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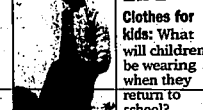
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# Report examines Saudi ties

## Secret sections explore links between royal family, hijacker acquaintances

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Still secret parts of the congressional report into the Sept. 11 attacks examine interactions between Saudi businessmen and the royal family that may have intentionally or unwittingly aided al-Qaida or the suicide hijackers, according to people who have seen it.

The report suggests that one, and possibly two, Saudi men who encountered the hijackers or their acquaintances were tied to Saudi intelligence and that a Muslim imam in the United States may have been a facilitator for some hijackers, the sources said, speaking only on condition of anonymity. The Saudi ambassador to the United States said Saturday that any suggestion the two Saudi men are agents of the

Saudi government is "blatantly false." U.S. investigators are setting out anew to determine if the connections are innocent coincidences in an Islamic culture that urges charitable support or a pattern of pro-terror money and patronage flowing from the wealthy kingdom that is a longtime U.S. ally, according to government officials familiar with those efforts.

Some of the most sensitive information in a 28-page classified section of the report involves what U.S. agencies are doing currently to investigate Saudi business figures and organizations, the officials said. The congressional investigators, however, warn the leads they have dug up for the FBI and CIA to pursue are at times contradictory or circumstantial. The FBI and CIA have not substantiated ties to Saudi intelligence.

"On the one hand, it is possible that these kinds of connections could suggest, as indicated in a CIA memorandum, 'incriminating' evidence about Saudi support for the hijackers." On the other hand, it is also possible that further investigation of these allegations could reveal legitimate and innocent explanations for

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# FALCON QUEST



Idaho Fish and Game wildlife technician and falconer Debbie Sparber talks to a female peregrine falcon after it flew for the first time Friday near Fairfield. The bird, one of five falcons that are being reintroduced in the area, was too tired and unskilled to fly back to its home atop a platform built by Fish and Game.

## Biologists hope to see peregrines return to prairie

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer



Two peregrine falcons wait to be transported to a platform built by Fish and Game where they will spend approximately a week before being released and monitored.

FAIRFIELD - The last pair of the magnificent aerial hunters known to nest near the Camas Prairie was recorded at Anderson Ranch Reservoir more than half a century ago.

Today biologists hope to coax the return of the peregrine falcon to the camas meadows. Wetlands and the surrounding hills offer ideal habitat for the launch into dives at speeds topping 200 mph.

"They are the fastest bird we know of," said Scott Bailey, regional nongame wildlife biologist with the Fish and Game

in Jerome.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game released five speckled falcon chicks on a 20-foot artificial nesting tower during the past two weeks. The chicks - about 35 weeks old - are fitted with radio-collars and placed on the tower in a protective box, said Bruce Haak, regional nongame biologist with Fish and Game in Nampa. About a week later, the falcons are ready to learn to fly and the box is opened.

Biologists plan a subsequent release next year to help establish the population. In the first year of life, the species' mortality rate is 75 percent, Haak said.

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## 'Such a waste': Youths still die due to seat belt neglect

The Associated Press

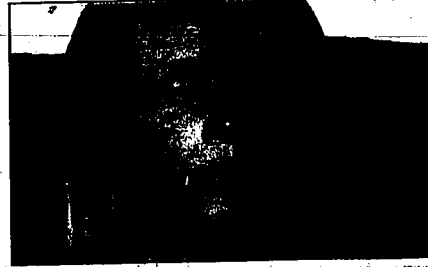
DEERFIELD, Wis. - The car was racing down a country road at speeds well over 100 mph, even though the cop who'd been chasing it had given up. So when the young passengers saw the "T" in the road ahead, they knew there was no way driver Matt Hotmann could stop or make the turn.

Passenger Kyle Smith uttered a swear word. In the back seat, Mary Reinhart squeezed her friend Jeremy Budahn's hand and told him she loved him. "I love you, too, sweetie," he said.

Then Reinhart - knowing that a night of partying with a few friends was about to take a tragic turn - made a last-minute decision that probably saved her life: "I clicked my seat belt and covered my face." She heard the sound of cracking plastic and shattering glass as the car rolled several times into a frozen farm field.

Budahn and Hotmann, who was her boyfriend, died instantly and Smith a few hours later in the hospital. All three were not wear-

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Mary Reinhart, 17, talks July 16 about being the single survivor of a car crash that killed her longtime boyfriend and two other friends last year.



The aftermath of a crash on I-84 east of Boise is seen June 12. Four teens were in the vehicle during the crash, but only two were wearing seat belts. One unbuckled teen died; the other received serious injuries.

7 days, 7 reasons to read

It's a wash America has a love affair with soap. Is it healthy? Monday

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A bite of the valley The Junior Club is showcasing restaurants in city park. Wednesday

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Wagons, hol Glens Ferry renews its Three Island Crossing historical festival next weekend. Friday

New steeples The Mormon Church is sporting a new look. Saturday

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST Today: Comfortable temperatures, mostly cloudy skies and scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs low 80s. Tonight: Early clouds and a few possible storms. Skies will then begin to clear. Lows upper 50s. Tomorrow: Sunny to mostly sunny skies and dry. Highs middle 80s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST Today: Mostly cloudy to cloudy skies and scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs low 80s. Tonight: Early clouds and a few possible storms. Skies will then begin to clear. Lows in the middle to upper 50s. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny skies and mostly dry. Highs in the middle 80s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Showers and thunderstorms are likely for today and it will also be a mild day. By tomorrow the chance of showers and thunderstorms is very small and temperatures will also start a modest warm-up.

BOISE High 64 to 72 Tonight's Lows 34 to 44 Nites again for today as it will not be hot. However, it will be a mostly cloudy day and scattered showers and thunderstorms are also likely. The next few days will be mostly dry with warmer temperatures as well.

NORTHERN UTAH Hit and miss showers and thunderstorms will again develop for today. Storms will be isolated on Monday and Tuesday looks to be sunny and dry.

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Liberia's Taylor agrees to step down

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) - Pressured by fellow West African leaders, President Charles Taylor promised Saturday to resign Aug. 11 after the expected arrival of peacekeepers, as his forces stepped up their battle against rebels for Monrovia's port.

Davis signs \$99B budget to end fiscal standoff

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Calling it nothing to celebrate, California Gov. Gray Davis signed a \$99 billion state budget Saturday that relies heavily on loans, fund shifts and deferrals while leaving a multibillion dollar shortfall next year.

Falcons

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Saudi

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Belts

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But the falcons are expensive

But the falcons are expensive. Billed said. The department scrimped and saved for the Camas reintroduction effort, he said. The birds range from \$500 to \$1,000.

Osama bin Laden, a Saudi by birth

seen the classified section of the report written by a joint House-Senate committee, but based on the Saudi's own investigation "we believe the reason the intelligence community insisted on classification of that section is it could not confirm or agree with what the joint inquiry report says."

California was among the first states to impose tougher laws

happen to me" - stopped them from regularly buckling up. The survey had a margin of error of 5 percentage points.

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# U.S. sees some link between Iraqi attacks, al-Qaida

Knight Ridder News Service

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — L. Paul Bremer, the U.S. civilian administrator for Iraq, said Saturday that military experts have drawn strong links between al-Qaida and other terrorist groups and the guerrilla attacks that have killed 59 U.S. soldiers since May 1 when President Bush declared the end of major combat operations.

Iraq insurgents killed a U.S. soldier and injured three others late Friday night despite stepped-up efforts by American forces to find and disarm increasingly diverse resistance groups.

Bremer said four groups are behind most of the attacks: Baath Party loyalists, remnants of the irregular Saddam Fedayeen force, intelligence officers from

## Another soldier dies — A8

the former regime and foreign fighters. A senior administration official in Washington added a fifth group, common criminals.

