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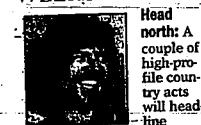
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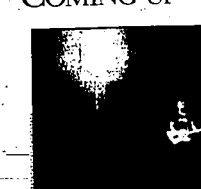
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The Timbers

Economic picture brightens

Latest data convinces most analysts of recovery, but new jobs might lag

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Stirring from months of stubborn listlessness, the economy pushed ahead in the second quarter at the fastest pace since last summer.

That, coupled with another drop in new claims for unemployment benefits, raised hopes that America's economic health is on the mend.

The broadest barometer of the economy's shape, gross domestic product, expanded at an annual rate of 2.4 percent in the April to

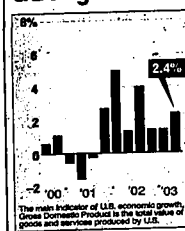
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June quarter, the Commerce Department reported Thursday. The improvement came after two straight quarters of lousy economic growth. GDP increased at just a 1.4 percent pace in the final quarter of 2002 and the first three months of this year.

The pickup reflected stronger consumer and business spending and the biggest jump in govern-

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GDP growth



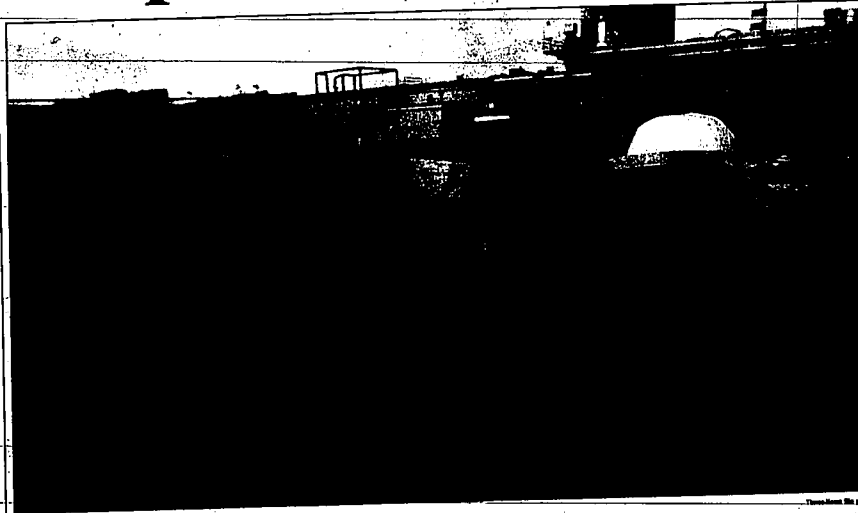
The main indicator of U.S. economic growth. Gross Domestic Product is the total value of goods and services produced by U.S.

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Chantee Kilbrow, right, and her mother, Rene Phifer, shop at the Babies 'R' Us superstore Tuesday in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Simplot sets closure date



Maria Rivera of Burley prepares for the 4 p.m. start of a swing shift at J.R. Simplot Co.'s Heyburn plant one day last fall. By November, Rivera will take this walk for the last time.

Announcement ends workers' speculation

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

HEYBURN — Speculation and rumors surrounding the closing date of the J.R. Simplot potato processing plant here finally came to an end Thursday.

Simplot officials announced the plant will close "on or about Nov. 1." That's five months earlier than company officials had said.

Since the May 2002 announcement that the plant would close in phases, the predicted closing date has been a topic of much speculation in Mini-Cassia. In May, Zerra said plans still called for closing the plant in April 2004, but added that the date could be moved up, depending on

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About this series

By the time potato processor J.R. Simplot Co. shuts down the last of its Heyburn plant operations this fall, it will have directly eliminated something like 650 jobs.

What Virginia S. Hutchins is putting a human face on that job loss as she follows seven of the displaced or soon-to-be-displaced workers through the process of starting over.

Hutchins introduced readers to Simplot forklift driver Cindy Gerlach; waste-treatment worker Mary Lou Herbert; forklift driver Louis Gonzalez; quality-assurance lab tech Maria Rivera; former spud trimmer Tony Cuellar and his wife, former employee-services clerk Belinda Naranjo; and former packaging operator Candy Sanchez.

Today, several of those workers share their reactions to Simplot's announcement of a fall closure date.

Employees greet news with relief and regret

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

HEYBURN — Worry with less wondering is more bearable.

Though sorry to lose their jobs, J.R. Simplot Co.'s Heyburn workers are relieved to know when lay-offs will arrive, several said Thursday.

Many workers had suspected the plant wouldn't last until April. Simplot's previously announced target for closure. But how long? About Nov. 1, Simplot said Thursday.

"It didn't catch me by surprise. I've been expecting it.

And I'm really glad they made the announcement so that everyone knew what the closure date would be," said Mary Lou Herbert, a waste-treatment worker. "That's better than wondering."

Herbert said co-workers seemed accepting of the news.

"They actually were pretty upbeat. They got the answer that they were wondering about," she said.

Quality-assurance lab tech Maria Rivera was on vacation this week and missed the Simplot employee meetings that started Wednesday. The

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U.S. scales back airline screening system

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government announced Thursday it will begin testing a revised nationwide system for checking personal information on every airline passenger, a post-Sept. 11 security initiative that has raised concerns about snooping and possible false identification of people as terrorists.

The Computer Assisted Passenger Prescreening System seeks to streamline the airport screening process by flagging only those passengers deemed potential security risks. That will benefit the vast majority of travelers by ensuring fewer are stopped, Transportation Security Administration chief James Loy said.

The testing at a secure government location will take up to six months. Loy said he hopes to implement the program in about a year.

U.S. airline trade groups issued statements saying they welcomed the plan because it could reduce security hassles that discourage people from traveling.

A first version of the congressionally mandated system, announced in February, brought protests from privacy advocates. They complained it would give the government access to more personal information than necessary and allow the government to keep it for up to 50 years.

There also was concern people could wrongly be labeled security threats because their names were the same as terrorists and they would have no recourse to fix the error. Loy said the revised system would prevent that from happening because it confirms people's identities.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said he still has reservations about the plan.

"I don't think enough is known about how they're going to do this," he said, noting it isn't clear how someone who's been wrongly identified as a terrorist seeks redress or what privacy rules will be adopted.

In response to criticism about privacy protections, the Homeland Security Department met with privacy groups as it reworked the plan and hired a chief privacy officer, Nuala O'Connor Kelly.

The version announced Thursday stipulates personal information be deleted from the system shortly after a person completes travel. And less background material will be checked.

Militia patrols the thin green line in Oregon forests

Volunteers head out armed to keep law and order; their mission-draws some concern from locals

By Tomas Alex Tizon
Los Angeles Times

JUNCTION CITY, Ore. — He looks just like a cop, standing there in his blue uniform, the silver badge on his chest glinting in the sunlight. There's the gun too, a .45-caliber semiautomatic pistol that he keeps bolstered on a thick black belt.

Paul Ehrhardt, pausing in his

driveway, identifies all the doodads on his belt: the extra bullet magazines, the pepper spray, the handcuffs — most everything a cop needs in the field. Only Ehrhardt isn't a cop. And neither are the 10 other members of his group, which organized a year ago and has since roused alarm among the locals.

The group — a motley collection of gun hobbyists, volunteer firefighters, outdoorsmen and ex-mil-

itary men and their wives — calls itself the Oregon Rangers Association. Their self-appointed mission is to help keep law and order in the forests.

Eventually they plan to recruit more members and to encourage other citizen groups around the state to start patrolling their own regions.

Never mind that no government agency officially recognizes them,

that neighbors call them vigilantes. Twice a week, the rangers conduct armed patrols, usually in pairs, driving and hiking on back-country roads in the lush mountains on either side of town.

"You're either part of the solution," Ehrhardt says, as he loads his truck in preparation for a "patrol," or part of the problem.

The problem, in the words of Fel

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You're either part of the solution or part of the problem.

— Paul Ehrhardt,
Oregon Rangers
Association

Senate approves energy bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate, ending a week of gridlock, passed an outline for a sweeping national energy policy Thursday that calls for greater use of corn-based ethanol and billions of dollars in tax measures to spur energy development and conservation.

The vote was 84-14. More than the provisions of the bill — which was identical to a measure the Senate approved a year ago — passage was designed to clear the way for a compromise with the House on legislation that President Bush could sign as early as the end of the year.

The way was cleared for passage of the bill when Senate Republicans abandoned legislation they had been struggling over and resurrected an energy package approved by the Senate last year when Democrats were in control.

"Never in our dreams did we imagine that we could pass Democratic bill in a Republican Congress," said Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota.

"This is a day to smile and smile big," said Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., the chairman of the Energy Committee, who has struggled for weeks to push a GOP-drafted bill through a balky Senate. He predicted that significant parts of the bill will be reworked during negotiations with the House, possibly adding some of the pro-nuclear programs he had favored in the bill that was scrapped.

Earlier in the day, it appeared the energy legislation was doomed as Republicans and Democrats accused each other of impeding progress with a monthlong congressional vacation looming.

But the gridlock was broken when both sides agreed to simply abandon the bill at the center of the dispute and substitute one that last year cleared the Senate '88-11, but died when agreement couldn't be reached with the House on a final bill.

Unlike the House-passed bill, which would open the way for drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, the Senate measure makes no mention of refuge development.

Official to resign in wake of terror market uproar

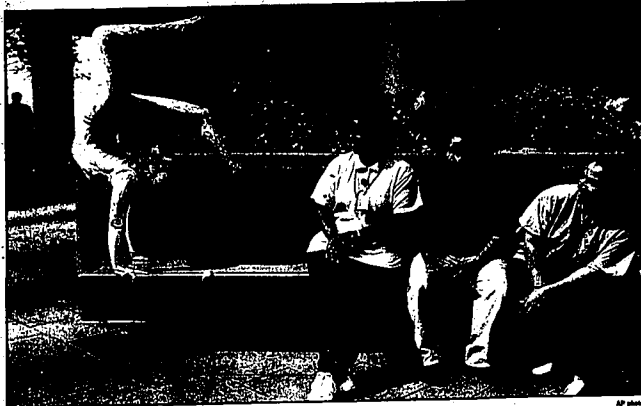
WASHINGTON (AP) — Retired Adm. John Poindexter will resign his position at the Pentagon after a research project he was overseeing was condemned by Congress as an "egregious error of judgment."

A senior defense official said Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Poindexter realized that "it would be difficult" for him to continue in his job after the flap over a plan to establish a futures market that would have allowed traders to profit by correctly predicting assassination strikes in the Middle East.

"He said Rumsfeld did not ask for his resignation, but that Poindexter was 'working through the details' and 'expects to offer it within a few weeks.'"

The project was disclosed Monday by Democratic Sens. Ron Wyden of Oregon and Byron Dorgan of North Dakota. Critics mounted Tuesday, Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John Warner, R-Va., later announced he had an agreement from defense officials to end the project.

Warner had spoken by telephone with Tony Tether, head of the Pentagon's Defense Research Project Agency (DARPA), where Poindexter works. Warner called



Cirque Du Soleil costontinist Uziibayar Chimed says hello to Tamara Johnson, Michael Hoang and Barbara Brown, from left, Thursday in downtown Seattle. Cirque Du Soleil's 'Alegria' show will be coming to Seattle Aug. 21. Chimed is in Seattle to promote the show.

FAA: Improper runway entrances drop last year

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of people, airport vehicles and airplanes entering runways by mistake declined last year, the Federal Aviation Administration said Thursday, crediting new technology and a campaign to increase awareness of the problem.

The FAA reported 339 runway incursions between Oct. 1, 2001, and Sept. 30, 2002, a 17 percent decline from 407 during the previous 12 months.

The number of serious incidents, where a collision was avoided only because a plane or vehicle quickly moved out of the way, was cut in half — from 20 to 10 during the same 12-month period. None of the near-collisions involved passenger jets.

Bill Davis, the FAA's director of runway safety, said the agency's ongoing campaign to make pilots and other airport personnel aware of the problem is finally being felt. "That takes a while for those types

of campaigns to bear fruit." In addition, some airports have improved runway markings and signs and have adjusted operations to reduce the number of runway crossings, Davis said.

New technology, such as a system at major airports that uses existing radar to warn air traffic controllers of potential collisions, is helping. The FAA also is testing technology that uses runway sensors and lights to let pilots know if the path is clear.

The FAA said most of the runway incursions involve small private planes rather than large passenger jets. While the number of airline flights remain below pre-Sept. 11, 2001, levels, the rate of incursions has dropped as well. There were 5.2 incidents per million takeoffs and landings from Oct. 1, 2001, to Sept. 30, 2002, compared with 6.1 incidents per million operations during the preceding 12-month period.

Teamsters will back Gephardt, union says

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential hopeful Richard Gephardt has secured the coveted political endorsement of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, sources inside the union confirmed Thursday.

The influential endorsement, which was sought by all Democratic candidates as well as President Bush, will be notified during a telephone meeting with the union's leadership Friday. The union, with 1.3 million members, is one of the nation's largest and most politically active.

Teamsters President James Hoffa Jr. is scheduled to make a formal announcement of the endorsement Aug. 9 in Detroit before traveling to Iowa and New Hampshire with Gephardt, a Missouri congressman who had been aggressively courting the union.

CIRQUE IN SEATTLE

U.S., N. Korea reach accord on nuke talks

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — North Korea appears to have accepted a plan to engage in multilateral talks over its nuclear weapons programs, clearing the way for the administration to formally provide its solution for ending the crisis, U.S. officials said Thursday.

For months, North Korea and the United States have bickered over the format of any talks, with Pyongyang demanding one-on-one sessions and the United States insisting on a forum that included China, South Korea, Japan and possibly Russia. The apparent breakthrough was announced Thursday by the Russian Foreign Ministry, and U.S. officials said they expected talks would be held in September, likely in Beijing.

In the administration's most recent counteroffer on the format, the talks, it told North Korea, would unveil a proposal to end the standoff if South Korea and Japanese officials were present. North Korea had floated its own proposal during a brief meeting with U.S. and Chinese officials in April, and the administration quickly rejected it.

The prospect of new talks will require U.S. officials to settle on a strategy for convincing the North Koreans to give up their effort to produce nuclear weapons. The issue has deeply split the administration, with some officials urging an aggressive approach that offers North Korea few incentives to give up its weapons while others are

pushing to offer a multilateral guarantee that North Korea, if it agrees to back down, will not face an unprovoked attack.

The tough approach was outlined Thursday by Undersecretary of State John Bolton in a speech in Seoul, in which he denounced North Korea as a "hellish nightmare" and emphasized a new plan to interdict shipments of missiles and weapons of mass destruction that he said "will send a clear message to dictators like (North Korean leader) Kim Jong Il." Appearing to make the case for regime change, the speech mentioned Kim — who is treated as near deity in North Korea — nearly 40 times and repeatedly attacked the "tyrannical rogue leader."

Bolton is close to the Defense Department and Vice President Dick Cheney's office and some times does not see eye-to-eye with the rest of the State Department. "I hope the North Koreans understand who John Bolton is," said one official, who expressed concern over the diplomatic implications of so directly targeting the North Korean leader on the eve of possible talks.

Last month, North Korea said it had successfully reprocessed 6,000 spent fuel rods to separate out the plutonium necessary to fashion several nuclear weapons. The dispute over the format stems from the Bush administration's conviction that bilateral agreements with North Korea are doomed to failure because North Korea always breaks them.

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NATION

Militia

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low ranger Bryan Barnes, is there's "a whole lot of woods and not a whole lot of people patrolling them." The rangers say Oregon's forests are being desecrated by vandals and garbage dumpers, pot growers and poachers, and there aren't enough police to stop them.

The rangers' goal is to deter the bad guys by simply being present in the forests and, when appropriate, to report crimes and criminals to authorities. Nothing remarkable has happened in this first year, but if things should get ugly, they're prepared. "The group's arsenal includes two AR-15 rifles (the civilian version of the military M-16), six pump-action shotguns and numerous hunting rifles and handguns."

"They have no authorization to be doing what they're doing," says Doug Huntington, a spokesman for the federal Bureau of Land Management, which manages most of the public land patrolled by Ehrhardt's group. "They give the impression they're law enforcement and they're not. When people arm themselves and go into the woods to enforce the law without any real authority, we can't condone it. But they can't stop it, either."

Oregon law allows people to carry firearms on public lands, and every member of the group has a concealed weapons permit and is certified to be an armed security officer. Oregon State Police investigated the rangers on suspicion of impersonating police officers but found their uniforms and badges just different enough to escape prosecution.

The state police badge, for example, is a five-point star; the rangers' star has seven points. Some wonder whether the group represents a new kind of post-9/11 militia. Unlike the militias of the late 1980s and 1990s, which were anti-government and often white-supremacist in ideology, the rangers and a number of other isolated groups seem intent on making up for what they perceive as government's failure to enforce the law. These groups see themselves as aiding government.

"We have a rather comprehen-

sive invitation to be preoccupied with patriotism and domestic security right now," says Richard Mitchell, a sociologist at Oregon State University who published a book last year on militia and survivalist groups. "It shouldn't surprise us if some people take matters into their own hands. They'll see it as a form of community service."

Typically, these groups figure out what skills and tools they have to offer and then come up with a "trouble scenario" in which they would be useful, Mitchell says.

There's also the element of trying to transcend everyday life, says James William Gibson, a militia expert at California State University at Long Beach. Being part of such a group "helps some people get out of the routines of their ordinary lives and have a modest adventure," Gibson says.

"They're walking a thin line," says Lane County Sheriff Jan Clements, who along with the Oregon State Police has kept a close watch on the rangers. Clements says the group so far has not crossed the line.

Ehrhardt is 55, compact and raven-haired, amiable with a deferential way of talking, as if every sentence comes with an implied "sir" or "ma'am." He exudes earnestness.

"I'd rather be doing this than win the lottery," he says.

The formal leader of the rangers, Ehrhardt twice tried to become a police officer, once with the Lane County Sheriff's Office and again with the Junction City Police Department. He changed his mind on the first and failed the agency test on the second. Now he says he's glad about not making it, because he can do his own kind of civic service "without all the paperwork."

Ehrhardt says he doesn't mind the grousing from local police. Having been a volunteer firefighter for the last 10 years, he says he's seen a lot of it. Police and fire agencies tend to be very territorial and complain about each other all the time, he says. The scrutiny on his group, he believes, is just part of that.

On this day, he's patrolling with his wife, Robin, 44, a nurse and co-

founder of the group. The other members — six men and three women — are busy with other things.

The Ehrhardts make their living by running two adult foster-care homes on their seven-acre property, which is also headquarters for the Oregon Rangers Association.

In the back of what appears to be a quaint country homestead is a gun range, which up until April was used by the rangers to hone their shooting skills. Neighbors complained to police about bullets flying through their property, and officials shut down the range as a training ground, citing zoning laws. The law, however, allows the Ehrhardts to shoot on their property, so bullets have kept flying and the neighbors have kept complaining.

"We're under siege here," says Michelle Palodichuk, who has lived on the adjacent lot for 26 years. Palodichuk calls the Ehrhardts vigilantes. Other neighbors call them worst names, and one is talking of having a neighborhood meeting to figure out what to do.

The Ehrhardts, though annoyed by the complaints, say that as long as they're not breaking the law, they don't have to change.

Within 15 minutes of leaving their home outside Junction City, the Ehrhardts, in their silver Jeep Cherokee with its own dashboard-attached shotgun at the ready, are already deep in the woods, on an old logging road that winds like a gray ribbon between the lush, green foothills of the Coast Range.

"Paul and I, we don't go to movies," says Robin Ehrhardt. "We do this."

The Ehrhardts and the other rangers say they would much rather report criminals than confront them. Firearms, they say, would be used only as a last resort. But if things get ugly, they say they are capable of taking charge. "If I'm going through a park and a guy is just beating his wife, I mean really beating her, I can't just leave," Paul Ehrhardt says. "I'm going to have to do something. I'm going to have to protect the public. We don't want to use them, but if we need to, if we get into something spooky, we have the weapons at our disposal."

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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats Thursday blocked President Bush's nomination of Attorney General William H. Pryor Jr. to a federal appeals court amid angry recriminations over allegations of anti-Catholic bias against the nominee because of his strong opposition to abortion.

The exchange — rare for lawmakers who normally try to avoid any discussion of a nominee's religion — plunged the already bitterly divided Senate into new depths of anger over Bush's drive to give the federal judiciary a more conservative cast and the Democrats' attempts to block it.

Pryor, nominated for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in Atlanta, is the third Bush appeals court nominee to be stalled so far by a Democratic filibuster. The Senate voted 53-44 in favor of ending the filibuster against Pryor's nomination, seven short of the 60 needed to limit debate and force a final vote on confirmation. The vote effectively killed the nomination, at least for the time being.

In votes earlier this week, Democrats failed to derail Pryor's nomination against Miguel Estrada for the District of Columbia and Priscilla Owen for the New Orleans-based 5th circuit court. Several other nominees could also be blocked by the Democrats, including California jurist Carolyn Kuhl, who faces a test vote Friday for her nomination to the 9th circuit court in San Francisco.

Both sides also appear to be staking out positions for the far bigger struggle that is likely to occur when a vacancy occurs on the Supreme Court, with Democrats pushing for a centrist choice while Republicans make a case for deference to the president.

At the heart of the debate over Pryor was a charge, first aired last week by a conservative advocacy group and promptly denounced by Democrats, that Pryor was under attack because of his devout Catholicism. They cited Democrats' questions about Pryor's "deeply held" views and concluded these comments referred to his faith.

While stopping short of accusing their colleagues of personal bias, several Republicans suggested Democrats were trying to impose a litmus test that would bar staunchly anti-abortion Catholics from the federal judiciary unless they renounced their religious views on abortion.

Gay marriage activists see rising opposition

NEW YORK (AP) — After some breakthroughs earlier this year, the drive to legalize gay marriage has run into formidable obstacles — blunt opposition from President Bush, a global counterattack by the Vatican, and U.S. opinion polls suggesting rising doubts about same-sex unions.

Gay rights activists remained optimistic, insisting the long term will support a full range of marital rights for same-sex couples. But opponents of gay marriage were elated that Bush — rarely outspoken on gay-rights issues — endorsed their views.

"It's about time he said what he said," said Robert Knight, director of Concerned Women for America's Culture and Family Institute in Washington. "The issue has been raging for months, and we're pleased he has found his voice."

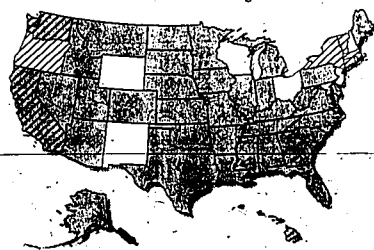
Bush, at a news conference Wednesday, said, "I believe a marriage is between a man and a woman, and I think we ought to codify that one way or the other."

On Thursday, Bush spokesman Scott McClellan said the White House was studying possible responses if pending lawsuits in Massachusetts and New Jersey result in legalization of gay marriage. McClellan declined to say whether Bush favors a proposed constitutional amendment that would ban gay marriage.

The debate over gay marriage

President Bush said he wanted to make sure that marriage is strictly defined as a heterosexual union on Wednesday. Thursday, the Vatican announced a campaign against gay marriage calling it "immoral."

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| ☒ States with laws that prohibit recognition of marriage between same-sex couples | ☒ States where government employers offer domestic partner benefits | ☐ States that have neither laws prohibiting recognition of gay marriage or domestic partner benefits for government employees |
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SOURCES: Human Rights Campaign Foundation; Lambda Legal

Gay-rights activists said Bush's remarks resulted from pressure applied by right-wing supporters who were upset by recent events, notably Canada's decision to

legalize gay marriage and the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that homosexual sex cannot be outlawed.

"We expected a backlash would come in the form of trying to

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ignite a cultural war around the word "marriage," said Patrick Guerin, president of Log Cabin Republicans, a gay advocacy group. "We saw a step in that direction yesterday."

Foes of gay marriage had other reasons to take heart, in addition to Bush's remarks:

- A Vatican document, released with Pope John Paul II's approval, warned Catholic politicians that support of same-sex unions is "gravely immoral" and urged non-Catholics to join in combatting such unions.

- A Gallup poll released this week suggested weakening public acceptance of gay rights. According to the poll, 48 percent of Americans said homosexual relations should be legal and 46 percent said they shouldn't — a significant change from early May, when 60 percent said such activity should be legal and 35 percent said it should not.

Evan Wolfson, a lawyer who heads the gay advocacy group Freedom to Marry, described the poll as an aberration that might reflect temporary unease with the Supreme Court's sodomy ruling and the recent publicity about gay marriage.

"It wouldn't be surprising if

people needed a bit of time to absorb these momentous events, and showed a blip of hesitation," he said. "But that blip will fade into long-term acceptance."

Wolfson said Bush's remarks Wednesday — in which he urged tolerance toward individual gays and lesbians — were a "clumsy attempt at balance."

"He's trying to appease anti-gay elements of his base," Wolfson said. "But they know the underlying movement in this country is for marriage equality for same-sex couples."

Roberta Combs, president of the Christian Coalition, contended that Bush had spoken out of personal conviction, not political calculation, but she predicted his opposition to gay marriage would help him win re-election. "More people will admire him for standing up for his convictions," she said.

Knight, of the Culture and Family Institute, also felt Bush would benefit politically by speaking out.

"The American people saw what began as a way to be nice to gay people turn into a runaway express train toward so-called gay marriage, and they're saying, 'Halt, halt, rethink this,'" Knight said. "I don't think the polls and the general discontent with the drumbeat of homosexual propaganda has been missed by the White House."

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EDITORIAL

New wave of fires adds heat to the forest debate

Fifteen years ago, the inferno that devastated Yellowstone National Park was the hot topic of that summer's news. Now the raging blazes throughout Glacier National Park in upper Montana are sparking more debate about public land resources.

The issue extends beyond two of our great national parks. In that 15-year span, millions of additional national forest acres have been charred in summer wildfire seasons. With each passing year, the ferocious fires seem to be growing in scope and impact.

These fires reinforce the strengthening conviction that environmentalists — by objecting to forest thinning — are obstructing plans to restore balanced land management in our national forests.

In spite of last year's catastrophic fires in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah, Congress still hasn't passed President Bush's Healthy Forests Initiative, nor anything like it.

Meanwhile, the fires are coming closer to home. Crews are battling six blazes within Idaho, including larger fires in the Boise and Salmon-Gallatin national forests.

In the Sawtooth National Forest, pine beetle infestation, 100-degree temperatures and drought create a threat to communities in the Stanley and Wood River basins. Forest Supervisor Ruth Monahan said as much in a meeting with The Times-News editorial board last year.

Fire is both a boon and a bane to forest health. Prescribed burns, when the blazes run their course in a designated area of forest, do have a positive, lasting effect.

This month's edition of *Smithsonian* magazine provides an up-close look at the Forest Service employees who first

lobbied for controlled burns in forest areas back in the early 1970s. The agency began letting certain Montana fires run their own course, starting in 1973.

Years later, they found those forests that had burned were now vibrant, strong — and most importantly, resistant to the wildfires that spread in 2000.

Thus the cycle of rejuvenating forest life can be productive in protecting its long-term vitality. But the "let it burn" doctrine goes only so far. If forest service officials allowed fires to go entirely unchecked, the flames would devour our forests, not to mention the homes and communities in those areas.

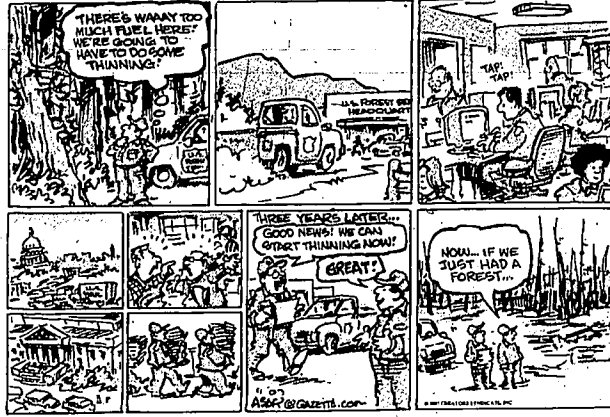
As Monahan said of last year's fires in Colorado, Arizona and Utah, "we're seeing vegetation conditions contributing to the kinds of fires we've seen today. These are not the kinds of fires that naturally would have occurred."

For natural fires to be beneficial to forests, preventive measures must be taken. That means thinning and "fuel reduction" measures in areas that have been overgrown for decades. In simple terms, some timber must be cut.

Those measures are not occurring, thanks to environmentalists who have paralyzed the Forest Service with lawsuits against thinning. These groups will not be satisfied unless all commercial logging on public lands is banned. Their twisted notion of saving the forest is to let it burn down, just as long as the logging industry out of the picture.

To cut through the thicket and begin fuel reduction, Congress must stop environmentalists and their crusade. The Healthy Forests Initiative is not an end run around environmental protection; it's a prudent step toward managing our forests and making sure wildfires do not escalate into blazing miles of destruction.

Our view: A rash of summer fires reaffirms the need for more intensive management of our national forests. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



Democrats are losing the center

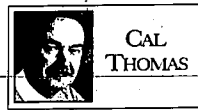
It is a truism in politics that around 40 percent of the voters will vote for the Republican presidential candidate and about the same percentage will vote for the Democratic Party's candidate. The battle is for the middle 20 percent.

According to a new poll commissioned by the "moderate" Democratic Leadership Council (DLC), the group with which Bill Clinton successfully aligned himself, Democrats risk losing next year's presidential election because of dramatic erosion in support among white males.

Another truism is that when the nation is at peace and secure, the mushy middle tends to favor Democrats. But when it is threatened by enemies — foreign or domestic — it tends to side with Republicans. The DLC poll found that is precisely the case now. Democrats, the poll says, would do well in attacking President Bush over the economy if it weren't for the security issue.

Mark Penn, who conducted the poll, said that since Clinton left office more Americans see Democrats as the party of big government and higher taxes. Penn said the very President Bush is handling the war on terrorism has opened a large gap with Democrats on who is to be trusted on national security issues.

"If Democrats can't close the security gap, then they can't be competitive in the next election," said Penn. He also pointed out that saying that the current crop of candidates is all losers, except Joe Lieberman, who is the only one undercutting the toppling of Saddam Hussein and who remains far behind in the polls.



Democrats have not learned from Clinton. In 1992, faced with three straight crushing defeats by Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, who ran against ultra-left candidates, Democrats decided to go with a candidate who positioned himself as a centrist. And Clinton won — twice. But just as Clinton found it difficult to resist temptation when it came to matters of the flesh, so do Democrats easily succumb to the lure of liberalism, even though it takes them down to defeat every time.

Democratic strategist and former Walter Mondale campaign manager Bob Beckel tells me that to a certain extent the appeal by Democrats to their liberal base is predictable, but "if it wasn't for Howard Dean we wouldn't be having this conversation." Dean, the most liberal among the top-tier Democratic candidates, continues to pull the rest of the pack to the left. Beckel says what Democrats ought to be talking about is "no new taxes, no more government programs and how you fuel the entrepreneurial spirit," but he says that won't happen as long as Democrats try to attract their liberal base by out-liberaling each other. He recalls one of his favorite Jesse Jackson lines: "It takes two wings to fly." So far, Democrats have only one left wing, which is why the DLC poll shows

them having trouble getting off the ground.

