one more ride — Ketchum's Big Hitch Parade.

After all, what's a three-mile jaunt around Ketchum when you've just spent 75 miles climbing dusty backroads over

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The parade, which is the first of its kind, will feature a number of antique steam tractors. Some Bellevue residents say they've taken to the streets of Ketchum since the tractor show the first of the year. A parade will precede the parade at 10:30 a.m. Food, games, arts and crafts, and live music — including a performance by Muzzy Brown and the Boys — will follow in the City Park.

The Lamphouse Theatre

What: "Wendigo" will be shown.

Where: The Lamphouse Theatre, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

When: 4:30, 7 and 9:15 p.m. today.

How much: \$6.50 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors and students and \$4 for matinees.

Twin Falls County Fair

What: The Twin Falls County Fair continues.

Where: The Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Flin.

When: The alligator show will

be held today and Monday and the destruction derby concludes the fair on Monday. Hypnotist Michael Mezmer will perform today and Monday.

How much: Fair admission prices are \$6 for adults, \$4 for children 6-12, and children 5 and under are free.

Shakespeare Festival

What: The third annual Shakespeare Festival will present "The Taming of the Shrew."

Where: Forest Service Park in Ketchum.

When: 6 p.m. today.

How much: Tickets, which are

\$18 for adults and \$12 for senior citizens, students and children, are available at Chapter One Bookstore or by phoning 726-9124.

Fair entertainment

What: The Liberty gospel quartet will sing.

Where: The Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Flin.

When: 8 p.m. today.

How much: General admission to concert is free with fair admission. Reserved seats are \$3.

For more Your Weekend

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YOUR WEEKEND

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

SERVICES

Blaine recreation district seeks teens

By Karen Bosack
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — As it moves ahead on its newly adopted 10-year master plan, the Blaine County Recreation District is looking to use teen-agers in a big way.

Director Mary Austin Crofts wants to have teen-agers go through the whole planning process for remodeling part of the old high school into a teen center, from choosing an architect to determining a budget to presenting the proposed design to their peers for final comment.

"It would be a great planning and learning experience for them," she said. "And, if they're involved, they'll be committed to the final result because it'll be theirs."

Crofts first has to get Blaine County School District Superintendent Jim Lewis to sign onto the idea, which would involve the 60 teens involved in Youth Adult Connections, a teen-ages group.

But if it's a go, she'd like to move ahead with it in the next couple of months as the recreation district embarks on the first of the priorities listed in its new master plan.

The recreation district board adopted the master plan last week, based on a county-wide survey seeking public comment

Master plan

The Galena Advisory Committee is in the process of finalizing its own master plan. Among its priorities:

- Lowering the grade on Lois Lane sidewalk to allow easier access to the Senate Creek area for beginner skiers.
- Refurbishing Galena's three yurts.
- Doing stream alteration to alleviate erosion on the Harriman Trail near Eastley Hot Springs.

and four months of intensive work by a 33-member citizen panel.

"We get requests all the time to take on new projects and we want to make sure we don't spread ourselves too thin or take on new projects without taking care of what we already have. Now the board has a real sense of what the community says it wants to help it make decisions," Crofts said.

The first priority in the master plan is renovating the old Wood River High School next summer after the new high school is finished. It's expected it will cost between \$50,000 and \$100,000 to remodel the school to include a public gym, the teen center and district offices.

Another top priority includes working with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and Bigwood Backcountry Trails to create a recreation trails system in the Hailey and Bellevue areas.

Still another priority: refurbishing the 18-year-old pool at the Blaine County Aquatic Center, building a shallow pool to reduce some of the crowding in the bigger pool and, if possible, creating a splash park with slides.

The district had hoped to get a \$325,000 grant from the Idaho Parks and Recreation Department for that project but learned this week it was not on the short list. So Crofts will be going in search of more grants.

She's being helped in her effort by 7-year-old Cole Caulkins and his buddies, Caulkins, his 10-year-old brother Chase, and Jimmy and Davis Hague saw the plan for the splash park when they got out of swim team practice one day and were so excited they decided to sell lemonade to raise money for the park.

Cole Caulkins already sold \$25 setting up the stand along the bike path near River Run Lodge. "That's where the cars come by and the bike path so you get more people," the Hailey boy said. His mother matched what he made, bringing the total to \$50.

All four kids plan to run their

stand near Mountain West Bank on Sun Valley Road during Saturday's Wagon Days celebration, as well.

"The pool is so crowded during open swim with all the day care kids in there that they never use it then," said Cole Caulkins' mother, Sandra. "They're really excited about the possibility of expanding the pool to alleviate the crowding. And they think the water park is a great idea."

Crofts was delighted to hear of the kids' efforts. "These are the most important dollars you can raise," she said.

The recreation district gets 2 percent of the property taxes assessed on homeowners, or \$12.44 for every \$100,000 worth of property each year. "We're tight up there with the cemetery budget," Crofts quipped.

It gets \$746,944 from taxes and raises another \$1,294,302 from fund-raising. No tax dollars are used to maintain Galena Lodge, the North Valley ski trails or the Harriman bicycle trail.

But just maintaining the 32 miles worth of bike trails from Bellevue to Ketchum costs \$391,000 a year. Crofts added that the department is having to dip into its small savings account this year to rehab trails near the Highway 75 renovation project.

"We can't do that every year," she said.

Historians say Nevada town got taken for a ride in honoring Earp grandson

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Goldfield residents eagerly welcomed Wyatt Earp's grandson to the little mining town's 100th anniversary celebration, making him an honorary sheriff's deputy at a ceremony Sunday.

Town leaders and Nevada's lieutenant governor posed for photographs with him. Locals listened intently as he talked about the famous lawman, who owned a saloon in nearby Tonopah in 1902, and Earp's brother, Virgil, a sheriff's deputy in Goldfield in the early 1900s.

But there was just one catch: Historians say Wyatt Earp had no children, and the man is an impostor.

"Are you sure he's not Wyatt Earp's grandson?" asked Virginia Ridgeway of Goldfield, a town of about 300 midway between Las Vegas and Reno. "I'm still wondering because he was very convincing. If he was an impostor, he was fun."

His historic question the man's story and say he bolted the Aug. 23 event after they confronted him.

The man, who goes by the

name Wyatt Earp, told everyone that his father, Nicholas Porter Earp, was born on an Indian reservation near Nome, Alaska, in 1919.

He claimed Wyatt and his wife, Josie, sought to keep the birth a secret because there was a \$2,000 bounty out on the gunslinger's head and they wanted to protect their son.

There was no birth certificate because the birth took place on an Indian reservation, the man said. Earp would have been 70, and Josie 58 at the time.

"I'm very skeptical. He's going to have to prove he got there without Wyatt having any kids," said Ben Traywick of Tombstone, Ariz., author of "Wyatt's Earp's Thirteen Dead Men."

"Absolutely, he's a con man," added Richard Curcio of Genoa, who played Earp in gun shows and has studied his past. "If you're going to do a fraud, you ought to get your history right."

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Tombstone in 1881. Wyatt Earp of Phoenix, Ariz., a distant cousin of the gunslinger, said he has received nine phone calls about the man in the past year or so. The man also has turned up in California, Arizona and Alaska.

"This man is either ethically challenged or he lives in an altered reality," Earp said. "The gentleman is a good Bamum and a bad Earp."

Contacted by phone at a Las Vegas motel, the 60-year-old man insisted he was the grandson of Wyatt Earp and has the documents to prove it.

But he declined to show proof, saying it would "steal the thunder" from a book he plans to write.

He also said he would not consent to give blood for DNA tests to verify his claims. And he declined to divulge details of his own birth.

"I know who I am and I don't have to go around proving it," he said. "There's a lot of jealousy out there. When my book comes out, everybody will know the truth."

Study: Couples share sickness, health

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A new BYU study suggests the wedding vows "in sickness and in health" may be more than symbolic. Couples, it seems, tend to have similar health.

"It turns out that the health of your spouse is as strong a predictor for your health as your level of education and your economic status," said Sven Wilson, an assistant professor of public policy at BYU.

His research is to be reported in the October issue of the journal Social Science and Medicine, which will be distributed this week.

Wilson was doing a dissertation years ago, studying data sets on couples where one partner was disabled. He started wondering if

people tend to be married to other sick people has health policy implications. But it's no great surprise, he added, because many of the factors that determine health are shared by a couple.

For instance, decisions on smoking and leisure activity and exercise are strongly correlated. People live in the same environment, eat the same foods and face the same stresses, such as trouble with a child or financial woes.

"People's problems are never just their problems," Wilson said, adding that policies need to focus on families, not just individuals. And a healthier spouse may want to look ahead in terms of financial planning, since the partner's condition may be a portent of his or her own as-yet-unknown health problems.

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Albert was born to Karl and Louise Toborer, January 27, 1916, at the family farm home in the Eustis, Nebraska, area. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Johns Lutheran Church at Eustis, where he also attended public school. He learned with his father until the start of WWII when he went to welding school in Omaha. He received a deferment from the draft to work at food shipyard in Richmond, Va. Albert was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1944, and was injured in Okinawa in May of 1945. He was given a medical discharge in October 1945. Prior to leaving for his service of the country, Albert married Mildred Albert, daughter of Rev. Henry and Mrs. Burt Willuweit on Dec. 23, 1941, at Zion's Lutheran Church, Kearney, Nebraska. In 1948, Albert and two sons moved to Buhl, Idaho. Albert became a licensed electrician and

plumber in the state of Idaho and worked throughout the Magic Valley.

Albert has been an active member of St. Johns Lutheran Church of Buhl since 1948. Albert is survived by his wife, Mildred Toborer of Buhl; sons, Larry of Filer, Arlyn (Sharon) of Boise, Wayne (Polly) of Tampa, Ariz., and Roger of Twin Falls. Grandchildren, Karl Toborer (deceased), Maurice (Steve) Miller, Brian Toborer, Susan and Susan Toborer.

Funeral services, under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel, will be Tuesday, September 3rd, at 10 a.m., at St. Johns Lutheran Church (12th and Poplar) Buhl, Idaho, with Pastor Mark Latham officiating. In place of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to The Lutheran Care Center, c/o St. Johns Lutheran Church, interment following at West End Cemetery, Buhl.

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Murrel M. "Dick" Best of Wendell, gravestone service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Damaray Funeral Chapel).

April Renee Plummer of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at Rock Creek Park; a pocket diary will follow.

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We wish to express our greatest appreciation to our family and friends for all of your love, support, and prayers during our time of sorrow. Your many acts of kindness will remain in our hearts, as we hope loving memories of Bob will live on with you.

Sincerely,
The family of Robert C. Sample
(Marion, Kandace, Brett, and Heather)

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Time and our memories of her courage and the love of God and all who loved her will remain with us for her passing. Her kids and I thank all who attended her church honoring her memory and will return often to fulfill her deep desire for Church growth. Please accept this article as my Thank You cards for your help. Just being in her presence everyone felt her warmth and love, always displayed by her famous smile. I was blessed that God chose to put us together, and Grateful for what little time he gave us. As our heartbeat timely shows "Even now our love remains."

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

DEATH NOTICE

Clifford Len Reid
BURLEY — Clifford Len Reid, 90, of Burley, died Saturday, Aug. 31, 2002, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Our sincere thanks to our wonderful, thoughtful friends for their calls, visits, cards, food, flowers & prayers, as we cope with the untimely death of our Jeff. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

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Missing girl's aunt hopes kidnap suspect's death will lead to info

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Detectives investigating the disappearance of Elizabeth Smart lost their best lead when Richard Albert Ricci died, leaving them no closer to solving the crime than they were nearly three months ago.

But a Smart family member said Saturday she hopes Ricci's death will lead anyone who has information about the man or the crime to come forward.

"There's just so much that's suspicious" about Ricci, said Cynthia Smart-Owens, the missing girl's aunt. She said she thinks more than one person was involved in the kidnapping, though the sole witness, Elizabeth's 9-year-old sister, reported seeing only one person in the bedroom where Elizabeth was taken at gunpoint June 5.

Police Capt. Scott Atkinson on Saturday refused to comment on whether he thought more than one person was involved in the abduction.

"We're still headed down the same road we've been on, only now, we don't have the opportunity to speak to Mr. Ricci anymore," Atkinson said.

Investigators haven't gotten any new leads since Ricci died, he said.

Doctors said Ricci, 49, had an irreparable injury to the brain stem after a hemorrhage Tuesday night. His family, including his wife, Angela, his mother, brother and sister,

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decided to take Ricci off the ventilator Friday evening after his condition worsened and he lost the ability to breathe on his own, said Dr. Richard J. Sperry.

Police are no closer to finding 14-year-old Elizabeth than they were when the girl was taken.

Ricci, a felon with a long prison record, once worked in the Smart home as a handyman. He had been charged with stealing items from the Smart's house, but investigators had never been able to charge him with the kidnapping.

Though they had no proof

Ricci was involved, detectives still weren't satisfied with Ricci's answers to their questions.

"He has told us things we don't believe are true," Salt Lake City Police Chief Rick Dinse said. "We also have a lot of information about him, about his relationship to the family."

His death will have a big impact on the investigation, Dinse said, though he'd give no details on the clues his officers have collected.

Ed Smart, the missing girl's father, has said he never would have hired Ricci if he'd known about the man's criminal past, which included convictions for burglary and assaulting a police officer.

"What he knows goes with him," police Capt. Scott Atkinson said Friday night. "With Ricci gone, there will be no more opportunity to question him about things left unsaid or things he said that we didn't believe in."

Ricci has maintained his innocence throughout the investigation. In late June, he said he had given 26 hours of police interviews, taken polygraph tests, given a blood sample and surrendered the impounded Jeep given him by Ed Smart as payment for work.

Ricci was in jail on a parole violation when he suffered the brain hemorrhage.

Teen gets life for killing father

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A mentally ill teenager will spend at least 11 years in prison for stabbing his father to death during an argument at the family's Kootenai County home. Judge 11 First District Judge John P. Luster on Friday sentenced Daniel Paul Stoddard, 19, to life in prison for the second-degree murder of Thomas Lee Stoddard, who was killed the night of April 2, 2001.

"We have a young man's life at stake and we have an extended family that's been shattered because of the losses they had to suffer," Luster said.

Noting the complexities of the case and the lack of mental health treatment in the state prison system, Luster fixed 11 years of the life sentence and gave Stoddard credit for 515 days served.

Luster also recommended that the state Department of Correction offer Stoddard any available treatment for his mental illness, which has been diagnosed as a combination of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

Stoddard's stepbrothers and sisters argued for a stiffer fixed sentence. But those who spoke at Friday's sentencing hearing also acknowledged the need for treatment.

After the killing, Stoddard told sheriff's investigators he and his father had been in an argument that escalated and that he

stabbed his father in self-defense. Medical experts testified that Stoddard's explanation indicates he was in the midst of a psychotic episode and influenced by paranoid delusions. But a Kootenai County jury found that he knew what he was doing when he picked up the knife.

Daniel Stoddard, who

remained silent throughout his trial, spoke briefly at his sentencing hearing, offering an apology to his family.

"There is not really a way for me to explain why I did it," said Stoddard. "I knew I had a problem. I knew I needed help. This could have been avoided if I had taken the medication and went to counseling."

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Idaho gets funds for law enforcement

BOISE (AP) — The U.S. Department of Justice has awarded \$2.6 million to state, tribal and local law enforcement agencies across the state to update their departments.

The money will be used to hire 1,900 additional officers and purchase crime-fighting equipment. The grants have been awarded through the department's Office of Community Oriented Policing.

"America is calling on tribal, state and local law enforcement agencies to enhance the way they provide," program director Carl R. Peadar said.

These agencies are working to further reduce crime in our neighborhoods and they're embracing expanded responsibilities for securing our homeland."

Since 1995, the community policing office has awarded more than \$6 billion in grants over 12,400 law enforcement agencies through the country.

For those who pray, and those who give, and those whose thoughts were said, for those who gave time, money, and food, and the many shared tears that were shed.

On behalf of our family we thank you. **FOR EVERYTHING IN LOVE.** We wandered through sorrow, but your love kept us strong. We knew God's grace was sufficient as He carried us along. We know God keeps our "MADE" in his gentle loving arms. And looks over "DUSTINS" health, so soon he will be strong.

FOR ALL THESE THINGS WE THANK YOU!!

Sincere Thanks to ALL Friends, and family involved in helping us cope through this unfortunate accident. Darrell and Lola Fitzpatrick and Relatives Amanda and David Allen and Relatives

Ex-police officer receives prison time for sexual misconduct

POCATELLO (AP) — Former police officer and convicted child molester Robert Scott Price was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison after admitting to several sexual misconduct felonies.

Price, a real estate agent who also served for several years in the Pocatello Police Department about 10 years ago, pleaded guilty to charges of lewd conduct with a minor under 16, sexual abuse of a minor under 16 and sexual battery of a minor between 16 and 21 after reaching an agreement.

Before a packed courtroom, 6th District Judge Randy Smith sentenced Price on Friday to 15 years in prison for the sexual battery and sexual abuse charges and 15 years to life for the lewd conduct charge. The sentences will be served concurrently, so Price will be up for parole in 15 years.

"I realize this sentence is not what everyone would want, maybe not what anyone would want," Smith told a courtroom full of Price's family members and other family members. "But it's only one my soul could believe was wise and just given the circumstances, after so many, many, many lives have been taken."

Smith said he considered Price's recent criminal record and the public services he performed as a Boy Scout leader and for his church.

However, he said he imposed a 15-year sentence as a deterrence to others.

"My first thought was to make sure no Scout leader or church leader in my area or any area does this again," Smith said.

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Highway districts weigh M-C road contract

By Nate Johnson Times-News writer

BURLEY — A new contract would triple the money the Albion Highway District contributes to the Howell Canyon Road.

The district might institute its first tax levy in decades to cover the road. The commissioners of Cassia County and the Burley Highway District have announced support of the contract.

The commissioners of two highway districts and Cassia County are trying to find a way to more equitably divide the costs of maintenance and snow removal on the road. The commissioners of Cassia County and the Burley Highway District have announced support of the contract.

Albion could reap profits from the road, which leads to Pioneer Mountain Resort, but an expense applied only to one area smacks of unfairness, Albion Mayor Don Danner said. Though the road has not yet brought great economic benefits to Albion, it will play a key part in the diversification of the city's agricultural economy, he said.

"We want to do anything we can to keep that road open," Danner said.

But Danner said residents of the Albion Highway District shouldn't be the only ones paying additional taxes for the road.

There are a lot of people outside the area that have the benefits and utilize the recreation area," he said.

All Cassia County landowners, including those who live inside the Albion and Burley Highway districts, pay county taxes. A portion of these county taxes go to the maintenance of Howell Canyon Road.

Reason for a change

Allotting more cost to the Albion Highway District will help make the division of cost more equitable, said Glenn Smyer, Burley Highway District chairman.

"It's all about fair apportionment of the money," he said. The Burley Highway District attorney, "It's been a while since Albion has increased the amount going to the road, even since before it was paved."

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them into the Howell Canyon Road project against their will, said Kent Fletcher, Albion Highway District attorney. In the past, the Albion Highway District has contributed \$4,500 annually to maintenance of Howell Canyon Road. This year the district has budgeted \$17,500, the amount stated in the proposed contract. Under the new contract the Burley Highway District and Cassia County would contribute \$63,000 each. Last year the two larger entities budgeted \$75,000 for the road.

The \$12,500 would be hard for the Albion Highway District to afford, said Sern Sorensen, district chairman.

"We're dirt poor," Sorensen said.

A new Albion tax

Some people who live inside the Burley Highway District say it is unfair that they pay district property taxes to maintain the road while property owners in the Albion Highway District do not. The Albion Highway District might start collecting property taxes to offset the increased expense. The commissioners have budgeted a tax roll levy of \$2,652. It would be the first tax collected by the district since 1975, said Cassia County Treasurer Gayle Erickson. Property tax laws restrict the district to a 3 percent levy increase from the antiquated tax rate. If Albion Highway District tax rates were as high as those in the Burley Highway District, the district would collect about \$26,000 a year, rather than \$2,652, Fletcher said.

collected by the district since 1975, said Cassia County Treasurer Gayle Erickson. Property tax laws restrict the district to a 3 percent levy increase from the antiquated tax rate. If Albion Highway District tax rates were as high as those in the Burley Highway District, the district would collect about \$26,000 a year, rather than \$2,652, Fletcher said.

Surviving without levies

Albion Highway District commissioners have used money from state taxes, channeled through the Local Highway Assistance Council, to cover most of their expenses. About \$100,000 of Albion Highway District's \$123,000 budget comes from highway use taxes. All counties, cities and highway districts receive money from Idaho drivers. Money comes from the state fuel tax, vehicle registration, license fees and fines, said J. Haynes, Local Highway Technical Assistance Council administrator.

Times-News writer Nate Johnson can be reached at the Magic Valley at 774-042. Ext. 637, or by e-mail at njohnson@magicvalley.com.

Financial practices change in Cassia

By Sheri Chaney Times-News writer

BURLEY — As the investigation continues into a former financial officer, Cassia County School District is taking steps to ensure "financial irregularities" do not occur again.

Superintendent Mike Chesley said most of the changes in policy come in how credit cards are handled.

In the past, three credit cards were used by central office personnel and an additional card was given out for any district personnel traveling. Now just two cards will be allowed, Chesley said: one carried by himself and assistant superintendent Dan Coffey, and one for traveling personnel.

Credit card statements will be checked by both the business manager and by accounts payable, the superintendent said. "There will always be two people," Chesley said.

All receipts will be given to the secretaries and stapled to the statement to further check credit card purchases, Chesley said. If someone doesn't have a receipt, the district won't pay for the purchase. Auditors will be asked to check the credit card statements more periodically.

General financial records will be checked by the business manager and at least one other person. "There will always be two people," Chesley said. As for checks, auditors will be asked to do more spot checks, especially at check runs.

The board is considering putting the yearly audit out to bid this year, but Chesley said that's not because of missed irregularities over five years. The accounting firm Evans & Beck

has been providing the annual audit.

"Periodically we put it out to bid," Chesley said. "The annual audit is very thorough, Chesley said. Each county revenues and expenditures are checked, along with the procedures, policies, revenues and expenditures of the central office. No one had seen anything unusual in the audit."

"They were doing a good job. I was just missed," said board Chairman Bruce Dowd. "We have one of the best systems in the state, but dishonest people can get around any system, he said."

"If a person wants to steal or lie, they can do it until they get caught," Chesley agreed. Jim Feinborn, former director of finance and operations, resigned July 16 amid an investigation into five years of irregularities in the district's financial records. The amount in dispute is about \$40,000.

The financial officer position has been changed, Chesley said. A month the district had planned on making, but not until next spring.

Pam Wade, previously the treasurer for Minidoka County School District, has been hired and is working as the district's business manager. The position does not oversee transportation or maintenance, pieces Chesley, and Gillett have picked up.

Wade is experienced, knowledgeable and hardworking," Chesley said. Changing the financial position saves the district money, something needed in a tight budget year.

Feinborn's salary was \$79,003. Wade will earn \$48,000, and the school district will pay for her to continue attending college where she is working toward a bachelor's degree in accounting.

Burley charter school adds junior high classes

By Shelley Ridmore Times-News writer

BURLEY — The charter school opening in Burley Tuesday will now offer classes for junior high students too, head mentor Craig Simmerman said.

Based on the level of interest expressed to officials at the Idaho Leadership Academy, the decision was made to add seventh- and eighth-grades to the first charter school in the Magic Valley.

"We've been anxious to do a middle school," Simmerman said. "It came a little sooner than

we expected."

Some 17 students have registered to attend the distance learning center, which will be based in the Reach Me Teach Me Child Care Center building on 21st Street in Burley. Even though school will begin Tuesday, registration will continue for about the next six weeks, Simmerman said.

The ideal class size is 12, Simmerman said, and the classes will be limited to 15 students.

Another information meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the school. People who want to learn more about the charter

school and how to enroll their children are invited to the meeting. Simmerman said. He's also available for individual meetings Tuesday through Friday between 1 and 6 p.m., by appointment. Simmerman can be reached at 431-0599 to schedule appointments.

All students will attend classes from 8:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, Simmerman said.

Simmerman will teach high school students and mentor Rick Earl will teach the junior high classes.

The academy is chartered through Snake River School District in Pingree. The academy's charter allows it to establish multiple distance learning centers throughout Idaho.

A second distance learning center is also opening this fall in Rexburg.

In Idaho, charter schools are public schools, funded in the same manner other public schools are. Enrollment is open, although students must earn a certain score on state-approved tests and participate in an interview with academy officials to be admitted.

Levy

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put back into the budget for the next year's busing expenses, Cobbie said.

\$20,000 for building repairs. This includes \$4,000 per school building for maintenance, unscheduled repairs or other upgrades. This gives the principals and staff a bit of leeway for things like blackboards, water fountains or other unforeseen problems.

\$105,000 for replacing 30-year-old hot water pipes at the high school.

School board member Kelly Bangerter said the maintenance staff reports two to three hot water leaks per week. The hot water has corroded the pipes so badly. "The opening in some of the pipes is as small as a pencil. They are apt to burst one of these days."

\$40,000 for K-12 music equipment repairs and upgrades.

For several years the instruments in the schools have needed repair and replacement. Board member Connie Bernsen said music students have held many fund-raisers over the years for

new band instruments, but they are expensive. A brand-new tuba, for example, runs around \$5,000.

The schools also do not have adequate storage space for the instruments.

In the elementary school, percussion instruments need to be replaced periodically, Bernsen said.

\$170,000 for replacing student supplies and equipment. This is for paper, pencils and books, Bangerter said. Textbooks need to be updated.

\$110,000 for camera security systems for the high school and middle school.

The district wants to install a good security system to assure student safety and help cut down vandalism and theft, Bangerter said.

\$47,000 for a middle school fire alarm system. The fire alarm is not hooked up to 911 or the fire department so a separate call to dispatch firefighters has to be made.

If approved, the supplemental levy will cost the taxpayer \$1.08 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

That would make the total amount of taxes paid to the school district \$4.91 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. For a \$70,000 home, a total of \$343.70 would be paid to the school district.

If the supplemental levy fails, however, a homeowner will pay only about \$3.83 for every \$1,000 of assessed valuation. For a \$70,000 home, that amounts to \$268.10.

The current one-year supplemental levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value will expire at the end of this fiscal year. With that levy amount, the total amount of taxes paid to the school district is \$5.33 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Not everyone who lives in the school district supports a supplemental levy.

"It would be nice to keep the taxes in my own pocket," said Lewis Thomas, a Jerome senior citizen living on a fixed income.

For more information, call Cobbie at 324-2392 or any board member by e-mail: Bob Carter, 324-8553; Bernsen, 324-1132; Brian Cappo, 324-7456; Robert Luna, 324-7490; or Jeanette Mitchell, 324-3836.

Center for the Arts

What? Manifest Destiny and the Contemporary American Landscape, part of a multidisciplinary show about the idealized landscape of the 19th century, will be on display. Where? Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 191 Fifth St. E., Ketchum. When? From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wagon

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Dollarhide Summit? The parade seeing the parade from a different perspective," said Fosnot, who let Idaho's Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Al Blinken ride shotgun. "Years ago I knew more people along the parade route than I do now. But I still get a kick out of it and the spectators do, too."

The parade was one of a variety of activities in a day that included a classic car auction, a fearless performance by the Elk-Capt-Bareback Riders, a street dance and an show featuring Olympic figure skater Sasha Cohen.

Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who is seeking reelection in November, doled out sausages to more than 700 people who turned out for the Papoose Club's pancake breakfast before catching the parade and taking a plane back to Boise for the University of Idaho-Boise State University football game.

"It's fun," said his wife, Patricia, whom the governor described as a masterful cinnamon-roll baker. "It's a fun way to meet people. And any excuse to come to Sun Valley!"

While Dirk was cooking, Cheryl Dill of Olympia, Wash., stuck a 45 Legging in the back of a black broomstick skirt, straightened her wide-brimmed charro hat, grabbed a 12-gauge shotgun and headed out to play cowboys and Indians with the Black Jack Ketchum Shotgun Gang.

"Being a bad guy's fun after being a high school principal," she said, as a player piano tinkled

on Monday. How much: Admission is free.

Labor Day celebration

What? Bellevue's Labor Day celebration will be held. Where? City Park in Bellevue. When: There will parade at 11 a.m., a "shoot-out" at 10:30 a.m. and fun, games and live entertainment starting at 1 p.m.

on Monday. How much: Admission is free.

Full Moon Karaoke

What: Full Moon Music Madness Karaoke will be featured. Where: The Blue Room, 613 Fremont, Rupert. When: 6-10 p.m. today. How much: No cover charge.

2002 Ketchum Wagon Days parade first-place winners

Wagona ride: West - Lee Family Belgians; Twin Falls Wagons, now - Diamond 2 Ranch Shire Hitch; Cedar City, Utah Coaches - Concord Stage/Hook & Drew Collection; Ketchum Coaches - Thomas Beck, MD; Boise Buggies - Piano Box Buggy; Bellevue - Carolyn Phillips; New Plymouth Fiddle - The Idaho Old-Time Fiddlers; Bellevue Open - Jose Luis Heredia; Nampa Riding Club - El-Cape Bareback Riders; Caldwell People's choice award - PBI; Harley Band of show - Big Hitch; Ketchum

as the back.

As intriguing as some of the wagons were, however, the main attraction remained the Big Hitch, six imposing Ketchum Stage Freight Line one wagons that used to cart ore down Trail Creek Summit.

The tall skinny wagons were built just over 4 feet wide to navigate the narrow Trail Creek Road. They also were designed so they could be mounted on special wheels for all-terrain use, according to resident historian Ivan Swanner.

After one mule fell during parade Friday, muleskinner Bobby Tanner took his time coaxing the wheels over the 2-foot-high chain that connects all the mules as they turned the corner at Main Street and Sun Valley Road on Saturday.

That was just fine with Bob White of Boise. "Last year, they turned the corner so quickly I didn't really have a chance to see how they did it," he said. "I like them taking their time so you can see how it all works."

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Debate

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Brady said organizers in Twin Falls, Boise and Pocatello have coordinated a total of five debates, but to date the governor has not confirmed his presence at a single one.

"The governor should show some leadership and show his face at these debates," Brady said. "Voters deserve to know how Dirk Kempthorne intends to solve the budget mess that he and the legislature have created—its time to debate our priorities."

Neither Brady nor Kempthorne showed up for a primary election debate in Twin Falls in May. "Five-Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce had invited both candidates to

debate a few days before the May 28 primary.

Chamber executive Kent Just said he sent out invitations for a general election debate soon after the primary. But he said he hasn't heard back from many of the candidates yet.

The gubernatorial debate is scheduled Oct. 10.

"We should start getting confirmations pretty soon," Just said.

Leibovitz would not confirm that Kempthorne will debate in Twin Falls.

"We're reviewing all the possibilities, and we'll decide at a later date," he said. "We're reviewing which ones the governor needs to be at."

This week a Boise pollster

released figures showing Brady had a 25 percent margin of support. If the election were held today, Kempthorne would get 57 percent of the vote to Brady's 27 percent in a sample of 400 people around the state.

Harvard has announced that, starting this academic year, it will limit honors to 60 percent of the graduating class.

Unlike the other 40 percent, it's likely they won't know what they're missing.

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Bikes

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changes in his posture. "I built our own dirt ramps and learned by ourselves," he said. "Now, with television, the X-Games and all the videos out there these days, kids have a whole library of information out there."

Peligo started at Saturday's demonstrations and worked as the announcer because he bruised

some of his ribs in a crash during a show last week in Boise.

"I had some rib pain, but no plans to quit," he said. "I was just going to do what he loves."

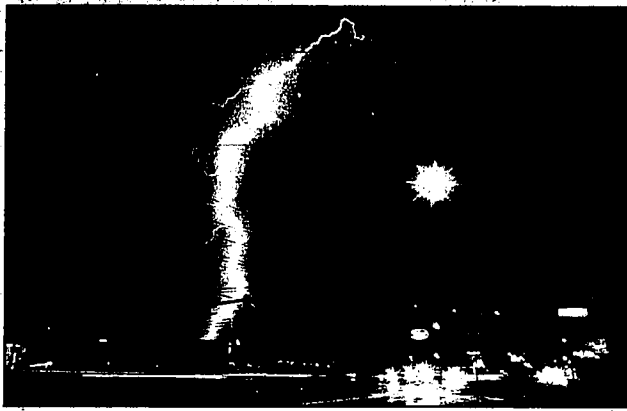
Skater Tony Woodard, 20, of Las Vegas said he's made enough money through skating and talking to be a professional. "I've been skating since I was 10. As he turned up his BMX bike after the fans had left, Woodard said a friend turned him on to inline skates about eight years ago

and he's been hooked ever since.

He said youngsters shouldn't be able to chase their dreams like he chased and caught up with his. "It's really hard if you're motivated," he said. "If you're not, you're not."