The foreign element, Bremer said, includes al-Qaida and Ansar al-Islam, a militant Islamic group that U.S. and Kurdish forces attacked in northern Iraq during the war but is now believed to be restructuring.

"With regret, I say we did not kill all of them," Bremer said. "Some of them escaped to other countries and are now trickling back in."

Senior administration officials in Washington, speaking on the condition of anonymity because

intelligence matters are classified, said the foreigners include Syrians, Saudi Arabians, Jordanians, Yemenis, Pakistanis and even a few Albanians.

Two things are most worrisome, one intelligence official said: Many of the foreign fighters appear to have been trained in terrorist or guerrilla tactics, and none of them appears intent on restoring Saddam to power. Most of the foreigners, in fact, are Islamic militants who cheered the fall of the secular Iraqi regime, the official said.

"The danger is that some of these guys want to make Iraq the next Afghanistan or Somalia or Chechnya, the next battleground between Islam and the infidels. Getting rid of Saddam and turning the electricity back on won't do anything to change that."



U.S. Administrator in Iraq L. Paul Bremer gestures during a news conference Saturday in Baghdad.

# Terror info prompts visa change in U.S.

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—The government acted Saturday to make American commercial airplanes less vulnerable to terrorists, requiring visas for people from most countries when they travel through the United States from one foreign airport to another.

The government suspended two programs that allowed foreigners to stay in U.S. airports without visas while awaiting flights to other countries.

The State Department said al-Qaida and other terrorist organizations had planned to use the programs to get access to flights to and from the United States.

The lack of screening for visas could have allowed potential terrorists to enter the country, without being checked against federal lists of terrorism suspects.

The action by the departments of State and Homeland Security was effective at 9 a.m. MDT Saturday.

The departments "have received specific, credible intelligence ... that certain terrorist organizations including al-Qaida have identified the visa and passport exemptions of those programs as a means to gain access to aircraft en route to and from the United States," State Department spokeswoman JoAnne Frokopoulos said.

She said the intelligence includes information from both the FBI and the CIA.

# Fiscal conservatism marked Dean's tenure

As Vermont governor, he bent state's liberals to his philosophy

By Michael Powell  
The Washington Post

**BURLINGTON, Vt.** — The new governor faced a handful of fellow Democrats in 1992, liberal warriors eager after two years of Republican rule to right every perceived wrong in Vermont. But Howard Dean issued no call to arms.

All of your progressive ideas, Dean told his party caucus, won't amount to anything if Vermonters don't trust you with their money — and they don't. We're seen as tax-happy liberals who spend money unwisely.



Democratic presidential hopeful former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean smiles at supporters while being introduced at a backyard house party in his honor Saturday in Nashua, N.H.

useful as the primaries move south of the Mason-Dixon line. "The national role reversal is that Democrats have become the party of the balanced budget," said Eric Davis, a Middlebury College political scientist. "Howard Dean can lay claim to that."

As governor, Dean preserved hundreds of the acres of forests and lakes and mountains that had come under intense development pressure, passed a landmark health insurance program for children, insisted on pumping money into town centers rather than into sprawling suburbs and signed a bill that allowed gay couples to enter into civil unions.

At the same time, the former doctor resisted raising income taxes, vetoed some social spending for the elderly, and showered tens of millions of dollars in controversial tax breaks to attract businesses to Vermont, although most of the company officials acknowledged they would have relocated or expanded without subsidies.

"I'm a fiscal conservative, and I believe in social justice," Dean said in a recent interview. "I'm

most proud of our fiscal stability — I left the state in better shape than I found it."

Former governor Philip Hoff served three terms in the 1960s, and is regarded as the grand old man of liberal Democratic politics here. His support for Dean comes leavened with skepticism. "I'm quite clear that he sublimated his liberal impulses," Hoff said. "As governor, he fell under the sway of business interests."

On the most contentious issues facing Vermont — civil unions and a statewide funding formula for education — Dean acted only after the state Supreme Court took the lead. "He was very much an incrementalist," said Davis, the Middlebury professor. "He tried some grand steps on health care, but he came to see a succession of small steps as the key to governing."

Dean's governing style was not cozy. He has a doctor's bluntness about him, an astuteness that owes more to his native Manhattan than to some fuzzy Vermont country doctor stereotype. "Doctors are used to being high priests," said John McLaughry, a former Republican state senator who often duplicated with Dean. "If they tell you it's pro-

# Doctors laud president's health

**WACO, Texas (AP)** — President Bush's doctors pronounced him in excellent health after his annual physical examination Saturday and said a calf strain that had slowed his running regimen has healed.

He had several small skin growths treated as a preventive measure, the doctors said after examining Bush.

Bush chose to have an unspecified number of nasal telangiectasias cauterized, spokesman Scott McClellan told reporters on Air Force One as Bush flew to his Texas ranch for a monthlong stay.

# Rocker Nugent seeks debate over Illinois gun policy

**SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP)** — Ted Nugent says Gov. Rod Blagojevich is more than welcome to visit him backstage before his Aug. 11 performance at the Illinois State Fair.

The rocker, whose rights advocate, known for the song "Cat Scratch Fever," is itching to tell Blagojevich how much he dislikes Illinois' gun laws.

"I challenge him to come backstage," Nugent told The (Springfield) State Journal-Register. "And let's talk 'We the people,' let's talk good over evil, let's talk laws forcing good people

to be unarmed and helpless."

The 54-year-old co-author of the cookbook "Kill It & Grill It" said his main complaint is what he called Blagojevich's "refusal to stand up for the Second Amendment."

The comment was aimed at state laws that prohibit retired police officers from carrying concealed weapons.

"How in God's green earth can a governor not allow retired professional heroes of law enforcement to carry guns?" Nugent said. "There's no answer for that. Any

attempt to answer that question would expose a person for the buffoon he is."

The governor's spokeswoman, Angie Amores, declined to comment on Nugent's remarks.

Blagojevich's position on the issue is unclear since a bill that would have allowed retired officers to carry concealed firearms failed to make it through the Legislature this year. Amores said Blagojevich co-sponsored a similar measure that also failed to gain passage when he was a member of Congress.

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## MAGIC VALLEY

## 'Violent' label may not reflect true record

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — When Idaho labels someone a "violent sexual predator," the label may be worse than the reality.

"The term 'Violent' is very misleading in this context," said Kathy Baird, management assistant for the Idaho Sex Offender Classification Board. Offenders labeled as such aren't necessarily more violent than any other sex offender.

That situation puzzles Jim Patrick of Twin Falls, who lives near one of the Magic Valley's three registered sex predators.

"If they're a serious threat, they should be in jail," he said. "If they're not a threat, then it shouldn't be an issue." Baird turns out, violence isn't the only factor in classifying a dangerous sexual predator. Offenders on the "predator" list are regarded as "more violent than any other sex-offense," Baird said.

"We gather all the information about an offender, including criminal history, police reports, sentencing documents, their history in (prison), nature of offense, the number of victims, the victims' ages — and then decide," Baird said.

"There is not a specific criteria, or a list they check off to decide if a person is a violent predator," she said.

One factor is a mental abnormality or personality disorder that makes the offender more likely to repeat a sex offense, she said.

The classification board doesn't even consider an offender unless he already has been labeled as high-risk by a clinical evaluator, Baird said. Evaluators conduct risk assessments on convicted sex offenders six months before they're released from prison.

The classification board consists of four volunteers appointed by the governor for six-year terms, Baird said. The members include two clinical treatment providers, a law enforcement officer and a victim's advocate, she said.

If the board decides to classify someone as a violent sexual predator, the offender has 14 days to appeal to a judge. If the appeal fails, the offender must re-register each year with his local sheriff for the rest of his life.

### They pick the 'predators'

The four-member Idaho Sex Offender Classification Board determines whether someone will be labeled a "violent sexual predator" for life. The volunteer members are appointed by the governor to six-year terms.