President Bush seems to be practicing middle-of-the-road politics better than his opponents. He has resisted commenting on cultural issues, such as same-sex marriage, and he rarely speaks of abortion, except to repeat his campaign slogan that every child should be welcomed in life as well as in law, which is supposed to sound non-threatening and does. While his conservative base might wish for a solid conservative or two on the Supreme Court and constitutional amendments banning gay marriage, abortion and even flag burning, Bush has shown no outward sign that he will give his base what it wants. He might if he's reelected, but to talk too much about such things now would turn off the centrists and swing the middle to the Democrats.

This was the Clinton strategy. Clinton was a liberal on national health care, gays in the military, abortion and even welfare reform (he vetoed until people indicated the people wanted it). But he looked and sounded moderate. Bush is basically a conservative who seeks to portray himself as a non-fire-breathing moderate, except when it comes to the war on terrorism. This is where the country is, and it is where the Democratic presidential candidates and much of the leadership are not. That's the point the DLC poll tried to make, but the pleasures of ideological self-indulgence may be too much for Democrats to resist.

Cal Thomas is a nationally syndicated columnist.

LETTERS

Presumption of election: results shows indiscretion

Saddam Hussein is alive and well in Oakley! There is a newly erected sign on a lot in Oakley that reads "Future home of the Oakley Fire Department." I checked the calendar to verify, and it was July 28, 2003. Interestingly, the citizens of the Oakley Fire District are asked once again to vote for a \$300,000 bond to construct a new fire house in Oakley on Aug. 5, 2003. I'm assuming that the only logical explanation is that Saddam has entrenched himself in the local politics. Who else would be arrogant enough to construct a vinyl sign and declare victory 10 days before a bond election? Memo to Donald Rumsfeld: Send the troops to Oakley, stop the tyranny and at the same time you might just bag Hussein. ROBERT E. WHITELEY Oakley

New local musical should be impressive show

I have long enjoyed performing in local musicals but, for some time, have been retired. Finally, there is a musical exciting enough to bring me out of retirement and back on the stage. Spectacular enough to dazzle you, with romance, true history, legendary — Indian and gentlemanly — love, and a beautiful melody, "Bartholdi's Lady," a new musical. A spin-off of the creation of the Statue of Liberty, it is historically accurate and romantically woven. Holman presents a delightful concept of the trials confronted when the people of France presented to the people of the United States a symbol of freedom and liberty. Premiers Sept. 11 — don't miss it. REX REED Filter

Keep Herman Osterkamp on T.R. highway district

Regarding the Twin Falls Highway District election, I am writing on behalf of my friend and neighbor, Herman Osterkamp, who is seeking reelection to the Twin Falls Highway District seat he has held for the past four years. He has been working hard with a great board and director to save money and is proud of the fact that the Twin Falls Highway District remains one of the lowest taxing boards in the state. We know Herman to be a man of good character who has given his time and energy to the highway district board which will be a benefit to Twin Falls citizens in the term to come. Please vote for Herman Osterkamp on Aug. 5. Every vote counts! PAUL AND BETTIE SMITH Twin Falls

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Comments on illegal aliens have some proof

To Dean Bardlett Flores: In response to your letter to Judy Thietzen about Mexico harboring criminals, there is probably some truth to her statement. There are several felons hiding down there right now wanted from the southern Idaho area for their dastardly deeds done to Idahoans. What you write in a letter should contain facts, not your opinions. Let me give you a Web site that will illuminate the issue. This is not someone's opinion or hearsay. These are figures gleaned from 2001, not hearsay. It is: <http://www.mexico.org/articles/2001/mexico.html>

After reading this, you may be better informed about the influx

of illegal aliens and what troubles they bring to our society when they overload our infrastructure. An illegal alien will always be a criminal. They become criminals when they step across the border and they will be until they leave. JIM SKRUGGS Jerome

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Court's decision on Clinton legal fees is just medicine

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia has ruled that it is time for the Clintons to pay the piper.

The Clintons' shenanigans in Arkansas land dealings, Rose law firm misconduct and playing fast and loose with Jim and Susan McDougal (Whitewater, Madison Guaranty), not to mention Travelgate and related matters prompted an extensive, time-consuming investigation. The appellate court concluded that it was no "witch hunt," but rather a proper inquiry into alleged criminal conduct that resulted in convictions of Clinton cronies, an impeachment and Senate trial, and a shameful end to President Clinton's legal career — suspension from the practice of law in Arkansas for five years and consequent disbarment in the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Clintons sought a little more than \$5.5 million in legal fees of which they will receive back only a pittance (around

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\$85,000) for the time spent reading the independent prosecutor's chronicle of their misdeeds.

The real story is what the Clintons' duplicity cost the American taxpayer: more than \$70 million for an investigation that lasted for more than seven years. Now-U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton should consider how much medical care or child care that would have bought if only she and her husband had taken the "come clean road" taken by former President Richard Nixon (who, in contrast to Clinton, was not impeached).

The Southeastern Legal Foundation played an instrumental role in exacting accountability from President Clinton for lying to a federal court about his dalliance with Monica Lewinsky. It was the writ of mandamus awarded by the Arkansas Supreme Court in *Hogue v. Neal* that forced the

Arkansas Bar to move forward with Clinton's censure. It was the resulting penalty that Clinton accepted in the waning hours of his misspent presidency.

The costs for defending that aspect of his misdeed are not part of his claim for reimbursement. He agreed in his settlement with the independent counsel not to seek attorneys' fees "for legal representation related to the Lewinsky matter—Guilty as charged!"

Both Clintons are attorneys and, as such, they continue to fall under a special and strict set of rules designed to protect the integrity of the legal system that do not apply to non-lawyers. This said episode serves to remind members of the legal profession that they are duty-bound to protect the integrity of the judicial system, no matter what position they might hold.

Unlike the Iran-Contra investigations, which yielded little in terms of criminal activity, and none in terms of then-President

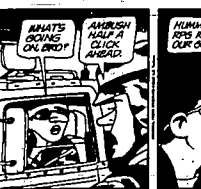
Ronald Reagan and Vice President George H.W. Bush, the expanded Whitewater investigation is the most fruitful investigation against a sitting president since Watergate.

The Clintons also maintain a multi-million dollar defense fund, which would have been a foreign concept for Reagan and Bush. The point here, as underscored by the federal appeals court decision to limit the scope of recoupment for the Clintons to \$85,000, is that elected officials are not immune from criminal and civil investigations while in office.

Public confidence in the legal system and the lawyers who operate in that system as officers of the court is paramount, and the court has reaffirmed that principle.

L. Lynn Hogue is chairman of the Legal Industry Board, Southeastern Legal Foundation. Hogue filed the successful Bar complaint against former President Clinton resulting in the surrender of Clinton's law license.

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



Questions still linger from the U.S. probe into 9-11 attacks

The congressional intelligence committees report regarding failures surrounding the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, was released on Thursday. Much of the report remains classified, so the public will not get the full story. Presidential candidate Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., has accused the administration of a cover-up.

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And even President Bush's independent commission studying the attacks has recently indicated the departments of defense and justice were not cooperating fully.

In the congressional report, the public has not been given satisfactory answers to the following, among many other questions:

1. Why did some top Pentagon officials on Sept. 10, 2001, suddenly cancel their travel plans for the next morning apparently because of security concerns? San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown late on Sept. 10 also received a call from security people advising him and all Americans to watch their air travel.
2. Since Vice President Dick Cheney has acknowledged officials knew before Sept. 11 that terrorists were planning something "big" and "soon," why wasn't the American public notified of this? According to Kristin Breitweiser's congressional testimony, if her husband and others in the second World Trade Center tower had simply been informed that a terrorist attack might occur, they would have immediately evacuated the second tower after the first tower was hit.
3. Ms. Breitweiser also asked how government agents knew the details of a conversation between terrorist hijackers a week before

Sept. 11 unless they were already being monitored?

4. If the administration knew something "big" and "soon" was going to happen, where was the preventive contingency planning? Terrorists tried to blow up the World Trade Center in 1993, so in case it was the target of the "big" attack to happen "soon," where was the military helicopter on standby alert in case the attack came from the air?

5. Why did top government officials say "no one could have imagined" the type of attack that occurred on Sept. 11 when there was even a Sept. 1999 federal report warning "suicide bomber(s) belonging to al-Qaeda's Martyrdom Battalion could crash land an aircraft into the Pentagon?"

6. Why didn't military interceptors follow standard operating procedures on Sept. 11? When golfer

Payne Stewart's plane went off course several years ago, within 15 minutes a fighter plane went to see what happened.

On Thursday, families of the victims of Sept. 11 met with FBI Director Robert Mueller. What we can expect they did not learn from

him was why FBI Special Agent Robert Wright Jr. was prevented from following the terrorist money trail so the attacks of Sept. 11 could have been prevented. Three months before Sept. 11, Wright wrote that "more American lives are going to be needlessly lost" at the hands of terrorists.

The families will also probably not find out from Mueller why the FBI hurriedly escorted members of the bin Laden family out of the United States after the Sept. 11 attacks at the same time they were

detaining many Middle Eastern males here for many months.

There are many other questions still begging for answers the public will not be given concerning Sept. 11. What we get instead are excuses. We're told that there were National Security Agency inter-

cepts of the terrorists before Sept. 11, but that they were not translated and given to top officials until after the attacks. We are supposed to believe this even though we knew that at 9:53 a.m. on Sept. 11, the NSA intercepted a message relevant to the attacks, and by 12:05 p.m. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld had the translated information.

Could it be that one of the NSA intercepts prior to Sept. 11 was

also translated within two hours, and that's why some top Pentagon officials on Sept. 10 suddenly canceled their travel plans for the morning of Sept. 11, and why San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown received a security warning late on Sept. 10 about his and all Americans' air travel?

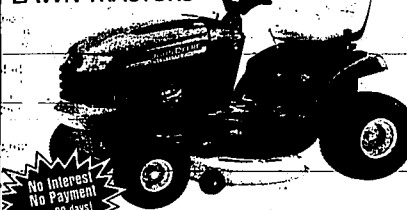
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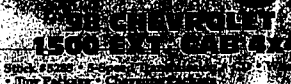
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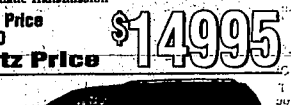
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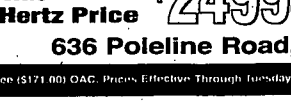
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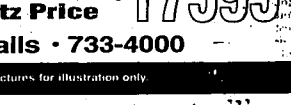
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Cliff jumper recovers from broken leg

TWIN FALLS — A Hansen man who injured himself jumping from a cliff was recovering Thursday at a local hospital.

Josh Tucker, 20, said he suffered a compound fracture in his left leg Monday after jumping from the cliff of the Hidden Lakes near Dierkes Lake.

Tucker, who is being treated at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, said he doesn't know when he will be released.

"I'm doing fine," he said. Tucker said a number of strangers helped rescue him.

"They did everything, and I'm glad they helped," he said.

Paramedic Brian Wilson said life guards were especially helpful.

"Our thanks goes to the life guards, they did a tremendous job stabilizing him for us," Wilson said.

One of the rescuers, A.J. Stone, 17, of Twin Falls, said Tucker jumped from a boulder near the top of the canyon.

After Tucker hit the water and surfaced, he started to swim, Stone said. However, a leg bone was visible and the water was full of blood.

"It was like a shark movie, with bubbles and blood," he said.

Wendell police plan to auction bikes, cars

WENDELL — The Wendell Police Department will hold an auction at 9 a.m. Saturday at the City Shop Yard, located at 210 S. Shoshone St.

The auction will include 35 bicycles, two impounded vehicles, three police cars and one pickup truck, according to a Wendell Police Department news release.

The bikes have been held for safekeeping, including possibly stolen bikes, according to the release. Some bikes have been held for five years or more, and all were checked through a national database of stolen property.

Police cars for sale include a 1989 Chevy Caprice, a 1990 Chevy Caprice and a 1990 Pontiac Bonneville. Abandoned vehicles include a 1975 Ford Elite and a 1984 Chevy S-10 Blazer. Minimum bids will range from \$75 to \$600.

Anyone who thinks the department might have their bike should call Police Chief Dave Fisher at 536-5161.

Jerome County Fair continues today

JEROME — Here is today's schedule for the Jerome County Fair.

8:30 a.m. — 4-H/FFA swine show
8:30 a.m. — 4-H/FFA sheep show
Noon — Vendors and food booths open

Noon — Arts and crafts exhibits open
Noon — Open class beef show
2 p.m. — Open class sheep show
4 p.m. — Royal West Carnival opens

6 p.m. — Hypnotist Arthur Wayne on free stage
7:30 p.m. — "These Days" band on free stage

7:30 p.m. — Northside Showdown PRCA Rodeo: adults \$6, youths \$4, kids free.

9:10 p.m. — Afansia belly dancers on free stage
10 p.m. — Hypnotist Arthur Wayne on free stage
10 p.m. — Country band "U-Turn" free concert in arena after the rodeo.

Admission to the fairgrounds is free. Advance tickets for the Northside Showdown Rodeo and the demolition derby may be purchased at the ticket booth in the fair office from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today through Saturday.

Acclaimed deaf troupe performs Saturday in T.F.

TWIN FALLS — An acclaimed troupe of deaf performers will bring its act to Twin Falls on Saturday.

The troupe will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. Tickets are available at the door or at the CSI Advancing Center.

Prices are \$25 for adults, \$20 for students and senior citizens, \$12 for children under 12 and \$50 for a family package for four.

The Idaho Association of the Deaf and Hamilton Relay will sponsor the performance.

The troupe was founded in 1985 by deaf performers at the Leningrad House of Culture for the Deaf in St. Petersburg, Russia. It uses mime, gesture stories and humor.

The troupe entertains as the actors provide glimpses into both deaf and deaf cultures.

Compiled from staff reports

Teachers plan to fight for Ramos



By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

GOODING — He's a hero to the deaf and blind community, they say.

Teachers from the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind paint their beleaguered superintendent, Angel Ramos, as someone who brought the school into the 21st century.

They say he's the first superintendent in the school's recent history to truly care about and interact with

deaf and blind students.

They blame his threatened job status on a small group of disgruntled parents and staff members who resent Ramos' stature in the deaf and blind community. The teachers also blame the State Board of Education, which they say has ignored pleas from the deaf community and based its decisions on anonymous allegations.

Ramos said he was placed on administrative leave Wednesday for

an allegedly "uncooperative attitude."

About 30 parents and teachers gathered in a Gooding restaurant Thursday, to develop a plan to save the man who they say saved their school from sub-par status.

The state board remains tight-lipped, declining to even say who placed Ramos on administrative leave. In fact, the board has not confirmed that Ramos is on administrative leave.

Thursday, the board released a

three-sentence statement from board member Karen McGee.

"The highest priority is the students. Our board wants ISDB to be as successful as possible and to serve its students by effectively delivering the education program every child needs," McGee said through the board's spokeswoman. "Personnel matters shouldn't be the spotlight here."

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FANFARE FOR A FUN FAIR



Above, Peggy Hesse removes a load of corn at the Syringa Lions Club food booth at the Minidoka County Fair. On a busy day at the fair the booth will sell between 15 and 25 dozen ears of corn. Right, Kody Taylor uses the shade and a small fan to keep cool while waiting for customers at the bowling booth at the Minidoka County Fair.

Minidoka fair bustles despite the heat

By Rachel Hartigan
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Sink your teeth into an ear of fresh corn smothered with butter and it might seem that life can't get much better.

A day at the county fair simply must include an ear of corn, Rupert resident Marion Weickum said, while at the Minidoka County Fair Thursday. And, she says, the best — and only — place to get delicious corn this week is at the Rupert Syringa Lions Club booth on the midway.

"It's the best place to get a good ear of corn," Weickum said as she ordered an ear for herself and a friend. "This isn't my first time here this week. I'm a returning customer."

The Minidoka County Fairgrounds bustled with 4-Hers, merchants, spectators and others Thursday, despite the sweltering heat.

"We've seen about an average attendance this year," Jan Hatfield, Rupert Syringa Lions Club

at the fair, is an annual fund-raiser for the club. Volunteers man the station each day beginning at 8 a.m. and stay until 10 p.m., or when their clean-up work is finished. Husking and cooking corn all week may not seem enjoyable to some people, but Lions members don't seem to mind.

"It's fun working at the booth," Lion Peggy Hesse said. "We get to see everyone and visit with people."

Fellow volunteer Arta Valentine of Rupert agrees. At her third Minidoka County Fair, she said.

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Closure will certainly hurt economy

M-C officials say they will try to remain positive, move forward

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

HEYBURN — The early closure of the J.R. Simplot Co. potato processing plant will quickly affect the economic situation in south-central Idaho, an economist predicted Thursday.

Regional Labor Economist Greg Rogers said the Nov. 1 loss of 283 jobs "will definitely have an immediate impact."

In fact, Thursday's announcement that the plant will close five months earlier than originally expected will have an effect of its

own, he said. "Retailers and service sector employers might be a little cautious about fall and holiday hiring because of the closure," Rogers said.

It also poses concern for businesses that service Simplot, he said. "Those who provide parts, containers or whatever, that will change their plans. Moving (the closure) up about five months will have some pretty serious ramifications. It will force a lot of businesses to make decisions earlier about how they are going to conduct business post-Simplot."

The workforce losses likely will result in a boost in the Mini-Cassia unemployment rate, too, Rogers said. He predicted the rate could increase by half a percent or possibly even 1 percent.

Job Service personnel will return to the Simplot plant in a few weeks, Rogers said, to offer

information about job training, education and relocation programs.

Some of the \$4.9 million that was received last summer through the National Trade Adjustment Act is still available to help Simplot workers, Rogers said.

He encouraged Simplot workers to quickly "start thinking about what kind of training they need and what sort of things they want to do," and to meet with Job Service personnel to discuss their options.

Mini-Cassia Development Coordinator Michelle McFarland noted that while the news is discouraging, having a negative attitude could hurt the Mini-Cassia community.

McFarland said it's important for people to find ways to stay

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Deputies find meth lab in motel room

By Brandon Flala
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Filer man was arraigned Thursday after sheriff's deputies said they discovered a methamphetamine lab in his motel room.

Richard K. Frith, 37, was charged with manufacturing a controlled substance, according to court records. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Aug. 8.

A report of a car burglary led deputies and other law enforcement to the lab, according to an affidavit filed in 5th District Magistrate Court.

At about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday,

a car burglary was reported, according to the affidavit. Richard Jones, the victim, saw a Hispanic male flee in a Ford Bronco as he approached his car.

Jones said a stereo and cell phone were taken, according to the document. Jones then reported the Bronco's license plate number.

About 35 minutes later, the Bronco was spotted at the Sand Motel in Twin Falls, according to the affidavit. Police talked to Sergio Ceja, who admitted to driving the Bronco.

As Ceja was patted down for weapons, police found drugs on

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OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The small obituary for obituaries is obituaries@magvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

Donald Duane Duffy - Kimberly

Donald Duane Duffy of Kimberly, Idaho, died at his home July 27, 2003, with his loving companion, Connie Kinsey by his side.

He fought a courageous battle against cancer. He was born on Aug. 16, 1946, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to John and Nellie Duffy. He is survived by his mother, Nellie Duffy of Salt Lake City, Utah; five daughters, Debbie Duffy, Wichita, Kan., Tammy Clark of Kimberly, Idaho, Dusty Moller of Twin Falls, Idaho, Stormy Eldredge of Wendell, Idaho, Melissa Smith of Denver, Colo.; two sons, Tim Fox of

Henderson, Nev., and John Duffy of Kansas City, Mo.; brother, Cliff Duffy of Germany; two sisters, Sandra Todd of Brester, Wash., Truly Scott of Salt Lake City, Utah; and by his 20 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his dad and one stepdaughter. He had a good life with lots of friends and family that loved him.

As dad would say, Doo-doo, Doo-doo, and a little 2-38. At Donald's request no services are planned. Cremation was under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."



Chester H. Behr - Burley

Chester H. Behr, 85, of Burley, died Wednesday, July 30, 2003, at the home of his son, Robert Behr, after a long illness.

He was born Dec. 18, 1917, in Denton, Md., the son of Carl and Lily Curtis Behr. He moved to Idaho in 1918, at the age of 18 months. He attended school in Declo. He met the love of his life, Miriam Schorzman, at the age of 12. They were married on Aug. 30, 1936, and lived in Declo, until her death.

They enjoyed traveling in their motor home to the coast to fish and dig for clams. They also loved to camp-and-fish-with-family. They loved to spend time at Star Hope in Copper Basin.

After they were married, Chester farmed 40 acres and worked for South Side Electric. He later worked as a lineman for the Bureau of Reclamation while farming. He then sold the farm and operated the Texaco Service Station in Declo for 18 years. After that, he farmed 40 acres and worked for the Burley Irrigation District until his retirement at age 62. In 1984, he married Opal Hoskins. They were later divorced.



Chester helped build the Declo Fire Station and served as its first fire chief. He was also a member of the Declo Lions Club having received the Citizen of the Year award.

He is survived by four children, a set of twins, Robert (Ruth) Behr of Burley and Betty (Bob) Logan of Bellevue, Idaho, Evelyn Allen of Jerome, Idaho, and William (Jeanette) Behr of South Jordan, Utah; 12 living grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.



He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Miriam; three grandsons; one brother, Lewis; two sisters, Bernice and Dorothy; and his parents.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, 2003, at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley, with Pastor David Long officiating. Friends may call at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, on Friday, from 6-8 p.m., and on Saturday, from noon until 1-5 p.m.

Curtis Jay Grimm - Twin Falls

Curtis Jay Grimm, 56, went home to be with his Lord, on July 30, 2003.

Curt was born Oct. 2, 1946, in Bocatello, Idaho, the son of Jim and Ada Grimm and the second of four children. He graduated from Buhl High School in 1964 and attended Idaho State University and C.S.I., studying business administration. He married Rose Cenarusa in 1966. They were married six years and to this union were born twin daughters, Linda and Lisa. Curt joined the U.S. Navy in 1967 and spent two tours on ship as the lead petty officer in the gunnery division. Following his father's illness, Curt returned home to help operate the family farm. He started and was president of the Quick Response Unit in Mortuagh during this time. He later married Pamela Joy Heilman on Dec. 6, 1981. In 1985, his family moved to Twin Falls, and Curt went into John Deere management at Tri-County Tractor in Wendell. Later he worked in the insurance business, first for Prudential Insurance, and then moved to Mountain West Insurance in Jerome, Idaho. Curt was a member of the Life Underwriter-Training-Council Association, and past president from 1995-1996. Curt was elected Wendell Chamber of Commerce president in 1996 in appreciation for his hard work



and dedication to that community. Curt was presented with the Associate of the Year award in 1999-2000 from the Southern Idaho Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors by his peers for his excellence of commitment to his profession.

Surviving Curt are his wife, Pamela; children, Linda and Lisa; (Preston) Van Hooser of Seattle, Wash., Dr. Lisa Grimm (Steve Charron) of Maynard, Mass., Brandi (Ron) Rasmussen of Twin Falls and Courtney Wall of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; his mother, Ada Grimm of Twin Falls; brothers, Steve (Melanie) Grimm of Maui, Hawaii, and Kelly Grimm of Declo, Idaho; and sister, Carma (Ron) Angelo, of Bailey, Idaho. Also surviving are his six grandchildren, Lily

Rasmussen, David Rasmussen and Joel Rasmussen, Isaiah Wall, Isaac Wall and Emma Van Hooser.

His father, Jim Grimm, preceded him in death.

The memorial services for Curt will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4, 2003, at the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship with Pastor Greg Fadness and Pastor Ken Pawlak officiating. The family requests that memorials be sent in Curt's memory to the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship.

All services and arrangements will be under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home and Crematory of Twin Falls, Idaho. A special thanks to the V.A. Extended Care Unit, Physical Therapy Department and to First Choice Hospice Care.

Curt's love for people was a special light in this dark world and he will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved him.

"And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, what is written in the law? How readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy strength and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." Luke 10:25-27

Dwight was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie in 1999; a daughter, Jean in 1970; and his sister, Frieda in 2000. The service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, 2003, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Interment will follow at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Dry Creek Cemetery in Boise. Friends may call from 1-5 p.m. Friday at the Demaray's Funeral Chapel.

Services are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.



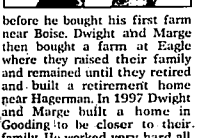
Dwight H. King - Gooding

Dwight H. King, 84, of Gooding, died Wednesday, July 30, 2003, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center in Gooding.

Dwight was born on March 20, 1919, in Bernice, Idaho, the youngest child and only son of J. Harby and Elsie Baker King. He attended school there and graduated from Blackfoot High School in 1937.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army 7th Division where he received many awards including two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. On Nov. 21, 1942, he married Marjorie M. Mull in Atascadero, Calif.

Following his discharge from the Army, Dwight and Marge returned to the family farm near Home where he worked with his father. Then worked for Paul Bancroft farming at Shoshone



before he bought his first farm near Boise. Dwight and Marge then bought a farm at Eagle where they raised their family and remained until they retired and built a retirement home near Hagerman. In 1997 Dwight and Marge built a home in Gooding to be closer to their family. He worked very hard all

Economic forecast says there will be more jobs, less pay for next few years

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — The state's newest economic forecast injects little vigor into Idaho's sluggish economy.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's economic team says the job outlook is slightly brighter than thought last spring but paychecks will not be as large and neither will returns on investments.

The forecast, published on Thursday, predicts more people at work but without as much cash to spread around, and it further explains why income tax receipts through paycheck withholding have been well off monthly targets for much of the last two years. Those significantly lower-than-expected income tax collections aggravated the state's budget problems.

But while low interest rates dampen investment returns, they should keep the state's home construction sector strong. Housing starts are predicted to hit a record 14,300 this year even as they decline nationally.

The favorable mortgage rates are also expected to cushion the decline in Idaho housing starts expected after this year's peak.

The forecast, shows that the state escaped the thousands of job losses economists originally believed occurred last year.

While there was essentially no growth in nonfarm employment in 2002, that laid a better foundation for this year's economic activity. Analysts now believe there will be nearly 6,000 more people working this year than they thought in April.

But the growth rate — just a fraction this year and well below 2 percent the next three — is anemic compared to activity nationally. The United States economy should stop losing jobs this summer, the forecast said, when employers around the nation begin adding workers at a rate of nearly 2 percent annually for the next three years.

It will be the first time that job growth nationwide has been high-

er than in Idaho since 1987 when the state was finally emerging from a near-depression.

The state is losing another 2 percent of its comparatively high-paying goods-producing jobs this year after nearly 5 percent more disappeared last year, and they are being replaced with generally lower-paying service sector jobs. Nonmanufacturing jobs now account for 82 percent of all employment. Ten years ago, it was less than 80 percent.

And paychecks were not as fat. The average annual wage last year was just over \$29,200, \$65 less than the experts estimated this spring. They have also scaled back their estimates for this year and next by nearly \$200 a year and by \$100 a year for 2005 and 2006.

Wages should still grow by around 3.5 percent a year the next three years after less than 3 percent growth this year. That would push the average annual wage over \$33,300 in 2006.

SERVICES

Luther A. Brown of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Fireweed Baptist Church, 14th and Park Lane, Buhl; interment will follow.

at West End Cemetery, Buhl; viewing from 4-7 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth, Buhl.

DEATH NOTICES

Deward William Krick

HEYBURN — Deward William Krick, 59, of Heyburn, died Thursday, July 31, 2003, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Theral Fredrick Parish

BURLEY — Theral Fredrick Parish, 88, of Burley, died Wednesday, July 30, 2003, in Mesa, Ariz. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Barbara Jayne Hafer Bartlett

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Barbara Jayne Hafer Bartlett, 71, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and formerly of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, July 30, 2003. No services are planned.

Fred C. Baines

KINGMAN, Ariz. — Fred C. Baines, 68, of Kingman, Ariz., died Saturday, July 26, 2003, at a local hospital in Kingman, Ariz. The service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 4, 2003, at the Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel in Payette. Pastor Dick Hays will officiate. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Payette. Arrangements are under the direction of Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel.

Fred Tolman Larson

BURLEY — Fred Tolman Larson, 90, of Burley, died Thursday, July 31, 2003, at Vista Assisted Living Community in Rupert. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Colleen Stewart

TWIN FALLS — Colleen Stewart, 74, of Twin Falls died Thursday, July 31, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. At Stewart's request, no services are planned. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls.

Bruce Allen Combs

BENTON CITY, Wash. — Bruce Allen Combs, 46, of Benton City, Wash., died Tuesday, July 29, 2003, near Oakley, while visiting his in-laws, Alvin and RaNae Bradshaw.

Ruth W. Robinson

GOODING — Ruth W. Robinson, 82, of Gooding died Thursday, July 31, 2003, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding. Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Grant Clark Erickson of Twin Falls

memorial service at 3:30 a.m. Sunday at Twin Falls Town Plant Park (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Fly-fishing authority dies at 67

MOSCOW (AP) — Dave Engerbreton, fly-fishing authority and commentator on public television's "Fly-Tying: An Anglers Art," died Wednesday of complications from diabetes. He was 67.

Engerbreton starred with LeRoy Hyatt of Lewiston, who tied the flies while Engerbreton explained their use on the regular public television program.

"It was to a fly rod and fly fishing with Ernest Hemingway was a typewriter," friend Charley Powell said. "He had done it all and traveled all over the world to fish, including Russia and North America. He knew all the great fly-fishing people."

A retired professor of anatomy at Washington State University, he was a prolific writer on fly fishing and fly tying and a sought after large for Fly Fishing Magazine.

In 2002, Engerbreton received the Charles E. Brooks Memorial Life Award from the International Fly Fishers for his years of teaching and writing about fly fishing and fly tying.

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Appellate court orders new trial in abuse case

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Court of Appeals on Thursday overturned the conviction of a Boise couple accused of intentionally starving their 10-year-old son.

The unanimous court ordered a new trial for August and Jeanine Halbesleben because their jury was improperly instructed about the mental element required for conviction of felony injury to a child.

Chief Judge Karen Lansing, writing for the last year's state Supreme Court ruling that conviction required the jury not only to find that the act against the child was intentional but that the adult knew that the act would injure the child.

Some instruction, "beyond merely quoting the statute, is required to ensure that the jury understands the scope of the mental element," Lansing wrote.

The Halbeslebens were each sentenced to up to 10 years in prison in December 2000 for "systematically starving" their son, something the judge called merciless.

August Halbesleben will be eli-

The Halbeslebens said they restricted the boy to a bland diet of rice, pasta, beans and oatmeal as a way to control increasing misbehavior.

gible for parole this year and his wife next year.

The boy was his son by a previous marriage.

The Halbeslebens said they restricted the boy to a bland diet of rice, pasta, beans and oatmeal as a way to control increasing misbehavior.