Peligo said inspiring children is a big part of the stunt work. "We're role models for kids. We try to teach them about safety and a good lifestyle."

LIGHT SHOW



A lightning bolt strikes over Kallepell, Mont., during a storm on Friday evening.

Carmelite nuns get ready to host carnival

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — It is a frantic time of year for the usually subdued and always cloistered Carmelite nuns in Holladay.

The nine nuns, ranging in age from 25 to 74, are finishing their preparations for next week's annual fair that transforms their monastery into a carnival. A nun's habit can be seen running around, ordering food, dealing with temperamental musicians, arranging for sound systems, and supervising an army of helpful friends and neighbors.

"It is hectic trying to oversee upward of 500 volunteers," says Sister Mary Joseph Whipperman, who directs the fair. "But it's well worth the effort."

The nuns began making preparations right after last year's annual fair, stitching handicrafts

and religious items and gathering donations, she says. "But the actual preparations began in earnest three months ago."

This year, the prizes include: a 2003 Pontiac "Vibe" 4-door sedan, an afghan of southwest design, a cross-stitch picture made by the nuns and a large toy buffalo. Many items will be auctioned off, including a baseball and bat autographed by Mets' catcher Mike Piazza, gift certificates from Southwest Airlines, overnight stays in hotels and trips to places like Wendover, Nev.

With the help of a computer and a mind for details, Joseph will once again preside over what has always been a successful fair. Its games, rides, auctions and handmade crafts usually attract

between 4,500 and 5,000 people and provide 80 percent of the group's annual living expenses.

It pays for their utilities and medical bills, repairs and other operating expenses and helps the nuns maintain self-sufficiency.

The sisters get instructions from the Sacred Congregation of Religious in Rome, but they receive no money from the Vatican or the Roman Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City.

When they are not praying, the sisters work in the fields and buildings of the monastery. They spend half of each day packaging the wafers used for communion, gardening their 10 acres, tightening dripping faucets and repairing leaking roofs, cooking, sewing, cleaning and caring for ailing nuns.

Officials list salmon as endangered

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — State wildlife officials are listing coho salmon that live along a portion of the California coast as endangered.

But the Fish and Game Commission did not extend that protection to a coho population farther to the north. With a 4-1 vote Friday, the commission listed the coho from San Francisco to Punta Gorda as endangered, and those north of there to the Oregon state line as threatened.

The commission put the listing in a 90-day suspension so interested parties — from environmentalists to cattle ranchers to logging companies — could try to come to an agreement on how

best to protect the coho.

Environmentalists claim the coho populations need protection because logging harms their habitats by filling streams with silt and raising their water temperature.

Those opposed to the listing had argued there wasn't sufficient evidence to support the endangered status.

Some people who live and work near the waterways where coho is found say they are already doing what they can to protect the fish.

"We're creating a duplication of a regulatory process," said Dave Bischel, president of the California Forestry Association.

"They really missed an opportunity to recognize what some landowners and others have been doing to help the recovery."

Coho salmon south of San Francisco may have been considered endangered by the state since 1995. According to the department of Fish and Game, the coho population has dwindled from around 500,000 along the North Coast in the 1940s to about 30,000 in the late 1980s and early 90s.

The commission's vote will not affect commercial and sport fishermen — they've been prohibited from taking the fish for the last few years.

Court ruling disappoints supporters of 'braceros'

SUNNYSIDE, Wash. (AP) — Juan Guerrero once toiled alongside other "braceros" Mexican workers who came to the United States between 1942 and 1949 to harvest crops and maintain railroad tracks.

Now the former field worker says he's given up hope that those friends will ever find justice.

A federal judge in San Francisco on Wednesday dismissed a lawsuit seeking \$500 million that the former braceros claim they are owed.

U.S. District Court Judge Charles Breyer said the statute of limitations had run out, but wrote that he did "not doubt that many braceros never received savings fund withholdings to which they are entitled. The court is sympathetic to the braceros' situation."

An estimated 400,000 Mexican men came to the United States to work between 1942 and 1949 as part of an agreement between the United States and Mexico aimed at filling labor shortages caused by World War II.

Braceros — named after the Spanish word for "arm" — were

supposed to receive the 10 percent taken out of their paychecks once they returned to Mexico, but many of them never did.

The program was discontinued after 1949, and no government, agency or bank ever has been held responsible for the missing money.

"They are robbing old men," Guerrero, 66, told the Yakima Herald-Republic. "That's what they have done."

Guerrero said many of his friends who came to this country as braceros have died or are in their 70s and 80s.

Jose Ayala of Grandview worked in California during the 1940s, returned to Michoacan, Mexico, and says he never received the money.

"It doesn't surprise me," Ayala said of Wednesday's ruling. "The person who is full doesn't remember the person who is hungry, and that's our case."

He said he and other braceros went unrecognized and to make rich people even richer. "We worked hard so others could take our money. Some of us are old now, can't work and we need money."

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Milk or juice served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Hot dogs, chips, dessert
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, later tons, fruit, dessert
Thursday: Sloppy Joes, pickles, chips, dessert
Friday: Pizza day, fruit, dessert

BUHL SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or juice every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Waffles, maple syrup
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Donuts
Friday: Cereal, toast
Lunch menu
Salad bar and milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, pickled potatoes, green beans, hotroll
Wednesday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, chips, carrots, celery sticks, raspberry, chocolate pudding
Thursday: Cheeseburgers, French fries, fruit

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Turnovers
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Cinnamon rolls
Friday: Scrambled eggs
Lunch menu
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Soft-shell tacos
Wednesday: Corn dogs
Thursday: Chicken nuggets
Friday: Pizza

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese, green beans, apricots

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: No school
Tuesday: Lasagna
Wednesday: Chicken potpy
Thursday: Jacon
Friday: Pig in a blanket

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, fruit, juice
Wednesday: Bagels, fruit, juice
Thursday: Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice
Friday: Long Johns, cereal, fruit, juice
Lunch menu
Milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Corn dogs, French fries, chocolate cake
Wednesday: Eochiladas, salad, fruit
Thursday: Sloppy Joes, tater tots,

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Monday: No school
Tuesday: Hot dog, chili, French fries, peas, macaroni bread
Wednesday: Italian dunkers, salad, peaches, sugar cookie
Thursday: Sloppy Joe, green beans, fruit crisp, whipped topping
Friday: Dippy day

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, au gratin potatoes, whole wheat rolls, juice bar
Wednesday: Rosti beef sub sandwich, French fries, carrot sticks, spiced apples
Thursday: Burritos, potato salad, bread stick, orange half
Friday: Baked ham, potatoes, gravy, rolls, peach cup

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, au gratin potatoes, whole wheat rolls, juice bar
Wednesday: Rosti beef sub sandwich, French fries, fruit and vegetable bar
Thursday: Burrito, potato skins, fruit and vegetable bar
Friday: California club wrap, pork and beans, fruit and vegetable bar

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Hamburger, French fries, orange quarters, frozen fruit-juice bar
Wednesday: Mexican Fiesta, Mexican corn, raspberries, angel food cake
Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich, Campbell's chicken noodle soup, celery sticks, peanut butter, peaches
Friday: Chef's salad, peas, bread sticks

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Peggy McBride, left, tells stories of growing up in Eastern Montana to Susie Risho of StoryKeepers, right, earlier this month in Missoula, Mont. Risho tries to capture every 'special' detail, helping McBride organize and preserve her life story. The StoryKeepers organization is dedicated to the preservation and perpetuation of oral and written histories.

Volunteers record life histories

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) - At a softly lighted bedside, the story keeper gently strokes the fine white hair of the 84-year-old Anaconda woman whose lengthy battle with cancer - first ovarian, then brain - will soon be over.

"Are you still with us Angela?" asks Susie Risho, whose sweet voice just moments earlier filled the room with a brief and spontaneous spiritual hymn.

"I'm listening," Angela Kieser whispers, eyelids heavy but a faint smile lingering.

"You look so beautiful today," Risho says.

They gather in a lower-level family room that Kieser's daughter, Carol Parker, transformed into a bedroom for her mother. The walls framing her bedside are covered in photos, both old and new, faces from a life rich in family and good friends. Among them is one of a midwife who delivered the nine of the 10 children born to Kieser's mother.

In this room, just weeks earlier, Missoula story keepers Michele Klingner and Risho listened as Kieser retraced a lifetime of memories that spanned her childhood, first jobs, courtship, marriage, motherhood, later career and eventual retirement at age 62. On this day, they are back to read her draft of her biography.

The two women belong to a nonprofit Missoula organization called StoryKeepers, dedicated to the preservation of oral and written histories. They capture personal life stories. And they encourage a community culture that honors people's pasts and enjoys those stories.

"When people get into their memories, their eyes light up," said Risho, a StoryKeepers volunteer.



Susie Risho, second from left, gestures during a story circle with the residents of Bee Hive Homes in Missoula, Mont, earlier this month, during which residents share bits and pieces of their lives with other residents.

family of four years.

"In most cases it is refreshing and rejuvenating for them. With the more painful memories, it can be therapeutic," she said. "It allows them to have closure on experiences and accomplishments."

Klingner and Risho connected with Kieser and Parker through a hospice social worker who discovered Kieser's wealth of interesting stories during visits.

"My mother had this spark of exuberance," Parker said.

As Kieser rested peacefully, Risho read from the draft of her short biography. It began with the arranged marriage of Kieser's parents, both from Yugoslavia, now Slovenia. The couple had 10 children to care for during the Depression and Kieser's mother had a busy and difficult life.

Kieser listened quietly as Risho read aloud the memories of the first time Kieser met the man who would become her husband.

Suddenly she stirs. Her eyes opened wide and a smile slowly spread across her face.

"Angela met Clarence 'Mike' Kieser when she accepted an invitation by a good friend to join them at their Warm Springs Creek cabin. ... It was Angela's mother Catherine's idea for Angela to dance with Mike, Angela thought Mike was tall and inviting."

As Carol Parker observes her mother respond to the recollection, she told Risho, "Now I know why you do this."

Her mother's warm response to the distant memory was one of her last lucid moments before she slipped into a coma later that day.

For Parker, watching her mother's life unfold through her memories was a wonderful experience. She knew her mom had an interesting life. "But it took them to make me realize what I should have been doing all along - writing down those stories," Parker said.

"It was such a gift," she added. "I didn't even know that people did this sort of thing. I was just in awe that people would give of their time and talent so freely."

The way they treated her mother also impressed her. The story keepers have busy lives, too, she said, but they never cut her short during their visits.

"It was just complete focus on and complete love of a fellow human being," she said. "They knew her time was limited."

Parker, who is waging her own battle against breast cancer, thinks her mother also greatly valued the experience.

"It made her heart so joyful," she said. "I could see that."

In a sitting area at Bee Hive Homes in Missoula, a small group of residents gathered for a story circle that Risho facilitates, another StoryKeepers activity.

"It's totally for the enjoyment of the circle," Risho said. She also wants listeners and employees to know how important their stories are.

"I do hope it would catch on and they would do it more spontaneously," she said.

Risho guided the group backward in time. She asked them to remember their favorite breakfasts as a kid, how they entertained themselves, how often their mother canned, how they lived and how they got to school.

For Risho, story keeping has many spiritual moments, and she relies on her faith for strength during some of the more emotional times.

"I pray a lot," she said. "It keeps me in this respectful appreciation of every individual. I hope to find the positive part of who they are."

Will rural libraries close the books?

Anti-tax activists say they are just too expensive

LOON LAKE, Wash. (AP) - In the mountains and remote valleys of Stevens County, anti-tax crusaders are trying to close the book on rural libraries.

Seven small libraries that bring books, tapes and the Internet to places like Onion Creek and Northport are targeted by activists who contend they are too expensive and not needed.

The libraries are a case of circulation without representation, contended Dave Sider.

"It's not a matter of libraries. It's a matter of taxes," said Sider, a real estate agent and property tax foe. His main complaint is that an appointed board spends more than \$1 million in tax money each year, "with no recourse for unselecting them."

It may be the first effort in the country to abolish a library system by popular vote, according to the American Library Association.

Some residents worry that the flap will make locals look like redneck illiterates.

"There is no way to put a positive spin on this," said Regan Robinson, who moved here from Rhode Island in the mid-1990s to get the new rural library system off the ground. "This is a great community, but this is not a good aspect of it."

A proposed ballot initiative - which has not yet qualified for the Nov. 5 ballot - would close seven of nine county-run libraries. They are housed in a liquor store, a Grange hall, a general store and other buildings scattered among the 2,400 square miles of Stevens County.

"There are other ways to get books rather than libraries," Sider said. "Some people actually buy them."

However, while there are plenty of barns, the closest Barnes & Noble is in Spokane, in the next county.

Three hundred miles from the high-tech, high-paying jobs of the Seattle area, Stevens County's 40,000 residents include loggers, farmers, backwoods survivalists and New Agers who make do with a median household income of \$33,387 a year. A magnesian plant that was the county's largest private employer closed last year.

According to the 2000 census, one-third of the people burned wood as their primary source of heat. It is not uncommon to find families living off the electricity grid.

Jon Vensel, 19, of Loon Lake, comes to the library every couple of days to read and answer his e-mail.

"I'd vote to keep it," said Vensel, who paid \$52 a year to use public libraries in adjacent Spokane County before the library here opened in 1996.

The Stevens County Rural Library District was approved by voters in 1996. They agreed to raise property taxes by up to 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation - about \$38 a year for the average household - to pay for them.

Opponents of the library tax announced.

"All of us read and believe in libraries, but there has to be a different way ... to support libraries," said Karen Frostad, a local school cook.

Library expenses, especially the \$500,000 payroll for 10 employees, are too high, opponents believe.

"I am a staunch opponent of thievery by the government," Sider said.

Opponents note that Kettle Falls, which has just 1,500 residents, has both a city and a county library.

"The rural library moved into the same building as the liquor store and is in the city limits," Frostad said. "What is rural about that?"

Robinson countered that city libraries are not open to people who live outside the city limits, while the county libraries are open to everyone.

Library abolishers had little trouble collecting nearly 3,000 signatures, far more than needed to qualify for the November ballot, Frostad said. But those signatures must be validated before the measure can go before voters.

"The people we had collecting signatures ran into very few people who said they wanted libraries," Frostad said. "It was just the opposite."

Nationally, library use and construction are both rising, said Mitch Freedman, president of the Chicago-based American Library Association.

Judge orders stay on timber cuts

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - Environmental groups hailed a Humboldt County Superior Court judge's unexpected ruling ordering a temporary halt to logging by Pacific Lumber Co.

The company, however, believes the order will have no immediate impact, particularly if two state agencies hurry to comply with the judge's order.

"We're not going to close down operations until and unless we get some further order," said Carter Curd, executive vice president and general counsel.

"If (the state's compliance) doesn't happen quickly, it could have some impact on us," he said, but "I'm sure that the state gets this record issue sorted away in days, not years."

Spoken for by the Environmental Protection Information Center and the Sierra Club, which filed the lawsuit, praised the ruling by Superior Court Judge John Golden.

Golden ordered the stay because he said state agencies that oversee timber harvests delayed three years before submitting a formal administrative record. The judge said that record purportedly encompasses about 75,000 pages of material contained within 47 cardboard

"bankers boxes."

The agencies then asked for more than 400 exemptions to the court-ordered disclosure, claiming attorney-client and other privileges. Golden said he must now begin "extensive evidentiary hearings" on those claims, including public testimony and a private review of each of those documents.

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Lunches

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Friday: Breakfast sandwich, sliced peaches
Menu served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Hot chili and cheese sandwich, soup or sandwich bar or soft-shell taco, corn, applesauce, cinnamon churros
Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza, vegetable bean dip, orange quarters, chocolate brownies
Thursday: Finger stacks, potato bar or hot sausage, mashed potatoes, fried rice, mandarin orange jelly-O, dinner rolls
Friday: Philly steak sandwich, salad bar or hot Italian sub sandwich, chicken, spinach, fruit snacks

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Cereal, orange juice, toast, jelly
Wednesday: Waffles, syrup, link sausage
Thursday: Cereal, mixed fruit, graham crackers
Friday: Breakfast sandwich, sliced peaches
Menu served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Chicken sandwich, Mexican corn nuggets, corned beef, minis
Wednesday: Soft-shell taco, Mexican corn, raspberries, white cake
Thursday: Cold cheese sandwich, Campbell's chicken noodle soup, celery sticks, peanut butter, chilled peaches
Friday: Chef's salad, pineapple, angel biscuits

VALLEY SCHOOLS
Breakfast served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Soft-shell taco, chips, salsa, cinnamon sticks
Wednesday: Chicken burger, potato skins, apple, congo bar
Thursday: Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, hot roll, butter, pumpkin pie
Friday: Potato soup, crackers, ham and cheese or peanut butter sandwich, fruit, Rice Krispie bar

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
Breakfast is served every day
Lunch: The high school has a choice of pizza, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesday and potato bar on Fridays. Main-line menu varies every day.
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Deli sandwich or chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, tater tots, canapés, Rice Krispie bar
Wednesday: Taco bar or cheeseburger, French fries, tangerine, raspberry fruit jelly bar
Thursday: Deli sandwich or ham and cheese sandwich, potato chips, watermelon, chocolate chip cookie
Friday: Deli sandwich or pizza, tossed green salad, ranch dressing, sliced peaches, bread sticks, pizza sticks

GOODING ELEMENTARY
Choice of milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, potatoes, salad bar
Wednesday: Deli bar, potato bar
Thursday: Burritos, fries, salad bar
Friday: Pigs in a blanket

JEROME SCHOOLS
Milk offered every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Rib-b-cue sandwiches
Wednesday: Salisbury steak
Thursday: Cheese nachos
Friday: Turkey and bacon sandwich

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS
Choice of milk offered every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Pizza choice, vegetable choice, fruit or juice
Wednesday: Turkey pot pie, biscuit, power gelatin, fruit, graham cracker
Thursday: Corn dog, cheesy potatoes, fruit, pasta salad
Friday: Nachos, tater tots, fruit, cookie

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND
Milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Choice of juice, fruit, ham, butter, jelly
Wednesday: Choice of juice, cinnamon rolls, choice of cereal, bananas, honey
Thursday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, sausage patty, English muffin, jelly
Friday: Choice of juice, fruit, cinnamon rolls, hash browns, fried eggs, toast, jelly
Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Italian spaghetti, green beans, sliced peaches, bread sticks
Wednesday: Cheese or sausage pizza, celery or carrot sticks, banana, rainbow pop
Thursday: French dip or peanut butter and jelly, seasoned potatoes, strawberry sticks
Friday: Hamburger, tater tots, watermelon, chocolate cookie

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS
Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day

Monday: No school
Tuesday: Blueberry and gravy
Wednesday: Cereal, blueberry muffins
Thursday: French toast, scrambled eggs
Friday: French toast, cinnamon rolls, churros
Lunch menu
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, lunch roll, pears
Wednesday: Hamburger, baked fries, onion bar, tater tots
Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, garlic bread sticks, canapés
Friday: Crisp tacos, corn, maple bars, watermelon

All schools serve milk with meals
CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Breakfast menu
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Cereal, muffin, juice
Wednesday: French toast sticks, syrup, peaches
Thursday: Breakfast burrito, cinnamon applesauce
Friday: Oatmeal, raisin toast, fruit mix
Lunch menu
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Rib-b-cue, green beans, apple, no-bake cookie
Wednesday: Crispito, vegetable sticks, trail mix, pineapple
Thursday: Sloppy Joe, broccoli, grapes, brownies
Friday: Ham, potato wedges, peas, peach shortcake

MINIDOKA COUNTY SCHOOLS
Breakfast menu
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Cereal, toast, applesauce
Wednesday: Scrambled eggs, pears, muffin
Thursday: Granola bar, fruit, raisins
Friday: Cereal, muffin, fruit mix
Lunch menu
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Chicken sandwich, green beans, carrot sticks, fruit mix
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Judge binds medicine man over for trial in rape

GALLUP, N.M. (AP) — A Navajo medicine man accused of raping a Gallup woman who was nine months pregnant has been bound over for trial. Magistrate John Carey ruled Thursday there was enough evidence for Herbert Yazzie Sr., 52, of Thequito to stand trial in state district court. Yazzie faces charges of criminal sexual penetration, battery and intimidation of a witness in an alleged incident two years ago. According to records, the woman wanted to ask a medicine man for help so she didn't have a difficult labor. She and her husband met with a medicine man and arranged for him to pick her up at a Gallup motel. Authorities said she thought she would receive prayers and blessings but instead was taken to a remote area and was raped.

The woman reported the allegations in August 2000 and Yazzie was indicted that year. He failed to appear for arraignment, and an arrest warrant was issued. Another arrest warrant was issued in February after the woman returned to ensure the case would be prosecuted. **Time to litigate? Use The Times-News Marketplace classifieds to turn possessions into cash.**

Managers announce burn-program

MCCALL (AP) — The Weiser Ranger District has announced prescribed burns begin in the Payette National Forest in mid-September and continue through the middle of November. Forest managers plan to burn a total of 3,109 acres. A combination of hand and aerial ignition will be used. Information about the exact location of the burn sites will be available two weeks before the burns and "Burn in Progress" signs will be posted near the burn areas.

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Cops hand out personal sobriety tests over holiday weekend

WASHINGTON (AP) - At highway checkpoints this Labor Day weekend, Colorado state police officers are handing out tickets as well as devices drivers can use to measure their blood-alcohol content.

"We're hoping we will give people an additional tool that will help make the decision not to drive after drinking," said Capt. Jim Wolfenbarger of the Colorado State Patrol. "Traditionally, thousands of times a year, people are making poor decisions. If they're fortunate, they'll make it home. If

they're unfortunate, they'll get arrested. If it's a tragedy, they'll kill somebody."

Federal statistics showed the number of people killed in alcohol-related crashes rose from 17,380 in 2000 to 17,448 in 2001, the first increase in five years.

Police see the Guardian Angel Personal Alcohol Test they are distributing in Colorado as a weapon against drunken driving. It is among several products on the market that allow drivers to measure their blood-alcohol content and learn when they're approaching the legal limit, 0.08

percent in most states.

Police in 11 states and the District of Columbia have given the strips to bars, restaurants and motorists.

Besides Colorado, other western states distributing the strips include Arizona, California, New Mexico, Washington and Wyoming.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving has not taken a position on Guardian Angel. But MADD President Wendy Hamilton is concerned some people will feel they can have a few drinks and get behind the wheel as long as

the device shows them below the legal limit.

"They'll be under the legal limit but they're still going to be impaired," she said. "They can still go out and injure or kill some people. That's what we're afraid of."

The head of the National Commission Against Drunk Driving, a nonprofit advocacy group pushing for stronger anti-drunken driving laws, said the devices help motorists make intelligent decisions.

"When it comes to personal responsibility, ignorance is not

the answer," John Moulden said. "People need to understand what their personal blood-alcohol limits are and they need to have the information so they can at least make a responsible decision before they get impaired."

The Guardian Angel device is a strip that is placed in the mouth for 10 seconds, then held to a "risk meter" which ranks alcohol content in saliva three ways - lower, higher or highest, which means blood-alcohol content is 0.08 or above. The product's package urges people not to drink and drive, warns that

even some alcohol can impair judgment and includes a 1-800 number for help.

A package of four strips is available for less than \$2 at various convenience stores, drug stores and supermarkets.

"It's a way to defuse the debate for car keys at the end of the evening," Guard Angel Vice President Jeff Scull said. "This is not a tool to green-light drinking and driving and drops up to the limit. This is to help people become educated to make the right decision not to drive."

Council studies river crowds

HELENA, Mont. (AP) - Some Montana fishermen joke that the state's trout streams and rivers have become so crowded, you can't cast a fly these days without hooking an out-of-stater.

A special advisory council began work Thursday on what is expected to be a seven-month effort to see just how crowded Montana's famous rivers are, what affect it has had on trout fisheries and what might be done to address it.

Steve Ortez, an avid angler from Great Falls and member of the River Recreation Advisory Committee, said he fears overcrowding due to more out-of-state visitors is only going to get worse.

"We've been found out; the state's been found out," and that requires restrictions on in-honest use of the rivers, he said. "In order to back the pressure off, you have to do something. It's like a cancer. It's just going to get bigger if someone doesn't cut it out."

Ortez fears that the result will be fewer rivers and streams without limits on when they can be fished and how many can fish them at any given time.

"I don't want to take a number in my own state," Ortez said Thursday. "I don't want to have to call ahead."

But Robin Cunningham, another council member and fishing outfitter from Gallatin Gateway in southwest Montana, said overcrowded rivers are not rampant in the state. Anglers and floaters have to adapt to the fact that some familiar waters may not be as inviting as when they were youngsters.

"I can still find places where I can be alone," he said. "There's a lot of water in the state. People just can't go where they used to. So they want to go to what is left. You have to go somewhere else; you have to adjust."

Jeff Hagener, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks director, said the 22-member council's task is to determine the extent of recreation pressure on Montana waters and suggest policies or remedies for the department to consider.

Landowners, outfitters and individual sportsmen have voiced concern about crowded rivers as more and more people want to make use of them, he said.

"Everyone is looking at what we have here in Montana as a very 'cherished resource,'" Hagener said. "This issue isn't going to go away."

But the answers are not simple, while some recreational users feel the rivers are too jammed and the aesthetic experience of floating or fishing has been marred, others object to restrictions.

Economic factors also have to be considered, especially in communities with many businesses dependent on those using the waterways, Hagener said.

Cow Judy Martz appointed the council to help the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission, which has authority to regulate river use, sort out information and settle the solutions. Recommendations are due by March.

Its members include representatives of river outfitters, landowners, tourism businesses, the Legislature and boating interests.

The problem of regulating river use in Montana has been around for decades, beginning in 1959 when float fishing on a portion of the Madison River was restricted because of conflicts between floaters and those fishing from the bank or in waters.

In 1989, the Legislature passed a law allowing the commission to regulate use of the Snake River, extremely popular with floaters in the spring. The regulations limit the size of groups on the river and require floaters to get reservations and pay a fee.

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SPORTS

Coming Monday

Sports helped heal Americans after the tragedies of Sept. 11.

The Times-News

Thursday, September 1, 2002

Broncos beat Idaho for fourth straight time

By Doug Bayer
Special to The Times-News

BOISE — The Boise State Broncos lived up to their billing. The Idaho Vandals may have exceeded theirs.

Boise State defeated the Vandals 38-21 Saturday night at Bronco Stadium in a nonconference college football matchup between longtime rivals whose fortunes have parted ways over the past few seasons.

The Broncos, picked to win the Western Athletic Conference, were looking for a strong start in their quest for a spot among the nation's

Top 25. They did just that, piling up 503 total yards with a high-octane offense that sent Idaho's defense into an early tailspin.

Idaho, coming off a school-worst 1-10 season, gave itself some much-needed credibility with a comeback attempt that hushed the record crowd of 30,878, if only for a few precious minutes.

"I knew Idaho was going to come to play," Boise State coach Dan Hawkins said.

If not for an outstanding fourth-quarter play by Broncos defensive back Quintin Mikell the game might have very well gone down to the wire.

Idaho had just scored with six minutes remaining, recovered an onside kick and was threatening to score again when Vandal quarterback Brian Lindgren heaved a fourth-down pass down the middle of the field.

But Mikell leaped and deflected the pass just enough to keep Idaho receiver Brandon Mascorro from making the reception, enabling Boise State to regain possession and retain its 31-21 lead.

The Broncos added a final touchdown shortly thereafter on a 17-yard run by David Mikell to seal their fourth straight victory over Idaho and cut the Vandals' lead in



the all-time series to 17-14-1.

"I walk away disappointed that we lost, but I know where we can be," Idaho coach Tom Cable said.

David Mikell and fellow running back Brock Forshey had a hand in 39 of BSU's 57 total plays and amassed 122 and 207 all-purpose yards, respectively.

BSU quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie was just as impressive, completing 18 of 23 passes for 259 yards and a touchdown.

Lindgren and tailback Zach Gerstner led the Vandals offensively. Lindgren, who threw for 427 yards against Boise State last season, managed just 236 this time around. He completed 25 of his 49 attempts, but gave up two costly interceptions.

Gerstner rushed for 98 yards on 26 carries, several of which netted first downs.

"We came out and we kept battling," Cable said, "I'm very proud of that."

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“To think all this passion over sports would have gone away after 9-11 is silly. You can't change a culture's personality overnight, and that's probably a good thing.”

—Robert Thompson, professor of media and popular culture at Syracuse University

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
Who are Aubrey Huff and Felix Escalona?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Golf
Magic Valley Amateur, at T.F. Municipal

IN BRIEF

Curtis, Stinson stay tied after first round

TWIN FALLS — Aaron Curtis and Nate Stinson each shot 4-under 64 for a share of the first round lead of the McDonald Insur/Serv Magic Valley Amateur Saturday at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

Chris Jerome and Lynn Rpiersgaard both trail by one shot, Brian Saksa is two strokes off the pace and Bob Lutz is four back.

In other flights, Denny Simpson shot a 1-under 67 for a two-stroke lead over Darren Katin in the first flight; Steve Farnsworth and Wes Starin are tied at 72 in the second flight, four golfers are one stroke back; Paul Wold shot 71 for a one-shot lead in the third flight; Gus Schibko holds a one-stroke lead in the fourth flight and Gene Ranstrom leads by four shots in the fifth flight.

"Derby winners Saturday were Lutz, Dan Schnoebelen and Ron Finch.

The three-day tournament continues today with championship flight leaders scheduled to tee off at 12:40 p.m.

Dietrich wins tri-meet volleyball at Raft River

MALTA — Dietrich defeated both Rockland and host Raft River in a tri-meet in Malta on Saturday. Statistics were unavailable.

Raft River (0-2) plays Wednesday in a tri-match with Camas County at Shoshone.

Dietrich (2-0) hosts Bliss on Tuesday at 6 p.m. Scores were Rockland def. Raft River 21-10, 21-6; Dietrich def. Rockland, 21-15, 21-18; Dietrich def. Raft River, 21-9, 21-13.

Burley boosters meet Monday at high school

BURLEY — The Burley Booster Club is holding a meeting on Monday — even though it's Labor Day — at 7 p.m. at the conference room in the high school.

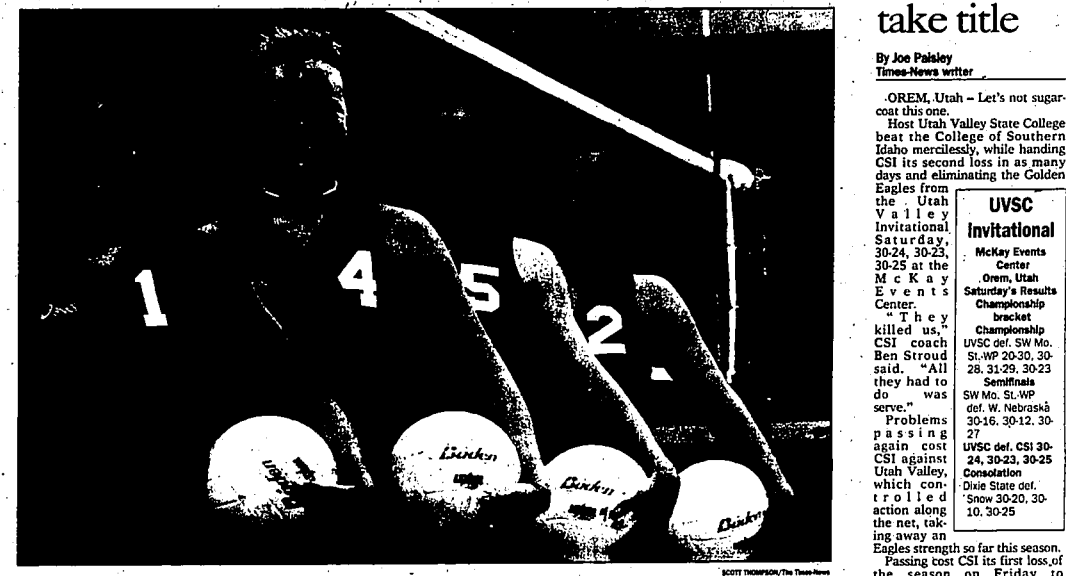
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TRIVIA ANSWER:

Huff and Escalona are regulars for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, who recently played the Angels and had the worst record in the majors.

FAMILY TIES



The Perkins girls, from left, Katelyn, Tanny, Lacey and Jenilyn, make up four of the six girls on the Murtaugh Red Devil volleyball team, which is favored to compete for a state title.

Perkins family dominates Red Devils roster

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

MURTAUGH — There's Perkins with the dig. And there's Perkins with the pass and slam. And, finally, Perkins with the block.

At Murtaugh, it's all Perkins all the time as four of the six varsity volleyball players are Perkins girls.

There are sisters Lacey and Jenilyn, the daughters of Calvin

and Cindy, and their cousins, Tanny, the daughter of Doug and Tanny, and Katelyn, the daughter of Brad and Edyhlen.

Their grandfathers are brothers.

"It's great to play with a bunch of girls you just love being around," Tanny said. "I've been around these girls my whole life."