- Members are:
- Thomas Hearn, clinical provider
  - Dr. Gary Horton, clinical provider
  - Pamela Huntsman, law enforcement
  - Moscylene Sunderford, victims' advocate

### More information online

The site: For more information on convicted sexual offenders living in Idaho, see the Idaho State Police Web site at [www.isp.state.id.us](http://www.isp.state.id.us).  
A warning: The information comes with a warning that the registry is provided only for protecting the public and is not to be used for the purpose of harassing anyone. A person who uses registry information to commit a crime against another person is subject to arrest and prosecution.

### The wagons are coming

Glenns Ferry renews its Three Island Crossing historical festival.  
**Friday in Weekend**

## SEX OFFENDER PROFILES



**Robert Allison Fowler II**

**Age:** 26  
**Address:** 1010 A. St., Rupert  
**Offense:** Lewd conduct with a minor child under 16  
**History:** In April 1996, while in jail on a separate charge, Fowler wrote a letter to a 13-year-old girl. When the girl's mother found out, the girl admitted she had sneaked out of the family's home in January to have sex with Fowler.

Fowler was sentenced by Cassia County in June 1996, according to court records. Fifth District Judge George Granata Jr. sentenced Fowler, then 19, to 120 days in jail, with credit for 50 days already served. Fowler was put on four years' probation, with a suspended sentence of 18 months to five years in prison.

Fowler was back in court in 1997 on a probation violation. The original suspended sentence with probation was left in place, and Fowler was ordered to undergo sex offender treatment.

After another probation violation in February 1998, Fowler's probation was revoked. The original prison sentence was reinstated, with credit for 264 days he'd already served in jail. His probation violations included: failure to undergo a substance abuse evaluation; living with a 16-year-old girl (not the same girl he'd been

involved with in 1996); failure to attend a Sexaholics Anonymous meeting; and a 12-step meeting; stealing two checks from his brother; using drugs; moving without notifying his probation officer; and missing appointments with his probation officer.

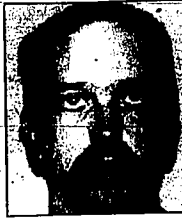


**Dale Gene McDonald**

**Age:** 31  
**Address:** 3175 N. 2200 E., Twin Falls  
**Offense:** Solicitation of lewd conduct with a minor child under 16  
**History:** In September 1995, the Twin Falls police investigators determined McDonald had tried to have sex with a girl under age 10. The girl told police. McDonald had repeatedly asked her to have sex, but she refused.

The girl said she tried to leave McDonald's house, but he grabbed her arm and pulled her back inside. He offered her anything he owned to have sex with him — except a pickup that belonged to his brother. McDonald pleaded guilty and was given a suspended prison sentence and five years' probation. A string of probation violations followed — in February 1997, September 1997 and March 1998. His probation violations included: failing polygraph tests; maintaining a relationship with a minor; failure to

notify his probation officer he was fired from his job; going to a place frequented by minors (Twin Falls County Fair) with another sex offender; failure to pay nearly \$1,000 to his therapist; masturbating to pornography; being alone with a 10-year-old girl.  
McDonald was sentenced in March 1998 to five years in prison, with two years fixed. He was released from prison in February 2003, according to Idaho Correction Department records.



**Jason Dee Spencer**

**Age:** 35  
**Address:** 218 W. Ave. 1, Splice 33  
**Offense:** Lewd conduct with a child under 16  
**History:** The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department investigated a child abuse case in June 1989. Deputies interviewed several children and determined Spencer had abused five children under age 10.

Subsequent criminal charges described Spencer sexually touching a toddler, as well as lining up several children in a row and forcing them to perform oral sex on him. The children said Spencer threatened to beat or kill them if they told anyone about him.  
"Jason Dee Spencer has a prior record as a juvenile for this same

type of crime," a sheriff's deputy wrote. "I believe Jason will continue to commit the acts, and will continue to force other young children to commit the acts."  
In June 1989, when Spencer was 21, he was charged with five felony counts of lewd conduct with a minor under 16, court records show. Sentenced to prison on two counts, he was released in 1999, Idaho Correction Departments records show.

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# Predators

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 other information in the local newspaper. The sheriff must republish the notice every year.

Out of more than 2,300 registered adult sex offenders in Idaho, the classification board has listed 24 as "violent sexual predators." According to an Idaho State Police Web site, three of those offenders live in Magic Valley.

Dale Gene McDonald, 31, 3175 N. 2200 E., Twin Falls. His offense: solicitation of lewd conduct with a minor child under 16 in 1990.

Jason Dee Spencer, 35, 218 W. Ave. I, Space 33, Jerome. His offense: two counts of lewd conduct with a child under 16 in 1990.

Robert Allison Fowler II, 26, 1010 A St., Rupert. His offense: lewd conduct with a minor child under 16 in 1996.

The new law has been criticized on a couple of counts. Its wording can be misleading, because an offender classified as "violent" may have no actual violence on his record. Fowler's offense involved consensual sex with a 13-year-old girl.

Another criticism — commonly used by relatives of sex offenders — is that the law unfairly stigmatizes a select group of ex-convicts.

**What neighbors say**  
 So far, the law's impact seems to be limited. Though local sheriffs have published the notices, most neighbors interviewed by *The Times-News* were unaware of offenders living nearby.

Jim Patrick of Twin Falls hadn't known he lived near registered sexual predator Dale Gene McDonald until a reporter "knocked on his door."

"I think people should know, but I do feel bad for the family," he said. "Sometimes it comes back to the family."

Neighbor Jess Etchemendy, also unaware of McDonald's designation, said public exposure is "the best remedy for sex offenders."

"For those guys, I think what punishes them more is what the general public thinks of them," he said.

Etchemendy illustrated his point with a story. He knows a young man who used to think of himself as a tough guy. The 280-pound brawler found frequent reasons to brawl — until public humiliation stopped him.

"He had to pick up trash along a highway, and some of his friends saw him," Etchemendy said. "They teased him about it, and even two years later still tease him. If he acts up, someone will say, 'I thought I saw some trash along the road.'"

He hopes the same kind of humiliation will deter sexual predators.

But Sherri Whitlock of Jerome has mixed feelings about publishing offender information. She lives near offender Jason Spencer, but, "As long as he leaves my children alone and keeps out of trouble, I'm fine," she said.

What concerns Whitlock more is public reaction to sex offenders.

"When they publish addresses it could cause problems," she said. "If someone decides to take a pot shot at them, it could involve the neighbors."

**A family's perspective**  
 None of the three local men

labeled as predators responded to *The Times-News* requests for interviews, despite a reporter's visits to the homes of McDonald and Spencer, and a certified letter sent to Fowler.

But two of Spencer's family members spoke on condition of anonymity. They said "Carissa's Law" is unfair. Their chief complaints were a fear of harassment and the lack of a registry for other types of offenders.

"People are the cruelest things, especially when they don't know the truth," a female family member said.

Spencer was living near a "dope house" who left him with her children, and the next day he was arrested, she said.

"The same people who accused him also accused three other people over the years," she said.

A 1989 criminal complaint said Spencer had sexual contact with five children under the age of 10 — including forcing several children to perform oral sex on him. An investigator wrote that Spencer already had a juvenile record of "this same type of crime" and was likely to reoffend.

Spencer's relative said Spencer faced an uphill legal battle, because he didn't have much money.

"We weren't rich enough to get a lawyer," she said. "One lawyer told me he would get him probation for \$3,000, but I didn't have the money."

Another of Spencer's family members complained that the law singles out sex offenders. He'd like to know whether a murderer or drug dealer lives near him, he said.

"They should list all felons, not just sex offenders," he said.

Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb said there's a reason sex offenders are singled out for publicity.

"I think the feeling among legislators is that, statistically, sex offenders are more likely to repeat and continue their behavior than murderers," he said.

Another common argument against sex offender registries — also voiced by the same relative of Spencer — is that subjecting ex-convicts to publicity amounts to double jeopardy.