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare officials took the boy out of the home in February, 2000.

after receiving anonymous tips that he was malnourished, according to court records.

In last year's case decided by a divided Supreme Court, Steven Paul Young won a new trial after serving four years of a six-year term for scolding his son. In a deal with prosecutors this spring, Young pleaded guilty to the same crime, felony injury to a child, and was sentenced to time served plus 15 months probation.

Center workshop focuses on GPS treasure hunt

KETCHUM — The Environ-mental Resource Center is offering two Geocaching workshops.

Geocaching offers Global Positioning System users an opportunity to go on a treasure hunt to find caches hidden in the back-country by using location coordinates and other clues.

The caches — there are 376 in this area — are placed by other GPS users and registered on an international Web site when found.

Finders can take a prize from the cache if they leave one for the next guy.

The workshops will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 7 and 21. Participants are welcome to join the class even if they don't have a GPS.

The workshop is free to ERC members, \$10 for the general public and \$15 for families. To register call 726-4333.

Around the valley

Sun Valley forum explores meaning of patriotism

SUN VALLEY — A forum on "Defining Patriotism" will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at the Sun Valley Community School auditorium.

Panelists include Dick Ouch, a Navy Seal in Vietnam; David Sauter, a retired trial attorney; and Margaret Macdonald Stewart, a member of the Snake River Alliance nuclear watchdog organization.

The event is sponsored by the Snake River Alliance, Wood River Journal, Idaho Peace Coalition, Ironclad Books, David Ketchum Post 115 of the American Legion and the Hailey Cultural Center. For information call 726-7271.

— compiled from staff reports

Champion large-animal showmen take to the ring

The Times-News

RUPERT — The top showmen from the Minidoka County Fair show their skills today in the round robin showmanship contests, which are staged in the arena.

The large animal showmanship contest begins at 5 p.m. and is followed by the small animal contest at 5:30 p.m. The showmen take their showing each kind of animal, other than working only with the animals they're familiar with as they demonstrate their show skills.

Tonight is the first night of rodeo action, too. The rodeo begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for kids ages 6 to 12 and free for children younger than 6. A family ticket, which allows two adults and four kids admission, costs \$20.

During the rodeo a wild cow race is planned. Teams of three will show off their cow-handling skills.

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Valentine and her husband Dean volunteer afternoons guarding local residents' treasures in the antique building.

The antique show brings in a variety of collectibles from the caches of local residents.

"Do you know what this is?" Valentine asked as she held up a silver box with a winding handle and sharp blade. "It's an old-fashioned razor blade sharpener."

Valentine pointed out this year's nostalgic dishes, clothing, furniture and dolls that filled the exhibit hall. Each antique, Valentine said, is "interesting — beautiful reminders of the past."

Although fewer antiques were entered this year, the building has maintained a steady number of visitors, Valentine said. Each day, so far this week, 50 to 100 people have stopped in the Kids among them.

Minidoka County Fair

Today

9 a.m. — 4-H and FFA beef show

10 a.m. — Exhibit halls open

10 a.m. — Two-man team sorting, rodeo arena

5 p.m. — 4-H and FFA large animal round robin showmanship

5:30 p.m. — 4-H and FFA small animal round robin showmanship

7:30 p.m. — Mutton bustin', rodeo arena

8 p.m. — Rodeo, rodeo arena

10 p.m. — Exhibit halls close

Prior to the rodeo is the mutton bustin', which starts at 7:30 p.m. and features children who weigh 45 pounds or less riding sheep.

The day starts off with the beef showmanship contest for 4-H and FFA members at 9 a.m.

Exhibit halls are open from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m.

"I look at the antiques and my husband looks at the tractors," June Kidd of Declo said with a laugh.

The Kids are regulars at the Minidoka County Fair, they've been coming since it first began.

But each year, they say, brings new things to look at.

"We have the wood," Elmon Kidd said as he pointed at a picture of a scotch thistle at the Minidoka County west district booth display. "We just spray the things, and then they come up in another place."

The Kids walked the aisles of the displays in each building Thursday afternoon, noticing large tractors and elaborate

quizzes. It provides for an enjoyable day, they say, even if they couldn't beat the heat.

"Coming early, we thought we'd get over here before it got too hot," Elmon Kidd said, "but we're too late, it's already warm."



Dean Pantaja checks out what remains of his home Wednesday after firefighters contained a wildfire burning in the area outside of Viola, Idaho. Pantaja and his son Brayden were home when the fire started and were able to save a few family treasures. Read more about fires in the West on page B4.

AP Photo

Pocatello School Board will pay former schools chief to quit

POCATELLO (AP) — The school board has agreed to pay Linda Powell on the payroll for two more years in return for her resignation.

Under the deal signed by both sides, Powell will receive her annual salary of just over \$102,000 through mid-2005 in equal monthly installments.

She agreed to drop demands for the district to honor the third year of her contract.

Attorney Vern Herzog, who represented Powell in the dis-

pute with the board, said both sides made certain concessions, but he declined discuss any additional terms.

Board member Marianne Donnelly called the settlement a bitter pill to swallow, but board member R. Michael Parrish was pleased that Powell agreed to the deal.

"It will allow us to move ahead, reorganize, and get the school system in shape so it will be ready to open in the fall," Donnelly said.

Powell will be retained as an adviser to the district and focus on various projects, officials said.

The board suspended Powell with pay on June 1, giving her no reason for the action. Ten days later, the board voted to negotiate a settlement with her.

Some teachers and other district employees said Powell was a tyrant and was fired for her attitude.

The confrontation between Powell and the school board has prompted a recall campaign

against the board members.

Board member Arnold Goodfellow was taking the recall effort philosophically.

"I did the job to the best of my abilities," Goodfellow said. "If the people who elected me felt I didn't, they can recall me."

The recall petition was formally filed earlier this week. The recall advocates have until late September to collect signatures from 20 percent of the registered voters in the district to force a recall election late this year.

Meth

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him, according to the affidavit. Ceja then told police he was with a motel resident.

Police then talked to Richard Frith, according to the document.

"Frith told me he didn't have any stolen items, but did have some marijuana and paraphernalia in his residence," an officer wrote in the affidavit.

Police tried to enter the room, but Frith refused, according to the document.

"Through the open door of the motel room, Deputy Eden saw in

plain view a pipe commonly used to ingest controlled substances, located on the bedstead next to the bed," the affidavit said.

At about 2 a.m. Thursday, police returned with a signed search warrant, according to the document.

"As I approached the front door, Frith blocked my way and advised me he had chemicals inside the room that may be harmful," an officer wrote in the affidavit.

Police entered and saw a potpourri crock pot with water, a gallon of acetone, a glass bottle of

liquid solution in three layers and other chemicals — all items common to meth labs, according to the document.

State law enforcement declared the site a clandestine lab and ordered a clean-up.

Investigators also found lighter fluid, muriatic acid, Sudafed tablets, lithium batteries and other items, according to the affidavit.

Nancy Howell, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman, said Thursday she didn't know if the motel room had been

cleaned.

Frith faces maximum penalties of life in prison and a \$25,000 fine, Howell said.

Howell said the sheriff's office responds to one or two meth labs each year.

Sergio Ceja, the man who indirectly led police to the meth lab, also was arraigned Thursday. Ceja, 24, of Twin Falls, was charged with burglary and possession of a controlled substance, according to court records. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Aug. 8.

Economy

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positive and to help their neighbors who may be losing their jobs.

A positive attitude can pay off, McFarland said, because at any moment a prospective business owner could be in Mini-Cassia listening to what residents have to say about their community.

"If we're negative and our attitudes are bad, they'll pass us up," she said.

The economic development commission will continue to do what it has been doing, she said, working to create jobs through expansion of local businesses and recruiting prospective new businesses.

Ramos

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The secrecy shrouding personnel matters means news coverage is unavoidably one-sided. Ramos' supporters have plenty to say, but his critics are invisible.

Roddy Cabbage, an ISDB teacher, said the trouble began with a handful of unhappy parents clamoring for speech therapists. Rather than learn sign language to communicate with their children, Cabbage said these parents wanted the school to focus on teaching the deaf students to speak.

Ramos scoured the country to find speech teachers willing to teach in Gooding, but low salaries made recruitment difficult, he said.

"But that's not our fault, that's not Angel's fault. He's been trying," Teachers said the problem began early in the year, when rumors besmirching the superintendent began to spread. The rumors accused Ramos of power hoarding and financial mismanagement.

Those complaints made their way to the state board, which launched an inquiry.

Ramos was cleared in May of all charges. Ramos said he still doesn't know what most of them were. At that meeting, the board granted Ramos another year as superintendent as long as he followed a 34-point corrective action plan.

A progress report distributed by Ramos showed him on track with

"We just keep moving forward," she said. That forward-moving attitude will prevail in Heyburn, Mayor Cleo Cheney said.

"We have to hear it," he said. "But life is going to go on. We're in a position to move forward."

Cheney said in a way the early closure announcement wasn't a surprise, but still "it's devastating news compared to what we were anticipating. It stops all the rumors, but it's official."

Minidoka County School District Superintendent Nick Hallett said school officials will closely monitor enrollment and

prepare for the 2004-05 school year.

Because of the state's funding methods, any enrollment declines that occur this fall won't affect school funding until the following year, allowing time to plan.

Nonetheless, Hallett worries that any more cuts in the school district will be tough, because at some point all that's left to cut are programs.

School officials already have taken some steps to protect themselves because of the pending Simplot closure, Hallett said. All new hires have been classi-

fied as temporary jobs, in case enrollment drops so much that staff cuts are required.

"That gives us some protection so we don't get into a reduction in force situation," he said. "I know it's a temporary job. I don't like it, but it's better than misleading people into thinking things will happen that won't necessarily happen."

The other concern the closure brings to Hallett is a continued reduction in the county's tax base, from which some money goes to the school district. Any loss of tax dollars makes it hard to balance a budget, he said.

the plan. But on Wednesday he received a hand-delivered, four-page letter saying Ramos' combative attitude had jeopardized the plan. The board's executive director would recommend Ramos' dismissal at the board's Aug. 14 meeting, the letter said.

Such a move would be an injustice, Cabbage said. Ramos, as the school's first deaf superintendent, has produced dramatic positive changes, Cabbage said.

Under Ramos, teachers have seen improved student self-esteem, higher test scores and enhanced technology, he said. Before Ramos, most superintendents administered from afar, reluctant to interact with the students, he said.

Teacher Betsy Holt said Ramos interrupted a long line of "terrible administrators."

Ramos demonstrated a fair amount of political influence in his first year as superintendent. He lobbied for legislation that changed ISDB's status to "school" from "agency," sparing it from the drastic 10 percent budget cuts that befall state agencies.

His cache was such that none other than Gov. Kempthorne served as the school's 2002 commencement speaker. Ramos also turned the school's anemic foundation into a significant fund-raiser, bringing tens of thousands of dollars to the school.

Ramos created a hiring requirement that all teachers be able to communicate in sign language. Before that, teachers who couldn't

sign were common at the school, Cabbage said.

"The education process was slow because the teachers couldn't sign," Cabbage said.

The state board is trying to repeal the signing requirement, Cabbage said.

The board also forced Ramos to step down from the foundation board, and wife as its development director for reasons of nepotism.

Ramos was initially present at the restaurant for a brief speech. He explained his side of the recent events to his supporters and then left.

"They've never told me to my face that I broke the law," Ramos said. "They've never given me a full list of the allegations."

Therefore, he said, he's never had the opportunity to defend himself.

Still, he maintains he's been supportive of all but two points of the 34-point corrective action plan.

One was the measure that forced his wife to step down as development director.

And he has disagreed with halting Optischool, the ISDB's on-line outreach program. Developed at ISDB, it featured computer interaction lesson plans for deaf and blind students outside the Gooding area.

"That was the heart and soul of the changes I was making at the school," he said.

Ramos said, "I've done nothing to jeopardize the corrective action."

That's not how the board's executive director sees it. In the letter, Stivers says Ramos "has expressed significant disagreement with the validity and scope of the corrective action plan."

Thus he wants Ramos to resign. If Ramos quits now, the board will offer him \$14,000, two months pay, and a neutral letter of recommendation.

"If I was guilty, I would accept the offer to resign," he said. "If I take it, it's an admission I did something wrong. My reputation is worth a lot more than \$14,000."

Ramos said he plans to hire a lawyer to fight for his job.

Meanwhile, he has turned in his keys. Though he's still officially the school's superintendent, he said he must be accompanied by an escort if he enters the school.

"I feel like a criminal," he said. The school has been taken over by state board employees, led by Harvey Lyter, the board's performance officer.

Teacher Judy Catron complained that a deaf perspective is missing from the state board's efforts.

"I feel like (Lyters) not being deaf, he doesn't see what he's doing to the school."

For that matter, the majority of the deaf community has been ignored through the entire dispute, Holt said.

"I don't think Gary Stivers listened to one word we had to say," Holt said.

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PBS chief touts Idahoans' support during controversy

BOISE (AP) — The chief executive of the nation's only noncommercial television network believes programming controversies that periodically engulf Idaho Public Television only underscore the system's strong public support.

"It focused me on the fragility of our funding when we depend on state legislatures," Public Broadcasting Service President Pat Mitchell said. "But what is encouraging about Idaho is that you've made up in private funding what you've lost in state funding."

"So who is right here," she said. "Isn't this a voice that should be heard?"

Mitchell, who was meeting with Idaho Public Television leaders and staff on Thursday, took over

PBS' just over three years ago as the conservative bloc of the Idaho Legislature — angry over programming on the issue of homosexuality — retaliated against Idaho Public Television. Lawmakers required the system to broadcast disclaimers that some content, if it occurred in Idaho, would violate state law and that families should make informed decisions about what programming to watch.

“Every time either a state legislature or Congress tries to defund public broadcasting, the people rise up”

— Pat Mitchell, PBS president

lawmakers tried to eliminate state support two decades earlier.

Roundly criticized by many public television viewers, the disclaimers lasted for two years before finally ending last summer.

At the same time, some lawmakers pressed to end state support for Idaho Public Television, only to be hit by overwhelming opposition in public hearings. It was the same response when lawmakers tried to eliminate state support two decades earlier.

"Every time either a state legislature or Congress tries to defund public broadcasting, the people rise up," Mitchell said. "Citizens, every time it's threatened, speak out."

State funding for the Idaho system has declined significantly in recent years, but the Legislature did finance a multimillion-dollar improvement in the system's broadcasting technology.

The state provides about 28 percent of public television's budget, the lowest level of state support among systems that get it. But donations to Idaho Public Television are boosted because they are considered as tax credits. While acknowledging that most programming complaints come from conservatives who claim PBS has a liberal bias, Mitchell argued

that they are focused only on specific broadcasts and not the entire broadcasting content, which she maintained is balanced.

"Maybe the conservative community is more organized, maybe they pay more attention," she said. "A lot of the criticism has to do with what they don't know and the other thing is miscalculating how much the public values it."

More importantly, Mitchell said that PBS has a mandate to ensure diversity of opinion and air complex, important issues not addressed by mainstream media.

She said the public realizes that there is more to public television than just television, citing PBS' educational and community service components. Those are what set public broadcasting apart from cable look-alikes.

Montana firefighters make progress; town residents may return soon

WEST GLACIER, Mont. (AP) — Residents of this gateway community to Glacier National Park may be allowed to return home soon, as firefighters reported significant gains against the big wildfire that threatened the town and park headquarters.

Two days of successful backfires created a precarious barrier between the advancing fire and the town, and officials told residents Thursday that homecoming could be just a day or two away.

About 500 residents are forced to evacuate the West Glacier area earlier this week when the Robert fire roared in their direction.

Fire managers warned Thursday that the blaze could run the other direction, too — west — and the resort town of Whitefish lies in that direction. They said the risk was slim, since Whitefish is still several miles away. But the fire already has burned almost 15,000 acres, and conditions are extreme: tinder-dry trees with erratic winds and temperatures above 100.

"We've got an explosive situation out there. Any shift in weather could light the fuse," said Mike Spencer, fire safety officer.

Backfires on Tuesday and Wednesday burned off thousands of acres of grass and trees on the fire's east front. It created a slim protection for West Glacier, the nearby park headquarters complex, the park's Apper Village, and hundreds of homes along the edge of the park.

Firefighters struck hard again Thursday to strengthen that burned-out barrier west of town.

The Robert fire was the most dangerous burning in Glacier park, but not the largest. Wedge Canyon fire near the park's northwest corner has burned more than 21,000 acres and was moving toward the Canadian border just six miles away. It has burned 29 buildings, including six homes, and still threatens about 100 homes and cabins near the North Fork of the



A Canadian CL-215 acroplane retrieves water from Lake MacDonald to fight the Robert Fire in Glacier National Park in Montana.

Flathead River.

The Trapper Creek fire, inside the park, has burned about 18,500 acres on Flattop Mountain, a remote area north of Going to the Sun Road. The scenic route through the park was closed west of Logan Pass on the Continental Divide.

Elsewhere in the West, the state's Passyent Wilderness, which had blackened 73,540 acres since lightning started it June 29, continued to burn slowly up the Spanish Creek drainage toward Canada.

Northern Idaho homes fall victim to wildfire

MOSCOW (AP) — A northern Idaho wildfire destroyed four homes and damaged two others as hot temperatures, low humidity and increasing winds fed flames throughout the state.

Firefighters quickly contained the 200-acre blaze near Viola, Idaho. It started about 1 p.m. but was fully contained by 10 p.m. The cause has not been determined.

"I came out of my house, and there was a roar — and the rest is history," said Dean Pantaja, who lost his home in the blaze.

Dee Aducci said her cedar home was defaced in what seemed to be a matter of moments.

"There was fire on both sides of our driveway," she said.

Tanker planes from Missoula and Grangeville swept in to drop water and retardant. Three helicopters dipped buckets into farm ponds and doused the flames. "I was in Moscow and a friend called me and said there's a fire out our way," said Ann Armstrong, who arrived home to find her husband, Bruce, on top of their roof with a hose.

In addition to local and rural fire departments, area farmers,

ranchers and loggers stormed into the area with full water tanks and heavy equipment.

"This was a priority fire," said Linda McFadden of the Coeur d'Alene Interagency Dispatch Center.

Elsewhere in Idaho, two new fire blazes just as firefighters were close to containing some that have been burning for weeks.

Continuing fires in Idaho include:

• Cedar fire, Caribou-Targhee National Forest. The fire was burning on 474 acres 3 miles east of Franklin in southeastern Idaho. The fire was 90 percent contained and estimated to be fully contained by Thursday. More than 110 firefighters were battling the blaze.

• Hot Creek fire, Boise National Forest. The fire is burning on 22,228 acres about three miles west of Atlanta. It was 30 percent contained with 814 firefighters on the ground assisted by nine helicopters. The Hot Creek fire remains the state's largest blaze. Cabin evacuations and structure defenses remain in place. There is no estimated containment date.

Infant dies after being left in hot car

BOISE (AP) — A 10-week-old infant died of excessive heat after his mother forgot the baby was left in her sport utility vehicle, authorities said.

The unidentified woman was not immediately charged, but police said on Thursday they would run investigative findings over to the prosecutor.

Mike Webb of the Boise Police Department said the woman, back on the job for just the third day after maternity leave, became distracted by a cell phone call to her mother as she drove to work on Wednesday and forgot to drop the infant off at child care.

She worked through the day with no breaks, Webb said, and only realized the child had been in the closed-up car all day as she was driving home.

"Tragedy struck her then," Webb said. "She jumped out of the vehicle and went around to the right rear passenger seat and found the baby. The baby was not responsive."

She took the baby, Hunter Kelly, to a nearby hospital, where he was declared dead.

Coroner Erwin Sonnenberg said triple-digit temperatures drove the temperature in the car to at least 130 degrees within the first hour it sat in the parking lot. He said the infant was dead in less than two hours.

The woman and her husband shared child care responsibilities, Webb said, and her husband had taken their 19-month-old son to his daycare center that morning.

"They're trying to work hard to make a living. It appears it was an oversight," Webb said. "This is clearly a human tragedy. However, parents have a strong responsibility to care for their children and not be negligent. It is the responsibility of the Boise Police Department to continue to investigate."

A friend of the family, identified by Webb as Allison Navol, issued a statement calling the infant's death "a tragic accident that occurred yesterday to my friend and her family. They are mourning the loss of their son."

Officials: Sun may have activated library sprinklers

NAMPA (AP) — Glaring hot rays from the sun may have been the culprit that set off the city library's sprinkler system, causing thousands of dollars of damage to books.

Librarians said visitors rushed into the deluge when it started Wednesday afternoon, grabbing as many books off the shelves as they could.

But water gushing from an open sprinkler still soaked thousands of sports, travel, biography, poetry and other non-fiction books.

"I just ran in and grabbed armfuls," said Deborah Babbitt, a barefoot and drenched library public services supervisor.

Firefighters said the sprinkler, which turns off if it senses too much heat, may have been activated by the scorching late July sun coming in through a skylight.

Library director Karen Gdanek said the library has insurance through the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program, but she was not sure whether it would cover damage to books.

About 2,500 books were damaged. The average cost of a new library book at about \$25, she said.

Library Associate Ryan Witt said he was taking the damage personally.

"None of my favorites were spared," Witt said, distraught at the damage in the poetry section.

Ex-director admits to fraud

BOISE (AP) — The former executive director of the Idaho History Museum has pleaded guilty to fraudulently using the facility's credit card.

Tamara Mullins, 40, admitted her guilt on Wednesday in a plea bargain with prosecutors, who downgraded a grand theft charge to a second count of fraudulent credit card use.

Prosecutors will recommend that 4th District Judge Michael Wetzel put Mullins of probation for 10 years when he imposes

sentence on Oct. 2.

Mullins was accused of fraudulently using the museum credit card for personal purchases totaling \$9,000. Her plea bargain requires restitution to the museum. Mullins was fired as museum director a year ago, several weeks after she left for Florida on what she said was a personal leave of absence. The museum's treasurer discovered the personal expenses in an audit after Mullins failed to submit two months of credit card bills.

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Phillips leaves lasting stamp on rock

By Robert Hilburn
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HOLLYWOOD — Rock 'n' roll's roots are so deep and twisted that fans and critics often throw their hands up in frustration when trying to search through the various branches to explain its origins.

It's a quest that frequently ends up in debates over such minutiae as which artist first used the word "rock" in a song, or who embellished the guitar as a rallying point for youthful rebellion.

But the real story of the birth of rock may be as simple as a single man's dream.

Rock 'n' roll lost its father on Wednesday when Sam Phillips died at the age of 80 in a hospital in Memphis, Tenn., the music-rich city where this son of an Alabama cotton farmer discovered and helped shape the talents of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Roy Orbison.

As a struggling recording studio owner in the '50s, Phillips certainly signed those artists with profits in mind, but this man with larger-than-life zeal was also driven by something deeper — a spirit that he saw in the music of the working-class South, black and white, that he felt could be a soulful, liberating force if somehow merged. Phillips was a master record producer (the spare, echo-driven quality of his recordings has been as influential as Phil Spector's "wall of sound"), but he was also a visionary and an idealist. He chose the name Sun for his label because it represented the optimism of a new day.

Where most record executives in the '50s saw rock 'n' roll as simply another musical trend, Phillips saw it as a cultural revolution — one that could be used by generation after generation to express deeply felt aspirations and ideas.

"Money, fame, none of this jazz gets in my way of knowing the greatest thing on this Earth is being able to feel something," Phillips said. "That's the greatest freedom in the world. That's what I wanted my records to do."

Reporting on his death Thursday morning, a CBS radio news program saluted Phillips by playing two of his recordings: Presley's "That's All Right" and Lewis' "Whole Lot of Shakin' Going On."

Like so much music that Phillips made in his storefront, single-story studio on Union Avenue, they were filled with energy and passion. But the news report could easily have played a dozen more



Sam Phillips, shown in this 1992 file photo in Memphis, Tenn., died Wednesday at age 80. Phillips was best known for his recordings of Elvis Presley.

of the classic Sun Records, including Perkins' "Blue Suede Shoes," Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues" or Presley's "Baby, Let's Play House." If the program wanted to be a little daring, it could have really intrigued listeners by playing Bruce Springsteen's "Born to Run" or Bob Dylan's "Like a Rolling Stone" or John Lennon's "Imagine."

They are all part of the Phillips legacy.

Before Sun, Phillips opened a recording studio to capture the sounds of some of the immensely talented black artists in the Memphis area, including Howlin' Wolf, B.B. King and Ike Turner. After some success in licensing those recordings to Los Angeles and Chicago labels, he got enough confidence to open Sun Records, where he recorded white country and black blues artists.

In those segregated times, Phillips realized it would be hard to reach a wider pop audience because mainstream radio stations resisted hard-core R&B recordings. That led to his search for a white artist who could sing effectively in a soulful blues style. He found that artist in Presley, who instinctively combined white country music and black blues. (That pragmatic move angered some of the black musicians in Memphis, who felt he had abandoned them.)

Phillips was a maverick, and he became disenchanted with the record business when it became clear in the '60s that his independent label couldn't compete unless it was aligned with a major record company.



From left, Elvis Presley, bass player Bill Black, guitarist Scotty Moore and Sun Records and Memphis Recording studio head Sam Phillips pause during a recording session in Memphis in 1954.

In some ways, Phillips' impact on music was akin to the young Orson Welles' on film. But where Welles spent his life battling hostile forces in the film world, often to his humiliation, Phillips — a proud man with a fiercely independent spirit — left the record business rather than answer to executives in New York or Los Angeles. He concentrated on his various radio station properties and other investments, including the Holiday Inn chain.

For years he avoided the spotlight, rarely showing up at industry functions or doing interviews. But he kept listening to music. While many of the musicians and executives of the '50s felt little attachment to the rock 'n' roll of the Beatles and Dylan, Phillips loved the way the music grew

from teen celebration to a forum for ideas. It was in keeping with his original vision.

When I got him to sit down in 1981 for an interview, Phillips, a gregarious man whose flair for oratory would have made him a great trial lawyer or minister, said the artist he'd most like to work with at the time was Dylan.

In the interview, which began in the afternoon at Phillips' Memphis office and ended 12 hours later at his house, he demonstrated such vitality and enthusiasm that you could imagine how he enacted the best qualities of the music. His goal with Presley and Lewis and the rest wasn't to make music that fit the radio formats of the day, but to reach deep inside for something original.

Lies surround woman in missing child hoax

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Ever since Donna Lynette Walker was a child, friends say, she has delighted in disrupting the lives of those around her. She made crank calls in disguised voices, concocted hard-luck stories and conned people out of money.

But even investigators familiar with Walker's record are baffled by what they say was her latest hoax.

Authorities say that last week-end, Walker called the parents of a girl abducted 17 years ago and pretended to be their long-lost daughter. The girl's family members were crushed, her father wanted to tears, when he learned on Wednesday that it was a lie.

Police said it was a "crucial hoax" and launched a nationwide hunt Thursday for Walker, who is believed to live in Topeka, Kan. Police charged Walker, 35, with identity deception and false reporting.

"The motive is unknown and probably won't be until she is arrested and we have a chance to interview her in court," said Indiana State Police 1st Sgt. Dave Buxton, who doesn't think it was financial. There was never any kind of request for money.

Investigators said Walker may have found out details about the case of Shannon Marie Sherrill on the Internet, which contains several Web sites devoted to the girl's abduction. Shannon was 6 when

she vanished in 1986 while playing hide-and-seek near her family's Indiana home.

Walker continued the ruse for days, allegedly calling Shannon's family members, police and the news media to perpetuate the story — often disguising her voice and posing as at least two other people. Investigators believe, she even pretended to be the husband of the missing girl.

Police began to doubt Walker's claims only when she would not provide them with numbers to reach her.

Now, days into the investigation, police have discovered a disturbing pattern of deceit by Walker.

Court records and interviews indicate she has had brushes with the law in California, Kansas, Virginia and Nebraska involving such offenses as making crank calls, reporting a false fire alarm, writing bad checks, making a bomb threat and using stolen credit cards to run up long-distance charges, according to an Indiana State Police affidavit.

In Urbana, Iowa, an arrest warrant was issued for Walker last August for making a string of "weird calls" to police reporting to have seen people assaulted at gunpoint. Police also issued the calls, said Urbana Police Sgt. Dave Disney.

"We had concerns for Walker's mental state, just from all the calls she was making," Disney said. "She's a strange one."



Donna Lynette Walker

N. Mexico sees first West Nile case

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A 58-year-old woman became the first person diagnosed with West Nile virus in New Mexico, making the state the 41st to see a human case of the mosquito-borne disease. It appeared in the United States in 1999.

The woman resident developed a fairly mild case of the illness about a week ago and was not hospitalized, the state Health Department said. She had fever, headaches and rash.

The disease has spread westward across the country since it was first found in New York City. There were 4,156 human cases in the United States last year, including 284 deaths.

Fewer than one of 150 people bitten by an infected mosquito become severely ill, but patients can develop meningitis or

encephalitis, which can be fatal, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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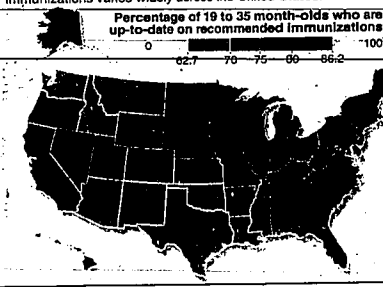
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Immunization disparity across the nation

The percentage of toddlers who are up-to-date with recommended immunizations varies widely across the United States.



SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

New figures show some kids don't get vaccines on time

Some areas of country do much worse than others

WASHINGTON (AP) — About 75 percent of the nation's toddlers are getting vaccinated on time but pockets of the country are doing significantly worse, new government data show.

In 2002, just 63 percent of toddlers in Colorado were getting the protective shots on time. That was the worst performance in the nation. Massachusetts was doing the best job, immunizing 86 percent of toddlers on time.

Because vaccination coverage varies so widely by state, it means tens of thousands of children every year are left unprotected, said Dr. Walter Orenstein of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"If we let down our guard ... vaccine preventable diseases will return," he warned. He said it's not clear why some states do much better than others.

The CDC, Orenstein said, is encouraging states to try to identify specific areas where children are unprotected and try programs such as computer-based registries that send parents and doctors reminders when a child misses a scheduled shot.

Government health officials recommend that by age 2 children receive about 20 doses of vaccine against 11 diseases.

Nationwide, the CDC reported good news. Vaccination against chickenpox are steadily rising, to a high of 81 percent coverage in 2002.

For the nation's newest vaccination, the pneumococcal vaccine that protects against meningitis and ear infections, 41 percent of children had up-to-date shots. This is the first time the CDC has counted success with this vaccine.

New Boston archbishop replaces lead legal team

BOSTON (AP) — One day after being installed as Boston's new archbishop, Sean O'Malley on Thursday replaced the legal team representing the archdiocese in more than 500 civil lawsuits by people who claim they were sexually abused by priests.

O'Malley appointed Boston attorney Thomas Hannigan as lead counsel for the archdiocese in handling the sex abuse claims. Hannigan is the attorney who helped O'Malley settle abuse cases in the Rev. James Porter cases when O'Malley was bishop in the Fall River diocese a decade ago.