It is that bond coupled with a lot of talent that has the Red Devils looking for big things from

this volleyball season. The team ranked for fifth place last year in the Class 1A state tournament.

"We're, a small school but the talent that this team has is just awesome," Tanny said. "We should be playing in the state championship."

The seniors, 5-9 middle blocker Tanny and 5-7 outside hitter Lacey are both extremely quick

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Fall sports previews

The Times-News continues its look at high school sports.

Today: 1A volleyball, Pages C1, C6
Monday: 5A, 4A volleyball
Tuesday: Soccer
Wednesday: Cross country

Before Sept. 11 there was Munich

By David Bauer
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The kidnapping and killing of Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics in 1972 was probably the world's most notorious and gripping terrorist act — until Sept. 11, 2001.

On TV
"Our Greatest Hopes, Our Worst Fears"
Today, 11:30 a.m. ABC



An Arab commando from the group which seized and killed 11 members of the Israeli Olympic Team at their Munich Olympic Village quarters appears on a balcony in this Sept. 5, 1972, file photo.

ABC's documentary, "Our Greatest Hopes, Our Worst Fears: The Tragedy of the Munich Games," airs today at 11:30 a.m. MDT. The title refers to a McKay statement shortly before he told the country that nine remaining Israeli hostages were killed in a bungled rescue attempt. The worst fears were confirmed, McKay said, "they're all gone."

"Saying the words, 'they're all gone,' was maybe the hardest thing I've done on television," McKay said.

The tragedy was probably the most indelible broadcast during the glory years at ABC Sports. A team sent to cover a sporting event was suddenly thrust into covering a huge news story that

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Spark it: L.A. defends crown

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Clinging to a two-point lead in the final minute, Los Angeles' Latasha Byears turned the ball over on a 3-second violation.

Then New York's Tari Phillips hit a 15-footer to tie the game, putting the Sparks' chance at retaining their WNBA title in jeopardy.

But rookie Nikki Teasley, dogged by 4-0-11 shooting, hit a 3-pointer for the go-ahead basket with 2.1 seconds remaining and the Sparks beat the Liberty 69-66 Saturday to successfully defend their championship.

"They'd be backing off me all night, obviously my shot wasn't falling. It was fortunate enough to knock the shot down," said Teasley, who played at North Carolina and was drafted by Portland, then traded to the Sparks in April.

Only the Sparks and the Houston Comets, who claimed the first four WNBA titles, have won the championship in the league's six-year history.

Guarded by Teresa Weatherspoon, Teasley shot from 21 feet out near the Sparks' bench. The Sparks joined their Staples Center tenants, the Lakers, as professional basketball champions for another year. The Lakers won their third straight NBA title in

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- 2001-02 — Los Angeles Sparks
- 2000-01 — Los Angeles Sparks
- 1999-00 — Houston Comets
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- 1997-98 — Houston Comets
- 1996-97 — Houston Comets

June.
Lisa Leslie scored 17 points. Mwadi Mabika added 12 and Teasley had 11 points and 11 assists as the Sparks rallied in the second half after squandering a 14-point lead.

Leslie selected the most valuable player of the Finals for the second year in a row, completing her second straight MVP award.

"This championship was so much harder to win," Leslie said. "We had to find different ways to win."

A distraught Weatherspoon bent down on one knee and held her head in her hand after the Liberty lost in the Finals for the fourth time, including three to Houston.

Tamika Whitmore and Vickie Johnson each scored 17 points for the Liberty.

SPORTS



Lleyton Hewitt of Australia returns to James Blake of the United States at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York on Saturday.

Hewitt edges Blake, again

NEW YORK (AP) - James Blake did what he could to sway away the ill will directed at Lleyton Hewitt by some spectators during a riveting U.S. Open rematch.

Blake had a tougher time withstanding the defending champion's relentless play.

His sneakers squeaking with each step, his daring eyes finding the right angles, Hewitt got past Blake 7-6 (5), 3-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 Saturday to reach the fourth round. It came a year to the day after another five-setter between the pair, one marked by a call-arguing tirade by Hewitt that was perceived as racist.

"We fought our hearts out. He came up with great shots. I came up with great shots. He came up with a few more," Blake said after playing in the third round of a major for the first time.

Hewitt, who said he didn't notice what the fans were saying, next plays No. 14 Jiri Novak. He advanced when Marcelo Rios quit after losing the first two sets, citing a right knee injury and raising the retirement to a Grand Slam-record nine men. At the fourth round is two-time champion Andre Agassi, who beat Ramon Delgado 6-2, 6-1, 6-2 and has dropped 16 games so far. Agassi

U.S. Open

now faces Jan-Michael Gambill, who beat No. 21 Gaston Gaudio 6-0, 6-2, 6-4.

Two-time defending champion Venus Williams beat Martina Muller 6-1, 6-2 to set up a fourth-round match against No. 14 Chanda Rubin. While Jessica Capriati, Monica Seles, Kim Clijsters and Amelie Mauresmo also won. Seles lost seven straight games after leading 5-1 in the second set but got by qualifier Yoon-Jeong Cho 6-1, 5-7, 6-3, and now plays Marina Hingis, another past Open champion. Hingis, who missed the French Open and Wimbledon after ankle surgery, beat Amanda Coetzer 6-3, 6-4 at night. Capriati followed with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over No. 30 Meghann Shaughnessy.

Earlier Saturday, a 34-year-old German man who's been pursuing Williams' sister Serena around the world was arrested and charged with stalking. Albrecht Stromeayer was taken into custody after a police officer spotted him watching Serena through a fence at the National Tennis Center, police spokesman Detective Louis Camacho said.

China scares U.S. at World Championships

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - For much of the first half, the night on the scoreboard was shocking: The U.S. team was losing, and the score wasn't even close.

China nearly became the first team to hold a halftime lead against the United States since NBA players began competing internationally in 1992, but the U.S. team recovered from its poor start to win 84-65 Saturday night at the World Championships.

Teams from around the world have been encroaching over the past few years on the American dominance in the sport, and Saturday night's game was yet another example of how foreign teams have closed the gap.

China held a 28-16 lead after one quarter and remained ahead for all but the final 6.5 seconds of the second quarter. The U.S. team took the lead for good with about four minutes left in the third quarter but didn't close out the lightly regarded Chinese until Jermaine O'Neal scored inside with about 6.5 minutes left for a 69-58 lead.

Chinese teams had never come close to competing with the United States in the past decade. The U.S. team defeated China by 63 at the 1996 Olympics and by 55 at the 1994 World Championships.

Just two years ago at the Sydney Olympics, the Chinese team lost by 47 points.

The defeat was so lopsided that Chinese center Yao Ming said it "may not be in our generation or the next" before China can defeat the United States in a premier level men's basketball tournament.

For a while Saturday night, it looked as though his prediction might be off by about 80 or so years.

Yao pumped his fist in glee after hitting a 3-point shot to give China a 10-4 lead early in the first quarter, and the crowd gasped in astonishment as the Americans fell further behind as the quarter progressed.



USA's Shawn Marion stems over China's Chou Ke in the fourth quarter of their preliminary Round 1 game of the World Basketball Championships in Indianapolis on Saturday. USA defeated China 84-65.

took a 43-42 lead - its first of the game. Since the 1992 Olympics, the United States is 56-0 in international competitions when using teams of NBA players. Paul Pierce led the Americans with 19

points. Shawn Marion added 15 and Finley had 14. Yao, plagued by foul trouble, finished with 10 points, six rebounds and three assists. China committed 22 turnovers.

Terror

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unfolds with agonizing tension. It's hard to imagine then-ABC Sports president Roone Arledge later being appointed to run the new division if he hadn't shown his mettle on this story.

The only ABC News reporter on the scene was then-Mideast correspondent Peter Jennings,

who snuck into the Italian athletes' quarters across from the Olympic compound kidnapping and hid in a bathroom when authorities tried to make sure no reporters were present. Jennings is particularly tough on German authorities, who were disgruntled both at the Olympics com-

plaint and in launching an attack when the kidnappers and hostages were taken to a nearby airport. Anouk Spitzer, whose athlete father, Anne Spitzer, was one of the hostages killed, called the Germans "a bunch of amateurs who really, in my eyes, killed my father."

The film also points out the timidity of Olympics officials past and present, both in continuing the 1972 games after the killings and in refusing the victims' families' request to have a moment of silence for the victims in future opening ceremonies.

While Antley had the benefit of ABC's archives in making the film - she uses audio tapes found in a producer's closet of Jennings and the late Howard Cosell describing helicopters taking the hostages to the airport - she also had a tough act to follow.

A previous documentary about the incident, "One Day in September," won an Academy Award in 2000. McKay was choked up watching a screening of ABC's new documentary this week in a way he wasn't 30 years ago. "This is a new experience and it went right to my stomach," he said. "It will be there for a long time."

CSI

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took them out of their game," he said. "We blocked the best we ever have against them. Thirty-six blocks is unheard of."

Southern Idaho had relied on its block to compensate for its lack of offense. UVSC took that away and had a 6-0 edge on service aces.

Mix in a 47-31 margin in kills-to-hitting errors, including minus-performances from sophomore Kelly Paiva and freshman hitter Andrea Santos (combined 13 kills, 15 errors) and the Eagles' hitting suffered.

Amanda Santos came through with 14 kills, 11 digs and six block assists, while Mideez Magill added 13 spikes. Andrea Santos led the team with 13 digs.

Add an emotional UVSC performance spurred on by a small but vocal home crowd and the Eagles were never able to mount a comeback.

The result has Stroud rethinking strategy. Both Santos sisters struggled with their passing. "They know exactly who to serve to," Stroud said. "There will be some changes. We could go to a 5-1 (formation). We could move English (Knoblock) up to set and put Kelly (Paiva) back to pass."

"We have to figure out something." UVSC completed its day by downing the Grizzlies to repeat as tournament champions.

That front line performance was key as Utah Valley rallied after falling behind by one game. "Trying to maintain the high (from the CSI win) was too difficult," Atoa said. "We knew if they gave us another chance we could come through."

Southwest Missouri sophomore Edna Chump turned in a fine performance with 16 kills, six aces, six digs and five block assists. Freshman Rose Obunuga added 13 kills and a team-high eight digs.

Final matches
Dixie St. def. Snow 30-9, 30-18, 30-23
Colleen Huey had 14 kills and Britany Bonnett added 12 spikes to lead Dixie to the consolation crown.

UVSC def. Ariz. Western 30-23, 30-23, 30-21
Bortoto had 10 kills and Deise Borghetti added six kills and six digs. Wiseman added six kills, five aces and five blocks to lead the Wolverines.

Southwest Missouri def. W. Nebraska 30-16, 30-12
Chump smacked 12 kills to lead the Grizzlies to the title match.

W. Nebraska def. Salt Lake CC 21-30, 30-26, 30-27, 30-25
Jennifer Kaan had 15 kills while Kariny Ritter added 14 spikes and 22 digs. Fabiana Borsari added 18 digs.
Dixie State def. Phoenix 30-22, 26-30, 30-27, 34-32
Huey and Bonnett each had 19 kills to lead the winners.
Snow def. Illinois Central 30-8, 30-18, 30-23
Audra Robison had seven kills and Jackie Rae Laburn added six spikes for Snow.
Ill. Central def. CNCC 30-20, 30-11, 30-12
Jennifer Robison had 15 kills and three blocks to lead the Cougars.

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Baseball: White Sox at Tigers, WGN, noon.
Football: College, LSU at Virginia Tech, 12:30 p.m.

Trojans thump Minico J.V. after shaky start to game

By Scott Thompson Times-News writer

RUPERT - Don't get the Raft River Trojans mad at you. When Adam Darrington fumbled the season-opening kickoff Saturday and Minico recovered it on the 35, it may have looked bleak for the Trojans. Instead, they had the Spartan junior varsity right where they wanted them, en route to a 56-22 blowout Saturday at Minico.

"We knew we had a young team without a lot of experience and that we were going to make mistakes. So, we were stressing the need to get past the mistakes. And we did a great job of that."

- Raindy Spaeth, Raft River head coach

The bulk of the damage was Darrington, who responded with three touchdowns while kicking 6-of-6 point-after attempts and rushing for a 2-point conversion. The senior showed off a variety of skills. Scoring first on a 40-yard punt return, Darrington then took off on a 42-yard, tackle-breaking scamper up the sidelines in the second quarter followed by a 22-yard rush in the third.

The Trojans starting defense allowed Minico (0-1) just one first down in the game and that turned out to be disastrous for the Spartans. Trojan junior Garrett Smith forced a fumble while sacking Spartan quarterback Eric Killoy the next play. Raft River junior Brodie Hutchison pounced on it and Darrington went up the left side-line for 42 yards and a touchdown on the next snap.

He also picked up a first-quarter interception as the Trojans crushed the senior Spartans for the second straight year. It was the team's ability to rebound from mistakes such as the opening fumble that most pleased Raft River head coach Raindy Spaeth.

"I didn't even know that I was going for a touchdown," Thomas said. "I thought I was just getting a fumble recovery."

"We knew we had a young team without a lot of experience and that we were going to make mistakes," Spaeth said. "So, we were stressing the need to get past the mistakes. And we did a great job of that."

Killoy and the Spartan defense did get rolling eventually as the junior hooked up with George Sifers for a 71-yard score right before halftime to make it 42-6 going into the third quarter. In the second half, Minico almost completely abandoned its running game and Killoy threw for a couple more scores, hitting Jake Larsen from 30 and 14 yards out in the fourth quarter.

"I don't know if I can say after this game whether we are as good as we were last year or not," Spaeth said. "But we are playing good football. I am very proud of this team."

Erickson scored on runs of 8 and 18 yards from his fullback spot, while junior Norm Kimber got the Trojan lead with a 21-yard run early in the first quarter. Sophomore Joe Edwards scored from 37 yards out with no time remaining.

Leading the way were a pair of third-year senior starters on the line - 225-pound Tyrell Thomas and 250-pound Derek Barrett. The two paved the way for the Trojans (1-0) and their running game while completely plugging up the middle to nullify Minico's ability to run.

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They are going to run behind those two a lot this year," Spaeth said. "They both have two years experience and it really showed today."

- Trojans 56, Spartan JV 22
Spartan JV 22, Raft River 0
Raft River 22, Minico 56
Minico 56, Raft River 22

Top-ranked Bail, DeMers ride high at Stampede

By Torrell Williams Times-News correspondent

FILER - Jesse Bail showed why is the All-Around leader of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association world standings.

Friday's rodeo roundup

Hanging onto a spinning bull, Bail showed why he's the 86-point Friday at the Magic Valley Stampede at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.

Ryan Lickley of Jerome came out-fast but appeared to suffer an injury as his calf leaped and kicked. Lickley retreated, holding his abdomen and leaving the calf still on its feet.

The ride put Bail in the overall lead in bull riding over Buskin who, who led Thursday's game with an 83-point ride.

Calves also out-numbered the team ropers, with more than two catches all night. Both had 5-second penalties added for catching only one hind leg.

"It's been a great year," said Bail, who has nearly \$170,000 in winnings this year. "That was a really good ride."

In bull riding, former high school champion Kimball of Buhl was the heavy crowd favorite. His score of 77 on the spinning X-4 Turbo put him in third place for the night and in sixth overall. Kimball said he planned to ride today at a rodeo in Halley, before heading to Salt Lake City next week.

"That horse was outstanding," he said. "He jumped and kicked really hard. He felt pretty electric."

In addition to his winning bull ride, Bail also rode No Hope, a stein roper, who made only for 73 points, the lowest of that event's seven scores Friday.

Jess Davis, another CSI alum, was second in bareback with a graceful 81-point ride on Warwagon. DeMers' saddle bronc gave an enter ride to score 79 points, placing him down at fourth for the night and into a three-way tie for sixth place.

Bail, 23, has been in the PRCA for four years. Reaching the top of the world in barrel racing, dedication, and "a lot of fun."

DeMers drove to Filer from a rodeo in British Columbia then left to ride in Montana on Saturday. He is seventh in the PRCA All-Around standings.

"I've been working to be here my whole life," he said. "I'm up doing it."

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Friday Results
Stein Roping
1. Jess Davis, 73
2. Ryan Lickley, 73
3. Cal DeMers, 73

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SPORTS

Last-second FG lifts Michigan

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Philip Brabbs kicked a 44-yard field goal as time expired to give 13th-ranked Michigan a 31-29 victory over No. 11 Washington in the season opener Saturday, a sensational finish set up by a blunder by the Huskies.

After the Wolverines failed to complete a pass on third-and-10 with six seconds left, Washington penalized 15 yards for having 12 men on the field despite coming out of a timeout.

Without the flag, Michigan would have faced either a desperation pass or a 59-yard field goal.

Michigan's Chris Perry ran for 120 yards and three touchdowns. John Navarre was 22-of-38 for 268 yards with a touchdown and an interception.

Washington's Cody Pickett was 28-of-45 for 318 yards with two touchdowns and an interception. Rich Alexis ran for 98 yards and two touchdowns, including a 1-yard run with 8:24 to go that put the Huskies ahead 29-28.

No. 1 Miami 63, Florida A&M 17

MIAMI — Ken Dorsey became the winningest quarterback at Miami, and the Hurricanes showed they're ready to defend the national championship.

Dorsey threw for 110 yards and three touchdowns as top-ranked Miami overwhelmed Division I-AA Florida A&M 63-17 in the season opener Saturday night.

Dorsey improved to 27-1 as a starter and moved past Gino Torretta (26-2) on the school's career list. The Hurricanes also extended the nation's longest winning streak to 23 games in dominating fashion.

No. 3 Texas 27, North Texas 0

AUSTIN, Texas — Chris Simms passed for one touchdown and ran for another to lead No. 3 Texas to a sluggish 27-0 win over North Texas on Saturday night.

Simms was 16-of-26 for 186 yards. Running back Cedric Benson, who set a school freshman record with 1,053 yards last season, scored the first touchdown but otherwise struggled for 49 yards on 18 carries.

No. 4 Tennessee 47, Wyoming 7

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Casey Clausen threw for 238 yards and a touchdown, and Cedric Houston and Jabari Davis each ran for two TDs as Tennessee routed Wyoming.

The Volunteers won their eighth consecutive opener and 16th straight non-conference game thanks to a defense that lost three defensive linemen to the NFL last April.

The Cowboys turned the ball over five times and their running game was nonexistent, losing seven yards on the first nine carries. Wyoming finished with 187 total yards, compared with 467 for Tennessee.

No. 5 Florida St. 40, Virginia 19

ALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Greg Jones ran for 173 yards and two touchdowns as Florida State (2-0, 1-0 ACC) shook off three first-half turnovers to defeat Virginia.



Michigan kicker Philip Brabbs watches his last-second, game-winning field goal Saturday in Ann Arbor, Mich., as the Wolverines beat Washington, 31-29.

No. 6 Florida 51, UAB 3

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The first play was a 58-yard completion down the sideline — a sweet pass and catch that not even you-know-who could have drawn up any better.

The rest of the game was a record-setting rout, and the Ron Zook era at sixth-ranked Florida got off to a shining start with a 51-3 victory over Alabama-Birmingham on Saturday.

No. 8 Georgia 31, Clemson 28

ATHENS, Ga. — Backup quarterback D.J. Shockley ran for one touchdown and passed for another as No. 8 Georgia escaped a major upset, rallying for a 31-28 victory over Clemson on Saturday night.

No. 9 Nebraska 31, Troy St. 16

LINCOLN, Neb. — DeJuan Groce helped a struggling Nebraska offense by returning two punts for touchdowns and grabbing two interceptions to help the ninth-ranked Cornhuskers defeat Troy State 31-16 Saturday night.

Dahran Diederick and Jammal Rond each added touchdown runs for the Huskers (2-0). Nebraska's 313 yards of total yardage was the lowest total since it gained 270 against Notre Dame in the third game of last season.

Colorado St. 19, No. 7 Colorado 14

DENVER — Bradlee Van Pelt ran 23 yards for a touchdown with 6:20 left, and Colorado State survived a second-half

Colorado rally. It was Colorado State's third win in four years of the in-state rivalry.

No. 12 Washington St. 31, Nevada 7

SEATTLE — Jonathan Smith had two short touchdown runs and Will Derting returned one of his three interceptions for a school-record 98-yard score as Washington State opened with a victory over Nevada.

Jason Gesser, whose Heisman campaign began in July with a poster put up on the side of grain elevator in Dusty, Wash., recovered from a slow start to complete 17 of 29 passes for 242 yards and a touchdown.

No. 15 Oregon 36, Mississippi St. 13

EUGENE, Ore. — With former quarterback Joey Harrington looking on, Jason Fife opened a new era for No. 15 Oregon by throwing three touchdown passes as the Ducks beat Mississippi State 36-13 Saturday.

Onterio Smith ran for 124 yards on 28 carries for Oregon, and Fife completed 14 of 26 passes for 166 yards in his first game as a starter.

No. 18 Michigan St. 56, E. Michigan 7

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Jeff Smoker threw for 232 yards and three touchdowns as Michigan State opened its season with a win over Eastern Michigan.

No. 19 Marshall 50, Appalachian St. 17

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Byron Leftwich threw for 469 yards and four touchdowns as No. 19 Marshall overcame a sluggish

Table listing football schedules for various teams including Colorado St., Washington St., Oregon St., Washington St., New Mexico St., San Jose St., Arizona St., UTEP, and Utah. Columns include team names, dates, and locations.

start in a 50-17 victory over Division I-AA Appalachian State on Saturday night.

Leftwich, who set a Mid-American Conference record with 4,132 yards passing last season, finished 27-of-41 and ran for a fifth score.

Notre Dame 22, No. 21 Maryland 0

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Tyrone Willingham clapped his hands in encouragement when the game started, and everyone else at Notre Dame cheered when the Fighting Irish walked off the field with a victory over No. 21 Maryland on Saturday night.

Willingham's debut as Notre Dame's coach was a dandy — an efficient if not exciting 22-0 victory in the Kickoff Classic before a crowd of 72,903 at Giants Stadium.

The Irish last posted a shutout in 1996, a 62-0 win over Rutgers.

No. 22 South Carolina 34, New Mexico St. 24

COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolina coach Lou Holtz tied Bo Schembechler for ninth on the career list with his 234th win as the 22nd-ranked Gamecocks beat New Mexico State 34-24 Saturday night.

South Carolina's largest season-opening crowd of 83,717 didn't see the thumping it expected. But the Gamecocks got 113 yards rushing and a pretty, 44-yard touchdown pass from new quarterback Corey Jenkins to win their third straight opener.

No. 23 Texas A&M 31, Louisiana-Lafayette 7

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Brian Gamble recovered two fumbles and had an interception as No. 23 Texas A&M set a Big 12 record by forcing 10 turnovers in a 31-7 win over Louisiana-Lafayette on Saturday night.

No. 24 Penn St. 27, Central Florida 24

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Zack Mills threw for 194 yards and two touchdowns as Penn State built a big lead and held off Central Florida in the season opener for both teams.

The win was No. 328 for Nittany Lions coach Joe Paterno.

No. 25 North Carolina St. 34, E. Tennessee St. 0

RALEIGH, N.C. — Greg Golden ran for two touchdowns and Lamont Reid returned the opening kickoff 90 yards for a score as No. 25 North Carolina State beat Division I-AA East Tennessee State 34-0 Saturday night.

Texans' Carr should be ready for season opener

HOUSTON (AP) — An MRI on Houston Texans quarterback David Carr's bruised right knee revealed no damage Saturday, and the rookie should be ready for the season opener.

Carr, the first pick in the NFL draft, was injured when his knee hit offensive lineman Chester Pitts' helmet during Friday's 17-13 preseason loss to Tampa Bay.

Carr put a scare into the Texans when he went down following the hit, but the bruised knee should not keep him out of the team's first regular-season game against the Dallas Cowboys next Sunday.

Steelers deal unhappy Edwards to Rams

PITTSBURGH — Troy Edwards, a 1999 first-round draft choice who had fallen out of the Pittsburgh Steelers' receivers rotation, was traded Saturday to the St. Louis Rams for a sixth-round draft pick.

Edwards, no longer being used regularly by the Steelers in any role, said the day before he was resigned to being trad-

NFL notes

Edwards has a sprained knee and probably won't be ready to play for a couple of weeks. Fittingly, he goes to a team already loaded with banged-up receivers. Rams backup Ricky Proehl (hamstring), Terrance Wilkins (ribs) and Eric Crouch (thigh) currently are injured.

Jaguars reach terms with All-Pro receiver Smith

Holdout receiver Jimmy Smith and the Jacksonville Jaguars have come to terms on a new contract, ending a holdout that endured through the team's pre-season.

Terms of the new contract were not immediately available. Jaguars spokesman Dan Edwards did, however, confirm that the Jaguars will make an official announcement on Sunday, thus ending a 38-day holdout that brought the Jacksonville offense to a screeching halt in the pre-season.

Professor: Coaches should go for it on fourth down

NFL coaches are too conservative, teacher says

The Associated Press

... But in football, what you often see the offense do is exactly what the defense wants it to do: kick the field goal or punt the ball.

— David Romer, college professor

Fourth-and-goal at an opponent's 2-yard line early in the first quarter, and what's an NFL coach to do? It's a no-brainer — take the chip-shot field goal and the easy point.

Fourth-and-4 at his own 40 with a 10-7 lead in the second quarter, and what's a coach to do? Again, a no-brainer — punt, pin the other team back and let the defense go to work.

Listening to an Oakland Raiders' game, University of California economics professor David Romer began wondering if there was a statistical basis for all of these supposedly easy-to-make coaching decisions.

Why, he asked, don't more coaches go for a potentially game-altering touchdown on fourth-and-short, rather than playing it safe with the field goal? And why don't they gamble on fourth down by trying to make a play, thus retaining possession of the ball and keeping the defense on the field, rather than always punting?

So, putting his mind to debunking the NFL's traditional no-brainer thinking, Romer, 44, and five research assistants examined 20,000 first-quarter plays in 732 regular season games from 1999, 1998 and 2000, then analyzed them with proven methods — as an economist would, rather than a football coach.

The result was a studious, highly detailed 33-page working paper titled "Fourth Down and What Does the Bellman Equation Say? A Dynamic Programming Analysis of Football Strategy." It was submitted this summer to the National Bureau of Economic Strategy. Despite its weighty title and

intimidating volume of data, Romer's conclusions are fairly simple: Coaches should gamble more on fourth down, not just in scoring territory, but from nearly every spot on the field, even in situations such as fourth-and-3 from their own 10.

Of the 1,100 fourth downs where Romer thought it was best to go for it, though, teams kicked 992 times.

"In life, you face a lot of situations where, if you make the wrong decision, the consequences are terrible. But in football, what you often see the offense do is exactly what the defense wants it to do: kick the field goal or punt the ball," Romer said. "Yet there's a high payoff (for going for it on fourth down) ... it's an attractive gamble."

Not enough for Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher to significantly alter his play-calling strategy.

Given an outline of Romer's research, Cowher said it is impossible to quantify all the intangibles that go into fourth-down decisions — momentum, confidence, personnel, injuries, matchups, the weather and the crowd.

"Basically, you have to recognize that you're not doing everything by a sense of what the odds are," Cowher said. "When you drive the length of the field, you want to come away with points because, if you don't make it, there's a tremendous momentum you have to take into account."

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SPORTS

Rueter, Giants stop Schilling

PHOENIX (AP) - Kirk Rueter... Schilling and teammate Randy Johnson lost consecutive starts for the first time this season.

2000, when Schilling lost to Milwaukee and, after a day off, Johnson lost to the New York Mets.

Schilling (21-5), who lost to an NL West team for the first time this season, allowed three runs on four hits and struck out nine in seven innings. His four walks, one intentional, were his most in 68 starts.

The division-leading Diamondbacks lost their season-high fourth in a row.

Phillies 1, Mets 0 NEW YORK - New York.com, played the worst home month in its history, losing its 13th straight game at Shea Stadium to Randy Wolf and Philadelphia.

Wolf pitched a four-hitter and Jimmy Rollins hit an RBI single in the eighth inning as the Mets tied a team record for consecutive home losses set in 1979.

At 0-13, the Mets became the first NL team ever to go winless at home in a month while playing at least 10 games.

Braves 5, Expos 3 MONTREAL - Andrew Jones and Mark DeRosier homered, and Chris Hammond pitched two scoreless innings for his seventh relief job as Atlanta beat Montreal.

John Smoltz saved his second straight game, pitching the ninth out of his major league-leading 48th consecutive start.

Marlins 3, Pirates 2 MIAMI - Kevin Millar hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the eighth inning and Florida beat Pittsburgh.

Cardinals 8, Cubs 1, 1st game Cardinals 10, Cubs 4, 2nd game

CHICAGO - Eli Marrero's grand slam capped a six-run third inning Saturday night as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Chicago Cubs 10-4 to complete a sweep of

their day-night doubleheader. Marrero also homered in the opener, as did Albert Pujols and Eduardo Perez, leading the Cardinals to an 8-1 win. Marrero hadn't homered in six weeks before hitting two in the doubleheader.

Dodgers 4, Astros 0 HOUSTON - Omar Daal allowed two-hits-over-6-2-3 innings to beat Houston for the first time in seven decisions as Los Angeles beat the Astros.

Daal (11-6) entered the game 0-6 in 22 appearances against the Astros, but he retired 18 of the first 19 batters.

American League Athletics 6, Twins 3 OAKLAND, Calif. - The Oakland Athletics extended the majors' longest winning streak in 49 years to 17 games Friday night, beating the Minnesota Twins 6-3 behind four RBIs from Eric Chavez.

Chavez hit a tiebreaking two-run single in the eighth inning for the A's, who have the longest winning streak since the 1955 New York Yankees won 18 in a row. The 17 consecutive wins matched a franchise record set in 1931.

Oakland's bullpen wasted another excellent start by Cory Lidle, who allowed his first earned run in a masterful month but left in the eighth to a standing ovation with a 3-1 lead.

Dustin Mohr hit a pinch-hit home run in the eighth and Torii Hunter tied the game with a run-scoring single off Jim Meier late in the inning.

Chavez, who homered in the seventh and had three hits, came up with the bases loaded after Minnesota reliever J.C. Romero (8-2) intentionally walked Miguel Tejada.

Chavez shattered his bat on Romas's first pitch, but the ball got past Luis Rivas into center field scoring two runs.

Billy Cook worked the ninth for his career-high 37th save in 42 opportunities.

Indians 8, Red Sox 7 CLEVELAND - Johnny Damon committed his first error in 249 games, allowing Bill Selby to score from first on Omar Vizquel's double, giving the Cleveland Indians an 8-7 win over the Boston Red Sox on



The Giants' Kurt Rueter pitches against the Diamondbacks Saturday in Phoenix. Rueter pitched 5 1/3 scoreless innings as the Giants won, 5-0.

Saturday night, Danys Baez (10-10) pitched a perfect ninth for the win.

Blue Jays 5, Yankees 1 TORONTO - Justin Miller (6-4) combined with two relievers on a three-hitter as Toronto beat New York.

The three hits were New York's fewest since San Francisco's Jason Schmidt and Robb Nen combined on a two-hitter June 8.

White Sox 9, Tigers 4 DETROIT - Jig Crede hit his fourth home run in as many

games, capping a five-run first inning for Chicago. "It was Chicago's sixth victory in eight games and Detroit's third loss in a row. Crede has 13 RBIs in his last four games.

Devil Rays 7, Rangers 5 ARLINGTON, Texas - Randy Winn scored the go-ahead run on a wild pitch in the eighth inning as Tampa Bay rallied to beat Texas.

Lee Gardner (1-1) earned his first major league win, allowing two hits over two shutout innings. Esteban Yan got the final three outs for his 17th save in 24 chances.

Selig should do baseball a favor and step down at end of season

But Selig can do baseball one more big favor. Step down as commissioner gracefully at the end of the season.

Peace between the players and owners means baseball has deflected a crisis, not solved its problems. There is no guarantee that the settlement will create competitive balance, help small-market teams thrive, rid the sport of steroids, win back disaffected fans or attract new ones.

Baseball is not on the verge of achieving NFL-style parity, popularity and wealth. To take baseball beyond this feel-good moment, the game needs a commissioner who has vision and energy and fresh ideas. Someone who can be trusted and respected by the players, owners and fans. Someone who doesn't have Selig's downer look and knack

STEVE WILSTEIN

for saying and doing the wrong things at the wrong time.

The 68-year-old Selig could go out proud, knowing that on his watch, at last, negotiations ended without a strike and that baseball appears to be moving in the direction of economic stability.

The former CEO of the Milwaukee Brewers whose family still runs the team, Selig has done his duty for the owners by getting more concessions out of the players than most thought possible.

It has to beef up its feeble new drug-testing program, shape a worldwide draft that truly enhances competitive balance, and devise a system that gives all teams an equal shot at tapping into Latin American talent. It has to look for new ways to boost revenues and reach fans, perhaps by starting its own all-baseball TV channel.