"It punishes a person twice for something they might have done," he said. "It condemns him again for trying to make a decent living and get on with his life."

Not so, said Loeb. Publishing sex predator information is simply part of the punishment prescribed by law — and that's not double jeopardy,

he said. Both family members said Spencer hasn't mentioned any harassment.

**Concern about accuracy**

Marty Durand, legislative counsel for the Idaho chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, said courts have established that publishing information about sex predators doesn't infringe on the offender's rights. Her concern, though, is accuracy.

"Since the new law requires sheriffs to take the extra step and publish the photos, they should take the extra step to make sure the information is accurate. There is no remedy if a wrong photo or address is printed, because lawsuits are barred against sheriff's offices for this."

State Sen. Denton Darrington, R-

Declo, chairman of the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee, said stemming sex abuse is a crucial goal.

"Sex offenders are hard to identify, and they are the most pervasive criminals in society," he said. "They cause great harm to children."

Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Touseley said he thinks publishing sexual predator information is necessary.

"It helps to make those people responsible, and allows the public to know," he said.

Touseley's chief complaint is purely practical. Though the law requires offenders to pay \$50 to publish their information, printing the notice in the paper for three consecutive weeks cost Touseley about \$72.

(Times-News writer Shellen Ridenour contributed to this story.)

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# Vice president's prewar role draws attention

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — Unlike CIA Director George Tenet and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, who have taken responsibility and expressed regret for allowing President Bush to make an erroneous claim in his State of the Union address, Vice President Dick Cheney in recent days has staked out an unapologetic defense of the war in Iraq.

Last week, the president took personal responsibility for the claim that Iraq sought to buy uranium from Africa, an assertion that rested partly on forged documents. But a day later, Cheney was basking in applause during a speech to conservative state legislators with a line suggesting little doubt about the war's justifications or results.

"In Iraq, a dictator with a deep and bitter hatred of the United States — who built, possessed and used weapons of mass destruction and cultivated ties to terrorists — is no more," Cheney said.

As the White House fends off criticism about whether the administration misused prewar intelligence, lawmakers and analysts are increasingly scrutinizing the role played by Cheney. Some are asking if Cheney, one of the most powerful figures in the administration and perhaps the most influential vice president in history, went too far in making the case for war.

Cheney has drawn attention for several reasons, among them his prewar visits to CIA analysts; which some say pressured those analysts to exaggerate the Iraqi threat; his involvement in the claim that Iraq was seeking to buy uranium from Niger; and his strong prewar statements, some of which "are now in question," on Iraq's weapons program.

Critics say Cheney's role may have helped mask significant disputes within the U.S. intelligence community. Those disputes have been raised anew given the failure to find chemical or biological weapons in Iraq or evidence of a reconstituted nuclear weapons program.

Officials at the CIA and the vice president's office have explained Cheney's personal visits to CIA headquarters in Langley, Va., as a healthy indication of his attention to their work, and not an attempt to skew conclusions to fit a policy goal of toppling Saddam Hussein.

But Greg Thielmann, who retired in September as director of strategic, proliferation and military affairs in the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research, said he saw no similar curiosity from Cheney about the State Department's intelligence shop, known as INR.

That agency was far more skeptical than the CIA about claims that Iraq possessed threatening weaponry.

"One would think if Cheney was on some sort of noble pursuit of the truth and really wanted to get into details, he would have noticed that INR had very loud and lengthy dissents on some critical pieces of Iraq intelligence," Thielmann said.

"You'd think he might want to hear from us," he added. "It never happened, of course, because Cheney wasn't engaged in an academic search for truth."

The State Department bureau concluded last October there was no compelling evidence Iraq had rebuilt its nuclear weapons program, according to recently declassified portions of a National Intelligence Estimate, a top-level synthesis of U.S. intelligence reports.

INR also characterized as "highly dubious" claims that Iraq sought to buy uranium from Africa. "We thought the nuclear section of the estimate was so

## Cheney made numerous visits to CIA analysts to discuss evidence against Saddam's regime

flawed that we thought we needed to have a whole special treatment of it to explain our views," Thielmann said.

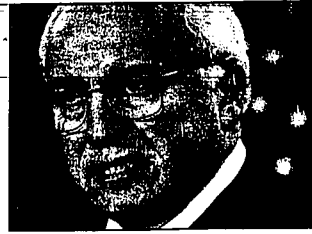
An official in Cheney's office said CIA analysts offered the government's most authoritative information on Iraq and other intelligence matters, and "dis-

missed the State Department's dissent as a small minority view in the intelligence community. Cheney's office also declined to specify how many times the vice president visited with analysts, or to describe what was discussed.

But some say Cheney's visits contributed to an atmosphere that

pressured the CIA to conform with an administration policy bent on regime change in Iraq.

"These visits were unprecedented," wrote three Democratic members of Congress in a July 21 letter to Cheney. "Normally, vice presidents, yourself included, receive regular briefing from (the) CIA in your office and have a CIA officer on permanent detail. There is no reason for the vice president to make personal visits to CIA analysts."



Vice President Dick Cheney said last week that Iraq was justified, although much of the original evidence for the war has since been discredited and no weapons of mass destruction have yet been found.

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## Bank takes blame for Kerry payment

BOSTON (AP) — The Heinz family's bank says it's responsible for a late tax payment on a Nantucket, Mass., home shared by Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry and his wife Teresa Heinz Kerry.

A spokesman for the Pittsburgh-based Mellon Financial Corp., which oversees the trust that owns the property, said Friday that a payment of \$10,326.79 for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2003 was sent by overnight mail as soon as the lapse was discovered Thursday afternoon. The Nantucket tax office said it received the payment Friday afternoon.

Kerry called the tax problem a "non-story" that has "nothing to do with me, nothing to do with my wife."

"The bank is entirely responsible for it," Kerry said during a campaign stop in Boston. "For 19 years, they've paid it. For some reason, this got hung up."

# AIDS comeback causes officials to alter prevention strategy

ATLANTA (AP) - Americans became complacent about safe sex. Revolutionary new drugs allowed HIV-infected people to live longer. A new generation of gay men entered their 20s without the memory of the early days of AIDS devastation.

Health officials saw the signs and worried that AIDS - after declining for a decade - could make a comeback in this country. Last week, new figures showed that predictions were right - AIDS diagnoses increased for the first time in 10 years.

Many Americans felt that AIDS had become an African epidemic, that the disease was under control here. That complacency is one of the main reasons that new HIV infections have been creeping up lately, especially among gay men in large cities.

"There needs to be a lot more attention paid to the HIV epidemic in the United States," said Jim Curran, dean of Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health, and a former AIDS director with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "People need to realize there's still no cure and no vaccine. Our biggest enemy in HIV prevention is complacency about our epidemic here."

Last year, 42,136 new AIDS cases were diagnosed in the United States, up 2.2 percent from the previous year. The number of gay and bisexual men infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, was up for the third year in a row after a decade of declining numbers.

Health officials say prevention efforts have stalled, and they are changing their strategy from one of preventing new cases to counseling those who already have HIV in an attempt to get them to stop spreading it.

The CDC estimates 850,000 to 950,000 Americans are living with HIV, and nearly 385,000 of those have full-blown AIDS.

"I don't think we're losing the war, but we're certainly not winning it," said Dr. Ronald Valdeserri, a CDC deputy director.

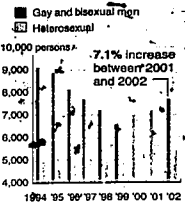
Since 1990, the U.S. HIV infection rate has been constant at 40,000 cases a year. The country is in danger of failing to meet its goal of cutting that number in half by 2005. Not meeting the goal will result in 12,000 more people infected with HIV by 2010 and a health care cost of \$18 billion, researchers estimate.