O'Malley had brought Hannigan into the settlement talks shortly after he was named as Boston's new archbishop on July 1. On Thursday, O'Malley named him lead counsel, replacing the Rogers Law Firm, which has handled sex abuse cases for the archdiocese for many years.

"It is my hope that Attorney Hannigan's expertise in facilitating settlements in matters such as this will move the process towards a just and timely resolution," O'Malley said in a statement.

Lawyers for alleged victims of clergy abuse had complained that lawyers at the Rogers firm took an unrealistic hard line in settlement negotiations.

The Rev. Christopher Coyne, a spokesman for O'Malley, said the role of the Rogers Law Firm in future settlement talks has not yet been determined.

Attorneys Wilson Rogers III and Wilson Rogers Jr. of the Rogers firm did not immediately return telephone messages Thursday morning seeking comment.

Attorney Jeffrey Newman, whose firm represents more than 250 alleged victims, praised the decision to name Hannigan to head the settlement talks.

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Paul Bremer, U.S. administrator in Iraq, speaks Thursday at the opening of the newly refurbished Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Iraq boss says elections could come by mid-2004

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's U.S. administrator, L. Paul Bremer, said Thursday that general elections could be held in Iraq within a year to replace a U.S.-appointed Governing Council whose legitimacy has been questioned by the international community.

Bremer, a former diplomat and counterterrorism expert, said the elections would be held, once a new constitution has been written and accepted by the Iraqi people in a referendum.

"It is certainly not unrealistic to think that we could have elections by mid-year 2004," Bremer said while touring the partially refurbished Iraqi Foreign Ministry with members of the interim government he appointed on July 13.

"And when a sovereign government is installed, the coalition authority will cede authority to the government and my job here will be over," Bremer said.

The 61-year-old Bremer, who took over running the country from Gen. Jay Garner, said the establishment of a new government would mark the end of his diplomatic career.

"Although that will mark my final retirement as a diplomat, it will mean that you, the diplomats of Iraq, will be going forward representing a fully sovereign government," Bremer told Foreign Ministry staff.

The fact that Iraq doesn't have an elected government makes reconstruction of the war-shattered country much more difficult.

On Wednesday, World Bank President James Wolfensohn said it was unclear whether the interim government had the legitimacy to receive international loans. "Clearly a constitution and an elected government would constitute a recognized government, but what do we do in the meantime?" Wolfensohn said during a one-day trip to Baghdad. "It's a subject that needs interpretation."

In a landmark for the 25-member Governing Council that Bremer brought into existence, the organization announced this week that it would function with a nine-member rotating presidency, beginning with the first name in the Arabic alphabet, Ibrahim al-Jaafari, a representative of the Islamic Dawi Party which was banned under Saddam Hussein.

Al-Jaafari will be followed in September by Iraqi National Congress leader Ahmad Chalabi, who has strong support in the Pentagon, and in October by Iyad Allawi, a Shiite Muslim doctor who heads the Iraqi National Accord, which has deep roots in the opposition to Saddam both at home and abroad.

In its first sitting July 13, the council said its first order of business would be to select a president, but differences among its members prevented it from agreeing on a single leader.

The nine-member rotating presidency emerged after members failed to agree on a three-member joint presidency, council sources told The Associated Press.

Vital trade route reopens in northern Iraq

ALONG THE IRAQ-SYRIA BORDER (AP) — The first train from Syria through northern Iraq to Mosul was a few minutes late, but after more than a year without service, the residents of Rabiya weren't complaining.

The train, consisting of dozens of freight and tanker cars, one sleeper and several passenger cars, resumed service only half full Wednesday. But it was sold out with goodwill.

"It brings us to the future, this train," said Mohsin al Nafi, a leader of the Schamar tribe that has strong ties with Rabiya, an Iraqi border town of 25,000 residents, and in Syria as well. "We are bound by blood on both sides of the border."

"This is like bringing the family together. There is peace here," he said.

The train is running again thanks in part to the U.S. Army and its 101st Airborne Division, which oversees a 6,564-square-mile region in Iraq's north. The area is a blend of cities like Mosul, 240 miles north of Baghdad, scattered towns and villages and vast stretches of wheat and barley fields. The people are mainly Arabs, Kurds and Turkomen.

Government funding for economic development here was rare in the aftermath of the 1991 Gulf War because the area was in the northern flyzone set up to protect the Kurds from Saddam's retribution, said Col. Michael Linnington, commander 187th Infantry Regiment.

Soldiers here have made it a priority to secure the region's economic base by spending liberally to improve water wells, rebuild



Crowds gather outside the control room of an Iraqi diesel engine train, which resumed service Wednesday between northern Iraq and Syria.

schools and train new policemen.

"These guys have experienced 35 years of hardship," said Lt. Col. Joe Buche, commander of the 187th's Third Battalion in Rabiya. "They'd like it to be improved in 35 days."

That won't happen given the sheer number of projects that need tending, but there is plenty of money, said Capt. Pat Costello, of the 187th.

The money is given to area commanders throughout Iraq, Linnington said, and they spend it at their discretion.

"It's Iraqi money for Iraqis," said Costello. It comes from Iraqi assets frozen after the Gulf War. The payouts are nominal — \$1,000 here, \$2,500 there. Any work done is by local contractors, vetted by area leaders and Army officials.

The American-led coalition said the train included mainly oil tanker cars that were held in Syria at the start of the war. A coalition official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the return of the cars would allow Iraq's petroleum industry to increase refinery output by one-third.

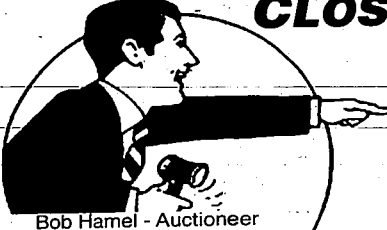
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Attacks claim more soldiers

BAGHDAD, Iraq — An American soldier was killed Thursday when his armored personnel carrier hit a mine on the dangerous road from central Baghdad to the city's airport.

It was the second death reported Thursday by the U.S. military, after a soldier was killed in a small-arms fire attack northeast of Baghdad late Wednesday.

Three U.S. soldiers also were wounded when the mine exploded underneath an M113 armored personnel carrier, the U.S. military said in Baghdad.

The deaths brought to 51 the number of U.S. soldiers killed in action since President Bush declared an end to major combat on May 1. So far, 166 American forces have been killed in the Iraq war, 19 more than in the 1991 Gulf War.

The assault late Wednesday against soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division happened 25 miles east of Baghdad, where U.S. troops have come under repeated assault recently, especially by mortar fire.

The town is in the so-called "Sunni Triangle," a heavily Sunni Muslim area to the north and west of Baghdad where support for ousted dictator Saddam Hussein has been strongest and where U.S. forces have faced the most resistance.

Iraqis turn suspected assailant over to U.S.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. troops in Iraq have grown grimly accustomed to guerrilla-style assaults by nameless, faceless attackers who toss grenades or fire mortars at them on an almost daily basis.

But Iraqis who live along busy Haifa Street refused to take such an attack in stride Thursday morning. When someone shot an anti-tank weapon at a U.S. military armored vehicle, wounding one soldier, local residents identified a teen-ager from the neighborhood as the assailant, and the boy's father handed him over to U.S. troops, witnesses said.

"These soldiers were very nice guys," said Salim Saheb Alwan, 55, a retired military officer who witnessed the attack. "We used to talk to them and play with these people."

Witnesses said they were disgusted at the attack on U.S. troops and were eager to catch the culprit. They were particularly upset, they said, because many innocent Iraqis could have been killed if the armored vehicle blew up in such a heavily populated area. Arshed Salem, 17, who owns a soda and candy stand near where the armored vehicle was hit, some of his neighbors said they thought the attacker was a local boy, aged 16 or 17, who was said by many in the area to have a dangerous penchant for gunplay and alcohol. Neighbors said the boy once shot his uncle in the stomach and fired bullets at his father's feet to see him dance. He had attempted to attack American soldiers twice before, they said, beginning about two weeks ago.

Jordan king grants refuge to Saddam's daughters

AMMAN, Jordan — Two of Saddam Hussein's daughters and their nine children received sanctuary Thursday in Jordan on humanitarian grounds, granted by King Abdullah II.

Raghad Saddam Hussein and Rana Saddam Hussein — who had reportedly been living in humble circumstances in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad — since their father's ouster — arrived in the capital Amman Thursday, Information Minister Nabil al-Sharif told The Associated Press.

U.S. officials say they are closing in on Saddam, but it was not clear if his daughters' departure from Iraq indicated the hunt for their father was nearing an end. Word of the arrival in Jordan of two of Saddam's five children came after his elder sons, Odai and Qusai, were killed in a July 22 firefight with U.S. troops.

The two daughters had lived private lives and — unlike their brothers — were not believed to be wanted for crimes linked to their father's brutal regime. Instead, the women were seen by some as victims of Saddam, who ordered their husbands killed in 1996.

Iraqi tipster will reap \$30M for info on Saddam's sons

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration has approved the payment of \$30 million in reward money to the tipster who supplied the critical information that led U.S. troops to the hideout of Saddam Hussein's two sons, slain two weeks ago, a U.S. official said Thursday.

Secretary of State Colin Powell decided to award the tipster \$15 million each for information that led authorities to Qusai and Qusai's

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hideout — a total of \$30 million, the largest reward ever made under the reward program.

CIA adviser says weapons search is making progress

WASHINGTON — A CIA adviser told lawmakers Thursday that progress was being made in the

hunt for Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, but Democrats decried the so-far fruitless searches and questioned the Bush administration's rationale for war.

David Kay, who is serving as a special adviser for the weapons search, said inspectors have found physical evidence of Iraqi activity on weapons of mass destruction, but he declined to discuss details.

— compiled from wire reports



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• **'City of Ghosts'** - Matt Dillon stars in - and directed - this atmospheric throwback to the Huston-style Hollywood thriller, replete with exotic locales and a slew of shady types. Set in Cambodia, and beautifully shot, with a colorful supporting cast: James Caan, Gerard Depardieu, Stellan Skarsgard, Natascha McElhone. R (violence, profanity, sex, adult themes)

• **'Gigli'** - Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez star in this comedy about a gorgeous gangster attempting to unravel a bungled kidnapping. With Justin Bartha and Lainie Kazan. Written and directed by Martin Brest. (R, for sexual content, pervasive language and brief, strong violence.)

Continuing

• **'Bad Boys II'** - Martin Lawrence and Will Smith are back as maverick cops wreaking havoc and hunting down hoods in this wham-bam two hours and 26 minutes of raging shootouts, over-the-top car chases and lots and lots of yelling. It's a turbo-charged sequel, and while there are awe-some stunts and spectacle, the whole thing's exhausting. R (violence, sex, profanity, drugs)

• **'Bruce Almighty'** - Jim Carrey has fun playing God while He (Morgan Freeman) takes a much-needed breather, but this modest fable about a frustrated Buffalo, N.Y., TV newsman learning the dangers of using divine powers selfishly and the need to understand one's true gifts and wants, takes place in a synthetic, airless universe, overloaded with special effects and spectacle and marred by a jumbled, jarring production design. Even so, staunch Carrey fans are likely to be underwhelmed. With Jennifer Aniston, Philip Baker Hall. (1-41, PG-13, for language, sexual content and some crude humor).

• **'Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle'** - Retamed with the rock-video director-turned-franchise-maker McG (Joseph McGinty Nichol to his mom and dad), the saucy triumvirate of Throttle serves up platefuls of familiar offerings. PG-13 (violence, profanity, sexual innuendo).

• **'Daddy Day Care'** - Eddie Murphy as 'The Natty Professor' was funny. Murphy as 'Doctor Dolittle' was OK. But Murphy as a 'Daddy Day Care' nanny is a ninny. PG (pottery language and humor).

• **'Finding Nemo'** - Who lives in an anemone under the sea? Little Nemo! When this frisky orange clownfish (think candy corn with fins) breaks free from the Great Barrier Reef, he proves to his timid dad that there is nothing to fear but fear itself. Though not as great as 'Toy Story 2' and 'Monsters, Inc.', Pixar Animation Studios' tale is the gold standard for family movies. 'Finding Nemo' is a delightful underwater adventure. G (scenes of loss, separation and suspense) - Carrie Rickey.

• **'Hollywood Homicide'** - Even the off-the-charts cuteness quotient of Harrison Ford and Josh Hartnett isn't enough to make this Ron Shelton movie about cops investigating the murders of rap stars worth the price of admission. PG-13 (violence, profanity, sexual suggestion)

• **'How to Deal'** - 'How to Deal' is pop singer Mandy Moore's fourth movie and already she's got some wail show signs of becoming heiress apping to '80s teen queen Molly Ringwald. The film, based on Sarah Dessner's young adult novel 'Someone Like You' and 'That Summer,' isn't that good. But Moore is. PG-13 (sexual candor, drugs, profanity).

• **'The Italian Job'** - This breezy caper movie, based on the 1969 Michael Caine film, but all over the original. Writers Donna Powers and Wayne Powers imaginatively rework Troy Kennedy Martin's screenplay for the original film to create a fast and furious action-adventure. The film's comedy counts for as much as the clever and risky ways in which



From left to right, Jason Biggs, Eugene Levy and Alyson Hannigan play in 'American Wedding.'

Big box office

Last weekend's top-grossing movies:

1. 'Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over', Miramax.
2. 'Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl', Disney.
3. 'Bad Boys II', Sony.
4. 'Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life', Paramount.
5. 'Seabiscuit', Universal.

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mastermind Mark Wahlberg and gang go after the nasty Edward Norton, who has double-crossed them. The film's big plus is that its director, F. Gary Gray, takes a relaxed, light touch with the proceedings while keeping it all moving briskly. The film's big pursuit sequence, as ingenious as it is, is arguably stretched out a little too long, but even so this is clearly one of the summer's smarter, more sophisticated big-scale entertainments. With Seth Green, Jason Statham, Mos Def and Charlize Theron. (1-55, PG-13, for violence and some language).

• **'Johnny English'** - If looks could actually kill, Rowan Atkinson's face would have to be licensed as a deadly weapon. Which would be fortunate for the character he plays, a British secret agent who is not awfully good with more conventional means of espionage destruction. A comic actor of genius who raises silliness to an art form, the wonderfully expressive Atkinson gets to make excellent use of those devastating looks in this spy spoof where he turns up as a James Bond type more likely to kill adversaries by accident than on purpose. The film's bawdiest humor and all was specially crafted as a vehicle for a performer who is a major star not only in his native Britain but around the world. Directed by Peter Howitt and scripted by Neal Purvis & Robert Wade (who've written Bond movies 'The World Is Not Enough' and 'Die Another Day') and William Davies. With Ben Miller, Natalie Imbruglia and John Malkovich. (1-27, PG for comic nudity, some crude humor and language).

• **'Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life'** - Angelina Jolie returns as the video-game heroine undertakes a multi-vehicle, international quest. With Gerard Butler, Noah Taylor and Ciaran Hinds. Directed by Jan De Bont. (PG-13, for action violence and some sensuality).

• **'The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen'** - Set in 1900, this tale about seven fictional Victorian heroes who are recruited to fight the force attempting to bring Europe to World War I is dead on arrival. With Sean Connery as Allan Quatermain, Shane West as Tom Sawyer and Naseeruddin Shah as Captain Nemo. PG-13 (violence, sexual innuendo).

• **'Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde'** - Now a Boston lawyer boldly striding toward partnership in couture heels, Elle Woods (Reese Witherspoon) enters with many of the same accessories that worked for her so well in the last movie. One absurdity leads to another and before long Elle has moved to Washington, D.C., where, newly employed by a congresswoman (Sally Field), she sets up shop with the intention of banning cosmetics testing on animals. Directed by Charles Herman-Wurmfeld ('Kissing Jessica Stein') and written by script-polisher-ah-bout Kate Kondell, the film moves at



Jennifer Lopez, left, and Ben Affleck star in Revolution Studios' 'Gigli'.

such a brisk, easy clip that there isn't much time to linger over its flaws. The story adheres strictly to formula and the jokes are as cheap and fast as Elle's friend Paulette (Jennifer Coolidge), but however lightly played the animal-rights issue gives the film indisputable kink. But there's something a bit more far out about a movie as willfully frivolous as this one dropping the names of PETA and Princeton philosopher Peter Singer as casually as Versace. (1-34, PG-13, for some sex-related humor).

• **'Pirates of the Caribbean'** - An improbably entertaining, if overlong, adventure that brings new meaning to the term 'summer camp.' Doubtless! Ripped bodices! Unbuckled swash! Rum! 'Pirates of the Caribbean' has it all. PG-13 (violence, sexual innuendo, skeleton zombies).

• **'Seabiscuit'** - Life, it's been truly said, has more imagination than we do, and the astonishing story of Seabiscuit proves that absolutely. It's an honorable effort, best when the horses are on the screen, less sure-footed with its humans and fated to find more favor with newcomers who have not read Hillenbrand's book or seen the excellent PBS documentary. The film's great frustration is that it has taken this superb true story and made it feel too much like a movie. A well-crafted movie, but a movie nevertheless. Yet it can also be argued that like Seabiscuit himself, who often did better than expected despite carrying more weight than his competitors, this film does enough things right to survive its missteps. It is not as exceptional a film as the reality deserves, but with a story this strong and races this expertly executed, it squeaks out a victory by being as good a movie as it needs to be. On some days, that is enough. With Tobey Maguire, Jeff Bridges, Elizabeth Banks, Chris Cooper,

Gary Stevens and William H. Macy. Written and directed by Gary Ross from Laura

Starting today

Halley/Ketchum/Sun Valley
Magic Lantern
 'American Wedding'
 'Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life'
 'Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over'
 '28 Days Later'

SkiTime Cinemas
 'Pirates of the Caribbean'
 'Seabiscuit'

Sun Valley Opera House
 'Bad Boys II'

Twin Falls

Twin Cinema
 'Agent Cody Banks'
 'American Wedding'
 'Bad Boys 2'
 'Bruce Almighty'
 'Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle'

Odyssey Theater
 'How to Deal'
 'Johnny English'
 'League of Extraordinary Gentlemen'
 'Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde'
 'Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over'
 '28 Days'

Century Cinema
 'Johnny English'

Gooding
 'Schubert Theater'
 'Finding Nemo'

Shoshone
 No movies this week.

Grand-Vu Drive-In
 'American Wedding'
 '2 Fast 2 Furious'

Motor-Vu Drive-In
 'The Italian Job'
 'Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life'

Lamphouse Theater
 'City of Ghosts'

The Orpheum
 'Seabiscuit'

Burley
 'Century Cinema'
 'Johnny English'
 'Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life'
 'League of Extraordinary Gentlemen'
 'Pirates of the Caribbean'
 'Seabiscuit'
 'Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over'

Burley Theater
 'Daddy Day Care'

Jerome
 'Jerome Cinema'
 'Agent Cody Banks'
 'Chicken Run'
 'Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life'
 'Pirates of the Caribbean'
 'Seabiscuit'
 'Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over'

Gooding
 'Schubert Theater'
 'Finding Nemo'

Shoshone
 No movies this week.

Hillenbrand's exceptional, best-selling book. (2-21, PG-13, for some sexual situations and violent sports-related images.)

• **'Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas'** - The latest version of 'Sinbad' is a pleasure to look at. It's filled with fine, imaginative moves and an overarching sense of visual freedom, a feeling for play that endures us into enjoyment. When it comes to dialogue and story, however, the film apparently used up all its initiative changing its hero's ethnicity to generic-Greco-Roman. There's little here that isn't overly familiar and formulaic, nothing that's even in the same arena with the eye candy of those vivid adventures. With the voices of Brad Pitt, Michelle Pfeiffer and Catherine Zeta-Jones. (1-26, PG, for adventure action, some mild sensuality and brief language).

• **'Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over'** - The third adventure of youthful secret agents Juni (Daryl Sabara) and Carmen Cortez (Alexa Vega) finds Juni having to enter the amazing virtual reality world of video game maestro, the

Toy Maker (Sylvester Stallone), who holds Carmen in suspended animation and who intends to take over the world by controlling the minds of its youth. A fine instance of Hollywood design and technical wizardry placed in the service of a solid family entertainment, directed with a light touch.

• **'Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines'** - Arliss Schwarzenegger is back (8-4 Edward Furong isn't) in this second sequel about a cyborg from the future and the fate of humankind in the here and now. James Cameron didn't direct this, the special effects are so-so, but it has its cheesy, B-movie charms, and a new nemesis who looks, mad as hell, like a runaway model. 1-49, 50 R (violence, profanity, end-of-the-world despair).

• **'28 Days Later'** - Set in England in the near future, this taut, terrifying sci-fi follows a group of survivors trying to find safety in a country crawling with murderous zombies. Visceral and magnificently creepy. R (violence, sexual violence, profanity, intense scares) - Steven Rea.

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Tonight
The Sun Valley Summer Symphony's Edgar M. Bronfman Chamber Music Series continues with music by Dvorak, Mendelssohn and Chopin, 6:30 p.m., in a tent on the Sun Valley Resort Esplanade.

Sunday
The Sun Valley Summer Symphony opens its season with a performance of Brahms' First Symphony, 6:30 p.m., in a tent on the Sun Valley Resort Esplanade.

Monday
The Sun Valley Summer Symphony will perform works for Hindemith and Tchaikovsky, 6:30 p.m., in a tent on the Sun Valley Resort Esplanade.

Wednesday - Utah
Utah Symphony will perform a program of Mozart music with a performance of Christina Jennings, 7:30 p.m., in Libby Gardner Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$12 and \$15, can be reserved by phoning Artix at (801) 355-4787.



Thursday
The Sun Valley Summer Symphony will play works by Mozart, Hellebrandt and Arnold, 6:30 p.m., in a tent on the Sun Valley Resort Esplanade.

Aug. 8
The Sun Valley Summer Symphony will present performances by advanced student ensembles from its Summer Music Workshop, 6:30 p.m., in a tent on the Sun Valley Resort Esplanade.

Aug. 9
The Sun Valley Summer Symphony will present its pops concert, featuring Western-themed music, 6:30 p.m., in a tent on the Sun Valley Resort Esplanade.

Aug. 10
The Sun Valley Summer Symphony will present an evening of music by Dvorak, 6:30 p.m., in a tent on the Sun Valley Resort Esplanade.



Aug. 11
The Sun Valley Summer Symphony will perform concertos to Mozart and Sibelius, 6:30 p.m., in a tent on the Sun Valley Resort Esplanade.

Aug. 12
The Sun Valley Summer Symphony will perform a program



of music of Sousa, Neruda and Rachmaninoff, 6:30 p.m., in a tent on the Sun Valley Resort Esplanade.

Aug. 13
The Sun Valley Summer Symphony will present chamber music night, with music by Barber and Dvorak, 6:30 p.m., in a tent on the Sun Valley Resort Esplanade.

Aug. 16
Mezzosoprano Frederica von Stade will perform works by Cantele and Offenbach with the Sun Valley Summer Symphony, 6:30 p.m., in a tent on the Sun Valley Resort Esplanade.



Aug. 17
The Sun Valley Summer Symphony will perform Haydn's Symphony No. 103 in E-flat Major, 6:30 p.m., in a tent on the Sun Valley Resort Esplanade.

Aug. 18
The Sun Valley Summer Symphony will perform music by Bartok, 6:30 p.m., in a tent on the Sun Valley Resort Esplanade.

Tonight
The Derrillers will headline the first night of the 24th annual Northern Rockies Folk Festival, 8:30 p.m., Hop Porter Park, Halley. An \$18 booster button for all performances is available at Wood River Valley music stores. Children under 12 and seniors are free. Call 788-0183 for information.

Tonight and Saturday
Rockin' Horse will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$4.

Tonight, Saturday and Thursday
Country Classics will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Tonight and Saturday
Sweet Country Air will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at T.J.'s Lounge, 112 Broadway Ave. S., Buhl. No cover charge.

Saturday
Pocketchange will play classic country music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Stockade in Richfield.

Saturday
The Echols will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at George K's East Restaurant and Lounge, 325 E. Third N., Burley.

Saturday
The Fugitives will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers, 826 Highway 81, Declo. No cover charge.

Saturday
Sam Bush will headline the second night of the 24th annual Northern Rockies Folk Festival, 8:30 p.m., Hop Porter Park, Halley. An \$18 booster button for all performances is available.

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Tuesday
Willie Nelson will perform at 7 p.m. at River Run Lodge in Ketchum, a fundraiser for the Sun Valley Center for the Arts. Sold out.

Tuesday
Tony Furtado will perform at The Mint in Halley at 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, are available at The Mint and Bad BJJ's CD in Halley and at Twist & Trout Music in Ketchum, or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>

Wednesday - Utah
Willie Nelson will perform at the Weber County Fair at the Gold Spike Arena in Ogden, Utah, at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Golden Spike Arena is located at 1000 North 1200 West.

Wednesday through Aug. 10
Freddie Fender will play two shows a night at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot. Prices for the 8 p.m. dinner show start at \$14.99 on weeknights and Sundays and \$19.99 on Saturdays. Tickets for the 11 p.m. cocktail lounge shows are \$10 on weeknights and Sundays and \$12.50 on Saturdays. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

Aug. 12
Emerson Drive will perform for the Cassia County Fairgrounds in Burley at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16, can be available at the fair office.

Aug. 16 - Boise
Rascal Flatts will play the Western Idaho Fair at the Western Idaho Fairgrounds in Garden City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15 (not including fair admission), can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.widahotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls or Paul's Market in Halley. The Western Idaho Fairgrounds are located at 5610 Glenwood Blvd.

Aug. 19 - Boise
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Aug. 27
Aaron Tippin will perform at the Twin Falls County Fair in Filer at 8 p.m. Fair admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children.

Aug. 27 - Idaho
Nickel Creek will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

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Aug. 29 - Boise
Redneck Kelly will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Sept. 2
Allison Krauss and Union Station will perform at the Ketchum/Sun Valley Outdoor Pavilion at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$39.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Ketchum/Sun Valley Outdoor Pavilion is located at 101 Saddle Road in Ketchum.

Sept. 4
Phil Vassar will perform at the Twin Falls at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16.50 and \$20.50, are available at all Oasis Stop 'N' Go stores. Twin Falls Arena is located on South Washington, 1 mile north of the Twin Falls airport.

Sept. 5 - Blackfoot
Rascal Flatts and Phil Vassar will play the Eastern Idaho State Fair in Blackfoot at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25 including gate fee, can be reserved by phoning (208) 785-4480.

Sept. 7 - Utah
Clay Walker will perform at the Utah State Fair at the Utah State Fairpark in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19 and \$24, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Utah State Fairpark is located at 155 North 1000 West.

Sept. 8 - Utah
Michael Martin Murphey will play the Utah State Fair at the Utah State Fairpark in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19 and \$24, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Utah State Fairpark is located at 155 North 1000 West.



Sept. 11 - Utah
Local Flatts will perform at the Utah State Fair at the Utah State Fairpark in Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$19 and \$24, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Utah State Fairpark is located at 155 North 1000 West.

Sept. 12 - Utah
Alabama will play the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, \$35, \$45, \$150, \$300 and \$1,000, can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-SEAT. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

Sept. 26 - Idaho
Rodney Carrington will play the Pavilion on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$33.50 and \$43.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.widahotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls or Paul's Market in Halley.

ROCK 'N' ROLL
The Locust will perform at Brick's in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m.

Tonight - Utah
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Tickets, which are \$9, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

Tonight - Utah
General Public will play the Zephyr Club in Salt Lake City at 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

Tonight - Utah
Ra, The Locust and Doubleclive will perform at Club DVB in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Club DVB is located at 115 South West Temple.

Tonight and Saturday
Madhouse will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Saturday - Utah
Fleetwood Mac will play the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$45, \$85 and \$125, can be reserved by phoning (801) 345-SEAT or online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.



Sunday
Creedence Clearwater Revival - that's Creedence Clearwater Revival with Stu Cook and Doug Clifford but not John Fogerty - will perform in the Cactus Petes Resort Casino outdoor amphitheater in Jackpot at 5 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, \$30 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103. Doors open at 4 p.m.

Monday - Utah
The Blue Man Group will perform in Salt Lake City's Delta Center at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$28.50, \$32.50 and \$42.50, can be reserved by phoning

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Monday - Utah
Anthurus and Lamb of God will play Club DVB at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Club DVB is located at 115 South West Temple.

Tuesday
Final Underground, Dross and 333-Threat will perform in the banquet room at the El Sombrero Restaurant, 143 W. Main, Jerome. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 each and are available at the door. The show is open to all ages.

Tuesday - Boise
Alice Cooper will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum.

Tuesday - Utah
The Deftones will perform at Saltair Resort in Magna, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Saltair is located 30 miles west of Salt Lake City, take Interstate 180 West to Exit 104.

Wednesday - Utah
Metallica will perform at Usana Amphitheater in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$38 and \$48, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Usana Amphitheater is located at 5400 South 6200 West.

Wednesday - Boise
The Deftones and CKY will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$26.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum.

Thursday - Utah
Kansas and Steppenwolf will play the Golden Spike Arena in Ogden, Utah, at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Golden Spike Arena is located at 1000 North 1200 West.

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Aug. 8 - Boise

Karla Bonoff and Kenny Edwards will play at Boise State University Special Events Center at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$26.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 425-1494 or online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>

Aug. 11 - Utah

David Gahan will perform at Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$37.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>

Aug. 12 - Utah

Eve 6 will play Club DV8 in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$6, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Club DV8 is located at 115 South West Temple.



Aug. 13 - Utah

Kottonmouth Kings will play Club DV8 in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Club DV8 is located at 115 South West Temple.

Aug. 15 - Boise

Joe Cocker will play the Western Idaho Fair at the Western Idaho Fairgrounds in Garden City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20 (not including fair admission), can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 425-1494, online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls. The Western Idaho Fairgrounds are located at 5610 Glenwood Blvd.

Aug. 16 - Boise

Allen Ant Farm will perform at Brick's in Salt Lake City at 5:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

Aug. 16 - Utah

Type-O Negative will play Club DV8 in Salt Lake City at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$17, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Club DV8 is located at 115 South West Temple.



Aug. 16 - Utah

Yellowcard will perform at Brick's in Salt Lake City at 5:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

Aug. 17 - Boise

Type-O Negative will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$17.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Aug. 20 - Boise

TipRoot will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Aug. 20 - Utah

Gordon Downie of Tragically Hip will play Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club at 9:30 p.m. Tickets,

which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

Aug. 21 - Utah

Lollapalooza, with Jan's Addiction, Audioslave, Perfect Circle, Incubus and Jurassic 5, will play Usana Amphitheater in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 2 p.m. Tickets, which are \$44 and \$59.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Usana Amphitheater is located at 5400 South 6200 West.

Aug. 22 - Boise

The Donnas and Rooney will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Aug. 22 - Utah

Ryan Shupe and The Rubberband will perform at the Sandy City Amphitheater in the Salt Lake City suburb of Sandy at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$7, \$8.50 and \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Sandy City Amphitheater is located at 1250 East 9400 South.