San Diego Padres president Bob Vizas listened with a skeptical ear to Selig's rhetoric about the "historic" agreement, what it means and what it portends.

"I don't put it up there with signing the Constitution or ending World War II," Vizas said. "On the other hand, I think it's an important step for baseball. It doesn't work if the owners are always fighting with the players."

Whoever is commissioner has to stay on top of the small-market

owners to make sure the quarter-billion dollars a year they will get in revenue sharing actually goes toward making their teams stronger on the field, not fixing up the owners' homes.

"The New York Mets' Mike Piazza, like many of the players, is optimistic but not at all sure the new contract will work out as it's intended.

"It brings a lot to some of these other teams, like the Twins and the Reds, who I've always felt are not that far behind to begin with," he said. "It gives them a better chance to retain some of their players. But it's not an overnight process. It's a wait-and-see thing. Let's see what happens to those teams that supposedly can't compete."

The teams that will be paying out that money - the New York Yankees, more than all the others

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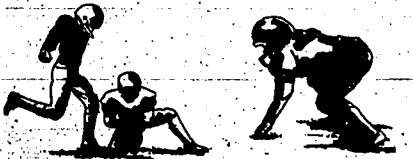
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2002 HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

A team-by-team look at the Northside Conference

■ Bliss Bears
Co-coaches: Diana Butler, 16th season; Loren Erkins, 14th season.
Returning starters: OH Sundii Brizendine, (5-6, sr.); OR Mariah Burk, (5-7, jr.).
Key players: S Stephanie Morris, (5-2, jr.); OH Malorie Kast, (5-8, jr.); S Hallee Kast, (5-3, jr.).
Season outlook: Young Bears lack experience, but make up for that with their work ethic. Bears will play varsity and junior varsity matches this season in Northside.

Coach says: "We don't have the numbers or experience, but we have a good group of incoming freshman with a willingness to work."

■ Camas County Musershers
Coach: Becky Skinner, seventh season.
Assistant coach: Part O'Malley.
Returning starters: OH/MB Chelsi Bennett, (5-7, sr.).
Key players: OH Elizabeth Stewart, (5-3, sr.); S Brantley Gill, (5-2, sr.); OH Aubree Carlson, (5-4, sr.); S Britni McLain, (5-7, sr.); OH/MB Grace Backstrom, (5-5, jr.); MB Kari Engelstad, (5-6, jr.); OH Dutchess Maroli, (5-5, jr.).

Season outlook: Graduation took nucleus of state tournament team with only Chelsi Bennett back with varsity experience. Musershers have installed a new offense but Skinner expects team to return to being an interesting and lucrative season.

■ Carey Panthers
Coach: Barbara Berg, 21st season

Assistant coach: Kathy Whithworth.
Returning starters: MB Ginger Gingham, (5-8, sr.); MB Jesse Molyneux, (5-8, sr.).
Key players: OH Nicki McAfee, (5-6, sr.); OH Lauren Petersen, (5-8, sr.); OH Pamela Reay, (5-6, sr.); DS Joanna Aweraz, (5-0, sr.); S Lindsay Fisus, (5-2, sr.); S Cheyanne Bingham, (5-2, jr.).

Season outlook: Though the Panthers lost four starters to graduation, including their setter, they return second-team all conference senior Ginger Bingham in the middle. Jesse Molyneux also returns and the team has seven seniors. Panthers have tradition of competing in every sport so look for Carey to play a spoiler role this season.
Coach says: "The team gets along well, so teamwork should help us be successful. The rally scoring is new and will be a challenge at the beginning of the season, but everyone has to cope with it."

■ Dietrich Blue Devils
Coach: Teresa Smith, second season.
Assistant coach: Natalie Christiansen.
Returning starters: OH Raysia Parker, (5-9, sr.); MB Sheena Bingham, (5-11, sr.); S Bryoni Southwick, (5-4, sr.); OH Ayleen Sorenson, (5-4, jr.).

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Coach says: "We plan to have an interesting and lucrative season."

lead Blue Devils to state basketball championship game in March. Blue Devils are focused and aggressive while working in a new offense. Expect Dietrich to be near the top of the Northside all season long.
Coach says: "I have confidence in my players and I know they can and will work together to accomplish our big goal of going to state."

■ Ketchum Community School Cutthroats
Coach: Reamy Goodwin, first season.
Assistant coach: Hilary Nickum.
Returning starters: S Morgan LaPater, (5-6, sr.).

Key players: DS Joanie Baumgardner, (5-3, jr.); OH Kylie Douglas, (5-8, soph.); OH Annie Alcid, (5-8, sr.); MB Jackie Goddard, (5-10, soph.); OH Patty Ocampo, (5-6, sr.); MB Anika Van Eaton, (5-8, sr.); OPP Alyse Gelet, (5-7, jr.); OH Simone Weise, (5-6, soph.); MB Sarah Betts, (5-8, soph.); OPP/S Ashley Ails, (5-3, soph.).

Season outlook: A rebuilding year for the young Cutthroats. Under former Wood River whiz Reamy Goodwin, however, The Community School should be considered a dark horse by the district tournament. Cutthroats got through pool play and into the state tournament, so motivation shouldn't be a problem.
Coach says: "They have a willingness to learn and a will to win."

■ Richfield Tigers
Coach: Delwin Amy, second season.
Assistant coach: Jeanette Godin

fourth place finish last year. Team has a new coach in Galen Stimpson.
Coach says: "The team attitude is strong and they are willing to learn new things."

■ Magic Valley Christian Conquerors
Coach: Kendal Tucker, fifth season.
Assistant coach: Lisa VanEsch.
Returning starters: S Delena Willis, (sr.); MB Katie Wiersma, (sr.); OH Rachele Paulson, (jr.); S Ashley Kalbleisch, (soph.); DS Jessica Whitmore, (jr.); MB Ashley Vanderstelt, (jr.).

Key players: OH Denise Gaalswyk, (jr.); MB Michelle Binard, (jr.).
Season outlook: After a winless season, their first in the Magic Valley Conference, the Conquerors hope a seasoned team with every starter back spells success. Team has to turn the corner with at least one victory. Anything more would be icing on the cake.
Coach says: "My starting six have played together for four years and are strong and united."

■ Returning starters: MB Candace Farnsworth, (5-9, sr.); MB Shannon Myers, (5-7, sr.); S Janet Ellis, (4-8, jr.).

Key players: OH Stephanie Skalla, (5-8, sr.); OH Michelle Schmitz, (5-10, jr.); OH Marty Lira, (5-7, sr.).
Season outlook: Promising Tigers hope to make some noise this season after a sixth-place finish last year. Not a lot of varsity experience, but the offense looks promising. With two returning middle blockers, some tall hitters, and a solid setter, the Tigers will win more matches and make teams earn their wins.

Coach says: "We have two very good athletes at middle blocker and are solid at setter. It should be a good season."

■ Shoshone Indians
Coach: Larry Messick, 24th season.
Assistant coach: Luane Axelson.
Returning starters: OH Sarah Hubsmith, (5-5, jr.).

Key players: S Kelsey Stanton, (5-2, sr.); OH Courtney Sorenson, (5-3, jr.); OH Wendy Baltazor, (5-6, jr.); OH Leisel Heinen, (5-4, jr.); S Meghan Sorenson, (5-3, soph.); OH Kyril Astle, (5-6, jr.); OH Katie Strunk, (5-6, jr.).

Season outlook: A rebuilding season after a four-year reign with 6-foot-3 middle Monica Uhrig off to college. Indians will have to rethink their attack and block with a shorter, younger team. A return trip to the state tournament seems a longshot.
Coach says: "It will be hard to replace Monica Uhrig. We're young and inexperienced. But serve fair and we hustle."

Murtaugh presents season's challenge

By Scott Thompson Times-News writer

Change is the name of the game in Class 1A volleyball this season. The only heavyweight bringing back the bulk of its team are the Murtaugh Red Devils who aim to improve on a fifth-place showing at the state tournament.
"I do have a lot of expectations for this team," Red Devil coach Marilyn Cornell said. "We have a lot of experience returning. But you want this to be a fun experience so you don't want to put all kinds of pressure on them. But we have done well in the past and it's almost become a tradition that is just in the background."

The Red Devils' only problem should be depth. With just six girls out for volleyball and just six on the varsity team, any injuries will be devastating.
The Red Devils will rely heavily on tradition as the Trojans try to replace eight graduated seniors.
New coach Michelle Perry said the team is talented but inexperienced.
Hagerman also lost a lot from last year including coach Shilo Hall, who was replaced by J.P. Hussmann.
However, seniors Kelly Luttorer and Alicia Jester stay back.

Cody should take a big step up this year with a talented bunch of returning players who are more accustomed to the style of second-year coach Kristen Jones.
"Oakley's coach is awfully good and she's very competitive," Cornell said. "I expect her to build a program out there. They will be a lot better."
Castelford returns only Katie Atkinson, a senior middle blocker, but that doesn't keep Randy Maves from wanting the Wolves to make a big move up this year from average to great.
Reamy Goodwin finished gives Hansen a solid foundation to build upon but she is the only returning starter. Magic Valley Christian, which finished 0-16 in its first year in the Magic Valley Conference last season, should be much stronger with its entire starting lineup back, including seniors Delena Willis and Katie Wiersma.

Coach says: "We have a willingness to learn and a will to win." Goodwin said. "The only thing we suffer is inexperience."

The Northside
The Dietrich Blue Devils return a talented quartet of multi-sport standouts Raysia Parker, Sheena Bingham, Bryoni Southwick and Ayleen Sorenson. All four were a big part of the Devils' second-place showing at the state basketball tournament.

The Bliss Bears do not have much experience but starters Sundii Brizendine and Mariah Burk return. Coach Diana Butler also reports that the Bears will be helped by a strong freshman class.
Twine all-conference selection Ginger Bingham is back with fellow returning senior middle blocker Jesse Molyneux to help the Carey Panthers deal with the loss of four starters from last year.

Richfield finished 5-12 a year ago and is rebuilding once again.
The Community School Cutthroats and Shoshone Indians both face the daunting task of replacing big performers in order to continue the success they have had.
Twine all-conference selection selection Ginger Bingham is back with fellow returning senior middle blocker Jesse Molyneux to help the Carey Panthers deal with the loss of four starters from last year.

Senior setter Morgan LaPater is the team's only returning starter off last year's team.
"They have a willingness to learn and a will to win," Goodwin said. "The only thing we suffer is inexperience."
Shoshone must replace 6-foot-3 sensation Monica Uhrig, who is playing basketball at Gonzaga.

Twine all-conference selection selection Ginger Bingham is back with fellow returning senior middle blocker Jesse Molyneux to help the Carey Panthers deal with the loss of four starters from last year.
"The team's only returning starter is junior Sarah Hubsmith."

A team-by-team look at the Southside Conference

■ Castleford Wolves
Coach: Randy Maves, third season.
Assistant coach: Oscar Flores.
Returning starters: MB Katie Atkinson, (5-11, sr.).

Key players: MB Rachel Bulkeley, (sr.); SW Cerra Gudenau, (sr.); OH Connie Boden, (sr.); OH Mady Hulse, (sr.); SDS Rebecca Dahl, (sr.); OH Adrianna Trejo, (sr.).
Season outlook: Though Wolves return only one starter, Castleford usually hustles on defense and plays disciplined. Passing will be a key to get the ball to Atkinson, Bulkeley and the outsiders.
Coach says: "We are focused and making the transition from being average to great."

■ Hagerman Pirates
Coach: J.P. Hussmann, first season.
Assistant coach: Troy Easterday.
Returning starters: OH Kelly Luttorer (sr.); OH Alicia Jester (sr.).

Key players: OH Nicole Billiard (sr.); OH Hannah Bates (sr.); S Britni Chappel (sr.); S/MB Amanda Voss (sr.); Sarah Jackson (soph.); Lacey Lemmon (fr.).
Season outlook: Pirates will be hard pressed to make state. But if tradition reigns true, hard-playing Hagerman will be a threat in the Southside. Pirates are playing under new coach J.P. Hussmann.
Coach says: "The girls have the desire to believe in themselves."

■ Hansen Huskies
Coach: Galen Stimpson, first season.
Assistant coaches: Ross Coulter, Dacia Stimpson.

Returning starters: OH Bonnie Freestones, (5-8, jr.).
Key players: OH/HS Jessica Ratto, (5-8, sr.); MB Kayla Bates, (5-8, jr.); S Krystal Kenny, (5-5, jr.); MB Misty Burns, (5-8, sr.); DS Holl Brooksreiter, (5-5, jr.); OH Gracie Anger, (5-4, sr.); S Amber Hansen, (5-2, sr.); OH Melissa Webb, (5-2, jr.).
Season outlook: The Huskies return one starter in junior Bonnie Freestones. But Hansen will need others to step up if it is to improve on a

girls, their interests are vastly different — even in athletics.
Lacey said track is her favorite sport and in fact Idaho State University has been talking to her about pole vaulting for the Pocatello school for her second-place finish at state.

However, she is unlikely to outdo the success she achieved in gymnastics as a sixth-grader when she won a gold medal at the World Junior Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia. The competition included the trampoline, floor and double

■ Murtaugh Red Devils
Coach: Marilyn Cornell, sixth season.
Assistant coach: Cheryl Andersen.
Returning starters: S Lany Andersen, (5-4, sr.); OH Lacey Perkins, (5-7, sr.); MB Tanyln Perkins, (5-9, sr.); OH Jillian Ulrich, (5-9, jr.).

Key players: MB Katelyn Perkins, (5-5, jr.); OPP Jeni Perkins, (5-4, soph.).
Season outlook: Red Devils are defending conference champions and district runners-up. Extremely close team with two sisters and two cousins playing on a varsity team of six. Team hopes to improve on 1-2 showing at state.
Coach says: "Our skills will make for some competitive volleyball."

■ Oakley Hornets

■ Magic Valley Christian Conquerors
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Assistant coach: Lisa VanEsch.
Returning starters: S Delena Willis, (sr.); MB Katie Wiersma, (sr.); OH Rachele Paulson, (jr.); S Ashley Kalbleisch, (soph.); DS Jessica Whitmore, (jr.); MB Ashley Vanderstelt, (jr.).

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■ Raft River Trojans

■ Oakley Hornets

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Perkins

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and good leapers. Karelén, a 55 junior, plays middle blocker, making up for a lack of height with her timing and leaping ability. And Jenilyn, a 5-4 sophomore opposite hitter, is in her first year on the varsity but is expected to be as good as the others.
Don't forget junior Jillian Cutler, who may be the best of the bunch. Cutler is an extraordinary multi-sport standout with a booming slam.
And senior Lany Andersen is the one who makes it all happen

as the team's setter.
"I think we can go all the way to the state championship game," Jenilyn said. "We have so much talent on this team. We just need to stay together and not do any girl fighting. I think it will be all right."
With Cutler and Andersen given honorary family status by the Perkins girls, cohesion doesn't figure to be a problem.
"They are family, too," Tanyln said. "We do everything together. The six of us are best friends."
But even among the Perkins

girls, their interests are vastly different — even in athletics.
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mini-tramp.
"I did all I could in that so I just kind of transferred sports," she said.
Katelén prefers rodeo, with Tanyln and Jenilyn naming basketball as their favorite activity.
In fact, Jenilyn nearly didn't go out for volleyball this year until Lacey talked her into it.
"I've waited all my life to play with my little sister," Lacey said. "This is just awesome. The bond and chemistry you have with your sister when you grew up best friends is so special, and

then when you bring that chemistry to the floor, it is just amazing."
But Murtaugh coach Marilyn Cornell said there is also a great deal of similarity to the girls.
"It definitely doesn't hurt chemistry. But the thing I've noticed that has helped this team the most is that they're disciplined people. They give 100 percent and really cooperate. And I think that has to come from their family background."
And Katelen agreed.
"Our parents are all really hard workers," she said. "So, I think it's probably just the way we were raised. We put everything into it."
And, of course, they are hoping to get everything out of it in the form of a state title.
"That gave me chills up and down my spine ... just thinking about it," Tanyln said.
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"This is a wonderful way to put a face on Idaho's ag industry, to illustrate Idaho's diversity, and help educate the public through fun activities."

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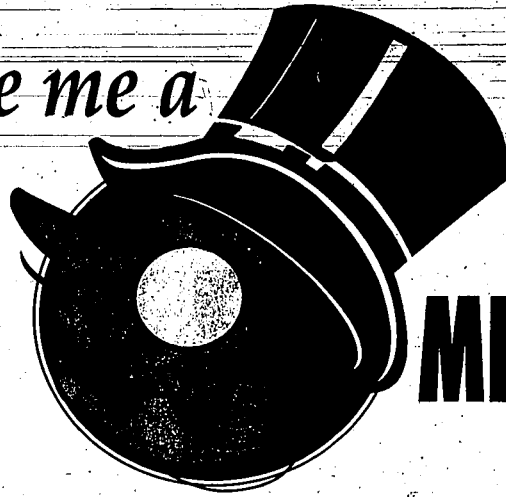
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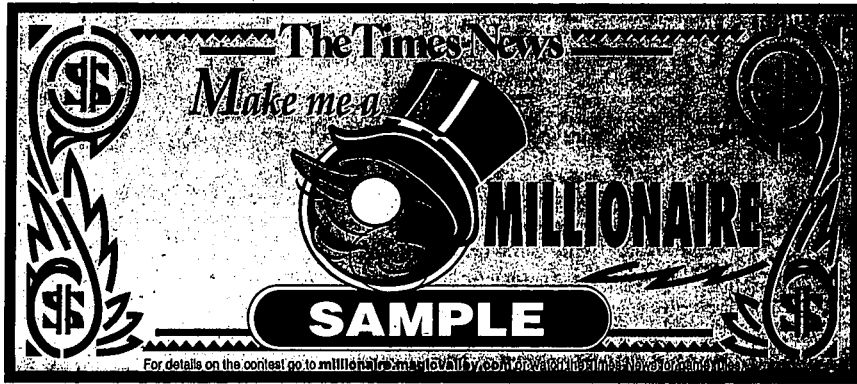


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Honoring Twin Falls history

Main Avenue building, other parts of city are being restored

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - When its facelift is completed, a storefront will appear much as it did in 1906.

With restoration now in the finishing stages, one of the first stores built in Twin Falls will once again flaunt its concrete scrollwork. The numbers inscribed on the building to indicate the year it was constructed will again be openly displayed.

Regardless of the cost, owner Robert Myrland said he'll have it no other way.

"It's a labor of love, and I want the building to reflect what was (originally) there," said Myrland, who, with his sister Linda Myrland, took over the store's ownership Jan. 1, 2000.

"We looked at it as our family's millenium gift when the owner was gracious enough to sell," said Myrland, who had leased the building at 117 Main Ave. E. in '94 to open a downtown bistro.

"The place is 'a gem in the rough,' and it's pretty special to have a building that's been here as long as the town has.

"It's tied to Twin Falls, and Idaho's early history," said Robert Myrland, "and I want to preserve the treasure."

The Myrlands did some remodeling earlier, in compliance with electrical, plumbing and fire codes, before they opened The Uptown Bistro. The restaurant venture was put on hold after Linda Myrland moved away, but Robert Myrland didn't give up on the site.

"Linda's a professional chef, and she was our 'chief cook and bottle washer,' and I didn't want to run the business without her," he said.

Now that the building with its equipment has been leased to once again house a downtown eatery - the building's exterior is being restored to look much like it did almost a century ago.

"This is the fun stuff," Myrland said.

He teaches in the College of Southern Idaho's hospitality program, which trains people who want to manage and own hotels and restaurants.

The historic establishment was leased to Travis Volk and Robert Miller, a former student of the CSI program.

So, in a place that has also served as a pharmacy and library, there will soon be cakes on the griddle.

The South Pacific Grill is scheduled to open there Sept. 10.

"But there's still a lot to do before that happens," said Myrland, whose restoration endeavors have already cost him well over \$20,000.

Volk and Miller have spent more than \$5,000 in preparation for their restaurant's grand opening.

"For me, it's really a dream come true," said Miller, who dreamed of owning his own restaurant for as long as he can remember.

"It'll be doing the cooking, and many of the dishes we'll be serv-



Artist Krista Springer, 15, and her friend Alexia Bowman, 12, from right, paint the former Uptown Bistro building in colors from the early 1900s. The historic building, with its new look, will soon be home to a new restaurant.

Magic Valley Bank eyes building at Main and Shoshone

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Downtown's central crossroad could again become a three-bank intersection.

Twin Falls-based Magic Valley Bank is in negotiations with an investment group to occupy the former Wells Fargo bank branch at Main Avenue and Shoshone Street, said Phillip D. Bratton, president of Magic Valley Bank.

Bratton declined to elaborate last week, saying he expects to be able to do so in a couple of weeks.

Magic Valley Bank is interested in being the primary tenant

on the building's main floor, said Richard Crowley, executive director of Historic Old Towne's business improvement district.

Crowley, too, declined to name the investment group that's eyeing the building, a prime piece of downtown real estate.

Wells Fargo & Co.'s 19,856-square-foot, two-story building at the west corner of Main and Shoshone, constructed in 1969, has been for sale for the past year, said Amy McDevitt, Idaho spokeswoman for Wells Fargo.

Two law firms lease space on the second floor, she said. But most of the building has been empty since Wells Fargo com-

bined its downtown branch with the former First Security Bank branch across Shoshone Street.

McDevitt last week said the partially empty building is under contract to be purchased by a buyer whose identity Wells Fargo has agreed not to disclose. Wells Fargo couldn't specify when the deal will close.

"Because there's just always too many variables in that," McDevitt said.

After Wells Fargo in April 2000 announced plans to buy First Security, downtown folks wondered for months about the fate of the companies' two bank branches on adjacent corners of historic Twin Falls' central intersection.

The merger partners in December 2000 gave the answer: They planned to consolidate their respective branches at Main and Shoshone, keeping the 90-year-old First Security building to do the jobs of both.

The lately First Security branch on the south corner took on the bank accounts and many of the employees of its smaller Wells Fargo neighbor.

Another neighbor at the intersection is KeyBank, on the east corner.

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ing are my own recipes," said Miller, who gained his culinary skills while living in the Philippines.

With an Hawaiian atmosphere, and a menu that depicts the Philippine islands, the restaurant will feature cuisine that blends Spanish, Chinese, Malaysian and American influences.

Downtown is seeing other upgrades, as well.

While restoration has a way of getting spendy, costs for cleanup projects around old buildings can also add up "in a hurry," said Derek Molesworth, co-owner of D

M Enterprises, a newcomer to downtown.

Molesworth said costs to clean up a lot adjacent to his automobile leasing firm at 601 Main Ave. E. were in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

As part of the company's beautification project, the work included chain-link fencing and the addition of planters, flowers and a park bench, Molesworth said.

Another timely improvement is a sidewalk clock at 204 Main Ave. N, near J. Sani furniture. The four-sided timepiece will

be dedicated to the city by the Ron Thompson family.

Made of cast aluminum, the two-ton clock will stand 20 feet high after a 3-foot crown is placed on top. A replica of the early-1900s Seth Thomas line, the clock is on hold for some electrical work, said Thompson, who owns the J. Sani store.

Dedication will take place outdoors during the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours gathering Sept. 26.

Changes are also taking place in Old Towne.

Although costs have been tipping the scales, the Lamphouse Theatre at 223 Fifth Ave. S. is expanding, and people hungry for entertainment will have another choice to consider after the new cinema is completed, perhaps within a month.

Located in the same building, the Lamphouse's new screen will provide an additional 84 seats for moviegoers, owner Dave Woodhead said.

The Lamphouse presently seats 70 people at one screen.

In addition to more seating, the

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Mattress maker thrives in Old Towne, nears record sales

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A mattress manufacturer in Old Towne boasts investments in additional equipment, a larger staff and new products.

And it's on the way to a record sales year at its downtown Twin Falls store.

Everton Mattress Factory Direct's from-the-factory sales for the first seven months of 2002 were up 17 percent from the comparable portion of last year, said Chris Sanders, director of retail operations.

More impressively, sales were up 30 percent from the first seven months of 2001 in Everton Mattress' downtown retail store -

where 2001 sales set a record. For the retail rise, Sanders credits a slightly larger sales staff and expanded store hours.

The downtown store now stays open later in the evening and operates on Sunday, "to accommodate the consumer," he said.

That's a weighty consideration. Downtown leaders and observers for years have advised the district's merchants to do business when office-hours workers can shop - and to do it consistently so downtown evenings become part of shoppers' habits.

Sanders wants Everton Mattress' successes to convey the message that businesses can make a downtown location work splendidly.

The space-crunched manufac-

turer in July 2001 struck a deal with the city's Urban Renewal Agency to lease agency-owned property near its plant. The lease included both several adjoining former Coca-Cola buildings and a vacant property next door.

Everton Mattress recently spent \$25,000 to buy futon mattress-making equipment from a plant that closed in Utah, Sanders said. Production of futon mattresses - a new product for Everton Mattress - should kick in by the end of September and should add one or two jobs in the factory in the fourth quarter of 2002.

"This will enable our production facility to supply the growing demand found within in our

own factory stores and wholesale accounts found within the Intermountain area," he said.

The business also is in final stages of developing the HealthRest Sensors Thermal Sensitive Foam Sleep Set. That's a long name for a no-springs mattress made of a foam that reacts to a body's heat.

"The pressure relief is a lot different than you would experience with a spring mattress," Sanders said. He expects the product to be in Everton Mattress' stores by mid-September.

Everton Mattress will introduce the futon mattresses and the long-name foam ones to both its wholesale and retail markets.

"Overall we are experiencing a

record year in manufacturing and sales growth found within our own factory stores located in southern Idaho and Oregon," the Twin Falls business said in a statement last week.

This year, Sanders said, Everton Mattress added a sales position downtown and two new warehouse-and-delivery jobs.

Current employment is 39 at the Twin Falls factory and store. The company's work force of 56 includes those workers, as well as the staffs of five stores in other cities, said Derrick Hanson, Twin Falls store manager.

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Personality type shouldn't govern your career path

Newsday

About four years ago, Kerry Strull was facing a career crossroads: stay in an industry populated by extroverts, or to jump to a more reflective ship where introverts like her were in the majority.

Career counselors had told her to get out of the highly extroverted public relations field "so you can be happy and do what you are." Among the less frenetic areas she pointed to art, scientific research, data analysis.

Such a move is definitely the right road for many introverts struggling to fit into an extroverted workplace. But not for Strull, who lives in Seattle and says she's drawn to those who are more outgoing and wanted "more of what they had ... I wanted to buck my own system." Indeed, with a career in the field, she's able to "tame my introverted ways and gain quiet power and respect. Sure it was painful, but here's what I learned: that I may be an extrovert, but I could be an extrovert when I needed to.

So, just what is an introvert anyway? It's someone who is energized by thought and reflection, while extroverts are energized by socializing. Extroverts naturally tend to think before they speak. Extroverts use the speaking process to figure out what it is they want to say. And, needless to say, there are pluses and minuses to both personality types.

Still, in a country where as many as two-thirds of the population may be extroverted, those who are the opposite can be misunderstood. They can be seen as antisocial, secretive, even territorial, as introverts can sometimes be protective of their space and quiet, says Shoya Zichy, an extroverted introvert and specialist in the Myers Briggs Type Indicator, an assessment that helps identify personality types.

But many introverts are humorous and charismatic - just in a quieter way, she says. And of course, you can't beat 'em for their listening skills. One famous introvert she's interviewed for a book: Diane Sawyer.

Such a place can actually benefit from having both types, says Deborah Barrett, program director of the Rice University MBA Communications program, where students are assigned to teams that include both Myers Briggs types, the idea being to create a better balance. An introvert herself, she says she has the best of both worlds - working in an environment of professors who tend toward introversion, yet getting to teach, which calls on her more "out there" skills.

She's been able to design a work life that keeps her in the quiet environment she loves and allows her to be herself.

She opted to work for Parker LePla, a small brand development and PR firm in Seattle, which is heavy on research, writing strategy and light on event management and publicity stunts. Here's her advice for those looking to take her path: Make good use of e-mail. If you want to make a point at a loud meeting, send a follow-up e-mail sharing your thoughts, but don't fall into the trap of using it as a crutch.

Times-News correspondent Lisa Stewart can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3990.

Business lets parents see their unborn child

TWIN FALLS - Andrea Jones, director, announced the opening of Fetal Fotos in Twin Falls.

Expectant parents and their families may witness the birth of their unborn babies with high professional ultrasound videos and still photos.

Fetal Fotos was founded eight years ago by a board-certified obstetrician who has practiced for 15 years in Salt Lake City. Many of his patients wanted more contact with their unborn babies, a press release said. Fetal Fotos offers an opportunity for families to witness the growth of their unborn babies as well as record memories.

"Fetal Fotos operates within FDA guidelines and is staffed with highly trained ultrasound technicians," Jones said. Expectant parents can verify heartbeat, position, number and, most often, the sex of the babies.

Fetal Fotos is at 1525 Addison Ave. E., Suite D7. For information, call Jones at 733-3575.

Local writer features soda fountain in magazine

TWIN FALLS - A story about vintage soda fountains in the August edition of Sunset magazine included a brief piece by Twin Falls writer Julie Fensholt highlighting Crowley's Soda Fountain & General Store.

The business has been in downtown Twin Falls since 1918 and owned by the same family since 1942. It has 32 kinds of soda syrup, including wild huckleberry pie, toasted marshmal-

lows and chocolate, of course. The store is at 414 Main Ave. S. It is open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; the phone number is 733-1041.

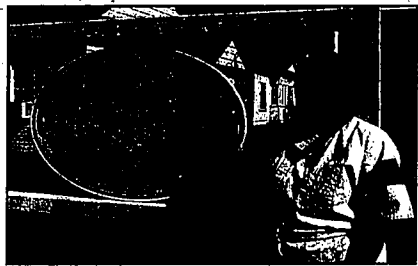
Cafe and bakery opens in Burley

BURLEY - The Wild Flour Cafe & Bakery opened for business Aug. 12 at 1834 Overland Ave. in Burley.

Business hours are 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Call 878-4894.

The owner is Yvonne Desind. Employees include Alecia Kettering, Kristina Sibbett and Matthew Desind.

Yvonne Desind said she has been a restaurant owner since 1976, owning such businesses as The Upper Crust and The Upper Crust Cafe in Boise and The Timbers in Emmett. She also ran Cookie Land Cookie Cuts in Boise as a sideline business for The Upper Crust.



Yvonne Desind's Wild Flour Cafe & Bakery boasts an all-homemade menu, including its breads, soups and desserts.

Her business experience in Magic Valley includes a singing telegram service in Rupert in 1980 and a karaoke business, which she still offers. She is a singer and performs locally at events including fairs.

The burley cafe serves lunch and dinner with a menu including a variety of espresso drinks; salads; sandwiches; soups and wraps for lunch and fish, chicken, steak, meat loaf and lasagna for dinner. The business also offers custom birthday, anniversary and event cakes and catering for events including business meetings and weddings.

A grand opening is planned for fall.

T.F. firm will distribute stains, sealers, coatings

TWIN FALLS - Chem-Coat Industries Inc. awarded its master distributorship to Columbia Paint & Coatings to represent CCT's full line of coatings, sealers and industrial topcoats and

reactive concrete stains

Columbia Paint & Coatings, at 1936 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, aims to take advantage of growing interest in the decorative and patterned concrete market. A line of water-borne and solvent-based stains.

CCT is based in Garland, Texas, and manufactures coatings, sealers, epoxies, polyurethane, floor-care products and reactive concrete stains. The products have been designed for the industrial, commercial and residential markets.

Zions Bank Web site earns high ranking

TWIN FALLS - According to a recent Web site study by Speer & Associates Inc., a financial services consulting firm, the Zions Bank Web site (www.zionsbank.com) ranks as the top bank Web site among regional banks with assets of \$1 billion to \$25 billion, Zions said.

The S&A Internet Site Assessment Study is conducted twice a year, tracking the business development and transactional capabilities of retail Internet offerings deployed by financial institutions. Speer &

Associates' recent study ranks 148 financial services companies - 80 from North America and 68 from Latin America. In the overall ranking of Western Hemisphere banks, Zions ranked ninth.

The Speer & Associates report said, "Zions Bank has set the standard for the segment as the only small regional institution ranking in the top 10. Zions Bank scored above a level 4.0 (on a five-point scale) in both transactional capability and business development practices, propelling it to first place in the segment and ninth place overall."

D.L. Evans bank gets honor from publication

BOISE - Mini-Cassia-based D.L. Evans Bank said it was named "Best Bank in Boise" by the Boise Weekly publication.

D.L. Evans Bank has three full-service branches in Boise and a mortgage lending office. The bank opened its first Boise office in spring 2000 and added two branches there in early 2002. D.L. Evans Bank's first branch opened in Albion in 1904. The bank now has 12 locations throughout the Magic and Treasure valleys.

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TWIN FALLS - College of Southern Idaho information technology program coordinator Todd Schwarz was chosen recently to be one of six Idaho educators to attend the Idaho Professional Leadership Institute.