New threats have emerged: Up to 15 percent of new HIV cases in the country are believed to have drug-resistant strains of the virus. Other statistics have indicated

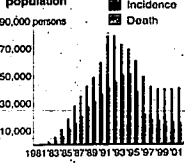
## HIV cases rise in gay and bisexual men

The number of newly diagnosed cases of HIV among gay and bisexual men rose by 7.1 percent from 2001 to 2002 in a study of 25 states. It is the third straight year the number has increased. Overall, there was a 2.2 percent increase in AIDS diagnoses nationwide in the general population.

Estimated number of HIV diagnoses by risk exposure



Estimated incidence of AIDS and deaths in the general population



NOTE: U.S. States with long-standing HIV reporting procedures. SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

an increase of risky sexual behavior. Syphilis outbreaks have erupted in recent years among gay men in America's largest cities.

The problem, and the answer, health officials say, lies in prevention. The new generation of sexually active Americans do not remember the devastation of the AIDS epidemic. AIDS-era veterans have suffered burnout from years of good-health messages and safe-sex practices. There's also a lack of concern because of life-extending drugs. Some gay men use the term "pill fatigue" to describe what happens when someone tires of taking HIV medication for many years.

"Part of it is complacency, part of it is indifference - people may

know it and they just don't care," said Terje Anderson of the National Alliance of People with AIDS. "Part of it is fatigue - guys have been trying to stay safe for 20 years, how do you keep doing it? At a certain point people are losing their ability to do that and it's very troubling."

At the Outwrite Bookstore and Coffeehouse in Atlanta's Midtown district, customers ponder the changes in the AIDS epidemic.

"It's not something people want to talk about - it's not in people's faces all the time as 20 years ago," says the bookstore owner, Philip Rafshoon, 42, who has lost friends to the disease. "People want to have sex and it's hard to always remember to have safe sex and it's hard to stop yourself from pushing the limits."

Those interviewed said unsafe sex still was being practiced and prevention messages don't target the restaurants, clubs or bars frequented by gays. Some said there hasn't been nearly enough outreach for young people, who are becoming sexually active.

"Nowadays, people cheat - no matter how long you have a partner, always use a condom," said

Kenneth Royster, 34. Demond Campbell, 29, said he tries to be careful but admits there have been one or two times in the past five years when a condom wasn't available.

"(HIV) could be in the back of people's minds until it happens to them," Campbell said. "I think that it's still serious, but since medication, it's a little bit better but still scary."

Both men, who are black, said that there isn't enough emphasis on prevention in the black gay community. Royster said there seem to be more prevention messages during high-profile events, such as Atlanta's gay festivals.

"Others say they've been faced with unsafe sex. 'I've had many occasions where I've had people who did not want to (use a condom) and I get rather upset,' said Tom, 25, who did not want to give his last name. "It's unimpressive seeing how many unprotected casual relationships are out here."

In April, CDC director Dr. Julie Gerberding, noticing current efforts had stalled, announced a change in the country's HIV prevention strategy. The new focus is on stopping HIV patients from

transmitting the virus to others. That plan also aims to reduce the number of mother-to-child HIV transmissions and to take advantage of a new rapid test for screenings in homeless shelters, drug treatment centers, jails and other non-medical settings.

A new antibody test the CDC will distribute next year will be able to tell if someone has been infected in the last six months. Experts hope it will enable them

to pinpoint infection hotspots to control new HIV outbreaks.

The country's previous strategy focused on addressing potentially risky behavior in uninfected people.

"We haven't put as much emphasis on HIV-infected people as we should," Gerberding said then. "It's very important to know who their partners are and to make sure they have access to prevention (and) treatment."

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On the run

# Bin Laden stays silent; Saddam goes verbal

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The Bush administration's public enemies No. 1 and 2 — Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden — have taken a night-and-day approach to life on the lam.

The ousted Iraqi dictator has kept up a near-weekly verbal barrage, issuing taped warnings from hiding that have grown more frequent as the U.S. search for him expands. But messages from bin Laden, the elusive terrorist mastermind, have all but stopped.

Bin Laden, the mastermind of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, was last heard from on April 7, exhorting Muslims in a tape obtained by The Associated Press to rise up against Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and other governments he claimed were "agents of America."

The tape, which CIA analysts said appeared to be authentic, made a vague reference to the Iraq conflict, although it was not clear enough to determine whether it had been recorded before or after the war began on March 20.

Fresh television images of the bearded leader of the al-Qaida terrorist organization have not been seen for more than a year and a half, since just after U.S. troops ousted his Taliban hosts from power in Afghanistan in late 2001.

In contrast, Saddam has made at least a half dozen audio broadcasts since the Iraqi capital, Baghdad, fell to American troops on April 9. In the latest audiotape, aired Friday, the deposed Iraqi leader urges followers not to lose faith.

"One day the occupation army will falter ... victory is possible at any moment," the speaker said on



Osama bin Laden is keeping quiet, in hopes of eluding the U.S. search for him, while Saddam Hussein knows his days are numbered, analysts say.

the tape that the CIA said was most likely authentic.

Last Tuesday, the al-Arabiya television network played a tape in which Saddam said his sons, Qadai and Qusai, died "for the sake of God, the nation, the people" when U.S. forces killed them in a shootout on July 22 in the northern Iraqi town of Mosul.

"Even if Saddam Hussein has 100 sons other than Qadai and Qusai, Saddam Hussein would offer them the same path," said the voice identified as Saddam.

Another Saddam tape was aired by al-Arabiya on July 23. Yet another recording attributed to the former Iraqi president was purportedly made on July 14. U.S. intelli-

gence officials have said that all the recent recordings probably were authentic.

Talat Massoud, a retired Pakistani general and security analyst, said bin Laden's relative silence is more ominous than promising.

"Saddam knows the game is up and everything he does now is an attempt to secure his place in history who stood up to the Americans and sacrificed his two sons for the cause of Iraqi freedom," said Massoud.

"Bin Laden, on the other hand, thinks he is in it for the long haul. He's trying to stay alive to continue his mission," the analyst added.

Bin Laden's restraint has served

him well. Shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks, President Bush vowed to capture the Saudi millionaire "dead or alive."

But nearly two years later bin Laden is still out there, and his terrorist group, while tattered, has managed to allegedly carry out several devastating attacks — including the October 2002 bombing that killed 202 people in Bali, Indonesia, and the May 12 bombings in Saudi Arabia that killed 34 people, including eight Americans.

Intelligence officials believe bin Laden is hiding in a mountain region that straddles the Pakistan-Afghan border, protected by loyal followers and surrounded by ultra-conservative Pashtun tribesmen who are mistrustful of the United States. It is an immense and forbidding area, with countless caves and hidden passes — an ideal place to hide.

Saddam, meanwhile, is believed to be desperately hopping from house to house, perhaps sticking to a patch of Iraq known as the Sunni Triangle where he still has support — the same strategy that proved fatal to his sons. U.S. forces are expanding their search, however. Military sources in Mosul said the Americans may be shifting the focus from his home region to a swath of northwestern Iraqi desert stretching to the Syrian border.

Florida Sen. Bob Graham, a Democratic presidential hopeful and former chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said recently that Washington had "lost focus" on al-Qaida and bin Laden when it turned its attention to war with Iraq.

## Soldier becomes 52nd casualty since Bush declared war over

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A U.S. soldier was killed and three were wounded in a rocket-propelled grenade attack on their convoy east of Baghdad, the military reported Saturday.

The soldier killed late Friday, was the 52nd to die in combat in Iraq since President Bush declared major fighting over on May 1.

So far 167 soldiers have died in the Iraq War, 20 more than during the 1991 Gulf War.

Insurgents have increasingly turned to attacking passing

American convoys with remote-controlled bombs.

The Arab satellite television broadcaster Al-Jazeera reported that one U.S. soldier also died Saturday morning in an attack north of the capital, but the military said it had no details on the incident.