Aug. 22 - Utah

TopRoot will play Club DV8 in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. Club DV8 is located at 115 South West Temple.

Aug. 23 - Utah

James Taylor will sing at the Usana Amphitheater in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20 and \$55, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Usana Amphitheater is located at 5400 South 6200 West.

Aug. 28 - Utah

Radiohead will perform in the Usana Amphitheater in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$35 and \$42, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. The Usana Amphitheater is located at 5400 South 6200 West.

Aug. 28 - Boise

The Starting Line, Home Grown and Allister will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$13, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Aug. 30 - Utah

311 will play the Usana Amphitheater in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$30, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. The Usana Amphitheater is located at 5400 South 6200 West.

Aug. 30 - Utah

Hey Mercedes will perform at Club DV8 in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. Club DV8 is located at 115 South West Temple.

Sept. 1 - Utah

Chicargo will play the Usana Amphitheater in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20 and

\$38.25, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. The Usana Amphitheater is located at 5400 South 6200 West.

Sept. 3 - Utah

The Allman Brothers will play Usana Amphitheater in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$24 and \$41, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Usana Amphitheater is located at 5400 South 6200 West.

Sept. 4 - Blackfoot

3 Doors Down will play the Eastern Idaho State Fair at the Eastern Idaho Fairgrounds at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$27 including gate fee, can be reserved by phoning (208) 785-2480.

Sept. 5 - Utah

The New Amsterdams will perform at Club DV8 in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Club DV8 is located at 115 South West Temple.

Sept. 6

The Dirty Dozen Brass Band will perform in Hailey's Hop Porter Park at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by calling the Sun Valley Center for the Arts at 726-9491. Kids 12 and under get in free.

Sept. 10 - Utah

Styx will play the Utah State Fair at the Utah State Fairpark in Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$19 and \$24, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Utah State Fairpark is located at 155 North 1000 West.

Sept. 11 - Utah

Exploited will perform at Club DV8 in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$14, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Club DV8 is located at 115 South West Temple.

Sept. 13 - Utah

The Allman Brothers will perform at the Usana Amphitheater in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$24 and \$41, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. The Usana Amphitheater is located at 5400 South 6200 West.

Sept. 14 - Boise

Reverend Horton Heat and The Blasters will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$17.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Sept. 17 - Utah

ZZ Top and Ted Nugent will perform at the Usana Amphitheater in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$30 and \$51, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Usana Amphitheater is located at 5400 South 6200 West.

Sept. 24 - Utah

Insane Clown Posse will perform at Salsair Resort in Magna, Utah, at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$28.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Salsair Resort is located

30 miles west of Salt Lake City off Interstate 180, take Exit 104.

Sept. 24 - Utah

The Red Elvises will perform at the Zephyr Club in Salt Lake City at 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

Sept. 25 - Boise

Insane Clown Posse will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$32.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Sept. 30 - Utah

Dashboard Confessional, MXPX, Brand New and Vendetta Red will play Salsair Resort in Magna, Utah, at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Salsair is located 30 miles west of Salt Lake City, take Interstate 180 West to Exit 104.

MISCELLANEOUS

Tonight

John Cugno and Ibra Faye will play blues, originals and light jazz at 6 p.m. at the Snake River Grill in Hagerman.

Wednesday

Live music will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at The Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Thursday

All-request DJ will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

Thursday

The final Twin Falls Municipal Band concert of the season is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the bandshell in City Park. Free.

Aug. 12

The Burley Inn and Robert Newman will present The Idaho Backyard-Broadway Bash, 6:30 p.m., a benefit for the Wilson Theater restoration, featuring Emily Gomez, Darnelle Preston, Leslie Mauldin and Carol Miyamoto. Wine-tasting and social hour at 6 p.m. Tickets, which

are \$50, can be reserved by phoning 436-4855 or 678-3501, Ext. 152.

Aug. 23 - Utah

American Idols Live will play Salt Lake City's Delta Center at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, \$35 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning (801) 345-SEAT or online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

Aug. 24 - Boise

American Idols Live will perform at the Pavilion on the campus of Boise State University at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$26, \$36 and \$46, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.idahotickets.com> or at Albertson's in Twin Falls and Paul's Market in Hailey.

Aug. 27 - Utah

Tom Jones will sing at the Usana Amphitheater in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$45, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Usana Amphitheater is located at 5400 South 6200 West.

Sept. 6 - Utah

Patula Clark will play the Sandy City Amphitheater in the Salt Lake City suburb of Sandy at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, \$18 and \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Sandy City Amphitheater is located at 1250 East 9400 South.

CHRISTIAN ROCK

Aug. 8-9

Rock the Canyon will be held at Centennial Park in Twin Falls. Gates open at 3 p.m. with the concert at 5 p.m. Aug. 8, and gates open at noon with the concert at 2:30 p.m. Aug. 9. Featured bands include Sonic Flood, Plumb, Justified, 38th Parallel, Grand Prize, Everyone, Tara Leigh Cobble, These Days, Lystra's Silence and Outside the City. Tickets for each day are \$8 for adults, \$7 for children 12 and under, and for two days are \$15 for adults and \$13 for children. Tickets are available at the Clubhouse Bookstore in Twin Falls and Creations Bookstore in Burley. For more information, call 737-4667.

Sept. 8 - Utah

MercyMe will play the Utah

State Fair at the Utah State Fairpark in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15 and \$19, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Utah State Fairpark is located at 155 North 1000 West.

R E G G A

Wednesday

Toots and the Maytals will perform at the nextStage Theater in Ketchum at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum.

B L U E S

Aug. 15 - Boise

Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, are available by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Aug. 19

George Thorogood will play the Sun Valley Outdoor Pavilion in Ketchum at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827 or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>. The Sun Valley Outdoor Pavilion is located at 101 Saddle Road.

Aug. 20

Derek Trucks will play The Mint in Hailey at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, are available at The Mint and Big Bad Bill's CD's in Hailey and a Twist & Trout Music in Ketchum, or online at <http://www.clubbruno.com>

Aug. 20 - Boise

George Thorogood will perform at the Western Idaho Fair at the Western Idaho Fairgrounds in Garden City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20 (not including fair admission), can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 425-1494, online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls and Paul's Market in Hailey. The Western Idaho Fairgrounds are located at 5610 Glenwood Blvd.

Aug. 21 - Boise

The Neville Brothers will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$32.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

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be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Aug. 24 - Boise

Ben Harper will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Sept. 23 - Utah

Veronica Copeland will play the Zephyr Club in Salt Lake City at 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

J A Z Z

Tonight and Saturday

Jazz combo Skip-N-Skool will perform from 8 p.m. to midnight in the Vault Room at the Drift Inn, 545 F St., Rupert. The group will play jazz, blues and light rock. No cover charge.

Sunday

The Great Riff Jazz Society, in association with the CSI Jazz Studies program, presents Jazz Sunday from 6 p.m. at Gerlie's Brick Oven Cookery, 602 Second Ave. S., Twin Falls. The quintet will play jazz classics and standards, "swing" tunes, modern jazz and blues. Students and families are welcome. No cover charge.

Aug. 20 - Utah

The Dave Brubeck Quartet will play Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, \$35 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning Artix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

FOLK MUSIC

Aug. 18 - Utah

Richard Thompson will perform at Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$30, can be reserved by phoning (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

WORLD MUSIC

Aug. 23 - Utah

Baelle Storm will perform at the Sandy City Amphitheater in the Salt Lake City suburb of Sandy at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, \$12 and \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Sandy City Amphitheater is located at 1250 East 9400 South.

K A R A O K E

Tonight

Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Garibaldi's, 113 Broadway Ave. S., Buhl. No cover charge.

Tonight

High Mountain Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers, 826 Highway 81, Declo. No cover charge.

ENGAGEMENT



Glenn Hawkes and Maggie Smith

SMITH-HAWKES

OAKLEY - Craig and Vickie Smith of Oakley announce the engagement of their daughter, Maggie Smith, to Glenn Hawkes, son of Weston and Marilyn Hawkes of Oakley.

The wedding is planned for 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at the Logan LDS Temple.

A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Smith residence, 155 E. 2070 S. in Oakley.

Tonight

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody, 502 Sixth St., Rupert, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers, 163 West U.S. Highway 30, Burley. Cover charge is \$5 per person.

Tonight and Saturday

Karaoke with Rabid Dog Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Saturday and Thursday

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave., Burley.

Saturday

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Drift Inn, 545 F St., Rupert, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna, 9 E. Main, Declo.

Monday and Tuesday

Karaoke will be featured at 9 p.m. at The Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Tuesday and Wednesday

Karaoke with Rabid Dog Entertainment will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Tuesday

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the George K's East Restaurant, 325 E. Third N., Burley.

Tuesday through Saturday

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Clover Klub, 402 Main N., Twin Falls.

Wednesday

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Steakhouse, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Wednesday

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Office Lounge, 118 E. Idaho St., Paul.

Thursday

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside, 197 W. Highway 30, Burley.

D A N C E

Tonight

The Snake River Elks Lodge will host a dance at 8 p.m. at the lodge, 406 E. 200 S., Jerome. Music will be provided by The Echos. A \$5 donation is suggested. Dinner also will be available in the restaurant. For more information, call 324-0200.

Tonight

Kan Do Kountry Band, featuring six decades of a variety of music, will play for a barn dance at 8:30 p.m. at Anderson's RV Camp, located east of the Eden-Twin Falls exit 182 off Interstate 84. Cover charge is \$5 per person.

Sunday

Twin Falls Senior Center will hold a dance with music from 2-5 p.m. at the center, 536 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Music will be provided by the Melody Masters. Cost is \$3.50 per person.

C O M E D Y

Tonight and Saturday

Gary Mule Deer will do two shows a night at Cactus Pines Resort Casino in Jackpot. Prices for the 8 p.m. dinner shows start at \$14.99 tonight and \$19.99 on Saturday. Tickets for the 11 p.m. cocktail shows are \$10 tonight and \$12.50 on Saturday. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

Aug. 17 - Boise

Sinbad will play the Western Idaho Fair at the Western Idaho Fairgrounds in Garden City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15 (not including fair admission), can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.widahotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls and Paul's Market in Hailey. The Western Idaho Fairgrounds are located at 5610 Glenwood Blvd.

Sept. 12 - Utah

Gallagher will play the Utah State Fair at the Utah State Fairpark in Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$19 and \$24, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Utah State Fairpark is located at 155 North 1000 West.

Oct. 1 - Utah

Margaret Cho will play Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$30, can be reserved by phoning Artix at (801) 355-2787.

F I G U R E S K A T I N G

Saturday

Takeshi Honda will headline the Sun Valley Ice Show at about 10 p.m. on the rink behind the Sun Valley Lodge. Tickets, which are \$29, \$35, \$46 and \$49 for bleacher seats, \$49 for Sun Room seating, and \$80 and \$84 for dinner-and-show tickets, can be reserved by phoning the Sun Valley Sports Center at 622-2135.

T H E A T E R

Tonight

Glenns Ferry's Historic Opera Theater will present Robert LaVohn's "Murder at the Banquet" in dinner theater. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.; the melodrama follows at 8 p.m. Dinner and show tickets are \$17. Show tickets are \$6 for general admission and \$5 for senior citizens and children. The Historic Opera Theater is located at 208 E. Idaho Ave. For reservations, call 366-7408 or 366-2744.

Tonight and Saturday

Oakley Valley Arts Council will wrap up its production of "Annie Get Your Gun" at 8 p.m. at the Howells Opera House in Oakley. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning 677-ARTS (9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday).

Tonight and Saturday

The Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation will present summer melodramas, under the direction of Joyce Merrill and Diane Rock, at the Little Theater in the King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Park Ave., Burley. "The Ballad of Gopher Gap" (or "Sticky Fingers Won't Wash") will be at 7:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday. Matinee at 3 p.m. on Saturday and dinner shows at 6:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday. Tickets are \$5 for regular shows and \$12 for dinner shows. Tickets are available one hour before the shows by the entrance to the theater. For more information or for dinner reservations, call 678-6868.

Tonight, Tuesday and Wednesday - Boise

The Idaho Shakespeare Festival will present "A Comedy of Errors," at 8 p.m. in the festival's amphitheater on Boise's north end. Tickets, \$23 and \$30, can be reserved by phoning (208) 336-9221 or online at <http://www.idahoshakespeare.org>. The amphitheater is located at 5657 Warm Springs Ave. The production continues Aug. 9-10, 12-13, 22-24 and 28-29.

Saturday

Toys Theater, four deaf Russian comedians who entertain through a combination of mime, gesture and rhythm, will perform in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center in Twin Falls at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25 for adults, \$20 for students and senior citizens and \$12 for kids under 12, are available at the AdVising Center at CSI, or at the door. Family tickets are \$50.

Saturday

Glenns Ferry's Opera Theater will present Billy St. John's "Heaven Help the Po' Taters" in dinner theater. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.; the melodrama follows

at 8 p.m. Dinner and show tickets are \$17. Show tickets are \$6 for general admission and \$5 for senior citizens and children. The Historic Opera Theater is located at 208 E. Idaho Ave. For reservations, call 366-7408 or 366-2744.

Saturday and Sunday - Boise

The Idaho Shakespeare Festival will perform "Oscar Wilde's 'The Importance of Being Earnest,'" 8 p.m. on Saturdays and weeknights and 7 p.m. on Sundays in the festival amphitheater on Boise's north end. Tickets, which are \$18 and \$26 on weeknights and Sundays and \$23 and \$30 on Fridays and Saturdays, can be reserved by phoning (208) 336-9221 or online at <http://www.idahoshakespeare.org>. The amphitheater is located at 5657 Warm Springs Ave. The production continues Aug. 14-15, 19-20 and 30.

Aug. 7-8, 16-17, 21 and 26-27 - Boise

The Idaho Shakespeare Festival will present "Henry V" at 8 p.m. on weeknights and Saturdays and 7 p.m. on Sundays in the festival's amphitheater on Boise's north end. Tickets, which are \$18 and \$26 on weeknights and Sundays and \$23 and \$30 on Fridays and Saturdays, can be reserved by phoning (208) 336-9221 or online at <http://www.idahoshakespeare.org>. The amphitheater is located at 5657 Warm Springs Ave.

Aug. 21-31

The Sun Valley Shakespeare Festival will present "All's Well That Ends Well" 6 p.m. nightly, Forest Service Park, Ketchum. Tickets, which are \$18 for adults and \$12 for senior citizens, students and children, are available at Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum or by phoning 726-9124.

Sept. 4-27 - Boise

The Idaho Shakespeare Festival will present Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt's "The Fantasticks" 8 p.m. on weeknights and Saturdays and 7 p.m. Sundays in the festival's amphitheater in Boise's north end. Tickets, which are \$18 and \$26 on weeknights and Sundays and \$23 and \$30 on Fridays and Saturdays, can be reserved by phoning (208) 336-9221 or online at <http://www.idahoshakespeare.org>. The amphitheater is located at 5657 Warm Springs Ave.

Sept. 16-21 - Utah

The touring Broadway production of "The Full Monty" will play Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 16-20, at 2 p.m. on Sept. 20-21 and 7 p.m. on Sept. 21. For ticket information, call Artix at (801) 355-2787. The

Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

C H I L D R E N

Tonight, Saturday and Sunday - Boise

"Sesame Street Live: Let's Be Friends" will play the Bank of America Center at 7 p.m. tonight, 10:30 a.m., 2 and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, and 1 and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets, which are \$9, \$10, \$15 and \$18 for adults and \$8, \$9, \$13 and \$16 for children, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.widahotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls and Paul's Market in Hailey. The Bank of America Center is located at 233 S. Capitol Blvd.

C A R S H O W

Aug. 9

The Veteran Motor Car Club of America's Magic Valley Chapter will hold its 35th annual Antique Car, Truck and Tractor Show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wendell City Park. Free.

Aug. 16

The fifth annual Joe Mama's Jerome Car Show will be held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Wal-Mart parking lot in Jerome. A community barbecue will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. and a live rock band will perform at the Jerome City Park. Cost of the barbecue is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Car show is free.

C U L T U R A L E V E N T S

Aug. 8-10

The Hispanic Heritage Fiesta throughout Twin Falls. Highlights will include a parade down Main Avenue on Aug. 9, followed by a street dance, and food, folk dancing and music on Aug. 10 in the park.

C O M M U N I T Y

Today and Saturday

The Minidoka County Fair will conclude at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds in Rupert. Highlights include the rodeo tonight and Saturday. Tickets: \$6 for adults; kids 6-12 are \$4; children under 6 get in free.

Today, Saturday and Sunday

The Jerome County Fair will wrap up at the Jerome County Fairgrounds. Highlights include the PRCA rodeo tonight and Saturday. Admission is free.

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Personal taste enters into the equation as well. "They could've

Meanwhile, the megaplexes beckon, especially to teens. In Rocky Ford, Rodriguez and

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Figure 1: Schematic representation of the experimental design. The diagram shows a sequence of events: a subject is presented with a stimulus (a horizontal bar with a vertical line), followed by a response (a horizontal bar with a vertical line), and then a feedback (a horizontal bar with a vertical line). The sequence is repeated for multiple trials. The diagram is labeled with 'Stimulus', 'Response', and 'Feedback'.

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Actress moves on from 'Lizzie McGuire'

NEW YORK (AP) — On a recent hot summer's day, as hundreds of children waited anxiously with their parents to meet the latest, hottest teen star, one uniformed parent asked who all the fuss was about.

"It's Lizzie McGuire!" another adult proclaimed excitedly. "Not quite. Although Hilary Duff became a multimedia sensation based upon the hugely popular Disney Channel television series 'Lizzie McGuire,' she made a very public break from the character — and its \$10-million dollar franchise — in May."

"Although the 15-year-old knows it will take some time before people stop calling her 'Lizzie,' she's confident that a spate of new projects — including a debut album due out next month — will help carve out her own identity."

"It doesn't really bother me that people call me that," she says of the TV name. "But my music is kind of what helps, I think, for people to get to know me better."

Power and fewer are needing an introduction. Hilary recently was introduced, along with Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen, Amanda Bynes and others, as among the 20 "hot teens" in Hollywood. She will appear in

two upcoming films, including "Cheaper by the Dozen," with Steve Martin and Ashton Kutcher. She'll also star in a new WB music special in the fall. And her music videos have been among the more anticipated among the MTV set.

"I think she's definitely one of the hot people to watch right now, and I don't see that waning," says Amy Doyle, vice president of music programming at MTV. "She's become the fabric of pop culture with teens right now."

"At this point, she's obviously already a franchise," boasts Bob Cavallo, chairman of Buena Vista Music Group, which is the distributor of her record label. "While she may not be as omnipresent as the Olsen twins, there are few stars that rival her in name recognition and star power."

Her good looks, wholesome

image and comedic flair helped make "Lizzie McGuire," which chronicled the growing pains of a teenage girl, the highest rated show on the Disney Channel. The show — which premiered in 2001 and will continue to air episodes until early 2004 — spawned video games, toys and books, as well as the "Lizzie McGuire Movie," which made a respectable \$40 million at the box office this summer.

She also sang on the Disney Channel's "Lizzie McGuire" soundtrack — one for the television series and one for the movie — which have sold more than two million copies, according to her record company.

As the character's popularity skyrocketed, so did Hilary's. She's starred in "Agent Cody Banks," which has made approximately \$50 million since its

release earlier this year. Hilary picked her to help launch their "VIDEONOW" disc player, which plays 20-minute video clips on a portable, monochrome screen. It was her appearance to promote the player that brought lines and lines of kids to Toys 'R Us' gargantuan Times Square store.

Duff moved to Hollywood when she was about nine, leaving her hometown of Houston with her family to pursue her acting dream. Her breakthrough role came in 1998, in the TV movie "Caspar Meenty Weenty."

"The enormity of her current fame is sometimes hard for even Hilary to grasp."

"It's very weird because it's like, 'I'm such a normal 15-year-old girl who I'm not working,'" she says with a cheery smile, amid a series of media interviews and autograph signings at the store.

"At home, I have to do chores. I have to hang out with my friends. I have to pinch myself sometimes, it just seems so unreal. But it's cool."

She's not just popular with kids: Her good-girl image also makes a hit with parents. She's proud to be a role model. "It's good that people are looking up to me, and it's always very important to set a good example," she says earnestly.



Hilary Duff
Cut debut album

Retreads cause filmmakers to balk at box office

The Dallas Morning News

Take one look at an ad for "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" and you can tell it has legs — bare legs, the kind that have been selling everything from movies to mouthwash for decades.

But it's another sort of legs that turn Hollywood studios on, the kind that carry a new theatrical release to long-term success over several weeks. And the second "Angels" saga didn't have 'em: After a disappointing \$37 million opening weekend, "Full Throttle" plummeted 62 percent in its second weekend. And it's been falling to Earth ever since.

Lucy, Cameron and Drew are hardly alone in their summer of discontent. The sequel long a more reliable cash source than your local ATM machine, is suffering. Box office totals for the Fourth of July weekend, the launch for "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" and "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde," were off 15 percent from last year. "The Matrix Reloaded" won't be crying poor; it's made \$275 million so far. But "Matrix" fans were crying foul over the second-round disappointment. And in case you can't get too much of a bad thing, plenty more retreads are on the menu for a year marked by more Roman numerals than ever.

Some of the returns are good, especially if your name is Jerry Bruckheimer. The producer-ally redefined the current high-concept, saturation-marketing action formula in the '80s, has two hits atop the charts: The sadistic "Bad Boys II" made almost \$47 million last weekend, with the Disney ride-turned-blockbuster "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" nipping close at its heels. But most of the news has been bad for studios.

And yet it may turn out to be good for moviegoers. If viewers keep voting with their wallets, then Hollywood might actually be able to come up with some new ideas — not because they're new, but because the old ones aren't making as much money.

"Consumers are getting smarter, and studios are getting stupider," says Terry Press, head of marketing at DreamWorks (whose animated summer attraction, "Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas," has tanked at the box office).

"Sequels that weren't as good as the originals aimed low and missed. But something like (the 'X-Men' sequel) 'X2,' where the movie was good and delivered on the promise of the first one, did just fine. It's a matter of quality and over-hype burnout."

This year's burnout is acute, but it took a while to set in. The blockbuster cycle has been pushing the start of the summer movie season back further and further. This year, you could argue that it began in mid-April with the \$100 million-grossing comedy "Anger Management." The first week of May brought the "X-Men" sequel

Five sequels that work — and some we'll see about

• **"The Godfather, Part II" (1974)** — Many think it's better than the first, and they may be right. It takes the original themes, particularly the corruption of global business, and expands them into a greater, denser realm of tragedy.

• **"The Empire Strikes Back" (1980)** — George Lucas handed the directing reins to Irvin Kershner for what was one, alas, the second-to-last "Star Wars" chapter. Great action filmmaking with a perfect dose of the series' dark underpinnings.

• **"Aliens" (1986)** — A reminder of when blockbuster sequels were still exciting, but Al. James Cameron took over for Ridley Scott and followed with an austere, moody piece of sci-fi with a masterpiece of high-contrast action.

• **"Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)** — James Cameron kept it with a perfect dose of the series' dark underpinnings. "T2" was one of the first CGI jaw-droppers.

pers. Together, they cemented the director's reputation long before he sunk the Titanic.

• **"Superman II" (1980)** — No Marlon Brando, but three great baddies and nice continuation of the Clark Kent story line and nice action directing from a pair of Richards (Lester and Donner).

More sequels ahead

• **"American Wedding"** (third in the "American Pie" series), opens Friday. Outlook: It started as a raunchy, surprise success, and some actually liked the second one even better.

• **"Wedding" should fare well, but let's hope it's the last slice.**

• **"Freddy vs. Jason,"** opens Aug. 15. Outlook: Ten tabs at "Friday the 13th," seven trips to "A Nightmare on Elm Street." So what made this Part 18? Maybe these "BC" rules can still come out a niche, but signs aren't good: This one has been on the shelf since the invention of the switchblade.

through word of mouth; look at last year's "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" or this year's "Bend Sinister." But blockbusters don't need word of mouth to turn a profit. They ride the crest of pre-sales in foreign markets and marketing budgets that can exceed \$40 million. Even the infamous 1995 flop "Waterworld" made a profit through overseas sales.

All of this means that a movie doesn't need boffo American box office to make at least some money. And waterblockbusters do score with the American public, word of mouth still may not matter as much as repeat customers.

"A lot of people look at box office drop-offs on the second weekend," says Lauren Zalaznick, the executive producer of "The Blockbuster Imperative." "But it's not the word of mouth that keeps friends and family away from theaters the second weekend. It's that the 15-year-old repeat viewers are missing. Kids watch fewer reruns on TV now, too. There's just less tolerance for repetitiveness, and there are more options. You can sit at home and play games online."

With all these factors in play, it's almost like an accident when a Big Disney and Pixar have the magical formula — first-rate animation and voice casting combined with something actually bothering to write a story. So it's no surprise that "Finding Nemo" is this summer's

sequelmania finds us in the advanced stages of the blockbuster imperative. If you look beyond the box office and at the quality of the movies, the patient is sick. As more stories turn into franchises, studios plot the opening dates, a script comes into play, sometimes before the ink is dry on opening weekend receipts. How can we expect such a formula to yield spontaneity?

"When release dates and marketing campaigns take the front seat over real stories or characters or drama, then it becomes problematic. If you look at the movie 'Cabin Fever' is slated to open on 2,000 screens Sept. 19. There's a tail-wagging-the-dog syndrome happening. If the release date is wiggling the screenplay, then what are we doing here?"

Smaller films often become surprise hits and earn their legs



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A variety of non-profit food booths will serve up food. Coolers are welcome but no glass bottles are allowed. Nik on dogs, too.

Here's tonight's lineup

• **5 p.m. — Lenker & Zellerhoff.** Bellingham, Wash., bluegrass players Lenker and Jeff Zellerhoff like to fiddle around with traditional acoustic bluegrass, while meddling in a little bit of the non-traditional, as well.

• **6:30 p.m. — The Zydeco Flames.** This San Francisco group's fourth CD "Smokin' at The Plant" provides fans with hot Louisiana-based Cajun music in the tradition of Queen Ida, Buckwheat Zydeco and Clifton Chenier.

• **8:30 p.m. — The Dealers.** Austin's hard-core band had the unfortunate timing to release its first CD "Here Come the Dealers" on Sept. 11, 2001.

Fortunately, the world kept turning and critical acclaim did come as life got back to something resembling normal. Their second CD "Genuine," combines a blend of country pop and rock, a roll featuring everything from the Orbison-esque "Alone With You" to the border-town-flavored "Leave a Message, Juanita" to the Merseybeat garage-rock of "Scratch My Itch."

Rock

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the Ozark Mountain Daredevils, has been bucking for a chance to play the festival with his cowbells band for years. He first played the festival as a member of Rob Quist and Great News. But he's been moved to the Wood River Valley, and he liked what he saw.

Here's Saturday's lineup

• **1 p.m. — Red Goodie Fiddler.** Look for some good Celtic music with this band.

• **2 p.m. — Slow Children Playing.** This local bluegrass band recently played at Ketchum Alive.

• **3 p.m. — The Heard.** This is what you get when you cross a rocker, folk dude and a jazz hound with a Celtic lass. Basically, a fusion of folk, '60s rock, blues, country, Celtic, bluegrass and Birdy-style music heavy on the vocal harmonies.

• **4 p.m. — Deadline Ridge.** This Magic Valley bluegrass band features longtime bluegrass musician Ron Harding, along with Ron Hillier, Shawn Dean and Ryan Hillier.

• **5 p.m. — Cowbells.** Randy Roberts, various musical styles are reflected in his CD "Cowbells," which blends cowboy, blues and waltz music into such classic favorites as "Tennessee Waltz." "Ghost Riders in the Sky," "Squeeze Me In" and "It's Just a Matter of Time." Look for Dan Novotny, a 110-pounder who plays the Hammond B-3 organ with the classic Doors sound as if he weighed 300 pounds.

• **6:30 p.m. — The Zydeco Flames.** This group has played at Democratic Party fundraisers for Bill Clinton, Willie Brown, Barbara Boxer and others.

• **8:30 p.m. — Sam Bush.** Bush, who founded the New Grass Revival, plays everything from Bob Dylan's "Girl of the North Country" to Kool & the Gang's "Celebration," all in his own inimitable style, of course.

Rock

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"It still ranks as one of my fondest musical experiences. I remember looking out at the sea of smiling faces that, as far as I could tell, went all the way to Main Street. There's something about the crowd there in Bailey — they're so fun and so amped-up," said Roberts, who just completed a tour of Montana festivals with Quist.

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WEEKEND

Thespians will explore the lighter side of Shakespeare

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - Think Shakespeare at the Cabaret. And, there! - you have "Lunatics, Lovers and Poets."

A handful of Shakespearean thespians who hail from one coast to the other will present some of the best of Shakespeare's laughs, zany antics, agonies and romantic interludes tonight and tomorrow in a 90-minute original presentation being staged by the Shakespeare Company of Sun Valley at The Boiler Room in the Sun Valley Mall.

"It's the kind of program you might see in a nightclub," said co-director Susan Shaughnessy, an instructor at the University of Oklahoma. "Informal. Fun."

Actors and actresses will present a montage of their favorite scenes and excerpts from different plays, reducing elements of one play and combining elements of several plays.

"Taken out of the context of the plays they're in, you can be quite creative," said actress Kathleen Early who just starred in a couple off-Broadway shows, including "Peg O My Heart" and Edward Albee's new play "The

If you go ...

- **What:** The Shakespeare Company of Sun Valley will present "Lunatics, Lovers and Poets."
- **When:** 8 tonight and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.
- **Where:** Boiler Room, Sun Valley Resort
- **How much:** Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for youngsters and seniors, available at Chapter One Bookstore, Read All About It and The Boiler Room.

A no-host bar will open a half-hour before each show.

Play About the Baby." "You're not stuck with the circumstances of the play in doing so, you evoke humor and give food for thought. And audiences don't need to know their Shakespeare to enjoy it."

The idea came out of a Shakespeare sideshow that director Edward Payson Call was asked to set up at a weekly farmer's market in Seattle.

In the course of time, he presented such acts as Sir John's Magical Elixir and one titled "Is he mad or is it an act?" referring, of course, to Hamlet.

"We hope something like this will make Shakespeare more accessible to viewers," said Call, who has been a producing director at the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis and founding Artistic Director of the Denver Center Theater Company. "And we hope it will show the immense range of Shakespeare's work. People say, 'I hate Shakespeare,' and you have to wonder who they're talking about - the author of 'Hamlet,' or the author of 'Gentleman of Verona?' He covers such a wide range."

In addition to Early, the show features 18-year-old Finn Wittrock who has appeared in past Shakespeare Company of Sun Valley productions.

Wittrock will be featured this fall in the CBS pilot film "Cold Cases." Other actors are Max Moore, whose award-winning plays have been produced at the Kennedy Center, and Eric Ray Anderson, who one of Seattle's most gifted comic actors and "Bottom" in the Seattle Repertory Theater's "Midsummer Night's Dream."

Times-News correspondent Karen Bossick can be reached in Hailey at 578-2111.