Schwarz has taught drafting or information technology courses at CST since 1988. Most recently, he was instrumental in developing the 40-hour PC Prep course to help prepare the initial work force for Dell Computer Corp.'s Twin Falls technical support center. Schwarz expects to receive his master's degree in educational technology from Boise State University this fall. The Leadership Institute is a 27-month program that prepares professional-technical instructors to assume future administrative positions in education.

TWIN FALLS - Professional Truck Driving School announced the graduation of Matthew Maxwell on Aug. 21.

Maxwell earned a Class A commercial driver's license with tanker, hazardous-materials, and blebs/licenses endorsements. He is employed with Randy Rowe in Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS - Howard Chen joined KMYT-TV as the weekend sports anchor.

Chen graduated in 2002 from Syracuse University in New York with a degree in broadcast journalism. He spent two years covering Syracuse University basketball and basketball at the radio before coming to Twin Falls.

Born in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, he is now from Houston. He represented Syracuse University at the ACUI Collegiate Nationals for table tennis and was one of the top 50 players in his age group nationwide.

TWIN FALLS - Staff Sgt. William Murray of Port Angeles, Wash., was recently assigned to the U.S. Air Force Twin Falls Recruiting Office.

Murray is a graduate of the Air Force Recruiting School near San Antonio, where he was trained in recruitment for the Airman Classification System, testing and enlistment procedures and public speaking. He was selected for the special course and recruiting duty because of his Air Force record.

Before Murray's assignment in Twin Falls, he was assigned to the 366th Security Forces Squadron at Mountain Home Air Base as a unit training manager. Other assignments since he enlisted in the Air Force in April 1993 include Misawa Air Base in Japan and Thule Air Base in Greenland.

Murray and his wife, Tara Clark from North Bend, Wash., have a daughter and live in Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS - The Snake River Detention Center announced the graduation of officer Domonic Pham from Juvenile Detention Academy No. 6 on Aug. 23 from the Idaho Peace Officer's Standards and Training Academy in Meridian.

He was at the top of his class and earned academic honors. The two-week course consisted of juvenile detention subjects such as Idaho criminal law, report writing, self-defense techniques, ethics, adolescent development, security management, history of the juvenile court, detention and verbal de-escalation techniques and verbal judo. To graduate, Pham passed exams and demonstration exercises.

Training at the POST Academy helps juvenile detention centers reduce liability and risk when dealing with incarcerated juveniles. With further training at the local detention center, graduates may earn the Idaho basic juvenile detention center certification.

TWIN FALLS - Brandon Bolyard completed the second annual American Society of

CAREER MOVES

Newspaper Editors High School Journalism Institute held July 19 at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.

The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation provided ASNE with a \$4.8 million grant to pursue high school journalism initiatives, including the summer institute. The institute's goals were to better inform teachers about the operations, practices, news values and ethical decision-making in journalism; develop the writing, editing, graphic, photography, Web and business skills that teachers need to better advise students and start or improve independent school newspapers; shift the focus of high school newspapers to fair and balanced news reporting and writing rather than essay writing and public relations; and instill greater appreciation for the First Amendment.

Bolyard is the journalism teacher at Twin Falls High School.

TWIN FALLS - Gianbia Foods Inc. added four new employees to its Magic Valley work force.

Ty Konkrigt was hired in January as a production supervisor. Stationed at the Twin Falls plant, he facilitates daily operation of the cheese plant's equipment. He also is charged with ensuring the plant continues to meet quality, safety and production standards.

Konkrigt recently graduated from the University of Idaho, where he earned a bachelor's degree in production/operations management. While in school, he worked summers as a manufacturing associate intern at Micron Technology Inc. He lives in Twin Falls.

Tyler Singleton joined Gianbia in May as a production management trainee. He will spend 12 months learning every facet of Gianbia's pro-

duction operations. His training period will be divided between Gianbia's four production plants, where he will learn how to handle production tasks and familiarize himself with plant equipment as well as Gianbia's quality, safety and production standards.

Before moving to Idaho, Singleton was employed as a quality assurance manager at Casper's Ice Cream near Logan, Utah.

While at Casper's, he developed and implemented food allergy and product recall plans and developed an access database for record keeping.

Singleton recently earned a master's degree in food science from Utah State University and expects to earn a master's degree in food production emphasizing entrepreneurship this year. He and his wife, Jenni, and their son live in Twin Falls.

George Chappell began work at Gianbia's Gooding cheese plant in April as a production supervisor. He oversees day-to-day production and cleaning of the Gooding cheese plant, of the milk intake to the packaging of cheese in barrels. The Gooding facility handles more than 1 million pounds of milk each day.

Chappell helped build up his family's cheese operation, Chappell Cheese Co., in Appleton, Wis. While at Appleton Cheese, he worked as a floor supervisor and was responsible for daily plant operations and a crew of 10. After he was promoted to general manager, Chappell increased production by 45 percent, reduced employee turnover by 200 percent and helped improve production methods by reducing rework product by \$300,000 annually.

Chappell earned a bachelor's degree in business management at Southern Utah University. He lives in Twin Falls with his wife, Holly, and their son. Starla Paulsen joined Gianbia's Richfield plant in January as a research scientist. She is assisting Gianbia's research and development team in developing avenues in which to use whey protein and milk calcium products. The new pro-

ducts include high-end nutritional foods such as sports nutrition and weight-loss products.

Paulsen was a food scientist/product developer for Altus Food Co. in Barrington, Ill.

Altus Food, she dealt with development and commercialization of new product initiatives for fortified snack bars, cereals, fruit snacks and beverages. She also designed fortification systems for healthy product lines. She also worked as an assistant research scientist in cultured products productivity for Kraft Foods in Glenview, Ill.

Paulsen received a master's degree in food science and human nutrition from the University of Wyoming in Laramie. She and her husband, Steven, live in Twin Falls.

BOISE - Mini-Cassia-based D.L. Evans Bank appointed Reed Coleman as branch manager.

Coleman construction loan officer at the bank's Boise Mortgage Lending Services office, at 7207 W. Franklin Road.

Coleman, an Idaho native, has more than 30 years of experience in the real estate industry in Idaho. Coleman has served in positions as banker, builder and developer, including 18 years specializing in construction and development financing at other banks.

D.L. Evans Bank also appointed Duane Alexander commercial loan officer for the West-Steate Branch at 3845 West State St. in Boise.

Alexander has lived in southern Idaho for the past 30 years and has more than 20 years of banking experience.

11 days of remembrance

The Times-News takes a look back at the horrible event that shook the nation and how ordinary Americans turned tragedy to heroism

Today in Section E

Bureau of Reclamation learns from Klamath Basin controversy

BOISE - There hasn't been a day since John W. Keys III assumed the office of Commissioner for the Bureau of Reclamation that one particular water shortage hasn't come up.

"There has not been a day gone by since I was put in office 13-and-a-half-months ago that I haven't had to deal with Klamath Basin," Keys said. "Every cussed day."

Klamath Basin dominated the headlines in 2001 when a combination of drought conditions and concerns for endangered fish cut the flow to irrigation canals on the federal irrigation project in southern Oregon. More than 240,000 acres of farm and ranch land normally receive irrigation water from the project. Deliveries were cut by 90 percent in 2001 to provide water for the endangered sucker fish and the threatened coho salmon.



Bruce Knight, center, head of the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, and John W. Keys III, right, head of the USDI-Bureau of Reclamation, were in Boise this week to talk about how cooperative efforts are helping find solutions to water shortages such as the Klamath Basin experience. Bill McDonald, also with the Bureau of Reclamation, moderated the conference.

Keys said Klamath Basin got worse this year and he expects the project will receive water again next year. The return of water is thanks to the efforts of many people who worked mightily and a partnership started four years between the Bureau of Reclamation and three groups that have traditionally worked with irrigators on private land.

"Bridging-the-Headgate" is a partnership that serves farmers from the canals from the canal to the land, Keys explained. It unites the water-delivery systems provided by the Bureau with the conservation programs offered by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, the National Association of Conservation Districts and the National Association of State Conservation Agencies.

Farmbeat

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

animal feeding operation, ICA has a direct interest," McKnight said.

Soda ban by schools worries sugar industry

PAUL - A number of sweetener industry officials are taking issue with the effort of Los Angeles schools to combat childhood obesity by banning carbonated soft drinks on campus.

The ban won't, however, affect the price of sugar nor will it affect Amalgamated Sugar Co. because sweetener in soft drinks is mostly high fructose corn syrup.

But sugar officials are saying the price of sugar is not the issue. Jack Roney, director of economics and policy analysis for American Sugar Alliance, said sugar has been made an easy scapegoat for childhood obesity. Misconceptions about sugar - causing obesity and are not a waste management. It also incorporates methods known as Best Management Practices to manage non-point source pollution and reduce overall water quality requirements.

Dry bean prices decline after a year of increase

TWIN FALLS - After enjoying

more than a year of steadily increasing prices, dry edible beans seem to have reached the top and are on the downhill side of the mountain.

Nationwide, the Economic Research Service for the U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that during the first 11 months of the 2001/02 marketing year, prices to growers for dry beans were an average of 52 percent higher than the previous year. Unfortunately, many bean classes have experienced weakening prices in anticipation of increased supplies at the end of this growing season.

Bean prices are, however, still above the lows experienced two years ago. Current prices are still 83 percent above 2000 and 22 percent a year ago.

International trade teams shop Idaho barley

TWIN FALLS - Idaho barley has drawn the attention of buyers from as close as Latin America to as far away as China.

The Idaho Barley Commission hosted a 15-member marketing barley trade team from six Latin American countries August 17-20. Earlier in the month, the IBC also hosted a six-member marketing barley trade team from China.

Getting to know the people behind the production is one goal of the merchandisers and grain buyers from the foreign countries who visit Idaho on these trade teams. Another goal is to evaluate the quality and size of the Idaho barley crop first hand.

Mixed-economy weighs on markets

By Hope Yen
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK - If Wall Street hoped for solid evidence this past week of an unrelenting economic recovery, it was disappointed. Durable good orders gained, but consumer confidence tumbled. The gross domestic product grew, but so did jobless claims.

Responding to such mixed indicators, the market fluctuated before ultimately breaking a five-week winning streak. Analysts say the volatility might offer a shaky prognosis for September and beyond, as the economy continues to send confusing signals about its turnaround.

"Investors are disappointed there is no clear indication of growth," said Tracy Herrick, chief investment strategist at Jefferies & Co. "But it takes time. I think that we will have to wait until at least October."

For certain, other factors contributed to the week's selling. Investors were looking to cash in profits after five straight weeks of gains. Light pre-holiday trading in advance of Labor Day contributed to price swings.

But analysts say the week's economic reports failed to reassure investors about the strength of the recovery. And that helped give trading a more negative tone than Wall Street saw in the first part of August.

On Tuesday, a Commerce Department report showed an 8.7 percent surge in durable good orders in July. But a sharp drop in consumer confidence in August overshadowed the news, pushing blue chips down 130 points.

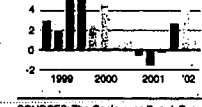
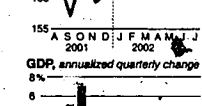
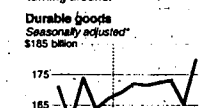
On Thursday, investors were discouraged by an unexpected rise in jobless claims, but also relieved that a figure showing slow growth in the gross domestic product wasn't revised downward. After a bumpy day, the Dow Jones industrials ended down 23 points.

Friday brought another mixed batch of numbers, including an upbeat report on manufacturing in the Midwest but also news of stagnant personal incomes. Stocks fell, with the Dow and the Standard & Poor's 500 broke five straight weeks of gains. The Nasdaq composite index ended a three-week advance.

The Dow and Nasdaq also posted their fifth straight monthly decline, unenviable distinctions

Market yo-yo

Wall Street had a bumpy ride this week following mixed economic news - durable goods orders gained, but consumer confidence tumbled. Analysts say market volatility may continue without a clear signal that the economy is turning around.



Dow Jones Industrial average



SOURCES: The Conference Board; Department of Commerce; Associated Press AP

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- Sherry Cooper, economic strategist

"There's still a good deal of volatility in the economy," said Sherry Cooper, global economic strategist for Harris Bank of Chicago. "One thing that's unsettling is the apparent deterioration in the labor market. The fear is that layoff announcements will continue."

Analysts also question whether the market will have some reaction to the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. Tensions with Iraq might also make for an uncertain month.

Moreover, analysts are concerned about companies' third-quarter earnings warnings. Reduced outlooks and downgrades of stocks pressured the market this past week, particularly in the tech sector.

"The direction of the markets will be really indicated when we get more economic data and company reports as we go into the earnings season," said Ted Mortenson, head of sales and trading at RBC Capital Markets. "We need more data points to pick a bottom to solidify the investment, and we just don't have it."

Boomer marketing tests new ground in Japan

TOKYO (AP) - Gray haired or balding, the men show signs of age. But there's no doubt they're young at heart: They're exchanging e-mails on cell phones about their rock band's upcoming concert.

The image is from TV advertising for the "raku-raku" or "relax" phone, which features larger easier-to-read letters for e-mail and a simplified system of three buttons for automatic dialing.

The phone is a rare baby boom in Japan, a nation dominated by teenyboppers setting trends as quickly as they forget them.

That doesn't make much sense statistically.

The equivalent of America's boomers - those turning 38 to 56 this year - make up about 30 million Japanese, or about a quarter of the population. Unlike their U.S. counterparts, boomer Japanese have far more spending power than the teenagers and 20-somethings that much of this country's advertising tries to woo with pop idols and faithful gimmicks.

Marketing experts here are finally starting to take a serious look at the massive potential of the boomer business and face up to the reality that Japan is growing older, largely because it has one of the lowest birth rates in

the world.

"Boomer marketing is about to show great potential in Japan," said Elichi Someya, chief planning director at Tokyo marketing company Asatsu-DK.

Someya and other Japanese marketing professionals warn that the older crowd is hard to quote and harder to please - one of the reasons why boomer marketing has had such a difficult time getting off the ground.

"Rather than mass marketing for youngsters that relies on quick fads, we need to do one-to-one marketing for products and services for mature adults that speaks more intimately to individual tastes," Someya said.

Ichiro Kudome, president of Tokyo marketing research company ThirdAgeStyle Corp.,

believes the past attempts were all wrong - catering to stereotypes about boomers as an out-of-control bunch. Boomers, he said, are actually energetic, curious, even youthful.

"They are physically very active, romantically involved and eager to take part in the community," he said.

"They are also dissatisfied that companies are designing products with only young people in mind. They want to be treated as equals."

Kudome's company offers lessons in motorboat driving, gourmet cooking and vanity publishing, as well as a wine-tasting tour of France and a driving tour in the American Rockies in an effort to test the nascent boomer market.

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Touch America tiptoes through landscape littered with failures

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — It seemed at the time like a bold but sound business move: Montana Power Co. gave up its position as the state's venerable energy giant to join what so many thought was the unstoppable telecommunications market.

But today, a share of stock in Touch America, Montana Power's new incarnation, will barely buy a can of soda pop. Investors are angry, former managers have become critical, and many fear the crumbling telecom industry is about to take Touch America down with it.

"The largest corporation ever known in the state of Montana is almost gone, and it's really a shame," said Carl Anderson, a retired Montana Power manager and investor.

And it has all happened in what seems like the blink of an eye.

In March 2000, the 90-year-old Montana Power announced it was giving up its electricity monopoly in the state to focus efforts instead on its then-fledgling Touch America telecommunications offshoot. MPC stock was trading for about \$65 a share at the time.

Unfortunately, the conversion from a solid, if unspectacular, old-economy energy company came flat as the telecom industry fell. Now the industry is littered with bankruptcies, from giant MCI Worldcom to upstart Global Crossing. And Touch America, whose stock has been worth less than \$1 a share since July 31, is just one of many trying to hold on.

Touch America officials, citing pending lawsuits by shareholders, declined repeated requests by The Associated Press for interviews. Analysts, however, say Touch America has one thing going for it that so many other telecom companies don't — the company is debt-free.

"That's a real rarity in this industry and something that's real valuable," said Rod Woodward, an analyst at Frost & Sullivan of San Antonio.

When Montana Power sold off its electricity and gas utilities, it used much of the billion-dollar cash it got to lay the 24,000 miles of Touch America fiber-optic lines.

The company still has about \$100 million left from the sale, but can do little more than try to hold on and hope that they can until demand for high-speed data lines springs back, Woodward said.

"I don't think anything right now, when it comes to wholesale providers, is surprising," he added. "Everyone's really fighting right now. It's a tough environment to be in."

Touch America has told investors it needs to add a lot of customers and cut down on huge expenses related to building the sprawling fiber-optic network if it hopes to turn a profit before running out of money.

But in its most recent state-



Touch America CEO Bob Gannon talks in his office in Butte, Mont., Sept. 5, 2001. It seemed like a bold but sound business move at the time. Montana Power Co. gave up its position as the state's venerable energy giant to join what so many thought was the unstoppable telecommunications industry. But today, a share of stock in Touch America, Montana Power's new name, is barely worth a can of soda pop.

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ment to shareholders, the firm said it expects less money from voice customers during the remainder of the year and only a little bit more from data lines. And it's not making any promises on profitability.

Telecom firms raced to build sprawling high-speed networks, many taking on billions in debt to finish the job. Now, there's simply too many miles of lines and too few customers to go around, Woodward said.

Anderson, who still lives in Butte and has retained stock in the company, said much of what happened to Touch America couldn't be controlled.

"Their timing was just against them, and you can't blame management for those kinds of those things," he said.

Anderson even shrugs off the heavy losses, calling it a losing bet in a horse race.

What bothers him and many investors, though, are recent hefty bonuses paid to senior management.

Anderson is among a group of shareholders suing chief executive Bob Gannon and other senior executives, hoping to force them to return about \$5.4 million in bonuses they received this summer.

"It's the crooked jockey that I'm worried about," Anderson said. "When they turn around and claim they've done something that deserves \$5 million, it's

unconscionable." Other lawsuits claim Touch America management purposely deceived investors, or hid complicated disagreements with Qwest from shareholders as it sought their approval to get out of the power business.

It is those lawsuits that apparently have turned managers, including Gannon, increasingly tight-lipped.

"Because of the shareholder lawsuits we're facing, he's been advised by counsel not to talk about any of the substantial issues you'd want to talk about," said Touch America spokesman Curt Freeman.

In earlier interviews, however, Gannon noted that the financial difficulties Touch America is having are shared throughout the industry.

Shareholder Ron Hirst, a management consultant in California, said Montana Power's decision to convert to a telecom firm was a move that made sense at the time. But he noted that signs of trouble were brewing in the telecom industry even as the company began finalizing the sale of its energy utilities.

"Perhaps (Montana Power) should have reversed that decision just before making it final in 2001 since the telecom nuclear winter had already begun," said Hirst, who's not part of any of the shareholder lawsuits. "What I'm mainly concerned about are leadership missteps at (Touch America) and very questionable executive decisions made in the last two years."

With thousands of miles of line

expected to come on the market at bargain prices from bankrupt firms, existing systems like the one Touch America is just finishing have little value, industry analysts say.

There's also the potential that companies such as MCI Worldcom could emerge from bankruptcy with an intact network and no debt, giving it the ability to sell cheap broadband space.

"The tough times in the industry are going to last through 2003," Woodward said. "I think you're going to see more telecom problems over the next four to five months. And it's tough to say what will happen with a company like Touch America. They're not big enough to buy anyone, but then no one in the industry is really in a position to buy them."

As the company Anderson helped run now teeters on the brink of failure, Anderson can't help but get angry about executives taking more than \$5 million in bonuses from a firm valued by the stock market at \$55 million in early August.

He remembers the days when Montana Power Co. was a household name in the state for sponsoring basketball games and summer concerts. Now, its successor is a household name for all the wrong reasons.

"America corporations are getting a terrible black eye over this kind of a few people," Anderson said. "I worked for them all my life, they're supposed to have some social responsibility and most of them do. It's sad to see a bad apple so close to home."

Scam uses phony IRS forms to steal identity

By Eileen Alt Powell
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — It seems that almost every month there's a report of yet another identity theft scam. The latest is particularly worrisome because it plays off of Internal Revenue Service forms, something the IRS says hasn't happened before.

The scam involves a cover letter from a "bank" and a doctored IRS form. One of the phony forms is numbered W-9095 and titled "Application Form for Certificate Status/Ownership for Withholding Tax." It mimics the genuine IRS Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification. In addition to seeking the consumer's name, address and Social Security number, the sham form asks for very detailed financial information, including bank account numbers, passwords and personal identification numbers (PINs) and personal details such as a mother's maiden name.

The letter says the form must be faxed to a certain number within seven days, or the "bank" will begin holding 31 percent of the account's interest for taxes.

A related scam that targets foreigners with accounts in the United States features a doctored version of IRS Form W-8BEN, Certificate of Foreign Status, Beneficial Owner or United States Tax Withholding.

A totally fictitious IRS form, W-8888, also is in circulation, the IRS said.

The IRS says it has no figures on how many people have been caught up in the latest scam, but the agency has received complaints from around the country. Foreigners have been victims, too, the IRS says.

The California Society of Enrolled Agents, a professional association of tax experts licensed by the Treasury, and other groups have begun to warn the public about the scams. "Criminals have become more brazen because they've learned

that they can profit from identity theft," said Bill Geideman, an enrolled agent in San Diego, Calif. "And they're much harder to trace than thieves who walk into a 7-Eleven with a handgun."

Identity theft is a growing problem in America, with upward of 700,000 people victimized each year, the government estimates.

With the right stolen information — Social Security numbers, bank account numbers and PINs — the thieves can devastate victims financially. They can empty savings accounts, open new credit card accounts and run up massive bills, even buy houses and cars under their assumed identities. Victims can spend years unraveling the mess and correcting the damage to their credit reports.

IRS spokeswoman Peggy Riley said people should be wary of anyone soliciting personal information from them.

"The IRS would not normally send out these forms, and the IRS would not ask for sensitive financial data," she said.

She said that anyone receiving such solicitations should not respond to them. Instead, she said, contact the IRS at (800) 829-1040.

People who fear they may have been duped by such forms also should contact the IRS, Riley said. In addition, because they are potential identity theft targets, the thieves can devastate victims financially. They can empty savings accounts, open new credit card accounts and run up massive bills, even buy houses and cars under their assumed identities. Victims can spend years unraveling the mess and correcting the damage to their credit reports.

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Beyond that, the IRS would never ask you to give up your bank passwords, or insist that you fax things in," Geideman said. "If someone sees that, it should be a red flag."

Small investors struggle with Wall Street's lingo

By Rachel Beck
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Sometimes it feels like you need a translator to decipher what happens on the stock market.

Who can make sense of anything when stock ratings sound more like listings in a Weight Watchers brochure than reasons to buy or sell, or when the term growth stock is tossed around to describe almost anything with potential to expand?

And how about the times when logic the market sometimes embraces? Go figure why some days good news propels up the market, while other days it spurs a selloff. The same is true for bad news, and even new news.

Nothing is simple and straightforward on Wall Street, and that's sure to make it all the more difficult for individual investors to decide whether to put their money to work when they wish you had a playbook so you would know how to play the game," said David Caruso, co-author of the recently released book "Decoding Wall Street."

Institutional investors understand street speak, but the language lessons haven't trickled down to the masses. That's what hurt small investors when the market's boom turned to bust over the last two years. They didn't know all the insider lingo, so they couldn't tell when to do an when, and listening to stock analysts and market pundits make things seem all the more confusing.

Sometimes following Wall Street is like being stuck in George Orwell's "1984," where love means hate and peace means war.

Take for instance the new three-star stock ratings that many of the big investment firms have put in place in the last few months.

In the past, many firms had one star ratings that generally included strong buy, hold, reduce and sell. They rarely gave ratings below a hold, but they said to hold; they really meant to sell. In turn, they meant to hold and strong buy meant to

buy. So the new ratings are supposed to make everything much clearer, right? Not really.

For example, if a rating uses the same terminology, while many have shifted to just using buy, hold and sell, firms like Morgan Stanley and Lehman Brothers use over-weight, under-weight, and equal weight, which sound more like descriptions of body size than stock advice.

And many firms still seem to be shying away from issuing sell ratings. In fact, only 2.6 percent of all ratings in July were sell, according to Thomson First Call.

Confused yet? Well, that's not the only thing that will sure make you head spin.

How about term "growth stock"? It's loaded with different meanings. Some say it's tied to companies with fast-expanding business, while others define it as companies with high potential profitability. To still others, it's something that doesn't pay dividends.

Some holds true for a "value stock." It often describes a stock that an investor thinks is worth more than its price. But determining if it's valuable hinges entirely on the perception of how a stock stands up to the rest of the market.

Also hard to crack are the drivers that steer the stock market.

There's the "buy the rumor and sell the news" phenomenon, where traders are made on speculation that something will happen, and selling kicks in once it does. But you have to be lucky enough to hear the rumor to even jump into the market.

Throw logic out the window, too, when trying to plot the day-to-day moves of the market. Just look at the last few months. Court and reports of corporate scandals sent investors running, plunging market indexes to their lowest levels in four years.

So you would think no news would be good news for investors, but that's not what has happened in recent weeks. In fact, there have been days that no news triggered sell-offs. And on some occasions, bad news has triggered stocks to rise because it wasn't as bad as everyone thought it would be.

Difficult to decode? Often. Illlogical? Always. That's Wall Street, now and probably forever.

Trucking rebound gives hope for overall economy

KEARNY, N.J. (AP) — The trucking business is showing signs of better health as the industry's year slump that put hundreds of thousands of drivers out of work.

But it is consolidation — not a surge in demand — that is behind the nascent rebound of an industry regarded by many as a leading economic indicator. As a result, analysts and executives are hesitant to draw overly optimistic conclusions about a broader economic recovery.

Still, carriers are hauling more freight, getting better rates and reporting lower profits — and that's thanks to small business owners like Bob Jones, 67, who's been replacing trucks' worn-out tires for more than 30 years.

"My business has picked up a little bit in the last two or three months," Jones says. Sure, it's not the boom of the late '90s, but the 67-year-old Jones said, but those drivers are picking up the slack and seem to be second of truck trends more regularly.

"When the company steps out, another step is to add jobs, where business is located at a good price," Jones says. The industry got its reputation as a leading economic indicator because higher profits for trucking companies have historically been linked with increased consumer demand in the manufacturing sector.

Freight earnings grew 3.5 percent during the second quarter, but larger trucking companies are



Bob Jones talks about his repair business at a truck stop in Kearny, N.J., Aug. 22. "My business has picked up a little bit in the last two or three months," said Jones. Sure, it's not the boom of the late '90s, but those drivers that did not go out of business are picking up the slack and seem to be in need of fresh trades more regularly.

primarily benefiting in 2002 because thousands of smaller firms went out of business during the latest economic downturn, said Bob Costello, chief economist at the American Trucking Associations.

"Truckers' bottom lines have improved, but it doesn't necessarily mean they've seen a surge in freight levels," Costello said. Roughly 7,000 carriers with fleets of five trucks or more shut down in the past two years and if you add carriers with fleets of four trucks or less, the number of

closure amounts to tens of thousands, Costello said.

For survivors, "that's just a favorable dynamic," said Thomas Albrecht, a senior vice president of transportation research at B&B Capital Markets in Richmond, Va.

Albrecht, who estimated there are 330,000, or 13 percent, fewer trucks today than there were two years ago, said large companies have been able to gain market share and even raise rates despite sluggish growth. Within the industry, Albrecht said, truckers that

rely more on the retail sector have fared better than those dependent on the manufacturing sector.

J.B. Hunt Transport Services Inc., which nearly doubled its net profit in the second quarter to \$15.5 million, said weekly revenue per truck rose 3 percent in the second quarter. "This is by no means a robust recovery," chief executive Kirk Thompson said in a recent conference call with analysts.

However, J.B. Hunt's rate per mile, excluding fuel surcharges, rose 4.2 percent in the second quarter and the number of miles that vehicles traveled without any cargo fell 9 percent, compared with 12 percent a year earlier.

Knight Transportation Inc. said its second-quarter profit increased 32 percent to \$6.7 million because of "expansion of our customer base and increased volume from existing customers." The company said the size of its truck fleet grew by 9 percent to 1,957.

The stock prices of many trucking companies have outperformed the broader stock market. When the S&P 500 index languished more than 15 percent in the past year, the Dow Jones trucking index, which tracks 37 companies, is about even over the same period.

Executives say they remain cautiously optimistic about demand for the remainder of the year and that they will be careful not to increase the size of their fleets too fast.

Foreign-made in the U.S.A.

Overseas car companies build plants in America

By Jim Fuquay
Knight-Ridder News Service

When Toyota rolled out a new red Camry at its Tennessee assembly plant in July, it marked both a milestone for the Japanese automaker and a trend in U.S. manufacturing.

It was Toyota's 10 millionth vehicle built in North America, including facilities in the United States, Canada and Mexico. And it highlighted the growing percentage of "foreign" cars that are now "Made in the U.S.A."

It has been 16 years since Japan's biggest automaker started building cars in the United States — and 24 years since Volkswagen's Pennsylvania factory became the first foreign brand to build in the heart of the world's biggest car market.

In that time, the Big Three U.S. automakers — General Motors, Ford Motor and Chrysler — have seen their share of the U.S. market erode. But the percentage of autos sold in North America has risen slightly. That's because foreign automakers have steadily increased their production in North America, investing tens of billions of dollars and hiring tens of thousands of American workers.

Toyota, for example, built more than 500,000 vehicles in North America last year — 69 percent of that it sold in the United States. Honda leads all foreign manufacturers with 76 percent.

"It surprises people. When they hear the word Toyota, they think 'made in Japan,'" said Jim Wickman, a Toyota executive and president at the company's North American headquarters in Georgetown, Ky.

Consider another wrinkle in global car building. In a joint venture agreement in July to buy 50,000 engines a year from Honda. But instead of boosting the foreign content of the Saturn V6, the move will make Saturn cars more American. That's because the Honda engines will be built in Ohio, while the engines Saturn previously used came from Britain.

Honda, which built its 10 millionth North American vehicle in 2001, says it has invested more than \$7 billion in North American production facilities.

The Association of International Automobile Manufacturers, a trade group that includes big automakers from around the world, estimates that its members have plowed about \$25 billion into U.S. plant and equipment. And it says those operations employ more than 70,000 people and buy more than \$26 billion in parts.

The trend isn't confined to the United States. For example, Toyota expects to sell 40,000 Australian-made Camrys in the Middle East next year.

But with annual vehicle sales topping 17 million each of the past two years, North America is the center of manufacturers' attentions.

"There's an awful lot of automotive investment in North America. It just isn't by the same old companies," said Mike Wall, auto analyst at IRI Inc., a consultant in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Honda-Saturn engine deal also illustrates another significant trend, Wall said.

Cars made in North America

Car factories in U.S., Canada and Mexico are busy, but the Big Three U.S. auto makers are losing ground.

U.S. market share	1992	2002*
Car made by Big Three**	76%	62%

Cars made in North America	80%	81%
*Jan.-June **GM, Ford and Chrysler		
***Includes Mexico, Canada, Volvo and Jaguar		

Foreign cars sold in U.S.

Source of foreign brand auto sold in U.S., Jan.-June 2002	Made in N. America	Percent of sales
Honda	385,929	78%
Nissan	245,682	73%
Toyota	524,484	69%
VW	112,033	66%
Mitsubishi	90,471	52%
Mazda	53,379	41%
BMW	26,052	22%
Mercedes	19,098	19%

*Excludes vehicles imported from North America

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ties with close ties to the manufacturers.

"Domestic content didn't need to be significant," Wall said. "But that is on the increase. Nissan, Honda and Toyota have significant engine operations in North America."

The activity by foreign manufacturers in North America approaches the frenetic. Consider:

- In June, Nissan said it will spend \$500 million to expand its Canton, Miss. plant by 1 million square feet, boosting capacity by another 150,000 vehicles. Nissan only broke ground on the plant in April 2001. The expansion is expected to boost annual capacity to 400,000.

- Honda opened its Lincoln, Ala., plant ahead of schedule last November to meet demand for its Odyssey minivan. In July, it announced a \$245 million expansion that will boost capacity to 300,000 vehicles a year by 2004. Honda is also expanding its Ohio engine plant capacity to nearly 1.2 million a year.

- In April, Hyundai broke ground on its Montgomery, Ala., assembly plant, the fourth Korean automaker's first in the United States. It is expected to be able to produce 300,000 vehicles a year and employ nearly 2,000 people.

Although millions of vehicles continue to stream into the United States from overseas, the export market works both ways. For example, Volkswagen, last year built about 80,000 of its M-Class sport utility vehicle at its Tuscaloosa, Ala., plant. About 35,000 of those were exported.

Toshiaki Taguchi, chief executive of Toyota Motor North America, recently told Automotive News that "10 years from now, my hope is that North America will become a base for developing new models that we could export to other parts of the world." The automaker has the capacity to build 1.1 million vehicles in North America, most of which goes to satisfy the U.S. market.