The military also announced Saturday that U.S. soldiers firing in self-defense Friday, had killed a woman who was standing near where attackers dropped an explosive from an overpass onto the U.S. convoy below.



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## Tribe buries Saddam's sons in hometown

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — Saddam Hussein's two elder sons and a grandson were buried as martyrs Saturday in rocky soil near the deposed leader's hometown, where insurgents afterward attacked U.S. troops with three remote controlled bombs.

At least two American soldiers were injured in the remote-controlled explosions in Tikrit after elders of Saddam's tribe buried the ousted dictator's sons Qadai and Qusai, along with Qusai's 14-year-old son, in an outlying village.

Tribal leaders chanted prayers over three side-by-side graves in the family plot in al-Uja, where the Iraqi leader was buried.

The family wrapped the three bodies in the nation's flag, designating them as martyrs for the Iraqi cause.

Lt. Col. Steve Russell, of the Tikrit-based 4th Infantry Division, said villagers wanted the funeral to be peaceful.

The people of al-Uja just wanted it over with, they didn't want to make a big deal about it," Russell said. He said tribal leaders contacted the army on Friday to tell them the bodies would be arriving.

"One of the sheiks was very nervous about it all and came to our forces pleading that we be aware so nothing would happen to the people of al-Uja," Russell said.

The army flew the bodies to an airfield just north of Tikrit, and sent them in Iraqi Red Crescent Society ambulances to the cemetery, Russell said. About 20 cars passed through an existing U.S. military checkpoint to reach the burial. Russell said soldiers observed proceedings from a distance but did not approach.

The Red Crescent acted as intermediary between Saddam's family and the U.S. military, which had kept the bodies in refrigerated storage at Baghdad International Airport.

Military morticians had reconstructed the brothers' faces to look lifelike, and allowed Western journalists to videotape and photograph them, after Iraqi civilians voiced skepticism that Qadai and Qusai were really dead. Images of the autopsied bodies were flashed across the Arab world by satellite broadcasters, largely dispelling lingering doubts.

Still, many Iraqis complained about the treatment of the bodies — the autopsies and reconstruction of the brothers' faces — as being deeply contrary to Muslim practice that demands corpses be buried untouched and before sundown on the day of death.

Despite the attacks, there was no widespread violence against U.S. troops in Tikrit — as feared — though al-Uja residents expressed the U.S. military for not burying the bodies earlier.

"Burying them is just giving them their rights," student Ali Ahmad said.

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1:00 p.m. 4-H Demonstration Contest & Creed Speaking	5:30 p.m. Archery Shoot - Softball Field
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# Scientists: Warming trend will continue

## Arctic provides preview of conditions to come, climate analysts warn

By Seth Borenstein Knight Ridder News Service

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - Alaska is melting. Glaciers are receding. Permafrost is thawing. Roads are collapsing. Forests are dying. Villages are being forced to move, and animals are being forced to seek new habitats.

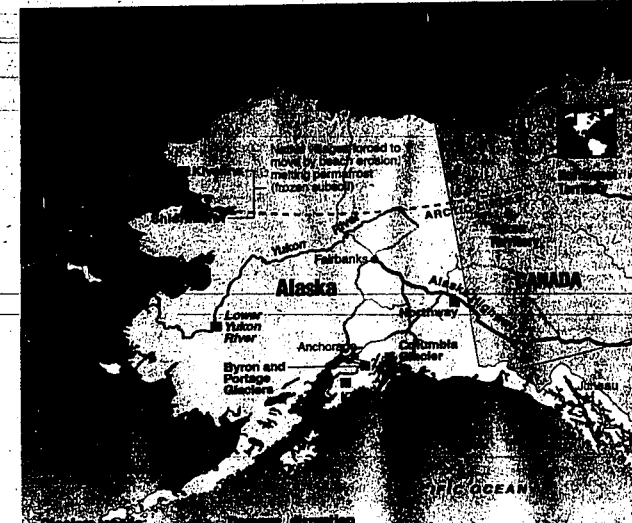
What's happening in Alaska is a preview of what people farther south can expect, said Robert Corell, a former top National Science Foundation scientist who heads research for the Arctic Climate Impact Assessment team.

"If you want to see what will be happening in the rest of the world 25 years from now, just look at what's happening in the Arctic," Corell said.

Alaska and the Arctic are warming up fast, top international scientists will tell senior officials from eight Arctic countries at a three-day conference in Iceland beginning Tuesday. They will disclose early, disturbing findings from a massive study of polar climate change.

In Alaska, year-round average temperatures have risen by 5 degrees Fahrenheit since the 1960s, and average winter temperatures soared 8 degrees in that period, according to the federal government. The entire world is expected to warm by 2.5 to 10 degrees Fahrenheit by 2100, predict scientists at the International Panel on Climate Change.

Last year was the hottest year in Alaskan history, and this past winter was the second warmest on record, according to the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville,



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- Northernly Joses part of highway into sinkhole 25 ft (8 m) deep
- Kenai Peninsula invaded by spruce bark beetles, massive spruce tree deaths
- Lower Yakona River has massive tree attacks, big salmon runs disrupted by warmer water, begin earlier

Source: Knight Ridder/Washington Bureau. Graphic: Todd Lindstrom

N.C., which found that Alaskan temperatures began to rise dramatically in 1976. This July, Anchorage recorded its second highest temperature ever as tourists got sunbans.

Deborah Williams, the executive director of the Alaska Conservation Foundation, used to take visitors from the Lower 48 to the famous Perage Glacier just outside Anchorage, where the \$8 million Begich-Boggs visitor center opened in 1986. By 1993, the Portage glacier had receded so much that it no longer could be seen from the visitors' center.

Williams still takes visitors to the site, seeing the glacier's retreat as a warning.

"Alaska is the melting tip of the iceberg, the parting canary," said Williams, who was the chief Interior Department official for Alaska during the Clinton administration.

Portage is "a glacier that's almost out of water; it's thinned dramatically," said U.S. Geological Survey geologist Bruce Molnia, the author of the book "Glaciers of Alaska." About 98 percent of Alaska's glaciers are retreating or stagnant, he said.

Alaskan glaciers add 13.2 trillion gallons of melted water to the seas each year - the equivalent of more than 13 million Olympic-sized swimming pools, University of Alaska in Fairbanks scientists concluded after a decade of studying glaciers with airborne lasers. The rate of glacier run-off has doubled over just a few decades, they found. Alaska's melting glaciers are the No. 1 reason the

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# Police: Man said he was Saudi prince

DETROIT (AP) - It's good to be the prince, but only if you're the real thing.

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oceans are rising, Molnia said. Another frozen staple — of Alaska's northern lands — permafrost — is also thawing and "is probably the biggest problem on land," said Guntter Weller, director of the Center for Global Change and Arctic System Research at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks.

Permafrost is land that stays frozen year-round. Villagers rely on the hard permafrost to prevent beach erosion from violent ocean storms. Two Alaskan native villages, Shishmaref and Kivalina, must relocate because melting permafrost has caused beach erosion, leaving the towns vulnerable to severe storms.

About 600 people live in 150 homes in Shishmaref, a century-old village on a barrier island just south of the Arctic Circle. On the island's northern edge, erosion is so severe that the village voted to move two years ago, but villagers haven't been able to find a new site or money to finance the massive undertaking, said Percy Nayokupuk, president of the Shishmaref Native Corporation. "It's a matter of safety," Nayokupuk said. "We're on this small low island. One bad storm could possibly wipe out the village. There is nowhere to run."

Melting permafrost also means trouble for the oil industry. Oil companies build pipelines and roads on it to support drilling on the North Slope. To minimize damage to Arctic tundra, oil companies explore for oil on Alaska's North Slope only when roads are frozen with a foot of ice and six inches of snow. The ice-free season has dropped from 200 days a year in 1970 to 103 days in 2002, according to Alaska state documents.

"It is unlikely the oil industry can implement successful exploration and development plans with a winter work season consistently less than 120 days," an Alaska Department of Natural Resources budget document said in March.