ANNIVERSARY



Lou and Bob Wetherbee and have been retired for eight years. He also served in the Army. He has been active in the Firth FFA, Riverview Grange and

Retiree's Club.

She worked as a certified medical assistant and has been retired for seven years. She has been active as the 2002-2003 national president of the American Association of Medical Assistants, medical office consultant, Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church Association, Retiree's Club, Firth FFA and Riverview Grange. They are members of the Bethel Lutheran Church.

Their children are Tim (Wendy) Wetherbee of Wapello, Cheri (Bob) White of Shelley and Rob Wetherbee of Firth. They have 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

THE WETHERBEEES

FIRTH - Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wetherbee of Firth will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house hosted by their children and grandchildren. Family and friends are invited to attend from 3-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at Bethel Centennial Park in Firth. No gifts, please.

Wetherbee and Lou Pope were married Aug. 2, 1953, in Twin Falls. They will renew their vows on Aug. 2.

They have lived in Firth, Blackfoot, Twin Falls and Mountain Home. He worked as an electrician

ENGAGEMENT

FRANCISCO-MAETCHE

PAUL - Jerry and Cindy Francisco of Paul announce the engagement of their daughter, Lexi Anne Francisco, to Jacob A. Maetche, son of Marty Dale and Sallie Maetche of Chinook, Mont.

Francisco is a 1996 graduate of Minico High School. She received a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice and sociology at the University of Idaho in 2002.

Maetche is a 1997 graduate of Chinook High School. He

received a bachelor of science degree in physical education at the University of Idaho in 2002.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Aug. 2, at Francisco's grandparents' cabin at Freeman Creek on Dworshak Reservoir. A reception to honor the couple will be held immediately following the ceremony. A reception also will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, at Cindy and Jerry Francisco residence.

The couple will reside in Moscow following a honeymoon in Las Vegas.



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Coming Saturday

A look at the weekend's Idaho Seniors state tournament at Burley Golf Course.

The Times-News

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

Government figures revealed America's birthrate fell to a record low last year. Officials attribute it to fewer teen pregnancies, an aging population and an all-consuming interest in video games by NBA players.

—Steve Rosenbloom, in the Chicago Tribune

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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Jerome County Northside
CA Showdown, 7:30 p.m.
Minidoka County, 7:30 p.m.
Idaho baseball
AA State Tournament, at Wigle
field, Boise
A Area C Tournament, at Bruin
field
Upper Valley vs. Bear Lake, 10
a.m., loser out
Shelley vs. Idaho Falls, 12:30
p.m., loser out
Upper Valley-Bear Lake winner
vs. Shelley-Idaho Falls winner, 3
p.m., loser out
Marsh Falls vs. Burley, 5:30
p.m., championship

BRIEF

Volleyball rules
clinics approach

BURLEY — Volleyball officials and coaches have two shots at mandatory state volleyball rules clinics, with the first at Burley Junior High Aug. 7 and the second Aug. 11 at Twin Falls High School.
Registration for both will be 5:30 p.m. with the clinic at 7 p.m.
All officials and coaches must attend one of the meetings. Call Yelma Jean-Mabey at (208) 678-7252 with any questions.

St. Nicholas Scramble
announces winners

RUPERT — Ron Jones, Robert Tomlinson, Richard Fletcher and Mark Williams shot a 50 to win the St. Nicholas Scramble Wednesday.
They won a scorecard playoff against the second-place team of Richard Creason, Lori Creason, Zach Sanford and Brenner Antoine.

Idaho Elite finishes
second in Arizona

TEMPE — The Idaho Elite girls all-star basketball team finished in second place in its sub-tournament at the Midsummer Night Madness tournament at Arizona State University.
The Elite lost their championship game to the Utah Avalanche 63-51 Thursday, after beating the Sagebrush Express from Washington 54-47. In that game, Natalie Green of Wood River had 14 points and Whitney Clark of Jerome added one point. Late Wednesday, the Express beat Columbia Basin 56-34 as Green had 12 points and Clark four.

Bruin football announces
preseason workouts

TWIN FALLS — The weight room is open from 7:30 a.m. daily for any Twin Falls football players wishing to begin workouts for the upcoming season.
Interim Bruin football coach Gary Kruman will hold a player-parent meeting and helmet checkout on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium. Practices begin Aug. 11.
Junior high and youth football camps will be announced at a later time.

Compiled from staff reports

Arms race: MLB contenders add pitching

Giants pick up Ponson

By Ben Walker
Associated Press writer

The New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox escalated their arms race with a flurry of trades Thursday while the San Francisco Giants made the biggest deal of the day, getting Baltimore ace Sidney Ponson.

The AL East-leading Yankees became the latest team to raid the payroll-slashing Cincinnati Reds, acquiring All-Star third baseman Aaron Boone and reliever Gabe White.

New York also traded away third base-

man Robin Ventura while the Red Sox added yet another pitcher, obtaining Jeff Suppan from Pittsburgh. AL Central-leading Kansas City got Tampa Bay's best reliever, Al Levine, for cash.

In all, there were six trades before baseball's 4 p.m. EDT deadline for deals without waivers. From now on, it becomes more tricky to make trades before the Aug. 31 deadline to be eligible for post-season play.

The Giants made a bold move, giving up pitcher Damian Moss, righty prospect Kurt Ainsworth and minor league lefty Ryan Hannan for Ponson.

Ponson was 14-6 with a 3.77 ERA for Baltimore this season. He was one victory behind AL wins leader Roy

A look at the day's deals — D4

Halladay of Toronto.

Ponson goes from a team struggling to reach .500 to a club with a 12-game lead in the NL West.

"Hopefully, I'll be in the World Series with them this year," Ponson said. Ponson turned down a \$15 million, three-year contract extension from the Orioles on July 19 and the sides had continued to talk without reaching an agreement. He is eligible for free agency this winter.

"It wasn't a surprise I was getting Ponson."

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Sidney Ponson pitches against the Yankees July 24 in New York. Ponson was traded to the Giants Thursday.

AP photo

Burley outlasts Idaho Falls



The Burley Bobcats celebrate after beating the Idaho Falls Rangers 1-0 in the bottom of the seventh during a semifinal game of the American Legion Single-A Area C Tournament at Walker Field Thursday.

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Bobcats reach title game in American Legion tournament

By John Derr and Elly Garner
Times-News writers

TWIN FALLS — Who would take first?

Scoreless heading into the bottom of the seventh, both Burley and Idaho Falls refused to concede anything in their semifinal game of the American Legion Single-A Area C Tournament Thursday at Walker Field.

The fourth-seeded Bobcats finally got a baserunner when the No. 8-seeded Brandon Warner drew a walk and was replaced by the speedster Christian Loya, who advanced a base on a sacrifice bunt by Scott Hickenlooper.

The Bobcats then got the break they needed in an Idaho Falls error on a hard grounder to the shortstop off the bat of Ryan Bailey.

The ball went through the shortstop's legs and Loya headed for home, scoring the winning run as the Bobcats (22-10) advanced to the championship game with a 1-0 victory.

"That was just a great Legion game," said Burley coach Doug Bailey. "Give Idaho Falls credit, they did a really nice job. Both their kids on the bump kept us off-guard."

Not sure whether to slide or stay running, Loya nearly tripped on his way home.

"I was ready to slide, but the catcher stood up so it looked weird as I crossed the plate," he said.

Andrew McMurray went the distance for the Bobcats, striking out 12 and scattering four hits to earn the victory.

"I came out ready to play and my curveball was working exceptionally well," McMurray said.

Both teams had chances. The Rangers (15-17) stranded seven while Burley left six.

Idaho Falls now faces elimination playing Shelley (17-18) today at 12:30. The winner advances to meet the winner between Bear Lake (19-14) and Upper Valley, which lost to Marsh Falls 11-9 in Thursday's other semifinal.

Winners of each game play at 3 p.m. for the right to try for the second berth to state Saturday at 10 a.m.

Burley takes on Marsh Falls (22-10) for the district championship today at 5:30 p.m.

In other games Thursday, Shelley eliminated Pocastello 11-8; Bear Lake ousted Buhl 8-7 after the Tribe took out Highland 11-3; Bear Lake eliminated Wood River 10-8; Twin Falls fell to Pocastello 10-4 and Shelley routed Jerome 14-0.

Idaho Falls threatened early against McMurray, getting a double by Jake Miller to put runners

American Legion
Baseball

- Thursday's Games
Semifinals
• Burley 1, Idaho Falls 0
• Marsh Falls 11, Upper Valley 9
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• Buhl 11, Highland 3, Highland eliminated
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• Shelley 10, Twin Falls 4, Twin Falls eliminated
• Shelley 14, Jerome 0, Jerome eliminated
• Bear Lake 8, Buhl 7, Buhl eliminated
• Shelley 11, Pocastello 8, Pocastello eliminated
Friday's Games
See today's Morning Line

on at second and third with one out. But McMurray responded with two strikeouts to pitch out of the jam.

With no outs in the third, Burley's Zac Pickup reached on an error, then advanced to third on a single by Ricky Jensen. Both runners were left stranded.

McMurray knew he had to keep his team close.

"We couldn't get anybody on so I knew I had to keep them

from scoring," he said.

Idaho Falls loaded the bases with a pair of hits in the top of the sixth, but a 4-6-3 double play ended the threat.

Doug Bailey said he had no doubts his team will be ready.

"I don't worry about these kids responding. The last two weeks they have been playing very well," he said.

Marsh Falls 11, Upper Valley 9

Marsh Falls leadoff hitter Zach Wagstaff socked a grand slam as third seed Marsh Falls overcame an 8-2 deficit after two innings to beat the No. 2 seeded Upper Valley Bulldogs 11-9 at Walker Field Thursday in a first semifinal game.

Wagstaff's grand slam came in the third inning off Bulldog starter Martin Balaban and tied the game at 8-8.

Marsh Falls (22-10) put the game out of reach in the top of the fifth with back-to-back RBI hits by Dusty Wagman and Nick Adamson. Wagman tripled and Adamson singled to push the score to 11-8.

Upper Valley (25-7) scored five runs in the first inning on just two hits, but four bases-loaded walks in a row by starting pitcher

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Penske team drivers hope
for special win at Brickyard

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Ryan Newman and Rusty Wallace each have lists of reasons why they would love to win Sunday's Brickyard 400, and both start by giving team owner Roger Penske another trip to Indy's Victory Lane.

Newman was born and raised in South Bend, Ind., and is a graduate of Purdue University, about 60 miles away from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

He also is very aware that the stock car race at the historic Indy track is considered second only to the Daytona 500 in prestige, even though the Daytona race is 45 years old and Sunday will be only

Brickyard 400

When: Sunday, 12:30 p.m.
(NBC, Ch. 7)

the 10th running of the Brickyard. It would certainly be the biggest win of his budding career.

"Those are both good reasons, but Indianapolis is up there in importance because of the third reason: Roger Penske," Newman said. "My car owner has multiple Indianapolis 500 winners, but hasn't gotten a Brickyard win, yet."

Wallace, who has driven in all nine Cup races here, says Indy probably owes him a win after

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Australia's Karrie Webb tees off on the second hole Thursday during the first round of the Women's British Open in St. Ann's, England.

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SPORTS

Tiger continues to search for swing

GRAND BLANC, Mich. (AP) — Tiger Woods is still searching for the swing he'll need to win a major this year.

Golf Woods did close strong Thursday for a 3-under 69, but he was four strokes behind Mike Spora after the opening round of the Buick Open. Woods, the defending champion, bogeyed his first and 10th holes before finishing with three birdies over his last six. He is running up for the PGA Championship in two weeks, his last chance this season to win a major.

"I hit some pretty ugly shots," Woods said. "I putted well, thank God."

Carl Paulson, Craig Perkes, David Sutherland and Paul Gow were one shot behind Spora, who missed the cut in four of his last five tournaments. Ten others were at 5 under at Warwick Hills.

Ben Curtis, playing in his first tournament since winning the British Open, was among a slew of players at 68 with U.S. Open champion Jim Furyk and John Daly.

Curtis said it was "pretty cool" to be introduced as the British Open champion.

"I was a little nervous," said Curtis, who has jumped from No. 396 to 33rd in the world rankings. "I just wanted to make sure I hit a good drive. I hit it fairly decent. It was very exciting."

"Once I got out there I felt really relaxed. I enjoyed myself," Spora did not distinguish himself on the front nine, shooting a 1-under 35. But he jumped to the top of the leaderboard by playing the next seven holes in 6 under.

Spora's best showing this season was a tie for 10th at the Chrysler Classic of Tucson in March. His lone professional victory was on the Nike Tour in 1998 and his best career finish on the PGA Tour was a tie for fourth last year in New Orleans.

2001 Buick Open champion Kenny Perry, who has three wins and three top 10 finishes in his last six tournaments, joined Woods and Vijay Singh at 3 under.

Former Ryder Cup players share lead in Sweden

LÖDDEKÖPING, Sweden. — Former Ryder Cup teammates Andrew Coltart and David Gifford shot 5-under 67s to share the first-round lead with Nick Dougherty in the Scandinavian Masters.

Kevin Na, a South Korean teenager based in California, Stephen Scallan and Maarten Lafebre were one shot behind in the \$2.2 million event at Barseback Golf & Country Club.

Legion

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Cameron Nelson and Adamson led Tulsa to a 3-1 victory. Nelson pitched himself into trouble in the third with three walks, two with the bases loaded, just ahead of Wagstaff's homer.

Winning pitcher Jeff Sprague held Upper Valley to one run on three hits in five innings of relief.

Blair Rhodehouse went 3-for-5, including two doubles, and Jonny Schegelmich added three RBIs to lead Upper Valley, which faces elimination against Bear Lake today at 10 a.m.

Wagstaff had five RBIs and Andy Roseburg added an RBI triple.

Other games

Bear Lake 8, Buhl 7

In a word, errors. The Tribe, who entered the tournament as the top seed and suffered just two losses during the season, could not get the job done on the field in falling 8-7 to Bear Lake to seek its season end at 29-4.

Buhl built a 6-0 lead through three innings, on RBI hits by Simon Olson, Tony Dias and Paul Gerhart.

The Bears made up most of the deficit with five runs in the fourth. Nathan Elcheverry singled and Chase Hulme walked singled of an RBI single by Chase Dixon.

"Another walk loaded the bases, before back-to-back errors in the infield scored two more runs."

"It's disappointing to lose the way we did and not play the way we are capable of," said Buhl coach Ryan Bobo.

Bear Lake pitcher Jeremy Rowell helped his own cause with a two-run single, cutting the deficit to a single run.

Another error and three Bears singles put the Bears up 8-6 in the fifth.

"The four errors we had gave up five runs," Bobo said.

The Tribe got one back in the fifth as Rob Walker tripled and scored on a sacrifice fly by Tim Balmore. Bear had runners on first and second in the sixth, but a double play ended the inning. Walker



Tiger Woods tees off on the ninth hole Thursday during the first round of the Buick Open in Grand Blanc, Mich. Woods shot 69 on the day.

reached on an error in the bottom of the seventh and stole second, but he was left stranded.

Bourner took the loss, his first of the Legion season.

"I don't know if I relaxed to a certain degree. I felt we were ready to play last night, but things didn't go right for us," said Bourner, who is headed to Southwest Oregon Community College in the fall.

"The Tribe were without the services of Luke Gerrish, who was away at camp."

"Mentally it threw us off and his but would have helped," Bobo said. "But he is not the reason we are out of the tournament."

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Bear Lake 10, Wood River 8

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Attorney questions interview with Dennehy murder suspect

DALLAS (AP) — The newspaper intern who got a jailhouse interview with a former Baylor basketball player accused of murder did not tell the suspect she was a journalist, the man's lawyer alleged Thursday.

Grady Irvin, who represents Carlton Dotson, said in a written statement that Shaun George did not disclose his affiliation with *The Dallas Morning News* before meeting his client Wednesday at a Maryland detention center.

The newspaper reported that Dotson suggested he acted in self-defense in a deadly confrontation with former teammate and roommate Patrick Dennehy.

"It is our understanding that the intern did not provide any identifying information as being a reporter or intern," Irvin's statement said. "Instead, it is our understanding that she represented herself as a Christian who was there to let Mr. Dotson know that she was 'praying' for him."

Dotson, 21, remains jailed in his home state of Maryland in the shooting death of Dennehy, who had been missing about six weeks when his decomposed body was found July 25 in a grassy field four miles from the Baylor campus in Waco. Dotson is awaiting extradition to Texas on a murder charge.

The *Dallas Morning News* defended its story, saying George was following up on several interview requests from the newspaper when she went to the jail during visiting hours and told the desk officer she hoped to interview Dotson. The paper said George gave the officer a copy of her press credentials and an unsigned note to Dotson identifying herself as working for the paper and requesting an interview.

"She immediately introduced herself to Mr. Dotson as a reporter for *The Dallas Morning News*, not as Mr. Irvin suggests, as 'a Christian,'" Stuart Wilk, vice pres-

ident/managing editor of the newspaper, said in a written statement.

"Mr. Dotson said he was willing to tell his side of the story to the public. Mr. Dotson apparently noticed a small gold cross necklace Ms. George was wearing and asked if she was a Christian. She said she was."

Warden Ron Howell told The Associated Press that George did not tell guards before the interview that she was a journalist, but she was not required to do so. She was only required to show a photo identification, which she did, he said.

He said George mentioned as she left the jail that she was a member of the press.

Dotson, in the copyright newspaper report published Thursday, said he believed Dennehy was his friend but betrayed him.

"If someone points a gun at you and shoots and it doesn't go off, what would you do?" the story quotes him as saying. "If someone is pointing a gun at you and they start putting more bullets into the gun, what would you do?"

Asked what he did, Dotson only laughed and did not answer, the newspaper reported.

Irvin's one-page statement does not dispute the accuracy of the story but says George took no notes and identified herself at the end of the meeting as a "friend of someone who worked for the newspaper."

George, an intern in Washington, D.C., for the *Morning News*' parent company, Belo Corp., told CNN that Dotson agreed to meet with her and she identified herself to him as a reporter.

She acknowledged no notes were taken, but didn't say why. Irvin's lawyer, two local attorneys representing Dotson visited him at the jail and approved a "visitors list" for Dotson. Anyone not on the list will not be allowed to talk to him, Howell said.

British

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Waugh and Jennifer Rosales who tied for fourth last year.

Surprise U.S. Open champion Hilary Lunham struggled to a 6-over 78 on her first visit to Lytham.

Webb hasn't won since last year's British Open, but she finished last week at the Evian Masters.

"I just looked where I needed to hit it and for the most part hit it there," said Webb who played the par-5 under.

"I've had a round here or there where my swing has not felt good and I've had a 75 or 76 and last week I swung it well for four days in a row."

Webb, who won the tournament at Woburn in her rookie season in 1995 and also at Sunningdale two years later, made an eagle at the par-5, 455-yard 15th. She hit 3-wood within 25 feet and made the putt.

She holed a 40-foot putt at 17 for her fifth birdie.

Sorensen produced the form that has made her the most consistent player in women's golf.

Time-News correspondent Steve Turner contributed to this report.

Baseball

Baylor 1, Idaho Falls 0

Dane Fahn 002 000 - 8-9-9
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Buhl 11, Highland 3

Buhl scored seven runs in the fourth inning en route to an 11-3 victory over Highland in a loser-out game.

The Tribe capitalized on errors, walks, and hit batsmen in the big inning.

Paul Gerrish went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and John Ashbare added two hits with a double and an RBI.

Baseball

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She bogeyed No. 3, where she found her own bunk of the day and 15, where her third shot found deep rough and she took two more to reach the green.

But she collected six birdies including a 32-foot putt at 17 and took advantage of surprisingly calm conditions on a Royal Lytham & St. Annes Golf Club course which is often battered by winds coming off the Irish Sea.

"I'm putting as good as I ever have," she said. "I hit 15 greens, drove very well and putted well so I'm very happy. I thought I was very patient and felt very calm."

Ward, playing for the first time on the trick links, had six birdies.

Ward, winner of three LPGA tournaments but none since 2001, was in the second group of players who were out at first before 7 a.m. and revealed in relatively calm conditions.

"It was definitely a great draw," she said. "I was thrilled to play a little earlier in the day and but was nervous for the conditions to be as benign as they were."

Tina Barrett added the 151-yard ninth with a 7-iron. She shot 73.

Brickyard

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three runner-up finishes — including last year to Bill Elliott.

"I've said it before and I'll say it again that we've been so close to winning the thing that we could almost taste it," Wallace said.

A victory would add an 82-acre winless streak for the longtime driving star and would be the 50th stock car win for Penske.

The team owns more than 100 open-wheel victories, including a record 13 at Indy.

"The accomplishments of Roger's open-wheel teams at Indy are legendary," said Wallace, who enters this weekend's activity 11th in the points.

"We're looking to put the Penske stock cars in the limelight this weekend."

Penske drivers have won the last three 500s. Helio Castroneves, nicknamed Spiderman because of his post-race, fence-climbing celebrations won for Team Penske in 2000 and 2001, while fellow Brazilian Gil de Ferris beat his teammate to the English line in May and Castroneves climbed the fence with him.

"I'm not sure I'll be climbing any fences like Helio and his team, but I can't say for sure," Newman said. "I'd definitely be kissing those bricks, though."

He was referring to the already-accepted tradition of a stock car winner kneeling to kiss the yard of original bricks that represent the start-finish line on the famed 2.5-mile Indy oval.

Newman, last year's top rookie, has driven in this race twice.

In 2001, while driving a handful of Cup events for Penske, Newman started fifth but was nudged into the wall by another driver and wound up 31st.

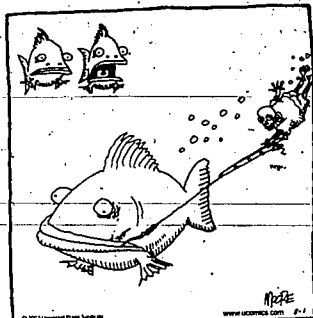
Last year, as an official Cup rookie, he again started fifth and finished a solid but somewhat disappointing fourth.

Newman, who leads the series with six poles this season, will certainly go into Friday's practice and qualifying as one of the favorites to start from the front of the 43-car field Sunday.

No matter where he starts, though, the youngster will also be a favorite to win after winning two victories around a fourth-place finish in his last three starts. He comes here with a series-high four victories.

SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



"Nothing can be done. He's just got to live with it until the natural enzymes in his body dissolve the hook."

BASEBALL

AL BODIES

Team	W	L	Pct
Angels	5	1	.833
Braves	4	2	.667
Blue Jays	3	3	.500
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Cardinals	3	3	.500
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Falcons	3	3	.500
Mariners	3	3	.500
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Pirates	3	3	.500
Rays	3	3	.500
Red Sox	3	3	.500
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ATHLETICS 1, INDIANS 1

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MAJORS 4, TIGERS 0

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Rays	3	3	.500
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MAJORS 7, RED SOX 3

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MAJORS 10, RED SOX 3

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MAJORS 13, RED SOX 3

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MAJORS 16, RED SOX 3

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Auto Racing**
 - Formula One, qualifying for German GP, SPEED, 8 a.m.
 - Craftsman Truck, Power Stroke Diesel 200, SPEED, 7 p.m.
- Golf**
 - Euro Tour, Scandinavian Masters, second round, TGC, 7 a.m.
 - Women's British Open, second round, TNT, 8 a.m.
 - Champions Tour, FleetBoston Classic, first round, TGC, 11:30 a.m.
 - PGA, Buick Open, second round, USA, 2 p.m.
 - Canadian Tour, Greater Vancouver Classic, second round, TGC, 2:30 p.m.
- Fishing**
 - Bassmaster Classic, ESPN2, 8:30 p.m.
- Baseball**
 - MLB, Dodgers at Braves, TBS, 8:30 p.m.
- Boxing**
 - Friday Night Fights, ESPN2, 8 p.m.
- Football**
 - NFL Preseason, Buccaneers vs. Jets, ESPN2, 8 p.m. (Saturday morning)

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Philippoussis sends Chang closer to upcoming retirement

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mark Philippoussis sent Michael Chang closer to his impending retirement, beating the local favorite 6-2, 6-4 Thursday in the second round of the Mercedes-Benz Cup. Fourth-seeded Gustavo Kuerten and No. 7 Wayne Ferreira needed Americans. Kuerten beat former UCLA player Eric Taino 6-3, 7-6 (5), while Ferreira got by Alex Bogomolov Jr. 7-6 (1), 6-3.

No. 3 Sebastian Grosjean defeated American Robby Ginepri 6-2, 6-3 on the UCLA campus

Chiefs' glory days can be traced to coach Stram

By Andy Resnik
Associated Press Writer

The Kansas City Chiefs dominated the AFL and won a Super Bowl with Hall of Fame talent on offense, defense and special teams.

Now it's time to add their coach to the list.

"We had great people, and you just can't win if you don't have great people," said Hank Stram, who will be inducted Sunday into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

"You can't win if you don't have a great attitude, great discipline. I always thought that attitude was more important than intellect. That's why our team was."

The franchise's first coach, Stram took over the expansion Dallas Texans of the upstart AFL in 1960 and guided them through 1974. Five years after the team moved to Kansas City and was

renamed the Chiefs.

The gregarious, stocky and blazer-wearing Stram — carrying a rolled-up game plan in his hand — led the Chiefs to AFL titles in '62, '66 and '69 and appearances in Super Bowls I and IV.

Stram later coached two seasons in New Orleans and enjoyed a successful second career on CBS and Monday Night Football radio booth as a color commentator. But it was Stram's success in Kansas City — and his ability to find and develop talent — that led him to the hall in Canton, Ohio.

"I don't think people know what a great quarterback coach he was," said Hall of Famer Len Dawson, once a Stram waiver pickup. "He knew more about the quarterback position than any coach I ever had."

Five players on Stram's Chiefs teams — Bobby Bell, Buck Buchanan, Dawson, Willie Lanier and Jan Stenerud — became

NFL Hall of Fame weekend

What: Five former players and a coach will be inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame. The five: Marcus Allen, James Lofton, Elvin Bethea, Joe DeLamiellure and Hank Stram. When: Sunday, noon (ESPN, Ch. 29)

Hall of Fame Game
Who: Green Bay vs. Kansas City
When: Monday, 6 p.m. (ABC, Ch. 3)

Hall of Famers, and countless others were stars.

Stram designed a moving pocket to utilize Dawson's ability to throw on the move and deceptive defenses with play-action passes; he devised the two tight end offense that provided an extra blocker; and his stack defense packed so many bodies near the line of scrim-

mage that other teams couldn't run the ball.

Dawson believes Stram, who coached his final NFL game 26 years ago, should've been made a Hall of Famer years ago.

"I think it was long overdue, but I'm prejudiced," said Dawson, one of Stram's closest friends and his Hall of Fame presenter.

The 80-year-old Stram is this year's senior enshrinee. Also being inducted: Marcus Allen, Elvin Bethea, Joe DeLamiellure and James Lofton.

Stram was a University of Miami night, now the Chiefs' owner, offered him a head coaching job that had been rejected by Bud Wilkinson and Tom Landry.

"It was a very lucky selection on my part," said Hunt, also a Hall of Famer.

No other player has formed a tighter

bond with Stram than Dawson, the MVP of the Chiefs' 23-7 win over Minnesota in Super Bowl IV.

Dawson wallowed on the bench in Pittsburgh and Cleveland for five seasons before asking Browns coach Paul Brown for his release. The Texans won the AFL title in the quarterback's first season in 1962.

"I look at my career, if it hadn't been for Hank I wouldn't have had one," Dawson said.

Stram had a 124-76-10 regular-season record — plus 5-3 in the playoffs — in 15 seasons at Dallas-Kansas City, but he refuses to feel slighted about his long Hall of Fame wait.

"I don't look at it that way," he said. "I think I was very, very fortunate to be able to coach in so many great places with so many great people. It's a great opportunity and I look forward to it with great anticipation."

Eagles draft pick ends holdout

Ravens rookie Suggs takes ribbing from teammates on first day

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — First-round pick Jerome McDougle ended a one-week holdout by signing a six-year contract Thursday with the Philadelphia Eagles.

The contract would pay McDougle up to \$12.6 million with incentives over the first five years, including a \$6.1 million signing bonus. A sixth year is voidable if he attains certain performance incentives.

McDougle, 6-foot-4 and 271 pounds, is expected to replace three-time Pro Bowl defensive end Hugh Douglas. The Eagles traded up 15 spots to select McDougle with the 15th pick in April's NFL draft.

McDougle had 114 tackles and 14 sacks in two seasons with the Miami Hurricanes. To get McDougle, Philadelphia sent its top pick, 30th overall, and one of its two second-rounders to the San Diego Chargers.

Broncos

DENVER — Rookie defensive tackle Nick Eason returned to the Denver Broncos training camp on Thursday after disappearing for two days, but neither he nor coach Mike Shanahan would talk about his absence.

Eason was unavailable for comment. Shanahan met with him Thursday afternoon but declined to talk about what was said until after speaking with the team.

"I had a good conversation with him. We had a lengthy visit and he is all right," Shanahan said.

Eason participated in the first three days of camp but didn't show up Thursday or Wednesday, and didn't tell team officials where he was.

Gene Kretsch of Eason's agents, has said Eason was dealing with personal problems.

Eason, one of Denver's three fourth-round draft picks, is expected to be a backup after being drafted out of Clemson with the 14th overall pick.

Colts

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — First-round pick Dallas Clark has agreed to terms with the Indianapolis Colts, and the team from Iowa was expected to sign a contract in time to practice with the team Friday, agent Neil Cornrich said.

Cornrich said Thursday that the contract prohibited him from discussing terms of the deal. Clark, the only tight end selected in the first round of April's NFL draft, was the Colts' last remaining holdout.

Cornrich said Clark was already in Terre Haute, where the Colts have been practicing since Monday. Players reported to training camp Sunday.

The Colts were missing three players when workouts began Monday, but they signed two hold-



outs — safety Mike Doss, a second-round pick from Ohio State, and cornerback Donald Strickland, a third-rounder from Colorado, on Wednesday.

Saints

NEW ORLEANS — Defensive tackle Jonathan Sullivan, the first-round draft choice of the New Orleans Saints, agreed to a seven-year deal Thursday.

The contract includes an \$11.4 million signing bonus, agent Len Rowe said. He declined to say how much the total deal is worth.

Sullivan is a 6-3, 313-pound defensive tackle who played at Georgia. He will compete with Marvin Chase and Grady Jackson for the starting nose tackle position.

In the April draft, the Saints traded the 17th and 18th overall picks to Arizona to choose Sullivan.

Ravens

WESTMINSTER, Md. — First-round draft pick Terrell Suggs received more attention than he wanted Thursday during his first training camp practice with the Baltimore Ravens.

The 10th overall selection was the focus of good-natured verbal abuse from teammates, who repeatedly reminded the rookie defensive end that they had to,

endure three days of practice while he was embroiled in a contract dispute.

"They were talking about my fresh legs," Suggs said with a big grin. "Everybody's got their eye on me. I know they're going to get me, especially because I came in late. I've just got to keep my eyes open."