In July, Toyota's 50/50 joint venture with GM, California's New United Motor Manufacturing, started exporting the bulk of its Toyota Matrix that it builds at the plant it will sell in Japan as the Toyota Voltz.

They plan to keep their sales flat at current levels, down by 12.4 percent, while just 4.7 percent said they plan to cut positions, a drop of half a percent from the last survey.

Allen Salkoff, president and chief executive of ARI, said the increase in demand for sales staffers means there is "market share out there to be gained" and "sales people will be the drivers who bring that business to their companies."

Make a statement of an estate

By Diana McCabe
The Orange County Register

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Colleen Barney's favorite estate-planning story is about a man who didn't leave a cent to his beloved.

Instead, in page after page of his will, he told his parents, who never approved of his live-in girlfriend, about his life with her, their shared dreams and why he loved her.

Because of those stories, the parents learned why this woman who had her own money but no family was so important to their son, says Barney, an Irvine, Calif., lawyer who specializes in estate planning. The parents began to see the son's girlfriend as he had and became her rock of support after his death.

"What he left her was a family," says Barney, co-author of the recently released "Best Intentions: Ensuring Your Estate Plan Delivers Both Wealth and Wisdom." Many people would probably never think to use a will in this way. And that's the point.

"It's not just about the cash," Barney says.

In her book, co-written with Victoria Collins, a financial planner in Irvine, Barney explains that a good estate plan is first based on values and goals that people want to pass along to loved ones. Then, people can figure out how assets fit into the picture.

Barney uses letters and stories from parents and children throughout the book to teach crucial lessons about why it is important to clearly put your last wishes in writing.

In an interview with The Orange County Register, Barney reviewed some of the estate-planning advice from her book. Here is an abridged version of her answers to commonly asked questions:

Q. I don't know a thing about estate planning. Where do I begin?

A. First, focus on what's important to you, not monetary assets but what you want to pass on in terms of values to your children, nieces and nephews, even friends. Then, decide how to work your assets into those intentions. For example, if

you're a parent who values education and you want to make sure your child gets one, you can set up an estate plan that provides for your child and gives him/her incentives to get that education.

Q. I'm young and healthy. Why should I make a statement of an estate plan right now? Can't I wait until I'm older and have more money?

A. You never know when your time is going to come. When you look at Sept. 11, all of those people went to work thinking they were coming home. You don't know when you're not going to come home, so you need to have a plan in place. We all have things in our lives that are important. If you have children, you will want to make sure you have named guardians to care for them should you die. Or you may have a second marriage and planning, but even your spouse is provided for as well as the children from your first marriage. If you don't spell out your wishes, someone else the state, other family members will do for you.

Q. My estate isn't big enough for a plan.

A. That's not true. People think they have to have an estate that's a certain size before they have to do planning. Everybody dies with something to leave or to give away. You could be an 18-year-old with a junker car, but you may want that car to go to your younger brother. Or you're a mother with two daughters and one china set that both want. If you have a small estate, you may not need to do any sophisticated planning, but even your spouse is provided for as well as the children from your first marriage. If you don't spell out your wishes, someone else the state, other family members will do for you.

Q. What are some basic estate-planning tools I should at least explore?

A. A will is an easy starting point. It tells the judge where things go.

But a will doesn't help you avoid probate, a process where the court oversees the distribution of your assets and takes, on average, a year and a half to complete. In California, it takes only \$100,000 in assets to put you in probate. In Southern California, most people need more than a will because they own a home.

The next step would be a living trust. A living trust is simply a will that avoids probate.

Q. That seems simple. Is that all?

A. No. People tend to think of estate planning only in terms of death. But it really begins the moment you are incapacitated. Who will make your medical decisions if you can't? Who will pay your bills and have access to your checking accounts? You will need a health-care directive and a power of attorney for these issues.

Q. Why can't I just leave all of my money and belongings to my spouse?

A. You could. But how do you know your spouse won't remarry and leave that money to the second spouse instead of your sister, brother or parents as you may have intended? You may not die in the right order. After you die and pass along your assets to your spouse, your spouse could die. Who gets the money then? The second husband or wife? You don't know all of the people involved in your family's lives after you die.

Q. Can I leave money to my pet?

A. In California, you can't leave money to your pet, but you can leave money for the care of your pet. Estate plans aren't just for kids. People can be very attached to their pets. If you feel strongly about having your pet cared for after you die, you may want to set up a plan that ensures that Fluffy won't wind up at the glue factory.

Some people put very elaborate instructions in their plans. For example, an individual named to care for the pet will get a set amount of money each year, but only if the pet gets to sleep on the bed and a trustee can verify the pet is getting the care you mandated.

Q. Can I prepare a will and related documents myself?

A. Sometimes the answer is yes. But the benefit of having an expert handle your estate plan is that they do this all of the time and they will think of things that you may not even think about. In the book, there is a story about a woman who

left all of her money to her oldest son, who she knew would take care of the younger son. But the older son was in a motorcycle accident and was

dead. All of the money was lost in the suit and the younger son was left with nothing. An expert can help you think through those "what ifs." You also may not explain your intentions correctly. The words you use could be ambiguous. If you don't, use the right terminology, the money might not wind up in the hands you intended. For example, if you say, "I give equally to my children," and one dies, does the money go to the remaining child? Or does the share go to the deceased's children?

Q. My family would never argue over money or possessions. Why would I need to spell things out?

A. The document doesn't have to be all legalese. It can explain why you made certain decisions. Not all of your kids may be given the same amount of money if one earns more than the other. These discussions don't always happen while Mom and Dad are alive, but if you explain your decision in a document, perhaps your heirs will have a better understanding of why one sibling received 50 percent and the other got 40 percent of the assets.

Fights do occur. It's the dishes, furniture, jewelry, more often than not, that people fight over. Telling family members who gets what and why can ease some of the hard feelings over these issues.

In other cases, where a second marriage and family is involved, your estate plan is crucial to explaining exactly how stepparents and stepchildren should be cared for. You need to arrange a plan that allows the second husband or wife to live off the money you left. But you may also want to leave money to your children from a first marriage. Set things up so the various people don't have to fight with each other over one pot of money.

Finally, don't forget that your estate plan can be used as your last document of communication. You can tell your family members or history. It doesn't just have to be about the money.

Survey says Americans doubt merit

The Associated Press

Fewer than half of Americans believe merit is what counts most in job advancement, according to a nationwide telephone survey by J. Howard & Associates.

The survey of 1,010 Americans found that 39 percent of employed Americans think merit is key to promotion, more than half cite other factors, including seniority (26 percent), personal connections (17 percent) or luck (6 percent).

"The workplace meritocracy has always been a belief held dear by Americans," said Mike Hyter, president and chief executive of J. Howard. "For years it was a matter of faith that merit will be rewarded. But trust in the meritocracy is losing ground."

As a result, he said, "More people now regard merit promotion as a myth, or at least secondary to who you know or how long you've been around."

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In a survey of 100 corporate executives about their most pressing hiring needs, 54.1 percent said they planned to increase their sales staffs during the second half of this year, up 12.5 percent from a survey looking at the first six months of this year.

Another 41.2 percent said

they plan to keep their sales staff at current levels, down by 12.4 percent, while just 4.7 percent said they plan to cut positions, a drop of half a percent from the last survey.

Allen Salkoff, president and chief executive of ARI, said the increase in demand for sales staffers means there is "market share out there to be gained" and "sales people will be the drivers who bring that business to their companies."

Companies with the biggest need, according to the poll, include those in health care, life sciences and pharmaceuticals.

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Creative, intelligent SWF, 49, 5'9", blonde hair, N.S., enjoys hiking, camping, fishing, boating, the outdoors, rodeo, ball, country music. Seeking SF, 28-35, who is fun and interesting. 9246714

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SPECIAL FRIENDS
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I AM ME
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DEET LADY
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COME JOIN ME
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LIKES HAVING FUN
SWF, 28, fun, enjoys hiking, camping, fishing, horseback riding, horseback riding, horseback riding, horseback riding. 9246584

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I'm an independent, 40-year-old SWM, looking for a friend and possibly more. I like reading, snuggling on the couch, cooking, and retired from the Navy. Financially secure. You: 35-45, 5'11", N.S. 9246584

TAKE A CHANCE
I'm 41, 5'9", N.S., tall, dark, driver, motorcycle, music, some sports, nights out, quiet evenings at home. Seeking SWF, 30-42, honest, like to be new things, athletic, with similar interests. 9246584

SOMETIMES A LITTLE RUDY
DWF, 40, N.S., loves the outdoors, movies, music, some sports, nights out, quiet evenings at home. Seeking SWF, 30-42, honest, like to be new things, athletic, with similar interests. 9246584

WARM MEET?
SWF, 18, N.S., enjoys camping, fishing, horseback riding, seeking a SWF, 18-19, who is sweet, honest, and likes to have fun. 9246584

SINGLE DAD
SWF, 40, N.S., enjoys camping, fishing, the outdoors, family, children. Seeking woman, 30-40, who is fun, honest, and likes to have fun. 9246584

SEND ME AN ANGEL
SWF, 30, former teacher, single dad, loves to travel, hiking, boating, the outdoors, camping, working SWF, 28-32, with similar interests for a casual dating. 9246584

TAKE ME ON
Reserved, SF, 28, loves movies, being active in hiking, horseback riding, and SF, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. 9246584

Men Seeking Women

LOVE FOR LIFE
Foster brother, 33, love meeting new people, hoping to meet a great, fun-loving woman to share life with. 9246584

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How would you like to spend quality time with the down-beach, fun guy SWM, 44, 5'7", enjoys walk, church, conversations? Seeking SF, 20-45, honest, self. 9246584

THE LONG RUN
SWF, 35, 5'7", 160lbs, brunettes, delivery driver, Gemini, smoker, enjoys hiking, riding, fishing, boating, and cat races. Seeking woman, 20-45, honest, self. 9246584

SINGLE COWBOY
SWM, 36, cowboy, enjoys the outdoors, Seeking SF, 28-35, who is fun and interesting. 9246584

NEW DOWNSIDE EARTH
SM, 18, big build, like outdoors and quiet times, Seeking SF, honest, down-to-earth, beautiful, sensitive, understanding woman. 9246584

MY TYPE IS
A naturally beautiful, nice gal, 18-22, N.S., who is a great personality. I'm a SWF, 5'7", 142lbs, N.S., and I hope I'm your type. 9246584

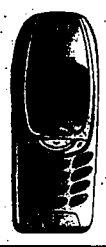
DO I SEE GUY'S ALWAYS?
Lad-cake, original SWM, 26, loves a lot of fun, fun, fun, fun. Seeking SF, 18-29, who is fun, fun, fun. 9246584

DO I SEE GUY'S ALWAYS?
I'm tall, single, dad, 34, 6'4", 200lbs, brunettes, love to travel, party, dancing, but I'm not John Travolta, would like to meet a girl who is fun. 9246584

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SWM, 50, seeks a special lady, SF, 18, who doesn't play hard-to-get, and desires to be with me as a lady. 9246584



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HOW IT UNFOLDED

A year after Sept. 11, a picture emerges of the plot against America

The hijackers remain a tangle of mysteries

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — They traveled the world, often in pairs, studying and working across Europe and the United States. Mostly in their 20s, they came from secular, middle-class Arab families and blended well into Western society — hardly the profile of Islamic zealots plotting the worst terrorist attack in history.

While many details surrounding their daily lives have been discovered, these 19 Arab men remain an enigma. While they are assumed to have been driven by hatred for America, there is scant concrete, publicly known evidence of their mind-set, the means by which they were recruited and the point at which they were told about the mission.

Although 15 of the hijackers were from Saudi Arabia, federal prosecutors have alleged in court documents that it was Mohamed Atta of Egypt, Ziad Jarrah of Lebanon and Marwan Al-Shehhi of the United Arab Emirates who "formed and maintained an al-Qaida terrorist cell in Germany" in the late 1990s.

The three Sept. 11 pilots lived in Hamburg, where they studied at universities and worked at a computer-packing company. They socialized with the local Muslim community, attending mosques and community celebrations. Jarrah even had a girlfriend. A day before he hijacked United Airlines Flight 93, he wrote her a farewell letter, telling her he wouldn't be back.

In the days after Sept. 11, Jarrah's and Atta's families refused to believe what they were hearing. But as their sons have failed to materialize, they have had little choice but to accept the truth.

Mohamed Alshehri's two sons, Waleed and Wail, were with Atta aboard American Airlines Flight 11, which crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center.

"If that turns out to be the truth, then I'll never, never accept it from them. I'll never forgive them for that," the Saudi has said of his sons.

U.S. officials believe the brothers trained in Afghan camps before heading for Florida. A drug store owner in Delray Beach remembered them buying soda and candy bars days before the attacks.

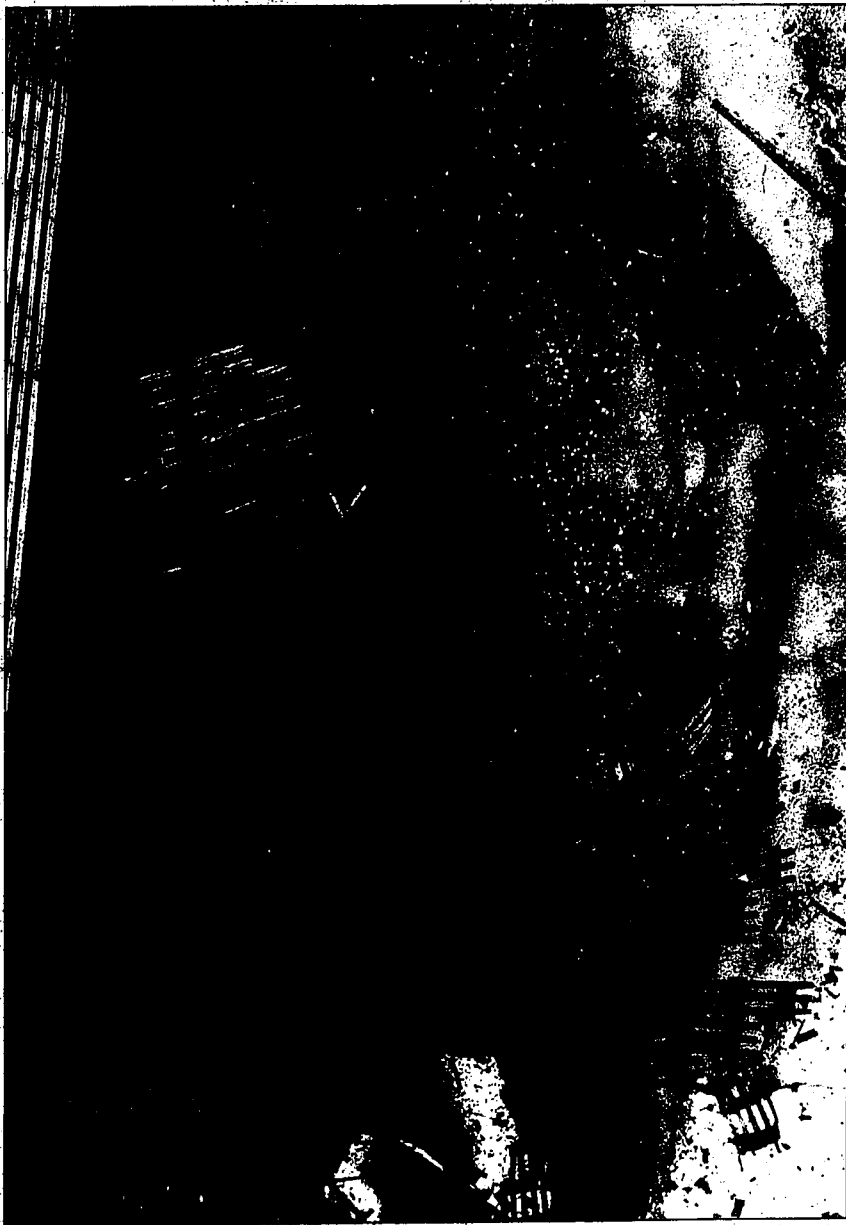
Sticking close together, the Alshehri brothers stayed with each other in Florida; Atta and Al-Shehhi, who were cousins, traveled together across the United States. Khalid Almidhar and Nawaf Alhazni had a meeting in Malaysia with a suspect in the USS Cole bombing. When the meeting was over, the two flew together to San Diego.

According to federal court papers, 13 of the hijackers entered the United States between April 23 and June 29, 2001. Once in America, they crisscrossed the country living on-and-off in suburban towns with friendly names — Lemon Grove, Calif., Laurel, Md., Deerfield Beach, Fla.

Over the next 18 months, they spent time in a dozen states including Nevada, New York, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Arizona, Virginia, Maine and Massachusetts. Seven were pilots and several others studied or visited flight schools around the country. Some of the United States legally but aroused suspicions wherever they went.

Atta abandoned a plane on a Miami runway instead of parking it properly. Hani Hanjour said he had 600 hours of flight experience and a valid pilot's license, but these accounts were regarded as a mystery. He had one flight instructor with him. One flight instructor, Hanjour was with four other hijackers aboard American Airlines Flight 77 when it crashed into the Pentagon.

The hijacker turned motor



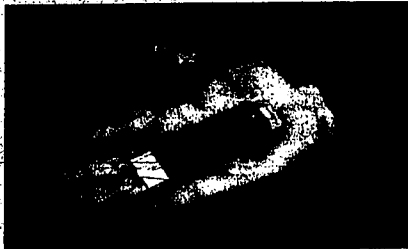
The south tower of New York's World Trade Center collapses Sept. 11, 2001.

vehicle employees to obtain state driver's licenses. They rented apartments, opened bank accounts, took out gym memberships, bought airline tickets online and walked around with wads of cash. They took flight training by day, went to bars at night, even got speeding tickets.

Doctors, several of them apartment in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Germany, Spain, Malaysia and the Czech Republic whose authorities maintain that Atta met with an Iraqi spy.

Nothing has publicly tied the hijackers to the anthrax attacks, although they were in close proximity to the American Media Inc. office, site of the nation's first fatal anthrax infection in October. A Florida pharmacist also said he cheated Atta for a forwarding passbook on his hands.

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A writer for The Associated Press looks at a box cutter in a photo studio in Albany, N.Y., Oct. 3, 2001. Transcripts of Sept. 11 conversations show passengers aboard the hijacked airliners reportedly described the terrorists' weapons as box cutters. A single-edge razor blade, left bottom, slides in and out of the dark brown cover. There are only 12 companies who produce box cutters.

Questions still linger about that awful day

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The weapons were crude, the plot staggering in its conceit. Bring down buildings, kill, shake America to its core.

A year later the what-ifs — the myriad ways disaster might have been averted if only certain things had happened years ago, weeks earlier, minutes before — hang out there still, like the trails of smoke that took months to vanish from the fallen giants of New York.

Nagging questions remain about how the terror attacks unfolded over two hours and a few minutes in four airplanes on a bright blue morning. About how 19 terrorists could turn the skies so dark in airliners that ripped straight into one skyscraper, angled crazily into another, punched into a fortress and came down in a field.

Even now, U.S. officials don't know whether Osama bin Laden dispatched his terrorists or just sat back with a measure of foreknowledge and much anticipation, his ear glued to the radio. They don't know if he's dead or alive, either.

No one knows what the terrorists knew. Some, it is believed, did not know the details of their mission even as they pulled it off. U.S. officials think some did not realize they would die that day.

Yet a year of investigation has filled in more of the puzzle.

It is thought with more conviction that the plane that hit the Pentagon was meant to all along. Early theories that those hijackers might have been target-shipping, perhaps headed off first for the Capitol, are discounted.

Authorities also believe the White House was the intended target of Flight 93, the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania.

In New York, the takeout of the World Trade Center spoke for itself.

Early suppositions about the significance of Sept. 11 have fallen away. There was no particular or symbolic reason for moving on that day, authorities now think. As far as the hijackers were concerned, it was just another day to enter paradise.

The what-ifs? They go on and on:

- What if lead hijacker Mohamed Atta and the accomplice traveling with him had missed their flight, as they almost did?

- What if the traffic violations that brought three of the four suspected hijacking pilots to the attention of the law had revealed something more sinister?

- What if FBI headquarters

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TO OUR READERS:

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Today, *The Times-News* begins an 11-day series of retrospective reports on Sept. 11 and its effect on America.

Our goal is not to relive that awful day, nor to celebrate it,

but simply to remember it. To honor the victims and the heroes, and to contemplate how it changed us.

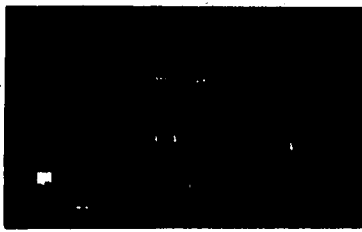
This special series, "11 Days of Remembrance," will show case some of the most memorable photographs from the past year. We'll publish stories about Magic Valley people who have been touched by the attacks, along with some of the best reporting from national wire services.

We hope you'll join us for all 11 days of this special coverage.

Clark Wainwright
Managing Editor
The Times-News



11 days of remembrance



March, 2000



Oct. 12, 2001

The Manhattan skyline is shown from Jersey City, N.J., in two file photographs, one taken in March of 2000 and the other, Oct. 12, 2001.



People run from the collapse of one of the twin towers of New York's World Trade Center Sept. 11, 2001.

BUZZ SAUNDERS/Associated Press

Images of remembrance

A pictorial retrospective of the Sept. 11 attacks and their effect on America.

TODAY
Attack on the towers
MONDAY
Faces of heroes



A Vermont Air National Guard F-16 Falcon flies over New York during an air defense mission Sept. 12, 2001. Smoke is seen rising from the World Trade Center at the tip of Manhattan, below the plane.



Osama bin Laden is shown in this undated file photo. In the aftermath of Sept. 11, bin Laden emerged as the mastermind behind the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

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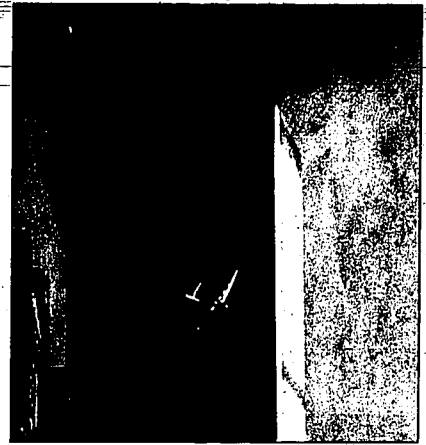
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This image captures a jet airliner a moment before it crashes into New York's World Trade Center Sept. 11, 2001. CAROLYN TRAYLOR/The Associated Press



A fireball explodes from the World Trade Center after a jet airliner crashed into the building Sept. 11, 2001. CAROLYN TRAYLOR/The Associated Press



President Bush's chief of staff, Andy Card, whispers into the ear of the president to give him word of the plane crashes into the World Trade Center, during a flight to the Emma E. Booker Elementary School in Sarasota, Fla., Sept. 11, 2001. DOUG MILLS/The Associated Press



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Smoke billows from the towers of the World Trade Center in New York Sept. 11, 2001.

Plot

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had paid more attention to warning signs from its agents?
 • What if United Flight 93 in Newark, N.J., already running 40 minutes late and still on the tarmac when the first hijacking was reported, had been delayed even longer? Soon after, no airliners were allowed to take off.
 Most what-ifs will never be answered beyond a doubt. Congressional inquiries and history's need to know seek answers to the most profound — what if the government had been better prepared, had systematically gone after al-Qaida in the months or years before, had somehow been less innocent?

The hijackers came to the United States with valid papers, most a few months before the attacks. For the most part, they learned or polished their flying skills and did little more than they had to do. They were focused.
 On the eve of attacks that killed more than 3,000 people, some of the terrorists ran humdrum errands and stayed in no-frills quarters. Others had prostitutes come to their splendid hotel rooms.
 Atta and his companion

Abdulaziz Alomari spent their last night in a plain motel off the highway in Portland, Maine, going to Wal-Mart, making bank-machine transactions. Officials postulated the pair stayed 100 miles from eight other terrorists in Boston because they would all draw less attention if split up.
 At 5:45 a.m. Sept. 11, the two men passed through a checkpoint at Portland airport and just made their connecting flight to Boston. In Boston, they barely made it onto Flight 11. Atta's luggage, containing his will and more papers about his coming death, was left behind.
 Five hijackers sat in first-class or business-class seats of American Airlines Flight 11, a wide-bodied 767 bound for Los Angeles. Also on the tarmac in Boston, was United Air Lines Flight 175, with five hijackers among the 65 passengers and flight crew.
 Flight 11 took off at 8 a.m. with 52 people aboard. Flight 175 followed 14 minutes later. In Virginia, American Flight 77, carrying 64 people, departed Washington Dulles International Airport at 8:21 a.m. en route to Los Angeles. Five hijackers were aboard. These were the last moments before officials were wide-eyed awake to trouble in the skies.

"We have some planes," a voice was heard saying from Flight 11 at 8:24 a.m. "Just stay quiet and you will be OK. We are returning to the airport."
 Already air traffic controllers had been trying to raise the pilot, Capt. John Ogonowski, a father of three and part-time farmer who had just turned 52. But the voices they finally heard were different. "If you try to make any moves, you'll endanger yourself and the airplane," the transmission went on. "Just stay quiet."
 At 8:25 a.m., the Boston center told other centers that a hijacking was going on.
 Still on the ground, having one of those infernally frequent delays, was Flight 93 in Newark.
 It had been scheduled to take off at 8:01 a.m. It sat there, lightly booked for its San Francisco flight with 44 people aboard, including four terrorists. It got aloft at 8:41 a.m., about five minutes before the first plane.
 Flight 11, crashed into the World Trade Center.
 Overwhelmed on Flight 11, Ogonowski intermittently hit the talk button so ground controllers could eavesdrop on the hijackers. Flight attendants Madeline Amy Sweeney and Betty Ong made contact with ground per-

sonnel and described the unfolding terror, even the terrorists' seat numbers.
 Flight 11 came racing along the Manhattan skyline, about 47 minutes after takeoff. Authorities watched the blip on their screen reach the city, stop, vanish.
 "Anybody know what that smoke is in Lower Manhattan?" someone asked in an exchange between Northeast airlines and the ground.
 Flight 175 was probably the first to hear that something was amiss with the American Airlines jet.
 "We heard a suspicious transmission on our departure," the pilot said. "Sounds like someone keyed the mike and said everybody stay in your seats."
 Within minutes, his plane, too, was overrun.
 Hijackers used box cutters to take over the cockpits.
 A flight attendant reached United's maintenance center in San

Francisco and said the crew and another attendant were dead. Passenger Peter Hanson, lying with his wife and young daughter, called his parents.
 Theirs were rare voices from the flight that dashed, with shocking certainty, the thought that the first hit on the trade center might have been an accident. America was under attack.
 When the United airliner plunged into the south tower, about 48 minutes after leaving Boston, two F-15 fighter jets from

Pentagon. United and American, then all airliners under a federal order, worked furiously to clear the U.S. airspace.
 Military planes now were authorized to shoot down any threatening airliners and were told to safeguard the White House no matter what.
 As if the real danger was not enough, there were false alarms. Even as Pentagon survivors scrambled to safety, the bark-and-wool warning of another incoming plane made everyone scatter, just one more rumor piled on a day of wicked fact.
 Only Flight 93 was left — the one with the storied "let's roll" plan.
 The passengers, with their heartbreaking phone-calls to the ground, not only told what was happening but learned why. The flight crew received word of other hijacking and a warning guard against cockpit intrusions.
 Still the cockpit was breached and just south of Cleveland, Ohio, Flight 93 swung back east.
 "I know we're going to die," she said. "I'm sorry." She told the tower, "I'm flying over a residential area." She said, "I'm sorry."

Hijackers

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 What little doubt U.S. investigators had that 33-year-old Atta was the ringleader was all but removed by a videotape that captured Osama bin Laden saying that Mohamed "was in charge of the group."
 As for the men who carried out the attacks, bin Laden said the plan was not revealed until just before they boarded the planes. The videotape is the strongest publicly known evidence linking the hijackers directly to the al-Qaida chief.
 There is no evidence that any of the hijackers knew Zacarias Moussawi. But Moussawi, the only man charged in the United States in connection with Sept. 11, seemed to know some of the same people as the hijackers, replicated some of their movements and attended a couple of flight schools.
 U.S. officials believe Moussawi could have been training Tor Sept. 11 or a similar mission. But the missing 20th hijacker was likely Ramzi Binalshibh, a Yemeni who lived in Hamburg with Atta and who failed four times to get a U.S. entry permit. Binalshibh wired money to Moussawi, a Florida flight school where Jarrah was training and to at least one hijacker. Authorities believe Binalshibh fled Germany for Pakistan around Sept. 11.
 Much is known about the movements of the Hamburg cell. Less is known about some of the younger Saudi hijackers such as 26-year-old Satam Sugiama, who was on Flight 11 from Boston with Atta and the Alshehri brothers. Mohaid al-Shehri, who was on

The Sept. 11th hijackers

American Airlines Flight 11 Boston to Los Angeles	United Airlines Flight 175 Boston to Los Angeles	American Airlines Flight 77 Washington Dulles Airport to Los Angeles	United Airlines Flight 93 Newark, N.J., to San Francisco
Mohamed Atta* Age 33 Egypt	Marwan Al-Shehri* Age 23 United Arab Emirates	Hani Hanjour* Age 29 Saudi Arabia	Ziad Sarnir Jarrah* Age 26 Lebanon
Wall M. Alshehri Age 33 Saudi Arabia	Fayed al-Hamad United Arab Emirates	Nawaf Alhazmi Saudi Arabia	Ahmed I. A. Al Haznawi Age 20 Saudi Arabia
Waleed M. Alshehri Saudi Arabia	Mohaid al-Shehri Saudi Arabia	Khalid Aljinhdar Saudi Arabia	Ahmed Alnami Saudi Arabia
Abdulaziz Alomari Saudi Arabia	Hanza Alghamdi Saudi Arabia	Majed Moqed Age 24 Saudi Arabia	Saad Alghamdi Saudi Arabia
Satam M.A. Al Sugiama Age 26 Saudi Arabia	Ahmed Alghamdi Saudi Arabia	Saleem Alhazmi Age 20 Saudi Arabia	

SOURCE: Associated Press

Flight 175 from Boston, was apparently unrelated to the other two Al-Shehri brothers.
 The FBI has determined that Nawaf Alhazmi and Saleem Alhazmi, both on Flight 77, weren't related, a U.S. law enforcement official said. And three hijackers with the last name Alghamdi were also unrelated. An independent Arabic translator, a native Saudi, has said bin Laden uttered the name Alghamdi several times on the videotape.
 *Believed to be the pilot.



Massachusetts were screaming toward it. They were eight minutes, or 71 miles, away at the time of impact. But President Bush had not yet authorized the shooting down of threatening civilian planes.
 American Flight 77 took off from Washington as chaos was breaking elsewhere. It was up for about 78 minutes. The first half hour was apparently normal. Close to the Ohio-Kentucky line, it turned around.
 Barbara Olson, a lawyer and TV commentator, twice called her husband, U.S. Solicitor General Theodore Olson, and told him of the hijacking.
 At 9:24 a.m., a little more than an hour after the plane took off at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, Va., ground slot six minutes later, on a mission to protect Washington. They were 12 minutes, or 105 miles, away when the jetliner came in low, hard and straight into the
 "There's three of 'em, they're going to do something," she recalled.
 One thing held by officials and conveyed to family members was that the passengers might have battered into cockpit with a food cart. Cooks' transmissions, still sealed as evidence but played for the families, revealed shouts, confusion, an apparent struggle.
 After about 30 minutes in the air, Flight 93 plunged into western Pennsylvania, field with no survivors, but the White House and the rest of Washington were safe.
 "The jet from is being tracked by F-16s, F-15s, and F-16s," she recalled.
 "What if Flight 93 had left earlier, 40 minutes earlier?"
 "Washington would have been less prepared for attack. The hijacking could have been prevented if the plane had been shot down earlier."
 That was if it came down in America's favor on 9/11 when the rest were resolved with destruction and death.

The Times-News

A Labor Day adventure in the back yard

Studies show that more people consult their psychiatrists right after their family vacations than at any other time. Until I remembered that, I had been thinking about planning some kind of Labor Day trip.

A good number of my previous family trips were really pleasant, I had reasoned. Of course, there were those times when everything on the road revolved around flat tires and car-sick kids.

And there were those times when we vacationed in towns that weren't big enough to have a motel, and in towns that shouldn't have been allowed to have one. Occasionally, we were forced to visit a bathroom that family pets refused to enter.

One year, we traveled to Tucson in the middle of August, and the heat melted the rearview right off the car. Another year, we joined my mother and her senior citizen group for a Midwestern tour. Everyone was nice to us, but we just didn't fit in. We couldn't get used to eating dinner at 4 p.m. and being on the bus by 5 a.m. My teen-agers thought it should have been the other way around.