While global warming is hurting oil drilling, it's the increased burning of fossil fuels such as oil that causes global warming, in the Department of Energy announced that it would spend \$270,000 to help Alaska rewrite its rules about how thick ice roads should be.

Permafrost lies under 166 Alaskan towns and 1,700 miles of Alaskan highways. Melting is causing whole chunks of the Alaska Highway to come apart, state officials said at a January global-warming conference.

Permafrost is melting "under forests as well as under buildings and roads," said atmospheric scientist Michael MacCracken, who headed federal climate-change studies in the 1990s.

So far, the greatest effect on forests has come from the spruce-bark beetle, according to Glenn Juday, a professor of forest ecology at the University of Alaska at

“It is unlikely the oil industry can implement successful exploration and development plans with a winter work season consistently less than 120 days”

— Alaska Department of Natural Resources document, on the effect of a warming climate

Fairbanks. The beetle, which kills spruce trees, has long lived in Alaska's forests, but normally takes two years to grow and reproduce; cold spells cut their numbers.

With global warming, however, the beetles now are damaging as many trees each year as they used to ruin in two, Juday said. More than 4 million acres of spruce — Alaska's predominant tree — have been killed, especially on the Kenai Peninsula.

"It's the largest episode of insect-caused tree mortality ever recorded in North America," Juday said.

The spruce-bark beetle isn't alone. Other tree-killing invaders made welcome by warmer weather include the larch soft fly, the aspen leaf miner and the birch leaf roller, Juday said.

As Alaska's climate gets warmer and drier, Juday's studies indicate, black and white spruces, which make up 90 percent of the state's main forests, won't survive. By the turn of the next century, Alaska's forests will resemble the Aspen-treed grasslands along the northern edge of the Great Plains in North Dakota and Montana, Juday said.

Some scientific reports also blame global warming for plummeting herring and salmon populations, Williams said. In the Yukon River, a warm-water parasite has infected salmon and herring, a key food source for marine mammals such as the stellar sea lion.

Warm waters have made Alaska's Bristol Bay salmon runs occur earlier than normal, making it harder for the salmon to survive, said Alaska Department of Fish and Game biologist Slim Morstad.

In addition, warm-weather wildlife, such as moose and beaver, are heading unusually far north, while species that require frigid weather "don't have anywhere to move to," said scientist MacCracken. Marine mammals such as walrus, ring seals and polar bears may soon see their numbers shrink along with the Arctic ice, Weller said.

Episcopalians face historic vote on gay bishop

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Some of the greatest warnings to Episcopalians about their upcoming vote on the role of gays in their denomination have come from sister churches as far away as Nigeria and Malaysia.

The Episcopal General Convention, meeting this week in Minneapolis, will make decisions only for the American church. But conservatives overseas have said a pro-gay vote would damage their ability to win members to the global Anglican Communion, of which the Episcopal Church is the U.S. branch.

Convention delegates are expected to decide by Monday whether to approve the first openly gay elected bishop — the Rev. V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire. Later in the week, they will consider authorizing a blessing ceremony for same-sex couples.

"In the Muslim world, dioceses are up against a propaganda machine from the other side saying, 'How can you be Anglican when your bishops believe in same-sex relationships?'" said the Rev. Peter Moore, a conservative and dean of Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in Pennsylvania. "It exposes Christians in those coun-



Episcopal Bishop-Elect Gene Robinson speaks before the Episcopal Church's National General Convention Friday in Minneapolis, Minn. Church delegates will vote on whether to ratify the first election of Robinson, an openly gay bishop.

tries to persecution."

Advocates for gay rights in the Episcopal Church contend the threat is exaggerated and that the Anglican Communion will thrive as it grows more accepting of homosexuals. But Anglican leaders do not easily dismiss complaints from their counterparts in developing countries.

The bishops protesting the loud-est represent more than a third of

mother Church of England among 38 Anglican branches.

The Episcopal Church has 2.3 million members. "There is a huge body count of people out there, especially in Third World countries, that is against this," said the Rev. Robert Wright, a professor of church history at General Theological Seminary, an Episcopal school in New York.

Money is also a factor in the debate. Impoverished overseas dioceses need funding from wealthy parishioners like those in the United States, but many fear American donors will force a "western agenda" on them that includes condoning homosexual-

ity. These overseas opponents add like-minded bishops in the United States have said that approving either Robinson or same-sex blessings would force them to consider separating from the U.S. church.

Robinson faces two more votes before he can be confirmed. He was elected by his diocese in June, but the church requires that a majority of convention delegates ratify his election.

The next vote is expected today in a legislative body composed of clergy and lay people.

the 77 million communion members around the world, including parts of Africa and Asia where Anglicanism is expanding the fastest. There are also regions where Anglicans tend to be more conservative.

A leading opponent is Archbishop Peter Akinola, head of the Anglican Church of Nigeria, which serves 17.5 million people and ranks second in size to the

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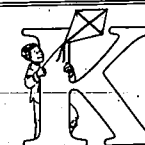
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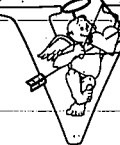
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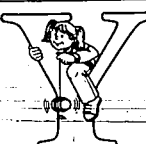
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Rescuers search rubble after attack

Russian officials suspect Chechens

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia (AP) — Rescuers on Saturday picked through the rubble of a military hospital destroyed by a suicide attack the day before, while the death toll rose to 42 and Russian officials said they suspected Chechen rebels were behind the explosion.

An unidentified attacker rammed a truck packed with explosives through the gates of the four-story red brick hospital Friday night in the city of Mozdok in the North Ossetia region, the region's Emergency Situations Minister Boris Degoyev said. He said 98 patients and 21 employees were inside the building at the time of the explosion.

About 700 rescue workers used sniffer dogs and heavy machinery to search for more victims and clear the blast site. Officials said they expected the death toll to rise as the rubble is cleared.

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov broke off his summer vacation to travel to the site Saturday at the request of President Vladimir Putin. He said the act of terrorism was possible because "special military security orders were disobeyed. He said the chief of the Mozdok military garrison had been suspended pending an investigation.

Nobody claimed responsibility for the attack, but Russian officials said they suspected Chechen rebels were behind it. Suicide bombings have killed more than 100 people in and near Chechnya and in Moscow since May.

Maj. Gen. Nikolai Lituyk, deputy head of the regional Emergency Situations Ministry, said after the blast that a truck broke through the hospital gates, drove past some tents, exploded and exploded, leaving a crater 26 feet across and 10 feet deep.

Russian forces withdrew from Chechnya following a 1994-1996 war that left separatists in charge, but returned in 1999 after Chechnya-based militants invaded a neighboring region



A woman looks at the remains of a Russian military hospital in the city of Mozdok Saturday. The building was destroyed by a suicide attack Friday.

and after the Kremlin also blamed rebels for apartment-building bombings that killed about 300 people.

In May in Chechnya, a truck-bomb attack similar to Friday's blast killed 60 people and a woman blew herself up at a reli-

gious ceremony, killing at least 18. Last month, a double suicide bombing at a rock concert in Moscow killed 15 bystanders.

North Korea warns U.N. to stay out of the debate

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea on Saturday warned that any moves to discuss its suspected nuclear weapons programs at the United Nations would "hamstring" efforts for dialogue and be almost a "prelude to war."

The warning came a day after the communist country agreed to multilateral talks to deal with the nuclear standoff. North Korea accuses the United Nations of siding with the United States to stifle the communist country, fearing that the U.N. would impose economic sanctions on the impoverished nation.

"Any move to discuss the nuclear issue at the U.N. Security Council is little short of a prelude to a war," the official KCNA news agency said, raising similar comments made in the past.

On Thursday, U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton criticized the Security Council, saying its credibility was

at stake because it had failed to take up the North Korean nuclear issue.