Suggs also was targeted by his coaches, who made him run sprints long after the practice ended.

Quarterback Kyle Boller, the 19th overall pick, signed a five-year contract Thursday — but not in time to practice with the team.

The contract calls for \$5 million in guaranteed bonuses and could pay as much as \$20 million if escalators and incentives are met.

Panthers

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — Wide receiver Steve Smith is expected to miss at least two weeks of practice with the Carolina Panthers because of a pulled hamstring.

Fourteen-year veteran Ricky Proehl, Terrence Wilkins and rookie Walter Young will share Smith's position.

Muhsin Muhammad is the team's other starting receiver.

Reserve offensive tackle Melvin Turner will miss the entire season after tearing ligaments in his left knee.

Browns

BEREA, Ohio — Defensive back Chris Crocker agreed Thursday to a five-year deal with the Cleveland Browns, who will give him a chance to move into a starting position on the team's weak secondary.

The agreement means the Browns have four of their seven draft choices signed, including their top three picks, after going a week without having any of them at training camp.

Third-round choice Crocker played both cornerback and safety — as a three-year starter — at Marshall. The Browns need help in the secondary after releasing Corey Fuller in the offseason.

Crocker signed about 18 hours after the Browns reached agreement with linebacker Chaun Thompson, a second-round choice who reported to training camp Thursday.

Dolphins

DAVIE, Fla. — Miami Dolphins receiver Oronde Gadsden could miss several weeks of training camp because of a sprained left ankle but will not need surgery.

"It's not really day to day," coach Dave Wannstedt said Thursday.

"It's more like week to week." Tests ruled out a break and Gadsden will be re-evaluated. He was carried off the practice field Wednesday and was in a cast the next day.

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"I genuinely and sincerely apologize to my teammates and to the Ohio State University for any embarrassment this incident may have caused," Claret said in the statement.

The license plate on the car is registered to The Car Store Inc., a small dealership on the city's north side, according to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. It was not clear who owned the

Jets, Bucs search for reminders of home

Teams kick off NFL preseason in Japan

By Ken Berger
New York Newsday

TOKYO — Although there is much to see in this international hub of 12 million people, one brightly lit oasis has captured the imagination of Jets and Bucs players more than any other. Its bright red and yellow lights summon them, like a beacon of comfort in a sea of the unknown. A beacon of comfort, anyway.

Most of the Jets' offensive line has sampled its world-renowned treats. For more than a few players, it has become a home away from home. But Thursday night, several players shuffled dejectedly into the elevator after failing to make one last visit for the day.

Alas, McDonald's was closed.

The American Bowl tradition in Japan has sparked at least moderate interest in the NFL here, resulting in the formation of a semipro league and bringing autograph-seekers to the lobby of the team hotel.

Still, a few cultural barriers remain.

"Go where you know," said Jets center Kevin Mawae, a regular this week at McDonald's and Sizzler, explaining his views on culinary adventure.

"If it isn't free, it's not me," said tackle Kareem McKenzie, a strict adherent to the diet of his team.

Witnesses the first full day in Tokyo for the Jets and Bucs was like stepping into some international version of the twilight zone.

It's not just the food that is putting some football coaches call the "brook trout look" — one of utter confusion — on players' faces.

"You can't really do too much because nobody speaks too much English," said Jets rookie defensive tackle Dewayne Robertson, a McDonald's loyalist who hit the golden arches with teammates Jason Glenn and Victor Hobson. "I couldn't even figure out how to work the things in my room like the remote control."

On a day when the absurd seemed even more real when news in the news conference of sleeplessness, one moment topped them all.

Warren Sapp, the Bucs' lacerous defensive tackle and one of the best players in the NFL, looked astonished when an American TV reporter called him "Mr. Wapp" during the teams' joint news conference in the Tokyo Dome.

That's right, Mr. Wapp. After answering an inane question, Sapp glared at the reporter with wide eyes and said, "And that's Sapp — S-A-P-P."

Contrary to its billing, there was no news in the news conference, only fodder for another bad reality show. Before the participants arrived, the Bucs' pirate-like mascot "sat" between two Japanese photographers and annoyingly patted their backs and rubbed their heads. The mascot apparently didn't get the memo that touching in public is considered

American Bowl

What: N.Y. Jets vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers
When: Saturday morning, 3 a.m. (ESPN2, Ch. 30)

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- Dewayne Robertson, Jets rookie

extremely rude in Japan.

If a little slap on the back is rude, then who knows what the Japanese are making of Jon Gruden's face? The Buccaneers' scowling coach, known as "Clucky" to his fans back home, was at his pursed-lips, furrowed-brow best during the media event.

"Domi arigato," Gruden said, thinking a Japanese reporter who had congratulated him for winning the Super Bowl.

How do you say, "I'm bored out of my shoulder pads and can't wait to go home"? That seems to be the attitude of more than a few players.

To a man, though, the players are impressed by the politeness of the Japanese and the irreverent cleanliness of the city. Some are intrigued by the uniqueness of the culture. Also, they seem to enjoy the amusement-park rides adjacent to the hotel.

But not all players are having a hard time. Several of the more sophisticated Jets players dined Thursday night at Nobu, a famous Japanese spot with a location in New York. Former Jet Keyshawn Johnson ventured out for some shopping with Bucs rookie quarterback Chris Simms, who needed dress shoes for a formal dinner.

"That's the menu to be with right there," Simms said of the elegantly attired Johnson.

"I'm bringing the blond bombshell with me," Johnson said. "I'm going to be like Beckham."

That's Beckham, as in international soccer star David Beckham, who could never dine at a McDonald's in Tokyo without being mobbed by hundreds of adoring fans.

Beckham is huge in Tokyo. And he'd never be called "Mr. Deckham," either.

Notes

While the Bucs held a light practice, Herman Edwards put the Jets through a much more physical workout in pads at the Tokyo Dome on Thursday.

Bucs LB Derrick Brooks did not make the trip because his mother is ill in Panama, Fla.

Jets — backup QB Vinny Testaverde said he probably won't play in the game because Edwards wants to look at third-stringer Brooks Bollinger and longshot Marquel Blackwell.

OSU will keep Claret out of practice until issues are cleared up

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State tailback Maurice Claret admitted exaggerating the value of items he reported stolen from a car he was driving and that he was kept from preseason practice while the NCAA investigates.

In a statement released from the school Wednesday, athletic director Andy Geiger and coach Jim Tressel said Claret wouldn't participate in camp until "all issues related to his eligibility regarding his amateur status have

been resolved."

The NCAA is investigating a police report filed by Claret claiming cash and thousands of dollars of stereo equipment owned by him were stolen from the car.

The release from the school included an apology from Claret and a statement from Claret's attorney, Scott Schiff, who said the car was borrowed and that many of the items belonged to the vehicle's owner.

"Maurice did exaggerate and inflate the values he placed upon the reported items," Schiff said. Schiff said Claret used the car to attend a workout on April 17, when the vehicle was broken into. Maurice filed a theft report with campus police.

According to the police report, two built-in television monitors and stereo equipment worth \$5,000, \$800 in cash, \$300 in clothing and 300 compact discs were stolen. The property wasn't

found, and police have closed the case.

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The license plate on the car is registered to The Car Store Inc., a small dealership on the city's north side, according to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. It was not clear who owned the

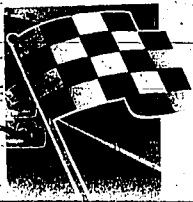
vehicle then. Messages were left by telephone and at the dealership for owner Jacob Chapa.

Despite numerous injuries last season, Claret set school freshman records with 1,237 yards rushing and 16 touchdowns. The Buckeyes, the defending national champions, open the season Aug. 30 at home against Wake Forest.

The NCAA won't comment on pending investigations.

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Indy cars run at M.V. Speedway

Ten at Indy

The 2003 Brickyard 400 on Sunday will be the 10th Winston Cup race held at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

ON THE TUBE

Winston Cup: Brickyard 400, pre-race coverage 12 p.m. MDT Sunday on TNT.
Busch: Kroger 200 presented by Tom Raper RVs, 6 p.m. MDT Saturday on TNT.
Craftsman Truck: Power Stroke Diesel 200, 7 p.m. MDT Friday on SPEED Channel.

NASCAR mourns loss of Latford

By Rick Minter
Cox News Service

If there was ever a person who truly knew his NASCAR, it was Bob Latford.

He attended his first race on the bench at Daytona in 1946 and spent his life working in the sport.

His greatest legacy is the points system used in NASCAR's Winston Cup, Busch and Craftsman Truck Series since 1974, working with NASCAR officials Phil Holmer and the late Joe Whitlock. Latford devised the system still in use today.

He wrote it down on a napkin at the Boot Hill Saloon in Daytona Beach, and it was adopted the next year.

Latford, who retired from the sport after the 2000 season, died last week in Concord, N.C., after an extended illness. He was 67.

A lanky fellow with an elaborate handlebar mustache, Latford was a familiar sight around NASCAR tracks.

He was public relations manager at Atlanta Motor Speedway, then known as Atlanta International Raceway, from 1970-1976. AMS president Ed Clark said that years ago, when he was working his first race as PR director at Bristol, Latford was there to show him the ropes. They remained friends until the end.

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — It was more open-wheel racing Saturday at Magic Valley Speedway as the U.S. Army presented the U.S. Indy Car Series.

Mike Koss, of Coldwater, Mich., captured his first Indy-series checkered flag with a wire-to-wire win over Coloradoan Ken Perrie.

In addition to his win, Koss ran the quickest time in the McDonald's time trials with a lap of 13.33 seconds. Eric Kosco took third followed by Scott Warman and Dave Hoffpau.

In NASCAR Dodge Weekly series action, fast qualifier and

former points champion Bruce Quale must have figured out what his car was missing after taking the main event win.

A week ago, Quale was stymied by a car that was misfiring and running erratically. And Quale had some trouble in the heat race, after his tow was knocked out of the car trying to avoid an accident. Though he failed to complete the heat race, his crew got the car perfect for the main event.

Quale also announced his intention to run in the Raybestos Brakes Northwest Series NAPA 150 Sept. 13. Quale said he has been working with Featherlite

Southwest Series champion Eddy McKean and several sponsors to put together a racecar.

In the main event, Quale wrestled the lead away from outside polester Thomas Powell on lap 38. Harold Warduit held on to third place. Mike Buddenhagen finished fourth and last week's winner, Rob Vest, rounded out the top five.

The Modifieds return to the racetrack on Aug. 9.

In the NAPA Auto Parts Pony Stocks, Alan Larson took over the points lead from reigning champion Billi Miles, who was forced to the pits on a green flag with a cut tire.

Both Larson and Miles were side-by-side and working toward the front when Larson grabbed the high groove and Miles opted for the low route.

Larson's line proved to be the better as Miles found herself behind a slower car then cutting a tire down. The pit stop cost Miles eight laps and eventually the points lead as Larson went on to finish in second.

Rookie driver Kristie Fehringer took her second main event win, despite veteran Larson and Mike Greco pulling alongside her during a caution. Kevin Larson finished third behind his dad with Chad

Packham and Lou Anderson completing the final five.

Fehringer's husband, Brent, took over the points lead in the Magic Valley Pipe Thumper Stocks with a second-place finish Saturday. Former points leader Ernie Hall experienced some handling problems and settled for fourth. Brent Keseman, who won last year's Paster Pastor race, took his first main event win in the class. Matt Bollinger took fifth.

Rowene Kesler earned the Middlekuff Green Bees series championship with a fifth-place finish in the final main event of the season for the class.

POST-RACE NOTES

Rudd keeps streak alive with 700th straight start

By Al Levine
Cox News Service

LONG POND, Pa. — Ricky Rudd polished his stature as stock car racing's ironman with his 700th consecutive Winston Cup start in Sunday's Pennsylvania 500.

The next Winston Cup driver in position to reach 700 consecutive starts is Rusty Wallace, who will make his 610th start in a row at the end of the season.

His streak continues, Wallace will make his 700th consecutive start in the third race of 2006.

Jeff Gordon, who has 349 consecutive starts, would reach 700 in the 11th race of 2013. It's a record Gordon says Rudd can have.

"I think it's amazing," Gordon said of Rudd's record. "I think it says a lot about Ricky and his determination and how much he loves the sport. I have no desire to [reach] 700 races. I have no idea what I'll be doing [that far in the future], but I know it's not that. If that's the case, I know I've done something wrong along the way."

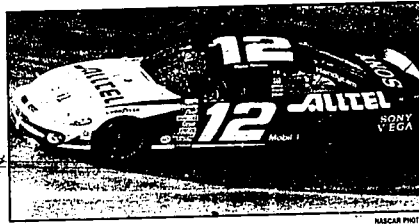
Here's when a few of today's young drivers can expect to reach 700 consecutive starts: Dale Earnhardt Jr., the 17th race of 2019; points leader Matt Kenseth, the 16th race of 2019.

Scott Wimmer wins at Pikes Peak raceway

Scott Wimmer won the TrimSpa Dream Body 250 presented by Dodge Saturday at Pikes Peak International Raceway in a race that saw a track record 15 lead changes. Wimmer led for 70 laps and took the lead for good on the 227th lap by overtaking Jason Keller, who finished 1.045 seconds behind.

It was Wimmer's first victory of the season.

GAS GAMBLE



Newman in 2003

- Races won: 4
- Top 5s: 8
- Top 10s: 10
- Poles won: 5
- Position in standings before Sunday's Pennsylvania 500: 13
- Position in standings after Sunday's Pennsylvania 500: 9



caution speed of 65 mph, nearly half the winning speed of 127.705, cut Newman's fuel consumption in half, enabling him to stay out on the track.

The win was Newman's second in three races and third in the past eight. In those eight races, he's jumped from 24th to ninth in the points standings. He's the Winston-Cup leader, with four wins and five poles and Dodge's only winner this year.

Busch, driving the No. 97 Ford,

was second. Earnhardt Jr., in the No. 8 Chevrolet, finished third. Busch made a run at Newman the last couple of laps but couldn't pass him.

"I knew that we needed some best fuel to save some fuel and yet at the same time stay out front," Newman said.

"These are two things that are contradictory and hard to do. In hindsight, we wouldn't have been able to make it if we hadn't had

those cautions," he said, also referring to Casey Mears' crash on Lap 164.

"Just how do you conserve fuel and hold the lead?"

"Basically, it all depends on how fast I can," Newman said.

"Instead of running away, you just maintain a gap in case there is a yellow you don't burn all the extra fuel. Fortunately, we were able to do that a couple of times with Junior."

"Junior might want to memorize Newman's little strategy lesson."

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Busch's pit work put him in contention at the end. But he said that the dreaded aero factor kept him from having a chance to pass Newman.

Earnhardt Jr., who led once for 24 laps, explained the disadvantage being behind the leader a bit more colorfully.

"It's kind of like you have this barren sea, and you drive a boat down through it," Earnhardt Jr. said. "You try to follow that boat's wake. It's probably not the smoothest ride, but the easiest ride. Now put 40 boats out there. The guy that's leading—he's got the best seat in the house and he's got the easiest job."

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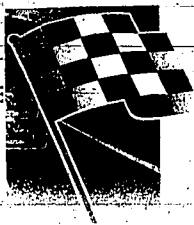


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Craftsman Truck: Power Stroke Diesel 200, 7 p.m. MDT Friday on SPEED Channel.



NASCAR mourns loss of Latford

By Rick Minter
 Cox News Service

If there was ever a person who truly knew his NASCAR, it was Bob Latford.

He attended his first race on the beach at Daytona in 1946 and spent his life working in the sport.

His greatest legacy is the points system used in NASCAR's Winston Cup, Busch and Craftsman Truck divisions.

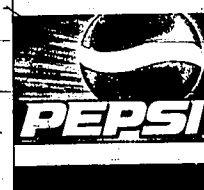
In 1974, working with NASCAR officials Phil Hahn and the late Joe Whitlock, Latford devised the system still in use today.

He wrote it down on a napkin at the Boot Hill Saloon in Daytona Beach, and it was adopted the next year.

Latford, who retired from the sport after the 2000 season, died last week in Concord, N.C., after an extended illness. He was 67.

A lanky fellow with an elaborate handlebar mustache, Latford was a familiar sight around NASCAR tracks.

He was public relations manager at Atlanta Motor Speedway, then known as Atlanta International Raceway, from 1970-1976. AMS president Ed Clark said that years ago, when he was working his first race as PR director at Bristol, Latford was there to show him the ropes. They remained friends until the end.



NASCAR INSIDER

Indy cars run at M.V. Speedway

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - It was more open-wheel racing Saturday at Magic Valley Speedway as the U.S. Army presented the U.S. Indy Car Series.

Mike Koss, of Coldwater, Mich., captured his first Indy-series checkered flag with a wire-to-wire win over Coloradoan Ken Perrie.

In addition to his win, Koss ran the quickest time in the McDonald's time trials with a lap of 13.33 seconds. Eric Kossek took third followed by Scott Warman and Dave Hoffpau.

In NASCAR Dodge Weekly series action, fast qualifier and

former points champion Bruce Quale must have figured out what his car was missing after taking the main event win.

A week ago, Quale was stymied by a car that was misfiring and running erratically. And Quale had some trouble in the heat race after his tow was knocked out of the car trying to avoid an accident. Though he failed to complete the heat race, his crew got the car perfect for the main event.

Quale also announced his intention to run in the Raybestos Brakes Northwest Series NAPA 150 Sept. 13. Quale said he has been working with Featherlite

Southwest Series champion Eddy McKean and several sponsors to put together a racecar.

In the main event, Quale wrestled the lead away from outside pole-sitter Thomas Powell on lap 38. Harold Warduff held on to third place. Mike Buddenhagen finished fourth and last week's winner, Rob Vest, rounded out the top five.

The Modifieds return to the racetrack on Aug. 9. In the NAPA Auto Parts Pony Stocks, Alan Larson took over the points lead from reigning champion Bill Miles, who was forced to the pits on a green flag with a cut tire.

Both Larson and Miles were side-swiped and working toward the front when Larson grabbed the high groove and Miles opted for the low route.

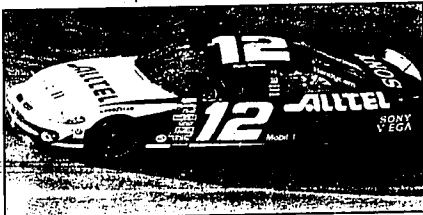
Larson's line proved to be the better as Miles found herself behind a slower car then cutting a tire down. The pit stop cost Miles eight laps and eventually the points lead as Larson went on to finish in second.

Rookie driver Kristie Fehringer took her second main event win, despite veterans Larson and Mike Greco pulling alongside her during a caution. Kevin Larson finished third behind his dad with Chad

Packham and Lou Anderson completing the final five.

Fehringer's husband, Brett, took over the points lead in the Magic Valley Pipe Thunder Stocks with a second-place finish Saturday. Former points leader Ernie Hall experienced some handling problems and settled for fourth. Brent Keseman, who won last year's Easter Pastor race, took his first main event win in the class. Matt Bollar was third and Mike Egnar took fifth. Rowene Kesler earned the Middlekauff Queen Bee series championship with a fifth-place finish in the final main event of the season for the class.

GAS GAMBLE



Newman in 2003

- Races won: 4
- Top 5s: 8
- Top 10s: 10
- Poles won: 5
- Position in standings before Sunday's Pennsylvania 500: 13
- Position in standings after Sunday's Pennsylvania 500: 9



caution speed of 65 mph, nearly half the winning speed of 127.705, cut Newman's fuel consumption in half, enabling him to stay out on the track.

The win was Newman's second in three races and third in the past eight. In those eight races, he's jumped from 24th to ninth in the points standings. He's the Winston-Cup leader with four wins and five poles and Dodge's only winner this year.

Busch, driving the No. 97 Ford,

was second. Earnhardt Jr., in the No. 8 Chevrolet, finished third.

Busch made a run at Newman the last couple of laps but couldn't pass him.

"I know that we needed some caution laps and I was doing the best I could to have some fuel and yet at the same time stay out front," Newman said.

"Those are two things that are contradictory and hard to do. In hindsight, we wouldn't have been able to make it if we hadn't had

those cautions," he said, also referring to Casey Mears' crash on Lap 164.

Just how do you conserve fuel and hold the lead?

"Basically, it all depends on how fast the guy in second is versus how fast I am," Newman said. "Instead of running away, you just maintain a gap in case, there is a yellow you don't burn all the extra fuel. Fortunately, we were able to do that a couple of times with Junior." Junior might want to memorize Newman's little strategy lesson.

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POST-RACE NOTES

Rudd keeps streak alive with 700th straight start

By Al Levine
 Cox News Service

LONG POND, Pa. - Ricky Rudd polished his stature as stock car racing's ironman with his 700th consecutive Winston Cup start in Sunday's Pennsylvania 500.

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Here's when a few of today's young drivers can expect to reach 700 consecutive starts: Dale Earnhardt Jr., in the 17th race of 2003; points leader Matt Kenseth, the 18th race of 2003.

Scott Wimmer wins at Pikes Peak raceway

Scott Wimmer won the TrimSpa Dream Body 250 presented by Dodge Saturday at Pikes Peak International Raceway in a race that saw a track record 15 lead changes.

Wimmer led for 70 laps and took the lead for good on the 227th lap by overtaking Jason Keller, who finished 1.045 seconds behind.

It was Wimmer's first victory of the season.

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Rockers rally against city's SARS stigma

The Stones headline concert in Toronto

TORONTO (AP) — The Rolling Stones — and almost 500,000 people — kicked Toronto out of the SARS sickbed for good.

The Stones headlined a concert Wednesday meant to clear Toronto and Canada of any lingering taint from the SARS virus, which killed 42 in the city and devastated the country's tourism industry.

Master of ceremonies Dan Aykroyd took the opportunity to call for more harmony with the United States, and Mick Jagger proclaimed Canada once again open for business.

"We're here, you're here and Toronto is back and it's booming," Jagger told the crowd.

The Stones' Keith Richards slashed at his guitar for the band's opener "Start Me Up." Its 90-minute set also included "Ruby Tuesday," "Honky Tonk Woman," "I Can't Get No Satisfaction," and the finale, "Jumpin' Jack Flash."

More than 400,000 tickets at \$16 each were sold for the show, partly sponsored by the government. Hundreds of people spent the night outside the former military airfield north of downtown Toronto and rushed in when gates opened to be near a huge stage surrounded by video screens.

"I think it is the biggest crowd we have ever played for," Jagger said, no faint praise from one of rock's most traveled bands.

Earlier in the show, early '70s Canadian legend the Guess Who played "Bachman's Average." Overdrive's "Takin' Care of Business" to rousing applause on the virtually cloudless, sun-baked day.

Teen-throb Justin Timberlake said he felt "like a fish out of water" next to the Stones, AC/DC, and The Flaming Lips.

Organizers hope the concert will show that tourists and businesses need no longer fear SARS and should return to Toronto. Two springtime outbreaks of severe acute respiratory syndrome devastated the crucial tourism industry.

"We're bringing this city back," said actor Jim Belushi, who joined Aykroyd for a set by their Have Love-Will Travel Revue blues band.



Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones performs at the concert for SARS Relief Wednesday in Downsview Park in Toronto. A total of 26 acts performed during the event.

Jennie Gilstrap, 32, said she drove more than 600 miles from Louisville, Ky., with her husband and sister to add the show to their list of Stones concerts.

"We thought it would be nice to check-out-Canada — it's our first time," she said. Gilstrap, wearing mirrored shades and white Stones T-shirt.

Rolling Stones tour promoter Michael Cohl said the gig would cost \$7 million. Canada put up \$2.45 million, and the Ontario provincial government kicked in \$1.4 million. Canadian brewery Molson, the chief sponsor, is contributing \$4.55 million, a company spokesman said.

Estimates put Toronto's tourism losses in the hundreds of millions of dollars since the first SARS outbreak in March. SARS sickened almost 250 people in Canada's largest city — the biggest outbreak outside of Asia.

During the Flaming Lips' three-song set, which included performers dressed as animals, members tore off surgical masks — the ubiquitous symbol of the outbreak, worn mostly in Asia but also in Canada and even the United States.

Aykroyd, who was born in Canada, waved a Canadian flag on stage and encouraged Canadians

and Americans to love each other — and visit more often. "Hey there Pennsylvania, hey there New York state, Connecticut, Indiana, Michigan," he yelled. "We don't see you enough! And you don't see us enough. No borders! No borders!"

Any profits from the concert, plus 70 cents per ticket, will be split between two funds helping health care and tourism workers affected by SARS and the ensuing economic downturn. Canadian officials also held a barbecue at the concert to counter another business crisis for Canada — a lone case of mad cow disease detected in May that led the United States, Japan and other nations to ban Canadian beef products, and cost the cattle industry millions of dollars.

SARS emerged in November in Guangdong province in southern China. It killed more than 800 people worldwide, most of them in Asia, before subsiding last month.

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Much is afoot and love is on the move for Aries

IF AUGUST 1 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY — you were put on a pedestal as a child. You have high expectations and want to share your know-how. You're capable and could be almost anything. You can talk your way in and out of business situations. You need to be self-employed. This year the written word is key, via publishing or Internet. Put pen to paper. December brings money and rewards, even love.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): As the sun, Venus and Jupiter pass through the part of your chart having to do with children and romance, much is afoot and love is on the move. The moon in the area of work and health keeps you busy.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Delays and differences at home are frustrating; children are very much involved. Personal reservations and bias may interfere with business. Travel today could be problematic.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Communication is the keyword. A trip by sea or air is indicated. News regarding your home life involves a lot of travel. Stay independent; don't rely on others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You have a clear idea of where you're headed, but you're going along with you. Don't hold back — you're getting real results at work or on the job. A dinner with your sweetheart revives you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You're beginning to see the light. You're at the right place and time. Have patience when dealing with relatives, especially when they make demands. Children, Mars' rejection and psychological guidance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your frank, friendly response to colleagues is appreciated. A friend in whom I confided that the "other mother" was me, told me I should have minded my own business (She, too, has been guilty of leaving her little ones in her parked car with the engine running).

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Thieves who swiped onions leave N.D. farmer in a crying mood

CRYSTAL, N.D. (AP) — It's enough to make Lorraine Martinson weep.

More than 7,000 onions were pilfered from her field and pocketed by thieves, Pembina County Sheriff Wayne Samdahl said.

Seven rows of onions, worth about \$4,000, were taken from the field where Martinson grows a variety of vegetables.

"It would be at least a good-sized pickup load," Samdahl said. The theft apparently happened over the weekend. Martinson discovered it Monday, when she was picking peas.

"I looked down and there's no onions," she said. "I was like, 'Where's my onions?'"

Authorities took pictures of footprints and tire prints. Samdahl said the thieves must have spent considerable time in the field, which has about 1,000 onions for each of the seven rows. He believes more than one person was involved.

"They didn't do it in a couple of minutes," he said. "They had to pull each one by hand."

Martinson says onions are her major source of income in the summer.

"This is what I make my pickup payment and taxes with," she said.

Martinson is offering a \$500 reward for tips that lead to an arrest in the case.

Teenage couples rehearse their domestic futures

Quite commonly, says our Love and War man, a teenage couple in school rehearses a domestic future. She asks him to fix things. He gives her money to save. She puts him on a diet. He drives her places. They practice dependence. It's a little later that she — usually she, sometimes he — decides dependence is wearisome. Independence is better. Either in time they regain a regard for dependence. Or may not. Trying to settle that one can turn into the greatest fight of life.

Women who marry younger men live longer. A confirmed statistic, that.

Another place of manmade construction visible to astronauts in space is the Netherlands' network



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of dikes.

To nurse, a baby bat goes to its mother's armpit. Or wingpit. Anyhow, that's where it's at.

Hospitalized convalescents get well sooner when they mix with the opposite sex. Women put on makeup and do their hair. Men shave early and dress more neatly. Signs of recovery, these. Doctors at Wharfedale General Hospital in

England's Yorkshire found this out. Only drawback was getting patients back into their own segregated sleeping quarters at night.

Q. What was the first ship wrecked in American waters?

A. Columbus's Santa Maria.

Q. Has the U.S. Government ever been headed by two left-handers?

A. Only once. In 1975-76 — with Gerald R. Ford and Nelson A. Rockefeller.

A mediocre executive, male or female, with a good secretary, male or female, is far more valuable to a company than a good executive with a mediocre secretary. So contends one seasoned job finder.

Q. How did "John Bull" come to personify England?

A. From a character so named in "The History of John Bull" by John Arbuthnot in 1712.

You can say the Horseshoe crab is a cousin to the scorpion, sure, but it's no crab.

Most wives with the blues turn not to their husbands but to female friends for consolation. Such are the findings in a new study. Why is no mystery, says our Love and War man. In adjusting to each other, husbands and wives learn early to muffle their miseries. For partnership's sake. It has been said that the toughest thing to endure in matrimony is the melancholy of the mate.

Music and church

Big name Christian bands are coming to Magic Valley Saturday in The Times-News

NEW YORK (AP) — Kate Bosworth, who played a surfer chick in last year's "Blue Crush," is being called the "Next Big Thing" in Hollywood — and that's made her wary.

"When someone says something nice, I wonder about the real motive," the 20-year-old actress tells "Entertainment Weekly" in its Aug. 1 issue. "It's a horrible way to be, but if

you're a hundred percent innocent in this business, you're going to be eaten alive."

Bosworth stars opposite Topher Grace and Josh Duhamel in the romantic comedy "Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!" — the story of a naive West Virginia girl who wins a date with a celebrity.

Her upcoming films also include "Wonderland," with Val Kilmer, sched-

uled for release later this year, and "Beyond the Sea," opposite Kevin Spacey. Bosworth will play '50s ingénue Sandra DeCosey. Spacey will play her husband, singer Bobby Darin.

"Whenever I hear that I'm on the brink of stardom, I feel like I want to run into a cave," Bosworth tells the magazine. "It's a scary place to be, the pinnacle."

WORLD

Vatican urges campaign against gay marriage, gay adoption

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican urged Catholics and non-Catholics Thursday to unite in campaigning against gay marriages and gay adoptions, seeking to stem the widening legal recognition of same-sex unions.

Catholic politicians have a "moral duty" to oppose laws granting legal rights to gay couples, and non-Catholics should follow their lead since the issue concerns "natural moral law," said the Vatican's orthodox watchdog, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

The 12-page document, issued in seven languages, was criticized by gay groups across North America and Europe, where politicians are increasingly granting homosexual couples the same legal status as heterosexual couples.

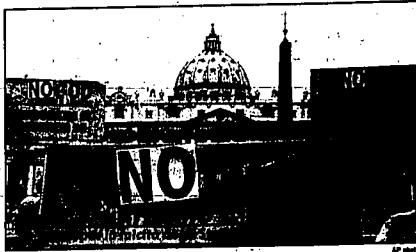
"This new document is intended to intimidate public officials across the globe into doing what

the Vatican has not been able to do on its own," said Marianne Duddy, executive director of Dignity USA, an organization of gay Catholics. "It is a tremendous shame that the leaders of our Church are becoming the vocal proponents for intolerance and continuing discrimination."