Add to that the trips when my children came down with chicken pox, or spent days arguing because "he's looking at me funny." A travel agent once told me, in just I thought, that there are only two ways to travel: First class or with kids.

I was reminded of this "joke" on that Arizona trip, watching a sweat-drenched preschooler throwing a tantrum at an amusement park because her grandmother had promised to buy her a doll and the child was "afraid" to select one because she would feel so sorry leaving behind the doll sitting next to it.

I figured, since a grandmother was involved, the kid would end up with both dolls anyway, but that's not the point. The point is that it's difficult to plan a trip that lives up to unrealistic expectations, with or without children.

A while back, I received a mailer titled "Adventure Travel Not for the Young." It was from "Women Traveling Together." It quoted three women (all over age 50) who had signed up for a raft trip on the Colorado River. I was intrigued, in spite of the fact that I didn't go on raft trips when I was 20.

I started wondering if I needed to become more adventurous in my travels. I suspect that my fear of adventure dates back to the days when my mother made me promise not to ride my bike in the street. I was about 16 at the time, I think.

Nadine Stair was 85 when she penned her celebrated essay on risk-taking. "If I had my life to live over, I would be sillier than I have been this trip," she wrote. "I would climb more mountains, and swim more rivers."

I like the idea, but I just can't identify real well with the mountains and rivers part. I enjoy being in water, but only if it's less than 4 feet deep. And I enjoy hiking, too, as long as there's nothing around me that I can fall off of.

And yet, today I took a few minutes to browse through some "adventure travel" sites on the Internet.

I clicked off the ad for Get Lost Adventure magazine, because just reading the name of the magazine scared me.

But the Web site with the adventure store was kind of interesting - expedition shirts for \$69.50, fleece jackets for \$87.

I can do shopping. I admit it. I didn't plan any great adventures for Labor Day. I talked myself out of the idea by convincing myself that Labor Day is supposed to be a day's rest.

Anyone for camping out in the backyard and ordering in pizza?

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Columbine fades into background

Assets survey shows kids feel safe at school

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

BURLEY — In this tightly knit community of neighborhoods and churches, barely half the 12-to-18-year olds said they felt safe.

But that was two years ago, in the wake of a rash of school shootings that culminated with the death of 11 students and teachers at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. Among kids at least, those days seem to have been forgotten.

Fifty-six percent of Cassia County sixth- through 12th-graders now profess to feel safe at home, at school and in their neighborhoods, according to a survey taken last winter and spring by HealthNet, a coalition of Magic Valley hospitals and social service agencies and the College of Southern Idaho. That reflects a trend across south-central Idaho.

"I haven't had a question about school safety in the past couple of years," said Michael Chesley, superintendent of the Cassia County School District. "And I think the reason, mainly, is changing attitudes." That, perhaps, and more security cameras and visible police officers in the schools.

"There's no question in my mind that's had an impact," said Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higen. "I can't get into the minds of kids, but I know law enforcement in the schools is more visible and our response times are a lot shorter than they once were."

Fifty-four percent of the teens surveyed in south-central Idaho last winter and spring said they felt safe in their schools, homes and neighborhoods.

Seventy-two percent reported that they never felt afraid of being hurt by someone at school — the figure in Cassia County was 74 percent — while just 6 percent valleywide said they sometimes were scared at school and 2 percent always were.

"Those figures reflect not only kids' attitudes about how safe they feel from injury by somebody else, but how safe their environment is, too," said Karyn Goodale, the Twin Falls-based HealthNet coordinator for the South Central Health District. "Is it safe to cross the street in front of the school?"

The percentage of teens who said they felt safe at home, at school and in their neighborhoods improved in six of the eight counties since the last Assets survey conducted



In Twin Falls, Robert Stuart Junior High School resource officer Adam Williams chats with Jayme Holstine and Megan Warden, members of the volleyball squad he helps coach. Williams regularly patrols the school grounds and talks with the students as often as he can. "I like interacting with the kids on a positive note," Williams said. In addition to keeping them safer now he feels that getting to know the kids younger opens the door to having a better relationship with the kids as they get older and enter the community.

How grown-ups can help

Neighborhoods, schools and parents can help teen-agers feel safer by:

- Asking kids what makes them feel safe and unsafe in their school or community.
- Providing young people with safe places to hang out with their peers.
- Establish a peer mediation plan so students can help each other resolve conflicts peacefully.
- Work to create an atmosphere that accepts, welcomes and celebrates diversity.
- Establish a zero-tolerance policy for bullying or disrespect of any kind.
- Make safety a high priority in parks and other public places. Make sure lighting works and public phones.
- Make your building or your home a safe haven for kids.

—Source: HealthNet

between 1998-2000, and in the two counties in which it didn't — Blaine and Gooding — the increase was marginal.

A majority of kids in all eight counties say they feel safe, ranging from 52 percent in Twin Falls, Jerome and Minidoka counties to 87 percent in Camas County. Two years ago, a minority of youngsters in Twin Falls, Jerome and Minidoka counties said they

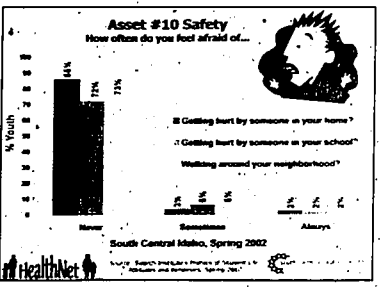
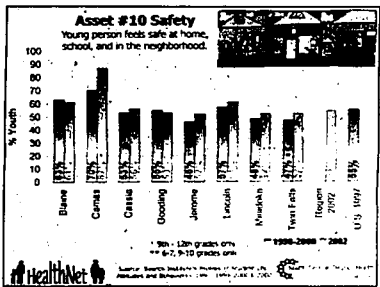
felt safe. Eighty-six percent of the teens surveyed reported never being afraid of being hurt by someone at home, ranging from 84 percent in Lincoln and Minidoka counties to 94 percent in Camas County. That percentage improved in four of the eight counties. Three percent said they sometimes were scared of being injured by someone at home, and 7 percent said they always were afraid.

Seventy-three percent said they were never afraid of being hurt walking around their neighborhoods, ranging from 70 percent in Twin Falls County to 91 percent in Camas County. That percentage improved in five of the eight counties. Six percent reported sometimes being scared of being hurt by someone walking around their neighborhood, and 2 percent said they always were afraid.

The percentage of kids who said they were never afraid of being hurt at school ranged from 67 percent in Jerome County to 91 percent in Camas County. That percentage improved in six of the eight counties. Six percent reported sometimes being scared at school, and 2 percent said they always were afraid.

"Five, six, seven years ago, for example, there were real concerns about safety at Burley Junior High," Chesley said. "This is an issue we've worked hard on."

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How to tell when your kids are ready to be home alone

Knight Rider News Service

Your Children Will Too? "Does the child show responsibility? Can he think on his feet if something should come up?"

Another variable to consider is the child's neighborhood. Parents should ask themselves: Is there a neighbor to whom your child can turn if she's in trouble during the day? Is the crime level in your neighborhood very low? Children should be left in a relatively safe environment and have access to other responsible adults.

What may be confusing is that there is no definitive legal age in Texas at which children can be left on their own at home. Dozens of parents call Child-Protective Services every year with this question, says Marleigh Meisner, spokeswoman for Child Protective Services in North Texas.

"There is no law," says Meisner, who also finds that having no specific age limit is a good thing because deciding if a particular child is up to the task is "an individual thing."

While a specific age limit is not written into the law, there are laws about who's not OK when it comes to leaving kids at home. That is against the law, says

Michael E. Bierwiler, supervisor of the youth section of the Fort Worth, Texas, Police Department, is leaving a child in a situation that he or she can't handle and during which the child can harm himself. In Texas, that leads to child endangerment charges, punishable by up to a \$10,000 fine and a state jail sentence of up to two years.

That's something the police see much of, though, Bierwiler says. "Usually the mother has stepped out and is coming right back," he says.

Jay Lapham, Tarrant County, Texas assistant district attorney and chief of the crimes-against-children unit, admits that while it's hard to legally determine what becomes child endangerment, some cases are clear. What's not right: "Leaving a 5- or 6-year-old home alone for an extended period of time — that's too young."

Like other experts, Meisner says parents should take several factors into consideration: the child's maturity, the neighborhood support and the specific situation. Is it OK to leave a 9-year-old alone for 15 minutes while

you run to the grocery store? Probably. Should you leave her alone for eight hours while you go to work? Probably not.

Another thing to consider is whether the child will be truly home alone — or is also being asked to care for a younger sibling.

"It's one thing leaving a child home alone," says Severe. "It's much riskier leaving them with (a child to care for)." Severe recommends that the child in charge be at least age 12 and the child being left be at least 4 — and that no child should be responsible for more than two other kids.

Experts also agree that parents should start kids out slowly. Before you leave your child alone for the first time, go over the rules and then make that quick run to the convenience store around the corner.

"Start with small trips to see how the kids handle the pressure," Severe says. "Leave a 10- or 11-year-old home alone while you go to the grocery store. Don't do it again the next day. Go very slowly."

Begin doing this a couple of years before you plan to leave

them for a longer period of time, advises Ginny Cirio, a registered nurse and certified pediatric nurse practitioner with Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth.

"Go to the grocery store and tell them they can fix a snack," Cirio says. "If you come home and the house is a mess, then you know it's not time. Give them praise when they do the right thing."

While leaving a child at home who's not ready can cause undue stress, ultimately, parents should keep in mind that when a child is ready for the challenge, taking on the responsibility of staying home alone is a positive experience.

And not trusting your kids to stay alone will have consequences, too, says Dr. Joshua Sparrow, a child psychiatrist and co-author of "Touchpoints Three to Six" with Dr. T. Berry Brazelton.

"If you don't give them any time alone and then they turn 18, then you haven't prepared them," he says. "You don't hold kids in, then turn them loose. You give them a little-and-let-them-make-mistakes."

FAMILY-LIFE

Cell phone adolescence

Will the U.S. outgrow it?

Chicago Tribune

Tired of businessmen bellowing into their cell phones, glamour girls telling all to their cell phone buddies, swearing through traffic while paying close attention to... their cell phones?

The good news is, it could be worse.

The bad news is, it probably will be. The U.S., where about 40 percent of the population uses cell phones, is five years behind Japan and many parts of Northern Europe, where cell phone usage tops 50 percent. And in at least one country - Finland - usage has hit the 75 percent mark.

In Japan, young people who employ their thumbs to type out Internet messages on their cell phones as common here have given rise to the term, "the thumb and generation," according to a study sponsored by Motorola. In England, even songbirds have begun to mimic cell phone tones and melodies, the Independent newspaper reports.

By 2006, I predict that at least 70 percent of the U.S. population will have cell phones," says Ted Rappaport, a professor of engineering at the University of Texas in Austin.

Rappaport says America is essentially in the awkward-adolescence stage of cell phone use. Public frustration with cell phones is likely to grow for another year or so, he says, until the proportion of users creeps above the 50 percent mark.

After that, he says, expect some relief, as those who object to cell phones become more accustomed to them, and those who use cell phones learn to conduct themselves in the less obtrusive manner seen in countries that have reached cell phone maturity.

Expect to see technology that facilitates privacy, such as better text-messaging, as well as headgear that discourages bellowing, while experience will have taught more cell phone users to turn their ringers off in restaurants and theaters.

To perhaps one day in the not-so-distant future, we like Japan and Britain, will outgrow our awkward cell phone adolescence. Grandparents will tell their disbelieving grandchildren about the dimoniums who made roads unsafe and restaurant dinners unpalatable.

Meanwhile cultural historians may find fertile scholarly ground in this, the ugly duckling stage of our journey into wireless adulthood.

Meet your cellmates



Steve Robbins, 28, of Glendale, Ariz., says he has three different faces and four antennas for his cellular phone. You don't want what everyone else has," says Robbins as he peruses the stock at Everybody Loves Wireless in Phoenix last month.

In the interest of this future generation of academics, we have attempted herein to identify and catalog the various species of cell phone users who dominate the urban landscape in the summer of 2002:

• **The Drama Queen.** "I'm breaking up with you," the stylish twentysomething says into her cell phone, as she approaches a busy Chicago intersection.

Her calm demeanor and loud, clear voice tell you two things. First, she is not actually in the process of breaking up with someone; she is in the process of rehearsing a past breakup (maybe hers, maybe even someone else's). Second, because she is doing this in the most ear-catching way possible, she wants you to listen. In fact, her high-volume pronouncement virtually demands your attention.

Behold the Drama Queen. Whether she is sobbing her eyes out in front of Neiman Marcus, her cell phone bearing silent witness to the trauma, or reliving a romantic escapade in an airport waiting room, this is one cell phone caller who isn't afraid to tell all to a crowd of strangers.

For the most part, this is women's work. Men do make emotional public phone calls, but they rarely exhibit the kind of consideration for the audience evidenced by the true Drama Queen. In the one case observed at length, on a weekend night outside a North Side Chicago bar, the young man in question was drunk and furious with the woman on the other end of the line, apparently his girlfriend. But his face, tone, agitated manner and repetitive demands - "You go home now" - discouraged eavesdroppers.

The genuine anguish also was a little off-putting. In the true Drama Queen knows that poetry is "emotion recollected in tranquility." Look for this colorful species in upscale shopping and entertainment districts. She tends to be under 40 and fashionable.

• **The Dealmaker.** Whether he's bawling at the pool side at the other end of the line to buy, sell or "fax it to me," the message is the same. This is a man - and the Dealmaker generally is, male - whose every word may deter-

mine the fate of the New York Stock Exchange. Frequently seen in cafes, coffeehouses and airports, the Dealmaker speaks loudly and appears to prefer captive audiences. He may engage in what researcher Sade Plant, author of the Motorola report, refers to as "stage-phoning," in which the caller is effectively performing for innocent bystanders.

In extreme cases, performance may, in fact, be the entire point of the call. "On an elevated train in Chicago, a young man talks on a (cell phone) in some style," Plant says in her report, which is titled, "On the Mobile."

"He's discussing an important deal while at the same time trying to impress a group of girls in the same part of the train. It all goes well until disaster strikes: His phone (rings) and interrupts him in mid-sentence, and his facial death is exposed."

• **The Spy.** Just as there are those who are conspicuous in their cell phone bravado (see the Dealmaker), there are those who are conspicuous in their attempts to achieve privacy in the course of a public conversation. See them standing in remote corners of coffee shops and cafes, leaning into their cell phones, hunching their shoulders, walking in circles so that - even if your counterespionage skills involve lip-reading - your every attempt to crack the code will be foiled.

There is, of course, such a thing as simple cell phone modesty, but the Spy goes way beyond the call of duty, cultivating the impression that his or her phone call is a matter of national security.

• **The Hipster.** This is an international youth phenomenon: cell phone as fashion/lifestyle accessory. In Hong Kong, Plant reports, teen-age girls decorate their cell phones with stickers, trinkets, straps and toys. In Bangkok, girls carry their phones in fur-edged pouches worn as necklaces.

In the United States, the presentation is less elaborate, but still awash in (social) significance. Young men and women pull out silver-tone cell phones that coordinate with their jewelry, or loudly announce their plans to their cell phones as they embark on a night on the town. On a

recent Saturday, a woman in her 20s stood at a busy corner in Old Town, grinning, early, not at her date, nor at passersby, but at the air in front of her face. She was talking on her cell.

"So, what are we doing? Where are you meeting us?" she asked.

"Oooh! Like, an 18-and-over bar?"

• **The Addict.** To most of us, the cell phone is a tool or maybe a status symbol.

To the addict, the cell phone is an appendage. Never mind that a 1997 report in the New England Journal of Medicine found that driving while phoning quadruples your chance of an accident.

Never mind that traffic noise makes the street a less pleasant venue for personal phone calls. Never mind that city cycling is challenging enough with both hands on the handlebars.

There are those among us who just can't stop cell phoning. See them riding the beatified bike path! Watch them conducting endless, pointless phone conversations in bookstores and restaurants! Listen to them locating - and relocating - each other: "I'm here, where are you?"

One sign you're a little too attached to your cell phone: when you use it while bicycling to place a call to your friend, who just happens to be the city's bike safety advocate. Dave Glowacz, director of education at the Chicagoand Bicycle Federation, received one such call.

"Are you bicycling?" Glowacz asked the caller.

"Yes, then you know I can't talk to you."

And then there's the case of the lost woman. Standing in line at the Borders bookstore on Chicago's Michigan Avenue on a recent Friday afternoon, she interrupted a detailed cell phone discussion of her evening plans to ask the cashier, "Where am I?"

The world has changed a lot in the last few years, but there are a few basic things that your average adult still does need to know.

Even before she picks up her cell phone.

-Source: Chicago Tribune

Survey: Max, Mollie are popular pet names

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

In the dog and cat name game, Max and Tiger take the prize. That's according to a nationwide survey of 1,500 pet owners conducted earlier this year by The Iams Co.

However, when Veterinary Pet Insurance recently tallied up the pet names in its database of more than 220,000 polyholders, Max shared top honors with Mollie, not Tiger.

Blame the difference on different polling strategies. But credit them for a few other trendy tidbits.

For example, the Iams survey found that:

• Midwesterners are twice as likely as Northeasterners to name their dogs after foods or beverages.

• More than 70 percent of Southerners give their cats people names.

• Ginger, Gizmo, Buster and Lucy are popular for both dogs and cats in the Midwest but don't make it into the top 10 in any other region. Casey and Sasha are big in the Northeast; Rocky, Bandit, Cody, Dil, Leo, Lucky and Sparky in the South; Rusty and Lady in the West.

• Midwesterners are less likely to name their pets after personality characteristics, such as Cuddles or Rascel, than are pet parents in the West and South.

• Kittens in the Midwest are much more likely to be named Fatty Lump, Tuna Breath or other so-called silly name than their feline friends in the Northwest.

• Young Generation Y'ers are nearly four times more likely to pick a traditional name - such as Kitty, Whiskers, Lucky or Spot - than baby boomers are. The latter tend to opt for less-mainstream monikers, such as Kaleiducci, Benker and Malibu.

• Brandy, Babe, Sara and Snuggles were popular dog names 10 years ago but are no longer on the top 10 list; Rocky and Belle have returned to the list after a 10-year absence.

• Similarly, Fluffy, Angel, Bobby and Lucky are back on the kitty top 10 after being out of favor for a decade, while former favorites Boots, Pepper, Sammie and Sparky have all been absent.

• Max, Jake, Charlie and Princess have been consistent favorites for the past 10 years. One thing many pet-name polls tend to agree on is the popularity of people names. In fact, about 74 percent of puppy owners and 66 percent of kitten owners chose people names for their pets this year.

And according to Veterinary Pet Insurance, the penchant for people names has been on the increase for at least a decade - evidence, perhaps, of our grow-

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ing view of pets as members of our family. According to Valerie DeMossa-Brummer, executive director of the St. Charles Humane Society, "some studies claim that if you choose a human name like Bonnie or Suzie, rather than some slang name, it actually helps strengthen your bond with that pet."

Whether we spend as much time pondering pet names as we do choosing children's names remains to be seen, but 84 percent of the pet owners surveyed by Iams said naming four-footed family members was easy. More than 60 percent of them said they chose a name the same day the newcomer arrived.

Such is not the case at animal shelters, where coming up with new names for the thousands of strays placed in adoption program every year is an ongoing challenge.

"We try not to duplicate, but with the volume of animals we've had to name over the years, how could we not," said Claudia Shugart, executive director of the Animal Protective Association of Missouri.

The baby books that the APA staff resorts to "on occasion" are only one source of inspiration. As with baby names, help with picking pet names abounds.

A quick check of Amazon.com found more than a dozen pet-name books in print, some with unusual twists. The one offering astrological help - "Pet Names, Pet Signs," by Karen Webster - is out of print, but come December, "From Ace to Zumbo," by Elin Dodge, will provide some numerological guidance on the subject.

The Internet also offers innumerable animal-naming sites. One of the best, petname.com, boasts their own pet-name popularity polls. For example, <http://www.petname.com> serves up a general top 50 list - on which Max is fifth, by the way.

Here, Rocky is first, followed by Amber, Jasper and Cinnamon.

Bowwow.com.au provides top 20 lists for dogs and for cats based on its pet-tag business.

Current top dogs on this tally are Max and Maggie; felines in first are Max and Sassy.

Safe

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"These numbers give us a partial picture of what kids think about safety, but it's just the beginning," Goodale said. "We really need to do focus groups with kids to get a complete picture."

Thirteen thousand three hundred fourteen students - about three-fourths of all students in the sixth- through 12th grades in the public schools of the eight counties - responded to the survey, conducted between February and April. HealthNet surveyed a much smaller sample of kids between 1998-2000.

The "assets" index was developed by the Search Institute, a Minnesota-based research company. Ideally, teens should have between 31 and 40 such "assets" in their lives, the institute said. Asset categories include support, empowerment, boundaries and expectations, constructive use of time, commitment to learning, positive values, social competencies and positive identity.

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Elementary schools look for more male teachers

Knight Ridder News Service

DETROIT - Chris McAuliffe is an elementary school teacher and principal. He and his wife combined make him a hot commodity in today's schools.

Men are in-demand at the elementary level as a greater nation-wide trend is to diversify the historically female-dominated teaching profession.

But men also are wanted in other areas, such as the important role - as fathers involved in their child's education. A growing body of research shows dads' involvement means their kids do better in school.

"Parent involvement in the school setting is basically a code word for mother involvement. Often, that's how dads see parent involvement," said Christopher Brown, vice president of state and community initiatives for the National Fatherhood Initiative.

The organization, based in Silver Spring, Md., is trying to alter that attitude. Both the National Education Association, the largest teachers union, and the National Parent-Teacher Association, which has 2 million members, are waging war for men in their ranks.

Men's involvement is just so

critical," said Paula Wood, dean of the College of Education at Wayne State University, which has male teacher recruitment programs.

Teaching wasn't on McAuliffe's radar in college, where he was a biology major. But after working with kids in sports summer camps, he decided to try it.

"It was one of those things where all of a sudden I saw that that was what I should be doing," said McAuliffe, 38, a fifth-grade teacher at Oxbow Community School in the Huron Valley Schools district.

But colleges of education historically have a rough time luring men because of dated notions that teaching is women's work, and because many men don't see the profession as a lucrative way to provide for their families.

Also, male teachers tend to gravitate toward positions at the secondary level, which gives them more opportunities to earn extra cash as coaches or club advisers. Many men move quickly into administrative positions.

According to the National Education Association, just 26 percent of the nation's 3-million teachers are men. While the numbers are more balanced at the secondary level, educators are concerned about the scant 15 percent

of elementary school teachers who are men. Nationally, the NEA approved a measure at its annual meeting in July to recruit more men into teaching, with emphasis on elementary-school and minority teachers.

John Hutcheson, a Kentucky education teacher, led that effort. "We make up the most visible minority around. And we recognize that these guys are important in these positions because in most places they are role models for kids who don't have both parents at home," Hutcheson said.

Chuck Okezie, director of the Jobs Program at Marygrove College in Detroit, said, "Because of the type of crisis we have in urban communities... some of them are coming from homes where they have never known what it means to have a man in their life."

The program, which helps African-American men with bachelor's degrees earn teaching certificates, is named for the west African term for oral historian.

But money likely will always be a barrier. Even with average salaries upward of \$40,000 nationwide, starting-teaching-salaries can be low, and it takes time to move up the pay scale.

"I hope money isn't everything," McAuliffe said. "I'm hoping more males, especially those in college now, will start looking at the profession. It is so rewarding."

Derrick Lopez of Detroit was a lawyer and uncertified teacher at a private school before he enrolled in the Griots Program. He just graduated in May and will be a licensed teacher when the school year begins later this month at Heirs of the Promise Preparatory Academy, run by his church, True Believers Church.

Lopez, who is married and has four children, took a financial risk when he gave up law to answer the call of teaching.

"Was it the decision because basically, if I don't assist in teaching our children, who will?" said Lopez, 36.

In recent years, the call to get more fathers involved in their child's education has been building steam, fueled in part by two reports showing fathers' importance.

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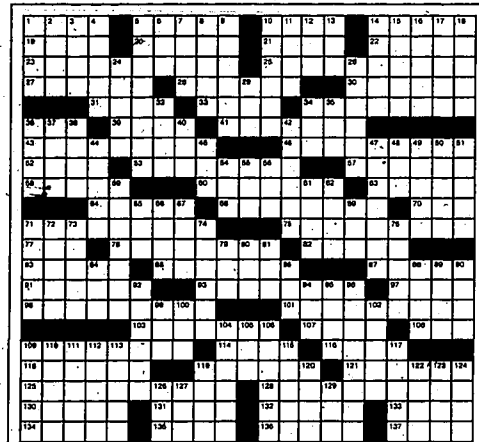
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By Robert M. Wolfe, North Woodmere, New York

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Aries: Fix things at home

IF SEPTEMBER 1ST IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, you are independent, creative, and "sexy." You know what you should do, but you don't always do it. Leo, Aquarius natives play dramatic roles in your life, could have these letters in A. S. J. During September, focus will be on travel, marital status. During October, you will be involved in important domestic adjustment that could include change of residence, December most memorable!

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Fix things at home. Cycle continues high; take initiative and make personal appearances. What you lost can be regained, including money. Libra plays sensational role.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Time is on your side; play waiting game. Intuitive intellect is honed to razor-sharpness. Hunches pay dividends; you are destined to be a winner. Pisces represented.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Power play! Pressure is on due to added responsibility; you are in driver's seat. Circumstances are beginning to turn in your favor. Within 24 hours, you gain

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look for the immediate opportunity exists for "international recognition." Romantic relationship is torrid; you can run but you cannot hide. Aries plays major role.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be trusted with secret; be discreet, don't tell all. Make fresh start, permit yourself to "fall in love." Aquarius, another Leo will play outstanding role.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Attention revolves around civic activities, cooperative efforts and marital status. You get credit due - it's about time! You will be in the news, making news. Capricorn figures prominently.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Popularity increases; you will be lucky, especially by sticking with number 3. You will meet someone important in your life. Attend social affair. Sagittarius plays role.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your kind-of-day! You beat the odds! A final... game. Question-of-marriage looks large. Passionate outburst dominates. Taurus, Leo and Scorpio play dramatic roles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get story behind the story. You exude vibrations of success. Don't give up something of value for temporary pleasure Gemini, Virgo and another Sagittarius in scenario.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Events transpire to bring you closer to partnership, marriage. Domestic harmony returns if you so permit. Make intelligent concession to family. Taurus corrects mechanical problem.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Time is on your side; you can wait and win. Look behind scenes; someone wants to "tell you something." Glorious meeting will be arranged. Pisces, Virgo are involved.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Highlight confidence, stand tall for beliefs. Relationship is serious, could lead to partnership, marriage. If you are not serious, move on! Cancer native involved.

Visitations should end if sons disobey

Q. I am black and my husband is white. We have weekend visits with his sons, 10 and 8. The weekends are tortuous because in our home the children do not have access to video games, hundreds of toys and as much TV as they want. They also have a very low opinion of black people, and thus do not pay any attention to me when I try to correct their behavior. My husband is somewhat hampering by his ex-wife because she once accused him of being "abusive" because he spanked the boys on several occasions (not harshly at all, but that made no difference to her). As a consequence, he second-guesses any attempt at discipline, even mild reprimands, on his part. We want to have more harmony in our home during these weekend visits.



PARENTING
John Rosemond

A. Is this ever a double bind! Unfortunately, it's all too common. If I've heard it once, I've heard the story a thousand times: The ex-wife levels spurious charges of abuse (not that all such charges are spurious, mind you) at the ex-husband, often resulting in termination or restriction of visitation. At the very least, these accusations effectively put Dad in check when it comes to discipline and make visits a living hell for the new wife.

Believe me, whereas the boys may have been brainwashed into harboring racist attitudes, your

skin color is not the issue when it comes to their disregard for you. I venture to opine that they would not listen to you or respect you if you were the whitest white person on the planet.

You have inherited a situation that is probably not going to change until the boys are old enough to think critically for themselves. That's a good six years away, at best. Probably more. Meantime, the ball is squarely in your husband's court. He is going to have to decide, first, whether his marriage is more important than his children. That's a difficult decision, but I would hope he would choose his marriage, which is for life (theoretically and hopefully), over his children, who are being well taken care of otherwise and who will someday have lives of their own. The second decision he needs to confront is whether he's willing to pay a price for laying down the law to these young tyrants.

I'd wager that the only approach that has even the slimmest possibility of working

involves a firm policy of taking the boys back to their mother immediately at the first instance of disrespect/disobedience while in your home. No threats, no second chances, no negotiations. If your husband agrees, plan a fairly nice weekend with the boys. Well in advance, he needs to let them know what's planned and what the new policy is: "If either of you disobeys or is disrespectful toward either of us, but especially my wife, then I'm going to take you home immediately. There will be no second chances. Mind you, I'm not asking you to like us, I'm just telling you I will no longer tolerate displays of disrespect, including disobedience. So, knowing this, if you'd rather not come this weekend, let me know and (your name) and I will have our own wonderful time."

Like I said, your hubby has got to be willing to pay a price for taking a strong stand of this sort. In that regard, I'd say to him, "You are married not to your children, but to your wife. From this point on, to do what is best for your kids, you have to stand up for your marriage."

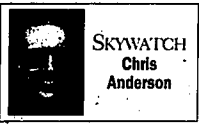
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Venus will slide past Virgo this week

Western tradition associates the planet Venus with the goddess of love. Fitting that such a strong emotion should be equated with the most luminous of our planetary neighbors. To stretch the analogy a bit further, Venus shines with a steady (steadfast?) light, unlike the flickle stars that twinkle around it. We'd like to think love is that way too, wouldn't we?

This week Venus is sliding past Spica, the brightest star in Virgo, another female in the celestial pantheon (look low in the west-southwest 45 minutes after sunset). While Virgo has been linked to various mythological characters, one of the most common is Ceres, the goddess of fruits and grains (from which the word "cereal" derives). Spica is the spike of a new wheat that she promises for a hungry world.

Virgo's association with agriculture is no accident. Her first appear in the evening sky in springtime, a sign to pre-calendaric peoples that it was time to get the crops planted. At summer's end she sinks gracefully



SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

into the glow of the evening twilight, signaling that it's time to reap the bounty of the growing season and prepare for winter.

In Greek mythology, Ceres was the mother of Persephone, the unwilling bride of Hades, the god of death. Hades spirited Persephone away to the underworld, so upsetting Ceres that the whole world withered and crops would not grow. To avert catastrophe, Hades agreed to allow Persephone to return to the world of the living for half her year. With Ceres' joy of seeing her daughter, summer crops flourish. But during the winter, Persephone's absence recalls her mother's melancholy, bringing the death of growing plants.

This quaint story is a reminder of how our ancestors marked the

passing of the seasons, and used the stars to guide their activities. I'm often asked how ancient people could see such elaborate shapes and characters among the stars. The answer is simple: Their survival often depended upon it.

Next week: Jupiter sits near a be-hive.

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Report: Cohabitations are less stable than marriages

Unmarried cohabitations overall are less stable than marriages, according to a report released last week by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The chances of a first marriage ending in separation or divorce within five years is 20 percent, but the probability of a premarital cohabitation breaking up within five years is 49 percent, the study showed. After 10 years, 62 percent of cohabitations break up, compared with 33 percent of marriages.

The study suggests that both marriages and cohabitations tend to last longer under certain conditions, such as a woman's age at the time the relationship began; whether she was raised in a two-parent family; and whether religion plays an important role in her life.

Missing Kids

In light of several well-publicized kidnappings across the country, the National Center for

Family news you can use

Missing and Exploited Children is encouraging families not to panic.

Rather, parents should arm themselves with information on how to keep their children safe. Here are some tips:

- Go over the rules with your children about whom those they can visit when they're not there; and discuss the boundaries of where they can and can't go in the neighborhood.
- Teach your children to get out of dangerous or uncomfortable situations right away, and practice role-playing and basic safety skills with them.
- Caution your children never to approach any vehicle, occupied or not, unless accompanied by a parent or trusted adult.
- Make sure children know their full names, address, telephone numbers and how to use

the telephone.

- Choose baby sitters with care. Obtain references from family, friends and neighbors.

Way to go, parents

More of you are reading to your preschoolers, a habit experts say helps children learn to read and increases their chances of enjoying reading later in life.

According to survey information gathered for "America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being 2002," 58 percent of preschoolers were read to every day by a family member last year, up from 54 percent in 1999. There is no evidence that a child's intelligence (as long as it is within normal range) affects the ease of learning to read. But among children who start school already reading fluently, a common factor is that they were read to regularly.

— compiled from wire service reports

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HANGING UP THEIR HATS



In front of the Hollister School, reunion planning committee members Dwight Shaw, chairman, and Betty Pastoor, secretary hang up their hats. They have helped with the past 12 reunions and says it's time for someone else to take on the job. Shown are Shaw; Lenora Hudson Bickford, hospitality; Pastoor, secretary; Marguerite Caudie Lanting, class of 1940; and Paul Kunkel, class of 1941. Not shown is Donna Lanting, treasurer.

Reunion planners seek help

By Marilyn Kramer
Times-News correspondent

HOLLISTER - After planning at least 12 reunions, Betty Brown Pastoor and Dwight Shaw, both from the class of 1939, decided rather tearfully to hang up their hats due to their age and the amount of work.

They say there will be no future Hollister School reunions unless more recent graduates take on the job. They would be happy to pass on addresses to anyone willing to take over the planning.

Pastoor can be reached at 733-8415, and Shaw can be reached at 733-0473.

Ralph Schnell and he came up with the idea in 1960 to hold an all Hollister High reunion with the first one held in 1961. Betty Pastoor was recruited as secretary and Betty Leonard Jones, class of 1928, as treasurer, Shaw said.

Donna Schnitker Lanting, class of 1947, has been treasurer most recently, and taken on many other jobs to keep the reunions going, coordinators say.

Ninety-seven alumni, spouses and children attended the most recent reunion July 5. The event included a banquet, picnic and Sunday services.

Shaw says reunions were held every five years. In 1990, a motion was made to hold them every two years.

At the reunion, alumni turned back the clock for a day or two, Lee Dean, class of 1943, literally turned back the clock.

His parents were janitors and the family lived in the small quarters in the basement of the school until the 1960s. When they moved, he took the broken big clock from the study hall. This year, unable to attend because of illness, he shipped back the clock from his

Jerome 4-H kids take home ribbons from county fair

Jerome - The University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Service announced 4-H winners from the Jerome County Fair.

Dairy Quality
Class 7 - Magic Valley Dairy
Herd Yearlings
Top - Justine Jackson
Reserve - Jenna Meeks
Blue - Sarah Traugott
Blue - Janice Lewley
Red - Brittany Hatt
Red - Jacob Waybright
Red - Leah Meeks
Red - Danielle Hatt
Blue - Bushy Green
Class 8 - Magic Valley Dairy
Herd Yearlings
Top - Karl Green
Reserve - Nick Newby
Blue - Jeffrey Green
Red - Kristi Miller
Blue - Jeffrey Hatt
Class 9 - Ober
Top - Kristi Miller
Reserve - Kristi Miller
Blue - Tom Hatt
Blue - Megan Traugott
Reserve - Alex Barber
Overall Quality
Top - Justine Jackson

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Katheryn Kasey Hostetler, daughter of Melonie Beth Baecht and Tracy Ray Hostetler of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Aug. 5, 2002.

Aspen Lynn Parton, daughter of Natalie Dawn Parton and Steven Joshua McClure of Burley, was born Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2002.

Kylie Jean Drake, daughter of Trista Jean Hill of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Aug. 9, 2002.

Alli Marie Overlin, daughter of Angela Schafritz of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Aug. 10, 2002.

Aaron Christopher Butler, son of Wendy Arlene Orr of Jerome, was born Sunday, Aug. 11, 2002.

Austin Jonas Kuzlik, son of Jacob and Carla Kuzlik of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002.

Riley James Fairchild, son of

Mindy Lynn Fairchild and Beau James Kemp of Buhl, was born Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2002.

Alec Payton Johnson, son of Betsey Lynn and Mitchell Patrick Johnson of Kimberly, was born Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2002.

Malcee Lynn Cmsom, daughter of Shanda Dawn and Kevin Alan Carson of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Aug. 22, 2002.

Skyler Thomas Ficus, son of Dawn Leanne Stewart and Todd

Ernest Ficus of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Aug. 22, 2002.

Jayden Nathan Triplett, son of Amanda Marie Miller and Ronald Nathan Triplett of Hansen, was born Thursday, Aug. 22, 2002.

D'Jeane Angel Escobar, daughter of Dassy and Sandego Escobar of Jackpot, Nev., was born Friday, Aug. 23, 2002.

Dawson Kevin Kelly, son of Christina Alicia and James Kevin Kelly Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Aug. 26, 2002.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Debbie Gage Scord, daughter of Gerami and Health Scord of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002.

Dominique Brian Carter, son of Brian and Jennifer Carter of Wendell, was born Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002.

SEWING FOR CHILDREN



Volunteers created 22 aprons for the children of the Orchard Valley Head Start in Wendell to use in various activities, such as art projects and play. The volunteers are, from left, top: Veria Lancaster, Margerite Potter, Janis Woodbridge and Lucille Cruson; bottom: Janell Tahannan and Mary Breach. The sewing project was lead by Tahannan.

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The BPO Does of Burley, Drove 206, donated \$550 to the Center Information Center at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center, 2303 Parke Ave. in Burley. The money will be used for expenses, including wigs for cancer patients, brochures and supplies. The center operates on donations and volunteer efforts. Information pamphlets, supplies and wigs are free to the public. Center hours are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. To volunteer, call Gail Gallegos at 679-8598.

Jerome - The University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Service announced 4-H winners from the Jerome County Fair.

Swine Showmanship

Reserve - Carrie Thibault

Top - Megan Larkin
Blue - Megan Bailes
Blue - MicCain Gilbert
Blue - Cliff Baxter
Blue - Ryan Jackson
Blue - Carl Aberle
Blue - Stephen Allen
Blue - Melissa Thompson
Blue - Rick Thompson
Blue - Sandy Wagstaff
Class 2
Top - Chardon Hartley
Reserve - Jared Harrison
Blue - James Baemes
Blue - Tel Bishop
Blue - Kelley Dehoney
Blue - Joseph Gordon
Blue - Brad Kolien
Blue - Candice Stamer
Blue - Joel Rubink
Senior
Top - Kurt Hopper
Reserve - Rachel Cox
Blue - Candice Callen
Blue - Allison Stigle
Blue - Alanna Stigle
Blue - Deborah Wagstaff
Blue - Jason Baemes
Blue - Kristi Miller
Blue - Brad Kolien
Overall Showmanship
Top - Kurt Hopper
Reserve - Rachel Cox

Swine Quality

Top - Sarah Callen
Reserve - Cassia Stiemmes
Blue - Jordan Lancaster
Blue - Nicole Miller
Blue - Keith White
Blue - Kristi Miller
Blue - Ryan Jackson
Class 2
Top - Shilo Miller
Reserve - Jarvis Baemes
Blue - Jason Lewis
Blue - Camille Stamer
Blue - Stephen Allen
Red - Jared Harrison
Red - Nikole Wilbanks
Class 4
Top - Alex Nelson
Reserve - Megan Larkin
Blue - Karl Aberle
Blue - Denny Hartley
Blue - Danny Stigle
Blue - Alan Stigle
Class 5
Top - Coody Luper
Reserve - Sarah Callen
Blue - Tel Bishop
Blue - Andrew Olsenstien
Red - Kelley Dehoney
Red - Candice Stamer
Class 10
Top - Austin Stigle
Reserve - Sarah Callen
Blue - Dustin Davis
Blue - Mackenzie Griffith
Blue - Jonica Liffroy
Blue - Ryan Mewer
Blue - Joe Edwards
Blue - Malissia Mewer
Blue - Renee Robinson
Blue - Jessica Callen

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Filer Rose Society offers gardening workshop

FILER - The Filer Rose Society will hold a meeting and workshop at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Memorial Rose Garden at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.

A workshop on gardening and roses will be presented by Cathy Walworth. Anyone interested in the workshop or the club is invited to attend.

Spaces also are available for those who want to purchase a rose to be planted in the Memorial Rose Garden.

For more information, call Shari Hart at 326-4897 or Barbara Urie at 326-5636.

chased at the museum.

Several events and entertainment will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the museum. These will include Old Time Fiddlers, cowboy poets, cloggers, square dancers, Conde's, singing, yodelling, a group from Snake River Flats, primitive Indian skills survey, Indian lore, bee camera feed and Saturday morning and star gazing through the observatory and club's huge collection of telescopes from 9 p.m.

Friday to early morning Saturday.

The park is located just south of Mountain Home and features camping, hiking, fishing and the largest single structure sand dune in North America.

Admission is just \$3 per car at the park gate.

For more information, call Bruneau Dunes State Park at 366-7919.

CSI Adult Basic Education program seeks volunteers

TWIN FALLS - The Adult Basic Education program at the College of Southern Idaho is looking for more volunteers to help adult students prepare for their GED tests and to learn English as a second language.

Basic skills volunteers tutor for two or three hours a week. Coordinators match volunteers with adult students who are learning reading, writing and math. Volunteers who can help non-English speaking students are always in demand, organizers said. Times and places are worked out for the convenience of students and volunteers. Sometimes, tutors work in a classroom to help regular instruc-

tors or to help distribute promotional literature.

Coordinators say the only qualifications are a high school education or its equivalent and a willingness to help.

All materials are provided. Volunteers are needed throughout southern Idaho and northern Nevada.

For information, call the CSI Adult Basic Education Center at 732-6536 or toll free at 1-800-680-0274, Ext. 6536. The center is located in the Meyerhoeffer building on the CSI campus, room 228.

Business offers cake decorating course

TWIN FALLS - Kinchen Magic will hold a course I decorating class from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The cost is \$20 plus supplies and must be paid by Friday.

For more information, call 733-4285.

Arts center announces upcoming classes

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Creative Arts Center is offering the following art classes:

Art club classes will be held from 3:45-5:15 p.m. September through May. First grade will meet Mondays; second grade, Tuesdays; third and fourth grades, Wednesdays; grades five through seven, Thursdays; and kindergarten will meet from 1-2:30 p.m. Thursdays. The monthly tuition is \$35.

Parent and child art will be offered to children ages 2-3 and their parents from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. September through March. The monthly tuition is \$30.

Pre-school art will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursdays, September through March. The monthly tuition is \$30.

Adult workshops also are available in oil painting, watercolor painting and drawing.

For more information, call 737-9111.

Children music program accepts fall enrollment

TWIN FALLS - Kindermusik with Suelin is accepting enrollment for fall sessions.

Kindermusik is an international music and movement program for children to promote language, cognitive, emotional and coordination development and

social interaction. Kindermusik with Suelin offers a program of weekly sessions for children of different ages, from newborns to age 7. Classes are held at the Magic Valley Academy of Music, 209 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls.

Instructor Suelin Buchal is a piano teacher and vocal coach with 20 years experience and a licensed Kindermusik instructor.

For more information, call Buhidar at 733-5257 or e-mail her buhidar@msn.com.

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Brides worry about preserving gowns

Knights Rider News Service

Ask Kimberly Williams what the most important part of her wedding was and she'll describe the white gown with the rose flower accents she wore down the aisle.

"The dress meant so much that for months after her July 2001 wedding, Williams hung it in the closet and kept the door open so she could see it every day."

"My husband said when he saw me in it, he never saw me look so beautiful," says Williams, 25, of Lewiston, Mich. "Our life just got better with each day, and it all started with the wedding. The dress was a constant reminder of a wonderful memory."

But Williams knew she'd have to get the dress preserved if she really wanted to make the memory last. Keeping it in her closet guaranteed that it would yellow and that stains would become permanent.

Yet preservation made her nervous.

"What if the dress got ruined? What if she never got it back?" These were the questions that plagued her. More than 2.4 million brides have to think about each year.

"For a lot of brides, the wedding dress is so meaningful to them and such an important part of their history now as a couple that they want to preserve it and they want to do it correctly," says Antonia van der Meer, editor in chief of Modern Bride magazine in New York.

So after months of shopping, fittings and credit card payments to pay off dresses that can cost as little as \$100 or as much as a 1-carat solitaire, how do you make sure you're getting it preserved at the best place?

How do you know which cleaner is telling you the truth and which cleaner just wants to make a sale?

Well, there's no one answer. And it takes work on the bride's part to do it right. But like planning a wedding for 200 guests in 12 months, it can be done.

The most important thing, say all the experts, is to shop around and ask questions.

Most brides don't open the phone book and randomly pick a name. They call for their wedding reception. Instead, they make a list, visit each site, compare prices and ask around about the place.

The same should be done when choosing the dry cleaner to preserve your gown.

"I tell brides, 'You're preserving an opportunity,'" says Kathy Thomas, president of Veils & Shoes Unlimited & More in Sterling Heights, Mich., ships off 400-500 dresses a year for preservation. "This is an heirloom."

So don't just look for the \$99 extra-value deal.

And don't assume that cleaners that charge \$400 know what they're doing.

You should find cleaners that

Step by step

The Association of Wedding Gown Specialists and member Tom Ryan of Georgetown Cleaners in Ann Arbor, Mich., follows these steps for silk, bridal gowns. Polyester gowns can be wet-cleaned.

- Customer makes an appointment with the cleaner to drop off the gown, discuss stains and review details like beading and lace. Customer can ask about the cleaner's experience and cost and should be wary of washers that remove damage responsibility from the cleaner.

- Cleaner checks for stains to pre-spot with a chemical solution. Blacks include grass and grease. Stains lights are used to spot less obvious stains, including champagne stains, which darken over time.

- The gown is placed in a net bag and put in a dry-cleaning machine, where it is immersed in chemicals. The gown should go in alone and be moistened. Cleaning time ranges from 30 seconds to 20 minutes, at least five minutes less than the time allowed for a business suit.

- During drying, the temperature is dropped to about 125 degrees, 35 degrees lower than normal, to prevent damage such as melted beads.

- The cleaner removes the gown and inspects it for any missed stains. A handheld steamer removes wrinkles.

- The gown is reinspected before being wrapped in acid-free tissue and placed in a box. The box can have a plastic window as long as it is intended for preservation and won't ruin the dress. Be sure to ask the cleaner.

- The customer can ask to look at the gown before it's boxed and then stay to see it boxed.
- Gown is stored in a dry, dark space to prevent water or sun damage.

—Source: Detroit Free Press

specialize in or are knowledgeable about handling wedding gowns, and be sure to ask specific questions about how they clean and package a dress, says Sally Conant, executive director of the Association of Wedding Gown Specialists in Connecticut.

"A lot of brides don't even think about this. It's like telling them they have to do dishes after dinner," Conant says. "It's not one of the fun things."

Brides shouldn't be afraid to ask the cleaner to explain exactly what cleaning steps the dress will go through and ask about damage waivers, which remove responsibility from the cleaner should something go wrong.

A cleaner that doesn't want to be responsible for damage to the dress is one to think twice about, Conant says.

Bride's witching hour bothers her family

DEAR ABBY: My sister is planning her wedding, which will take place next month. It will be a midnight wedding under a full autumn moon, surrounded by candlelight. She and her fiancé will exchange their vows at the stroke of midnight, followed by cake and dancing.

While I respect my sister's individuality and her decision to make her wedding exactly as she wants it to, I have some questions. My sister is a self-proclaimed witch and practices paganism. Her decision to have a midnight wedding is based on her witchcraft and paganistic beliefs.

Abby, I love my sister, although we're not close and do not share the same religious beliefs. My mother feels exactly the same as I do. My sister wants no family participation in the planning of her wedding or the ceremony. Instead of my mother taking the honored place of mother of the bride, my sister has asked her to be the clean-up crew!

We feel she has not considered anyone else's feelings or the hardship that a midnight wedding will put on her guests. Should Mother and I overlook our hurt feelings and attend my sister's wedding? (Our husbands refuse to.) Or should we simply send a lovely wedding gift in lieu of our attendance?

—**BE-WITCHED SISTER** IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR SISTER: First of all, your mother should decline the "invitation" to be the clean-up crew. Your sister appears to be in a world of her own.

I don't know how serious her interest in witchcraft is, or how long it will last. However, if you and your mother are curious about what the ceremony will be like, I think you should attend. It will demonstrate to your sister—and her friends—that you care about her and wish her well.

Take an afternoon nap on the big day—and if you start to get sleepy around midnight, then stay for only a short spell.

DEAR ABBY: My pastor's wife has a big mouth. She's very sweet, and I sincerely believe she's not intentionally being malicious, but she talks me things about people who are seeing her husband for counseling. I know who is having serious medical problems, drinking problems, marital problems, etc. If she keeps telling me rumors, I can only imagine what she talks about to other women. I'm afraid her actions will ultimately bring down the church. It happened once before. Should I confront her? Tell an elder? What should I do?

—**MYSTIFIED** IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR MYSTIFIED: Confession may be good for the soul, but not if it's being broadcast. By all means confront the pastor's wife. Tell her that what she is doing could end her husband's career. If more rumors are going on, warn the pastor that his wife is leaking confidential information. He needs to know.

Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.

Thank You Family
for the lovely celebration you put together for our 50th Anniversary. Also a big thank you for all those who attended and made it the perfect day!
Kathleen L. & [unclear]



Janard and Teresa Jones

TIPTON-JONES

TWIN FALLS — Teresa Tipton and Janard L. Jones II were married Aug. 10 in a meadow at Pole Creek, north of Galena Summit.

Officiating was the Rev. Matthew Franz.

The bride is the daughter of Boyd and Wilma Tipton of Filer.

The bridegroom is the son of Janard L. Jones of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Donna (Clarence) Miller of Jerome.

Sarah Tipton, daughter of the bride, was the matron of honor. Kaitie Jones, daughter of the groom, was a bridesmaid.

Devin Jones, son of the groom, served as the best man.

A reception/barbecue was held after the ceremony.

The couple resides in Twin Falls.

—ANNIVERSARY—



Charles and Renee Clark

THE CLARKS

RUPERT — Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Clark of Rupert celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family gathering.

Clark and Renee Gillett were married Aug. 9, 1952, in Declo. He worked as a civil engineer and she taught school in Alaska and Minidoka County. The couple lived and worked in Alaska, Italy, Pakistan, Africa and Indonesia. They also served a two-year LDS mission in the Polynesian Islands.

Their children are Tom Clark, Steve Clark, Cordell Clark and Kristen Black.

They have 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

RINEHART-VERHOEVEN

TWIN FALLS — Kendra Chamille Rinehart and Richard Gilbert Verhoeven were married Aug. 3 at the White House in Twin Falls.

Officiating was the Rev. Matthew Franz.

The bride is the daughter of Ron and Sheila Rinehart of Twin Falls.

The bridegroom is the son of Catherine Sawyer of Lake Arrowhead, Calif., and Brian Verhoeven of Jerome.

The bride's maid of honor was Katie Jo Watland, friend of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Chandra Carr, Katie Fallow and Tessa Archibald, friends of the bride.

Cousin of the groom, Lacy Verhoeven, was the flower girl.

Randy Verhoeven, brother of the groom, served as the best man.

Groomsmen were Scott Rinehart, brother of the bride, Eric Valadão, Justin Peer and John Viette, friends of the groom.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Ken and Joy Rinehart of Fairfield and Bill and Billie Hamilton of Portland, Ore.; grandparents of



Kendra and Richard Verhoeven

the groom, Gilbert and Diana Verhoeven of Jerome and Bob and Lois Crissinger of Highland, Calif.; great-grandmother of the groom, Louise Noordman; and cousin of the groom, Avaton. Also in attendance was the bride's late grandfather, Wilfred Woodland.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho. She is currently employed at Sawtooth Enterprises in Twin Falls.

The groom is also attending CSI this fall.

He is currently employed at the Home Depot in the garden department.

The couple resides in Twin Falls.

SENKBEIL-JONES

EDEN — Elizabeth Senkbeil and Curtis Jones were married July 13 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Eden.

Officiating was the Rev. Jeffrey Potter. Anna Schwarz was the organist. Cindy Rojen was the soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Gene and Molly Senkbeil of Cascade.

Parents of the bridegroom are Calvin and Betty Jo Jones of Eden.

Jordana Trent, friend of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor.

Amy Little and Joey Peutz, friends of the bride, were the bridesmaids.

Jeff McClain, friend of the groom, served as best man. Chad Schombbeck and Rick Brune, friends of the groom, were the groomsmen.

Special guests included grandparents of the bridegroom, Leroy and Eunice Rehwalt of Twin Falls.

A reception was held following



Curtis and Elizabeth Jones

the ceremony. Serving were Nancy Korb, Susan Rehwalt, Vicky Hawkins and Jackie Smith, aunts of the bridegroom. Corinne Strubell, sister-in-law of the bride, attended the guest book.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Idaho. She is employed at the Twin Falls School District.

The bridegroom is also a graduate of the University of Idaho. He is employed at Roost Potato Company.

The newlyweds reside in Eden.

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ENGAGEMENTS

STOCK-BOYER

TWIN FALLS — Mari Beth Stock of Twin Falls and Steven D. Stock of Shoshone announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Rebecca Stock, to Benjamin Abner Boyer, son of Helen Boyer of Paul.

The wedding is planned for Sept. 14 at Bethel Temple Church.

A reception will be held after the ceremony at the same location.



Benjamin Boyer and Erin Stock

CARVAJAL-SIROTEK

TWIN FALLS — Carmen Carvajal of Twin Falls announces the engagement of her daughter, Jamille Carvajal, to Garrett Sirotek, son of Tina Johnson of Carlin, Nev., and the late Anthony Sirotek.

Carvajal is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is currently attending the College of Southern Idaho.

She is employed at Wilson Bates and the Twin Falls Animal Shelter.

Sirotek is a graduate of Carlin High School and is currently attending CSI. He is employed by Pacific Constructors.

The wedding is planned for May 31, 2003, at the White House in Twin Falls.



Jamille Carvajal and Garrett Sirotek

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FAMILY LIFE

Elder-care planning is key for seniors, their children

The Seattle Times

Do we ever get over the realization that, one day, we will be believed when we were 3, our moms and dads are mortal? Here's what the experts advise: Recognize that your parents will likely need care some day. Get involved in elder-care planning while they're still able to make their own decisions: What do they need you to know? What do they need from you in a crisis? Do you know how to find the deed to their home or what pressing bills to pay if they are suddenly hospitalized? This information could help start what is one of the most difficult but important conversations parents and adult children can have. And remember that you will be there someday, too. This advice can help you plan for your own aging.

Indispensable documents
Only about 30 percent of American adults have wills. In some states, if your parent dies without a will, the estate automatically becomes the next-of-kin's inheritance.

Long-term care options
Sadly, 85 percent of long-term care decisions are made after an older person has already reached a medical crisis. Discuss elder-care options with your parents now, so that you'll know later that you're doing the right thing by them. Your options include:

- Retirement communities
- In-home care
- Assisted living facilities
- Adult family homes
- Nursing homes

Choosing a long-term care approach
As you and your parents make elder-care plans, be sure you take into account the following factors:

- The level of care your parents might need.
- The money that will be available to pay for such care.
- Special considerations, such as whether your parents smoke, use wheelchairs, or can no longer drive a car.
- Your own ability to monitor the care your parents are getting.

Funding care
Nursing homes cost between \$40,000 and \$80,000 a year. Don't count on Medicare to cover these costs. Eligibility is short-lived (usually no longer than three to four weeks) and limited to people needing rehabilitation services. More commonly, your parents will have to use one of the following means to pay for care:

- His or her own money and assets
 - Medicaid
 - Long-term care insurance
- Make sure you talk to your parents about**
- Durable Powers of Attorney for health and finances. These permit your parents to designate someone to make legally binding decisions should they become



An elderly couple walk hand in hand in a Mankato, Minn., nursing home. It's essential for adult children of older parents to get them involved in care planning while they're still capable of making their own decisions.

incapable of doing so, ranging from their medical care to housing to signing checks.

- Living will or "Directive to Physician". What medical care do your parents want as they are dying? Do they want aggressive medical interventions? Living wills offer good guidelines to families and can prevent squabbles among relatives in crisis.
- Contact information for doctors, dentists, banks, accountants, lawyers, insurance agents, etc.
- Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security ID cards.
- Deed to house and other properties.
- All insurance policies, including health, life, car, disability, mortgage and homeowner insurance.
- Living trust documents.
- A list of assets, including checking, savings and money-market accounts, securities including stocks and bonds, titles to all vehicles, retirement accounts, etc.
- A list of debts, including loans, credits cards, etc.
- A list of monthly household bills that should be paid if they are ill.
- Copies of tax returns.
- Funeral plan.

Signs that someone may be ready for elder care
One percent of Americans between ages 60 and 64 suffer from some degenerative brain

disorder, but the incidence jumps to almost half for Americans over 85. Experts say that many families ignore early signs that a parent needs care. Even if your parent seems to be fine, you may want to seek a professional evaluation if he or she:

- Has repeated falls.
- Lacks energy to take care of himself or herself.
- Is depressed.
- Neglects hygiene.
- Constantly forgets words or doesn't understand numbers.
- Stumbles but doesn't break the fall.
- Loses interest in old passions and hobbies.
- Doesn't seem to comprehend what's going on in his or her immediate surroundings.
- Seems to be eating or sleeping less, or sleeping more than normal.
- Insists he or she is taking care of basic needs such as house-keeping when clearly that isn't the case.

Getting started
A 2001 AARP study found that while 75 percent of adult children worry about their parents' elder-care plans, a third never discuss it with their parents. What kind of care is available for your parents if they can no longer live on their own safely? How will you know when they've reached that point? A place to start is AARP: www.aarp.org.

Seniors need hospital discharge plan

The Hartford Courant

After her recent hip replacement surgery, Carol Levine was impressed by the comprehensive attention she received from the hospital's discharge planner. The staff social worker offered several options ranging from recovery time and rehab needs to post-release care options.

"We discussed the pros and cons of my going home after leaving the hospital vs. a short stay in a nursing home and what each would entail," says Levine. "In fact, everything concerning my pre- and post-op needs was covered, and my questions were answered. The discharge planner really did a good job of helping me anticipate and plan for what would happen after I left the hospital."

Levine should know. As co-author of a new book designed to help family caregivers understand discharge planning, and as a family caregiver herself, Levine is all too aware of how important the process is to those who take care of relatives recovering after a hospital stay. Hospital dis-

charge planners help arrange in-home care, nursing home stays, rehabilitative care, outpatient treatment and other services to ease the difficult transition.

At least that's the way it's supposed to work. But research by the National Alliance for Caregiving and the United Hospital Fund, publishers of Levine's guide, shows that in many cases the discharge process happens very quickly and without adequate preparation, instruction or training for the caregiver.

"In some situations, caregivers aren't even aware that discharge planning exists, and if they are, the process is a mystery to them," says Levine, who is director of the Families and Health Care Project at the United Hospital Fund in New York City. "People work full-time, they often have their own family to raise, they don't know what insurance will cover and what it won't and suddenly they're a caregiver. They're desperate for accurate information and too often they don't get it."

The free guide, based on infor-

mation gathered from focus groups and interviews with caregivers, explains in easy-to-understand language what discharge planning is, who does it and its timing and necessity. The guide also coaches family members on discussing a patient's condition with staff, what to expect when the patient comes home, a home care plan and the impact of caregiving on the caregiver.

Family members often face tasks such as, caring for the wound, overseeing complicated medication regimens, performing personal hygiene tasks, using medical equipment and lifting patients who are unable to move from the bed to a chair, says Levine.

"These days, people are released sooner from hospitals and the level of care needed after discharge is higher than ever before," says Levine. "Terrified is a good word to describe how some family members feel when they're told what tasks they 'have' to do. In the face of those expectations, it's not always easy to speak up, but it's crucial."

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-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
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Quitting

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.
Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Lunch prices are \$3 and evening meals will be \$2. Sunday dinners are \$3.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.
Sunday: Menu not available
Monday: Center closed
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Taco salad, burrito
Thursday: Meatballs, gravy
Friday: Baked potato bar
Activities
Thrift shop open every day. Quitting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Royal Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$3.
Sunday
All-you-can-eat dinner buffet; \$3.50 for seniors, \$4.25 for non-seniors and \$2.50 for children under age 12.
Monday
Center closed
Tuesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m.
Quitting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Treasure Tuesday
Bingo at 11:45 a.m.
Cards at 1:45 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.
Blood 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.

Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St., Filer
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
Tuesday: Menu not available
Thursday: Menu not available
Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main N., Kimberly
Monday: Macaroni and cheese, hamburger party, cole slaw, harvard beans, peas, cookie, coffee, milk
Wednesday: Lasagna, tossed salad, green beans, bread, butter, pudding, coffee, milk
Friday: Turkey, ducking steak, sliced potatoes, green beans, Jell-O salad, bread, butter, apple crisp, coffee, milk
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.
Monday
Board meeting at 1:30 p.m.
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.
Pinocle at 7 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 764-2228.
Tuesday: Ham, baked potatoes, raisin and carrot salad, strawberry shortcake
Wednesday: Vegetable beef soup, grilled bread, fruit Jell-O, tpopoca pudding
Friday: Chicken, mashed potatoes, carrot and cabbage salad, beers, dessert
Activities
Tuesday
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Board meeting at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursday
Art class from 1-3 p.m.
Quitting from 1-3 p.m.
Friday
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.
308 Senior Ave.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.
Monday: Center closed
Tuesday: Pizza, salad, garlic bread, custard
Wednesday: Roast pork, potato, cauliflower, cole slaw, roll, cake
Thursday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, apple-sauce Jell-O, roll, cake with lemon sauce
Activities
Monday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Pinocle at 12:30 p.m.
Hand and foot at 6 p.m.
Tuesday
Pool at 9 a.m.
Foot clinic at 10:30 a.m.
Pool at 1 p.m.
Bridge at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Shuffleboard at 6 p.m.
Thursday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Linda Norris at 12:30 p.m.
TOPS at 5 p.m.
Pinocle at 7 p.m.
Friday
Bridge at 1 p.m.
Hand and foot check at 1 p.m.
Bowling at 1:30 p.m.
Cards at 4:00 p.m.
Saturday
Breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m.

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.
Monday: Center closed
Tuesday: Baked chicken, macaroni and cheese, sliced tomatoes, Jell-O with fruit, carrot cake
Wednesday: Soup and sandwich, fruit medley, bread pudding
Thursday: Meat loaf, potatoes, gravy, beans, carrot and raisin salad, coconut bars
Friday: Barbecue ribslets, au gratin potatoes, California blend vegetables, cole slaw, apple pie
Activities
Monday
Center closed
Tuesday
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Snack bar at 6 p.m.
Early bird bingo at 6:45 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Pinocle at 7 p.m.
Friday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Dinners served at 1 p.m.
Pinocle at 2 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center
Monday: Center closed
Thursday: Turkey sandwich, vegetable soup, apple cobbler, orange juice, milk, coffee
Shoshone Senior Center
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Tuesday: Breaded pork party, carrots, boiled potatoes, applesauce, homemade rolls, cookies, orange juice, milk, coffee
Wednesday: Chili dogs, relish tray, key lime pie, orange juice, milk, coffee
Friday: Tuna noodle casserole, five way mixed vegetables, fruit salad, ginger bread, orange juice, milk, coffee
Activities
Monday
Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Quitting from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday
Lunch at noon
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Wednesday
Lunch at noon
Rotary Club
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Snack bar at 6 p.m.
Early bird at 6 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Thursday
Exercise from 9:30 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Richfield lunch
Friday
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Moumin River Ranch van departs Shoshone at 12:30 p.m. and Richfield at 1 p.m.
Silver and Gold Senior Citizens
203 Wilson, Eden
Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include a dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days. Home delivered meals are delivered Monday through Friday.
Tuesday: Menu not available
Wednesday: Bake day
Thursday: Menu not available
Activities
Wednesday
Bingo at 7 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center
140 E. Lake, Hagerman
Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch served at noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2. Coffee, tea, juice, bread served with all meals.
Monday: Center closed
Tuesday: Pork roast, baked potatoes, vegetables, salad, dessert
Friday: Beef stroganoff, noodle peas, apple pie
Thrift store open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Blaire County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley
Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals.
Tuesday-Friday: Menu not available
Activities
Monday
Snake River Canyon boat tour and lunch at 9:30 a.m.; \$20 per person
Tuesday
Blood pressure check

Milindoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St. Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.
Tuesday: Pea salad, finger steaks, water tots, carrots, roll, ice cream
Wednesday: Broccoli and chicken, carrots, vegetables, biscuits, brownies
Thursday: Jell-O salad, corn bread, orange wedges, cream, beverages
Friday: Snowboard
Center gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Quitting and pool table daily during center hours. Check every day. Volunteers are needed to do grocery shopping for seniors. Call Riddleys at 436-1200
Activities
Monday
Exercise from 10-11 a.m.
Songfest from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Bridge
Tuesday
Quitting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Bingo from 12 p.m.
Wednesday
Pinocle from 1-4 p.m.
Thursday
Exercise from 10-11 a.m.
SHIBA Medicare supplemental insurance assistance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call George Schwinderman at 436-9107.
Friday
Pinocle from 1-4 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland, Burley
All dinners are served at noon.
Monday: Center closed
Tuesday: Corned beef, cabbage, carrots, red potatoes, rolls, fruit salad, bread pudding
Wednesday: Sweet and sour chicken, Oriental rice, broccoli, Clara's salad, roll, apple pie
Thursday: Barbecue, fries, corn on the cob, assorted salads, peach cake
Friday: Potato bar, boiled egg, carrot salad, mixed fruit, dessert
Activities
Monday
Center closed
Tuesday
Pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11:15 a.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Thursday
Pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Friday
Pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Bingo at 1 p.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.