But the document was welcomed by some conservatives, including in Pope John Paul II's native Poland, where Roman Catholic bishops read excerpts at a news conference to condemn a proposal by leftist lawmakers to legalize homosexual unions.

"The idea is immoral and hurting to families and marriages," said Bishop Stanislaw Stefank. "We strongly object to it."

The document, "Considerations Regarding Proposals to Give Legal Recognition to Unions Between Homosexual Persons," sets out a battle plan for politi-



Gay protesters and Radical party members hold banners reading 'No God, Altheism and Liberty', 'Democracy Yes, Theocracy No' and 'Free the laws of the State from the taboos of religion' Thursday at the Vatican in Rome.

cians confronted with legislation legalizing same-sex unions and calls against gay adoption.

dependency would be used to place them in an environment that is not conducive to their full human development," it said.

The document calls on Catholic politicians to vote against laws granting legal recognition to homosexual unions and to work to repeal those already on the books.

To vote in favor of a law so harmful to the common good is gravely immoral," it said, although it didn't specify penalties for Catholics who do.

Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien, who is Catholic, has supported a proposed law that would define marriage as a union between two people, rather than a man and a woman.

"As prime minister of Canada, he has the moral responsibility to protect the equality of Canadians," spokesman Thoren Hudyma told the Globe and Mail newspaper in explaining that Chretien's duty was to the public,

not his church. In June, an appeals court in Ontario ruled that Canada's definition of marriage as between a man and a woman was unconstitutional, paving the way for legalized gay unions.

In the United States, Vermont has a "civil union" law, giving same-sex couples the rights of traditional marriages and the highest court in Massachusetts is weighing whether to legalize such unions.

Some Republican lawmakers are calling for a constitutional amendment that would ban gay marriages nationwide.

On Wednesday, President Bush told a news conference marriage was strictly a union between a man and a woman and that he wants to "codify that, one way or the other." Government lawyers are exploring measures to enshrine it into law, the White House said.

African leaders pledge peace force, Taylor's exile

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — West African leaders committed Thursday to deploy the first peace troops to war-torn Liberia by the start of next week, and said President Charles Taylor would go into exile three days later.

The leaders, meeting in Ghana, agreed to send a vanguard of 1,500 peacekeepers, expected to be two battalions from Nigeria, Ghana, Mali, Benin, Senegal and Togo also have promised 3,250 soldiers for an eventual 5,000-strong force.

The pledge came as pressure grew on regional leaders to speed a peace force promised since rebels opened two months of bloody siege on Liberia's capital in early June.

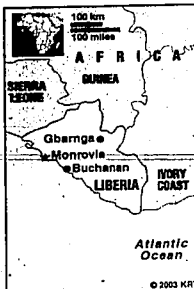
While it will provide the advance force, the United Nations has asked the United States and others for more help paying what is expected to be a multimillion-dollar daily tab.

The United States, which ever since founding of Liberia by freed American slaves in the 19th century, has promised \$10 million and is sending three warships with Marines to Liberia for what President Bush says will be limited assistance. The ships were within two days of Liberia.

Bush has insisted that U.S. troops will not be deployed until Taylor steps down and a cease-fire is in place.

U.S. officials introduced a draft measure at the United Nations on Wednesday asking for approval of a multinational force, to be followed by a U.N. deployment by Oct. 1.

Aid groups say more than



1,000 civilians have been killed and tens of thousands driven from their homes by the fighting, which has cut off food and clean water to the city of more than 1.3 million. Medical workers appealed to both sides to open an immediate aid corridor to the rebel-held port, which contains aid and commercial warehouses.

Taylor, a wanted U.N. war-crimes suspect for his backing of rebels in the neighboring nation of Sierra Leone, has said in recent weeks that he would step down as soon as peace troops arrive.

Mohamed Ibn Chambas, executive secretary of the West African leaders' bloc, said the vanguard force would provide the "appropriate conditions for the handover of power, and departure from Liberia, of President Charles Taylor."

War crimes tribunal hands down its first life sentence

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The U.N. war crimes tribunal handed down its first life sentence Thursday, convicting a prominent Bosnian Serb political leader of the extermination and persecution of Bosnian Muslims but acquitting him of genocide.

Milomir Stakic, a 41-year-old doctor, was accused of establishing a network of brutal prison camps where hundreds of Muslims were killed and thousands were tortured, raped or treated with extreme brutality in 1992 during the Bosnian war.

Stakic was found guilty on five counts of crimes against humanity and war crimes — specifically extermination, murder and persecution. He was acquitted on three counts of genocide, complicity in genocide and inhumane acts.

"Dr. Milomir Stakic is hereby

sentenced to life imprisonment" but will be eligible for parole after 20 years, Judge Wolfgang Schomburg told the court. Stakic looked stunned as he stood and heard his sentence.

It was the third time the court has handed down an acquittal of genocide, the most serious crime to come before the court and the hardest to prove. One person, Bosnian general Radislav Krstic, has been convicted of genocide in the court's 10-year history. The outcome of his trial was watched closely for its possible influence on the war crimes trial of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, who faces two counts of genocide among 66 charges.

This week's hearings in the Milosevic trial were canceled because of concerns about his health. The trial resumes Aug. 25.

Crews have French Riviera fires almost out; officials hunt arsonists

SAINTE-MAXIME, France (AP) — Firefighters worked Thursday to extinguish the last of three fires that swept through the French Riviera while investigators tracked suspected arsonists.

The national weather service predicted strong winds that could fan the flames later in the day, adding urgency to fire-fighting efforts.

"We'll know by tonight if we've won or not," said Col. C. Christian Perre of the regional Var fire brigade. "Everything is going to play out in the next few hours."

A fire in the Marseille region to the west was brought under control Wednesday night after it burned across 1,235 acres and injured 19 firefighters, two with serious burns.

Four foreign tourists — two British citizens, one Dutch citizen and one Polish citizen — were killed in fires that started Monday and burned nearly 25,000 acres of pine forest. Authorities found three Molotov cocktails at the site of one Riviera blaze and searched the region for clues and suspects.

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Session 4: Wind Power Technology

1:30 — 2:30 P.M.

Session 5: Solar Electricity
Session 6: Biofuels — Ethanol & Biodiesel

3:00 — 4:00 P.M.

Session 7: Dealing with Utilities
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

T.F. hotel owner reports Q2 earnings

TWIN FALLS — Washington-based WestCoast Hospitality Corp., owner of the Hotel Canyon Springs in Twin Falls, on Thursday reported second-quarter total revenue of \$48.1 million, down from \$51.6 million in second quarter 2002.

Earnings per share dropped to 9 cents from the year-ago 24 cents. Per-share earnings were hurt by five significant events during the quarter that reduced earnings per share by 6 cents, WestCoast said.

"Direct expenses declined \$1.1 million during the quarter, from \$42.9 million to \$41.7 million, partially offsetting reduced revenue. We aggressively pursued cost containment initiatives in the quarter because of the continued lackluster pace of the economic recovery in the U.S.," Arthur Coffey, president and chief executive, said in a statement.

"Given the state of the economy, we were pleased to have strengthened our balance sheet through our refinancing activities."

Big 5 Sporting Goods declares sales increase

TWIN FALLS — California-based Big 5 Sporting Goods Corp., a sporting goods retailer with a store in Twin Falls, said second-quarter net sales increased by 4.6 percent to \$170.1 million from \$162.7 million a year earlier.

Same-store sales grew 0.9 percent. Big 5's 30th consecutive quarterly increase in same-store sales over comparable prior periods.

The quarter's net income available to common stockholders increased to \$6.3 million, or 28 cents per diluted share, compared with \$2.1 million, or 13 cents in the same period last year.

"Business trends improved over the course of the quarter, benefiting from the return of more normal seasonal weather patterns," said Steven G. Miller, Big 5's chairman, president and chief executive. "We are well-positioned for strong execution of our merchandising and operating plans and expect to continue to realize improved sales and improved earnings in the third and fourth quarters of 2003 compared to last year."

Big 5 expects same-store sales growth in the low single-digit range for the third fiscal quarter, resulting in earnings per diluted share in the range of 26 cents to 29 cents.

For the year, the company expects earnings per diluted share of \$1.18 to \$1.23; the full-year estimate excludes 4 cents per diluted share, recorded in the first quarter, related to the charge associated with the partial redemption of the company's senior notes.

Home Depot will put in more doughnut shops

ATLANTA — Home Depot, always with a strong appetite for more customers, looks like it might add food to its stores to lure hungry shoppers.

The Atlanta-based home improvement retailer with a Twin Falls store plans to expand a pilot program of locating Dunkin' Donuts shops inside stores. Dunkin' Donuts, which opened its first locations inside Home Depot stores last year, has three shops in Home Depot stores in New England.

The program will come to metro Atlanta late this year when a Dunkin' Donuts shop opens in the Cumberland Mall. Home Depot also said it is testing small-scale McDonald's stores in "a few locations" in the Los Angeles area.

"However, the McDonald's pilot, which involves limited menu offerings, is losing momentum and is not expected to be expanded anytime soon."

Food sales could provide Home Depot a boost in its sales to increase sales and traffic at its stores. As the home improvement landscape approaches saturation, companies such as Home Depot and Lowe's, its top competitor, are seeking ways to differentiate themselves.

"The company is carefully evaluating the sale of food in Home Depot stores," Home Depot spokesman David Saxer, "The potential for Dunkin' Donuts expanding beyond the New England stores is a lot greater."

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Penney gets professional help

Design personality will work with teams on store-branded-textiles

Knight Ridder News Service

DALLAS — J.C. Penney Co., no longer the leading retailer of home textiles, has signed design personality Chris Madden to boost its \$1 billion-a-year J.C. Penney Home Collection brand.

Madden, author and host of HGTV's

"Interior by Design," said she is giving up her own line of furniture and merchandise to work exclusively with Penney's design teams on store-branded bedding, bath, furniture and rugs.

The goal is to turn the brand into a \$2 billion-a-year business, Madden said.

Penney — which has stores in Twin Falls and Burley — is still a powerhouse in the home department with its top-selling J.C. Penney towel, but overall it has fallen in the home textiles rankings as Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Kmart Corp. with its Martha Stewart line and others have beefed up their offerings.

In 2001, Wal-Mart surpassed Penney to

become the No. 1 retailer of home textiles with \$2.6 billion in sales, according to HFN, a home furnishings trade publication. Penney was next with \$2.57 billion in sales, and Kmart was third.

The trend continued in 2002. The Arkansas-based discounter had an estimated \$2.97 billion in textile sales, followed by Penney with \$2.58 billion. Kmart sales fell last year during its bankruptcy reorganization and Target Corp. moved to No. 3.

Penney spokesman Quinton Crenshaw said Penney is hoping Chris Madden's affiliation and input will bring in new customers who want to see her influence on Penney's home department.

Madden said she had been in talks for about a year with Charles Chinn, Penney's executive vice president and general merchandise manager for home, fine jewelry and footwear.

Chinn has introduced national brands to Penney's housewares department that include Kitchenaid, Circulon, Emerilware and Barbara K. tools.

He is on the team of executives brought in by chief executive Allen Questrom to help turn around the 100-year-old department store chain.

A former president of Macy's East home goods merchandising, Chinn spent 30 years at Macy's.

UP AND RUNNING AGAIN



Above, factory workers Salvador Martino, left, and Cristian Rodriguez work producing glass at 'Cristalux' glass factory in Buenos Aires, Argentina, last May. Below, Alfredo Ruiz also works there.

Workers take over idled Argentinian factories

The Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — When Cristalux SA went out of business three years ago, some 300 workers lost their jobs producing glassware strong enough to be hurled against a wall without breaking.

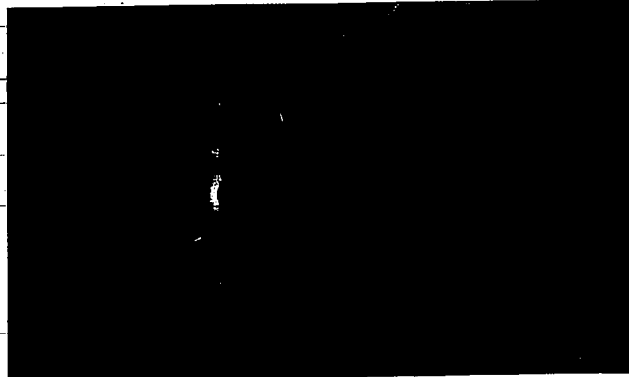
Vandals destroyed assembly line machinery in the company's abandoned factory, huge glass-making ovens were carted away and rain started leaking through the roof.

But after the country's economy entered a Great Depression-style slump and no buyers emerged for the plant, a group of former employees joined a trend taking hold in Argentina by forming a cooperative and starting production again at their old workplace.

The Cristalux workers figured they had nothing to lose. Job opportunities evaporated after Argentina's economy fell apart in 2001 and contracted 11 percent last year, leaving one out of every six Argentines unemployed and more than half the country in poverty.

Across this nation of 37 million, at least 10,000 laid-off workers have reopened their bosses' failed businesses over the past two years. "They're not getting rich, but they are starting to make enough money to get by," said Hector Gary, who leads an association that advises 22 reopened cooperative businesses employing 2,000 workers.

The government has helped the



workers-run companies by passing a law giving employees the right to control the bankrupt businesses through cooperatives or state ownership.

Argentine workers now running the enterprises are churning out products as diverse as toilet paper, umbrellas and auto parts. One cooperative took over a bankrupt slaughterhouse; another reopened a debt-ridden pizzeria.

The glass workers had no functioning modern equipment in the

sweaked factory, but decided to start from scratch making everyday glass plates, bowls and water cups used by most blue-collar Argentine families. The company's former sales manager helped design the products and line up clients.

"We didn't have any work for years, so we weren't worried about failing," said Carlos Leiva, a mechanic under the old owners and now one of the cooperative's top administrators.

Over the past six months, about 400 Cristalux workers have returned to work at the 106-year-old brick complex spanning a city block in a working-class neighborhood.

They spent months building new ovens and making molds used to fashion handcrafted water glasses and blue and green tinted plates and bowls. Some learned to blow glass, and they make wine glasses.

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Slow sales prompt Pier 1 to lower quarterly earnings estimates

Knight Ridder News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas — Pier 1 Imports cut profit estimates for the fiscal second quarter, as promotions failed to rep the sales boost that the home-furnishings chain was counting on.

The Fort Worth-based retailer, which has a Twin Falls store, now expects to report quarterly earnings of 20 cents to 23 cents a share, compared with the previous

projection of 21 cents to 25 cents a share. Per-share profit was 23 cents in last year's second quarter, which ended Aug. 31.

Same-store sales, which have dropped for five straight months, will fall again in July and August, the company said. Pier 1 forecast declines of 4 percent to 5 percent for July, and 3 percent to 6 percent for August. Same-store sales exclude results at stores that opened or closed in the past year.

"Sales started soft in July, and the expected pickup has not materialized," Pier 1 Chairman and Chief Executive Marvin Gironard said in a statement. Even with the distribution of a promotional newspaper advertising insert over the weekend, "sales were unexpectedly disappointing, and we do not see any positive momentum in the sales trend through August," he said.

Pier 1 recently concluded its spring

clearance event, called the One Big Sale, and just launched its Decorating 101 Sale, featuring a 15 percent discount for college and high school students.

Gironard said the chain is watching expenses and keeping inventory levels under control.

He also said shoppers are buying more full-price merchandise than expected, which should help curb the need for end-of-season discounts.

Skywest Airlines announces Q2 profit

Knight Ridder News Service

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Bucking turbulent conditions industry-wide, St. George-based SkyWest Airlines continues to fly high, reporting net income of nearly \$15 million, or 26 cents a share, for the quarter ended June 30.

That compares with income of \$22 million, or 38 cents, for the same quarter a year ago. SkyWest — which serves the Twin Falls and Hailey airports — said those results reflect previously announced adjustments to revenue and expenses related to the company's maintenance policy. The company's second-quarter revenue increased 12 percent to \$212.7 million.

SkyWest Chief Financial Officer Bradford Rich attributed the sustained performance to the addition of larger, cost-efficient regional jets, combined with a stringent cost-control program. "The good news is there are no surprises" in the earnings report, he said.

"We have limited hiring to essential personnel only," while freezing pay scales and benefits, Rich said. The airline also has reduced planned capital expenditures and negotiated cost reductions from some of its vendors. "All that is coming together quite nicely."

From December 2002 to June, the airline has cut its work force by 700 to 4,827, while at the same time bringing 23 new aircraft on line for a total of 170 jets and turbo jets.

"We plan to continue these aggressive cost-cutting initiatives. They are not temporary, they are permanent," Rich told investment analysts. "We are serious about these reductions."

Total operating revenue for the second quarter of 2003 increased as a result of a nearly 32 percent increase in capacity, measured in so-called available seat miles, primarily from the addition of the regional jets.

Rich said operating revenue also benefited from good spring weather which allowed a better than 99 percent completion of scheduled flights.

SkyWest's growing partnerships with major airlines United, Delta and Continental have been working well for the regional carrier, Rich said.

In answer to concerns about SkyWest's expanding relationship with bankrupt United, Rich said that SkyWest has discussed with United's top management United's progress toward emerging from Chapter 11 reorganization. "We feel real good about the progress they've made."

As for Delta, Rich said the two airlines are discussing "growth opportunities for the future," and SkyWest may add more Texas routes for Continental's Houston hub.

MONEY

OPEC decides to keep oil output target unchanged

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — OPEC members have agreed to hold oil output steady and to wait until September before making any changes in their production quotas, the cartel announced Thursday.

In a widely-expected decision, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries decided against lowering its daily production ceiling of 25.4 million barrels.

Despite earlier fears that a revival of Iraqi crude exports might upset the oil market and erode prices, chronic security problems have delayed Iraq's return to the market, and with prices hovering near the top of OPEC's targeted price range, the group decided that its best policy for now was to continue pumping at current levels.

"The market is stable and well-supplied," with prices fluctuating at a comfortable level, OPEC said in a communiqué.

However, the group expressed concern that a slower than expected economic recovery might prevent demand in 2004 from growing

as quickly as available crude supplies.

OPEC's decision would have little effect on consumer prices for gasoline and other refined products, said Edward Morse of Hess Energy Trading Co. in New York.

The group announced its agreement after 2 1/2 hours of private talks at a hotel in downtown Vienna.

OPEC supplies about a third of the world's crude. Iraq is one of the group's 11 members but hasn't participated in OPEC production quotas since 1990.

OPEC delegates had a private breakfast meeting earlier Thursday with representatives from Russia, Angola, Oman, Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

OPEC received assurances from the five that they would act in concert with the cartel and restrain themselves from ramping up production to take advantage of current high prices.

The price for OPEC's benchmark blend of crudes is almost \$28 a barrel — the upper limit of its targeted range. September

contracts of U.S. light, sweet crude were trading 17 cents higher at \$30.85 a barrel in New York. In London, North Sea Brent crude contracts for September delivery were trading 24 cents higher at \$28.74 a barrel.

Tight oil inventories in the United States and other importing nations have strengthened OPEC's market position.

With the oil market moving in OPEC's favor, the group would probably wait until its next meeting on Sept. 24 to make any adjustments in output.

"The option is open," OPEC President Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Amayrah told a news conference at the cartel's headquarters in Vienna.

"We expect in September to be more clear about the Iraqi situation," OPEC said in June to meet this month, anticipating that Iraq would return quickly to the oil market in the wake of the U.S.-British invasion that toppled former President Saddam Hussein.

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Fast-food chains offer online calorie counters

Knight Ridder News Service

NEW YORK — The fattening of America is often blamed on the fast-food industry. To counter this image, several top chain restaurants are offering nutritional disclosures on their Web sites.

Wendy's, which still uses artificial sweeteners, says it will check the fat content on a burger with

mayonnaise and cheese.

McDonald's, Burger King, Carl's Jr. and Hardee's are lead-

ing the pack in disclosing online information on calories, fat, cholesterol and sodium in their burgers, salads, fries and milkshakes.

The fast-food chains are seeing consumer interest in the interactive nutritional disclosures on their Web sites. They want to see how they can make their choices healthier by skipping fat-laden condiments and extras.

Each of the chains is unveiling a different name for its online nutritional

evaluators. McDonald's Web site features a feature called "Customize an Item" that allows the customer to build his or her own burger.

Burger King's online program is called "Have It Your Way." Wendy's Web site features a tool to analyze the nutritional content of special orders through a so-called "Interactive Nutrition Guide."

Hardee's, a sister restaurant of Carl's Jr., offers a similar interactive guide.

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street advanced Thursday on news that the economy grew at a much stronger than expected pace in the second quarter and that less benefits claims fell for a third week in a row. The market also rose for the month of July, with its standard and poor's index climbing for a sixth straight month — a feat not seen in eight years.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Standard & Poor's 500 index completed a five-month winning stretch, something they hadn't accomplished since 1999.

Upbeat earnings from Exxon Mobil and Procter & Gamble contributed to Thursday's advance, with the first in four days. Stocks did pull back from sharper gains in the last two hours of trading, a phenomenon that often happens in the last hour of the day.

Still, analysts said investors were enjoying a renewed sense of confidence that the economy is poised for robust growth in the second half of the year, and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan predicted earlier this month during testimony before Congress.

After this second-quarter report (on the economy) does push more people in the camp that believes we have an economy that is growing and recovering, and we will see even stronger growth in the second half," said Brian Bush, director of equity research at Stephens Inc. in

Lebanon, Mo.

After climbing as much as 161.35 in early trading, the Dow closed up 33.75, or 0.4 percent, at 9,233.80. The gain erased some of the 84.52 lost in the previous

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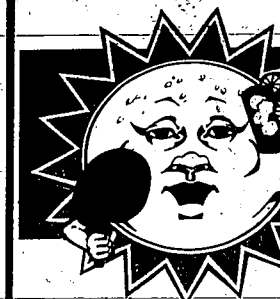
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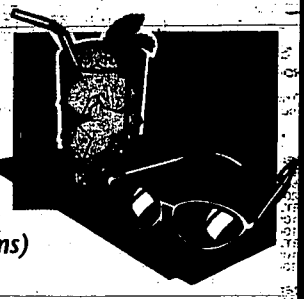
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FARM
Head Maintenance person wanted for large dairy. Must have experience in refrigeration, welding including stainless, milking equipment repair and maintenance. Good salary and working environment for right person. Send resume to: 475 West 300 South, Jerome, Idaho 83332. Call 775-623-3211.

FARM MECHANIC
Winemore, NV area. Experience necessary, own tools, 40 hours, service truck. Start \$17/hour. Call 775-623-3211.

GENERAL
Kitchen aide - PT 3 days/week. 24 hrs. Call Marsha at the Walker Center 334-6451.

HOTEL
Maintenance person. Experienced in electrical, plumbing, maintenance, pool & grounds. No phone calls. Apply in person at The Amertel Inn, 77-ING-FALLER & SHOP.

HELPERS
For cultured marble business. Make & install tub enclosures, vanities, etc. Ask for Jed or James 208-436-5818 or inquire at 63 W 80 S Rupert, ID.

JANITORIAL
Wendell Family Health Center Needs Person to clean medical building 5 days a week. Must be clean, self starter with "good references." Call 208-336-5441.

LAWN CARE
Experienced mow crew personnel to finish each season. Position to begin immediately. 308-3433, 374-3726, 373-0832.

LAWN MAINTENANCE
Full time. Call 735-9207 or message.

MAINTENANCE
Magic Valley's finest restaurant community is now accepting applications for the position of maintenance technician. Duties include minor electrical and plumbing repair, exterior property maintenance and upkeep. The ideal candidate will have prior work experience in the area of facility maintenance or remodeling. We will consider applicants seeking both full-time or part-time employment. Salary and benefits commensurate with work experience and education. Schedule: Join us and help maintain & enhance our community. Fairview Apartments, 647 Fairview Avenue, 208-734-1600.

MANUFACTURING
Injection molding machine set-up operator. Speers Mfg., Jerome, ID has immediate openings for full-time employees for material handlers and injection molding set-up operators in production. Responsible for set-up and running of molding machines. Will train those with mechanical abilities and self-motivated. Benefits: health, dental, life insurance, vacation, paid holidays, and 401k plan. Applications available at: Speers Manufacturing Plant Security Office 2152 S. Lincoln Jerome ID 324-2152 Equal Opportunity Employer

MAINTENANCE
Spears Manufacturing Company is accepting applications for a full-time Injection Molding Machine Troubleshooter. Mechanic. Knowledge of hydraulic, electrical, and PLC Controls required. Employee health, dental, life insurance, vacation, paid holidays, and 401 (k) plan. Applications available at: Spears Manufacturing Plant Security Office, 2152 South Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho 83336. (208) 324-8101. Spears is an equal opportunity employer.

MANUFACTURING
Exp. cabinet maker in manufacturing plant. Apply in person. No phone calls. 452 South Park Ave. W.

MECHANIC
FT, diesel mechanic. Must have own tools. Apply in person at "Please call 324-7600"

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MECHANIC
Wanted truck mechanic. Please call 324-7148.

MENTAL HEALTH
Psychosocial rehab. position working with adults and children with serious mental illnesses in a small, private mental health clinic. Those individuals reside within the local communities. Minimum of a bachelor's degree in a human service field. Preference given to a licensed individual or an individual who could license. Local travel required. Call Paul at 735-0905.

MISCELLANEOUS
Little Red Hen is currently seeking sales people. Must be flexible with hours. Please apply in person w/resume to Little Red Hen, Magic Valley Mall No phone calls please.

OFFICE
PT office help needed. Dependable, great phone skills, self motivated. Call 8-12 pm Mon-Fri. 733-0988.

PROBATION OFFICER
PT wanted for Lincoln County. For further information and contract description, please contact the Clerk's office located at 111 West B Street, Shoshone, ID or call 208-886-7641.

PROFESSIONAL
RESUMES PLUS Effective, inexpensive resumes. 324-3767.

RECEPTIONIST
Full & part time needed for busy medical office. EOE. Must be flexible with hours. Send resume to Box #1286, c/o The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

REFRIGERATION TECH
for related trucks. FT. Must have own tools. Benefits. Wage DOE. Call 324-7600.

RESTAURANT
Servers Perkins hiring all positions and all shifts. Apply in person Wed. 2 pm - 4 pm, at 800 N. Overland, Burley, ID.

RESTAURANT
Currently accepting applications for the following positions:

RESTAURANT
Waitresses Hostess Apply in person at Senior Center 645 Flar Ave.

RESTAURANT
Thomas Cuisine Management is seeking 2 night shift, 1 part time cook, 1 experienced cook, 1 bartender, and 1 hostess. 401k, insurance, PTO, Excellent compensation, skills and customer service experience required. 775-1078. Apply in person at the MVRMC Cafe 650 Adair Ave.

RESTAURANT
Waitress dinner lunch and dinner Mon-Sat. Apply in person PT. Call 735-0988 428 2nd Ave. E.

RESTAURANT
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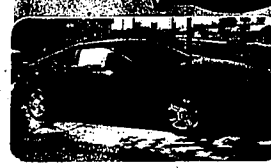
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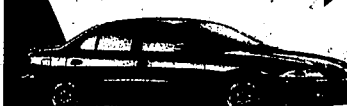
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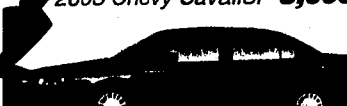


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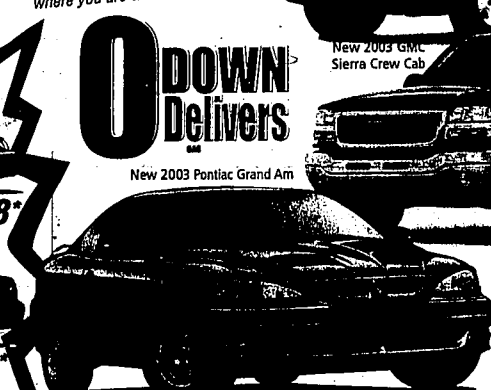
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

"He cursed and counted them and cursed his luck."

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Hugh Kelsey, one of the best bridge writers ever, was an expert at disguising the point of a deal. You never know if you were facing an abstruse master-play or a straightforward exercise in an unfamiliar form.

Take this hand of his, for instance. You are in four hearts and East catches the ace and king of clubs. West—throwing a small spade on the second club. You ruff the third round of clubs with the heart seven, and West overruffs and returns a heart to East's queen and your ace. You play a trump to dummy's king and a second trump and are pleased to see the queen appear—but what now?

Even if the diamond finesse works, you are still not completely out of the woods. What if East has a small singleton diamond? However, you can find out how many diamonds East has if you plan your campaign properly. Maybe counting the hand will make you lucky!

Take your second top spade and make sure to lead the diamond queen, covered by the king and ace. Then play the second key play of ruffing a spade back to hand.

If East discards now, the diamonds must be splitting. But if East follows suit, he has three spades and four hearts, seven clubs and thus only one diamond. So finesse dummy's seven of diamonds on the next round of the suit. If West plays low, or cover his spot-card in dummy and come back to hand with a trump to repeat the finesse.

Bobby Wolff

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 8 4 2		♠ 10 6	
♥ K 8 2		♥ 9 4	
♦ A J 10 7		♦ 5	
♣ Q 8 2		♣ A K J 9 6 5 3	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

The bidding:		South		West		North		East	
3♦		Pass		2♦		3♦		Pass	
3♦		Pass		4♦		Pass		Pass	

Opening lead: Club four

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:		West		North		East	
♠ A K		♠ A K		♠ A K		♠ A K	
♥ A J 7 6 5		♥ A J 7 6 5		♥ A J 7 6 5		♥ A J 7 6 5	
♦ Q 4 2		♦ Q 4 2		♦ Q 4 2		♦ Q 4 2	
♣ 10 7		♣ 10 7		♣ 10 7		♣ 10 7	

ANSWER: Pass, rather than looking for game. Partner's sequence suggests long spades, but not enough points to bid two spades at his first turn—which would have shown 10-plus points and would have been forcing for one round. Since you have the extra trump in terms of high cards or fit, pass and settle for safety.

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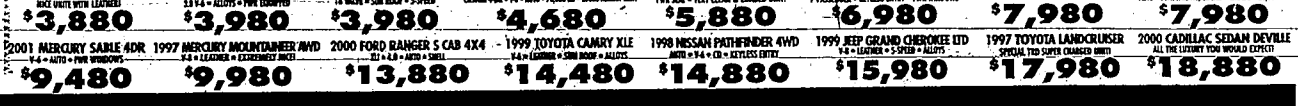
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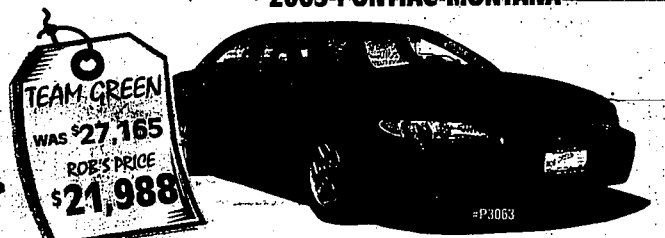
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