China, the North's closest ally and a permanent member of the Security Council, had thwarted previous U.S. attempts to have it condemn the North over its nuclear ambitions.

"The U.S. intention to bring up the nuclear issue -- at the U.N. at any cost is a grave criminal act to hamstring" North Korea's efforts for dialogue, KCNA said.

An early U.N. discussion of North-Korea seems unlikely, South Korea, a U.S. ally, has said it would prefer that all other diplomatic options are exhausted before the Security Council takes up the issue.

North Korea agreed on Friday to multilateral talks, outside the purview of the United Nations, saying it would push for direct talks with the United States within the multiparty conclave.

Competitors vie for sauna championship

HEINOLA, Finland (AP) — Breaching 230-degree heat, a dozen men and women sweated in wooden cubicles Saturday as long as they could stand it, aiming to grab the Sauna World Championship title in southern Finland.

With a time of 13 minutes, Belorussian Natalia Trifanova won the Sauna Queen title under the watch of doctors and judges, beating out local favorite Antti Peltonen. "I'm pink but happy," beamed Trifanova, 36, a music teacher from Minsk, displaying blotchy red neck and arms. "I got a lot of satisfaction sitting in there today. It's an extreme sport for me."

Runner-up Peltonen, last year's winner, reeled out of the wooden sauna 12 seconds before the champ.

Police nab two tons of cocaine in Bolivian bust

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — Police seized 2 tons of cocaine and arrested 20 people on Friday in what officials called the Bolivia's biggest drug bust in nearly a decade.

Interior Minister Yerko Kucoc said the drugs were seized in Santa Cruz, a city about 470 miles southeast of La Paz. He said the traffickers were preparing to ship the narcotics on a plane to Spain. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and Spanish police tipped Bolivia off to the shipment, anti-drug force chief Luis Caballero said.

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# Israel orders dismantling of six Jewish outposts

**JERUSALEM** — Israel's Defense Ministry ordered police and soldiers to remove six Jewish outposts in the West Bank and evict the settlers as part of a U.S.-backed peace plan, a senior Israeli official said Saturday.

The "road map" peace plan accepted by Israel and the Palestinians two months ago requires Israel to take down scores of small outposts built without government authorization since Prime Minister Ariel Sharon took office in March 2001. So far, Israel has only removed about a dozen of them. Tens of thousands of Palestinians to question Israel's commitment to the plan.

The peace plan aims eventually to build a Palestinian state with "maximum territorial contiguity." Something the Palestinians say is impossible with more than 200,000 Israeli settlers living in communities throughout the West Bank and Gaza.

Most of the makeshift outposts, built as satellites of existing settlements, are small clusters of tents or trailer homes, some uninhabited.

## Six die when boats collide off Bahamas

**NASSAU, Bahamas** — A ferry boat and cargo ship collided in Bahamian waters early Saturday, killing six people and injuring 28, officials said.

The accident occurred about nine miles southeast of Eleuthera island in the Caribbean archipelago off Florida.

The Sea Hauler was carrying 192 passengers as well as cars and cargo on its way to Cat Island when it collided with the United Star, a 178-foot cargo ship with a crew of six, U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Terty Russell said.

Bahamian Defense Force officers and the U.S. Coast Guard were involved in rescuing survivors. Assistant Police Supt. Alan Gibson said.

The identities and nationalities of the victims have not been released.

At least 16 of the injured were taken to a hospital in Nassau, the capital, where police tried to control a growing crowd seeking information.

## Journalist gets sentenced to 40-day prison term

**MANDAJAR, Indonesia** — An American freelance journalist who spent three weeks with rebels in Indonesia's Aceh province was sentenced Saturday to 40 days in jail for visa violations.

The sentence includes time served, meaning that William Nesson will be freed Sunday.

The military initially said it suspected Nesson was spying for the rebels, who have been fighting since 1976 for an independent state.

Nesson, a 40-year-old independent homeland in the resource-rich province of the northern tip of Sumatra island.

Indonesia launched a massive military offensive on May 19 aimed at crushing the rebellion. Authorities imposed strict controls on foreign journalists visiting the province after human rights groups reported that the military had committed gross abuses during the campaign.

## Bomb explosion kills two, injures one near Beirut

**BEIRUT, Lebanon** — A bomb exploded in a car south of Beirut on Saturday, killing at least two people in the vehicle and wounding passers-by, security officials said.

The explosion tore apart the parked car, killing at least two people inside the vehicle and wounding an unknown number of passers-by, officials said.

The officials identified one of the two victims as Ali Hussein Saleh, the car's driver, whose body was mutilated and charred by the explosion. Saleh was apparently heading to the Iranian Embassy, where he worked as a security official. The reason for the bombing, which occurred along a busy shopping street with shops, was not immediately clear.

Beirut's southern suburbs are a stronghold of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah group, which has been fighting against Israel's 18-year occupation of a border zone in southern Lebanon that ended in 2000.

The show, written by Robert Schrock and in its fifth year at Actors Playhouse in Greenwich Village, features eight men singing and dancing in the nude. Director Gil Rene said there was nothing obscene about it. "If anything, it is naive," Rene said. "It is nudity used in artistic expression. If it's allowed in sculpture and painting, why not theater?"

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## World in brief

**Lebanon that ended in 2000.**

**Puerto Rican theater shuts down nudity-laden production**

Following protests from San Juan's City Hall and religious groups, Tuptia Theater canceled Friday night's first showing of the New York hit "Naked Boys Singing" even though the show had sold out its first week of performances.

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## Britain's intelligence chief will retire next year

**LONDON** — Britain's foreign intelligence chief will retire next year but the government said Saturday his decision was unrelated to the dossier that allegedly exaggerated the threat posed by Saddam Hussein to justify the war in Iraq.

Sir Richard Dearlove will leave his post "on completion of his normal tour of office," the Foreign Office said in a statement. "This is in no way connected to events relating to Iraq."

Dearlove, 58, will step down from the post in August 2004.

The Observer newspaper suggested Saturday that Dearlove was leaving his post early because of a rift between the government and the foreign intelligence service MI6 over the use of intelligence on Iraqi weapons programs.

Compiled from wire reports

# Sex tycoon turns civic avenger



Chuwit Kamolwilt, a massage parlor tycoon, holds a statue of Buddha as he swears to tell the truth in front of the Government House in Bangkok, Thailand, on July 18.

**BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)** — A sex tycoon who owns a string of massage parlors in Thailand is boiling with anger and indignation against the Bangkok police.

With nearly 2,000 young women working for him, Chuwit Kamolwilt says he piled watches, European cars and free services at his six parlors, with names like Emmanuelle, Victoria's Secret, and Honolulu Love Boat.

And what does he get in return? Harassment and indifference when he got into trouble with the law for employing underage girls.

So Chuwit, 42, became a crusader for civic virtue, a celebrity avenger, holding daily news conferences to reveal charges of police greed, threatening to name the high-ranking policemen he says were beneficiaries of his generosity.

"This isn't a love comedy. It's a war movie. Somebody has to die in the end," the trim, mustachioed entrepreneur who favors pink shirts and flashy ties, told The Associated Press in an interview at one of his clubs, Copa Cabana.

This is hanging on his every word, eagerly awaiting the latest episode of Chuwit's serial expose. Suddenly, the news channels and front pages of Thai newspapers have become spicier.

Chuwit has become a public icon," wrote Suthichai Yoon, the editor of The Nation, an English-language daily.

Chuwit has not provided a shred of evidence to back his claims. But in a country where police corruption is legendary, the credibility of

Bangkok's officers is much the same of its massage parlor owners. No surprise then that the Thai public are enjoying watching the brown-uniformed force squirm under Chuwit's torrential allegations on national television.

"Once he may have been a 'bad boy' ready to cut corners and grease palms... but when he decided to go for broke against corrupt police, Chuwit overnight became the darling of the urban middle class, who saw him as the outlet for their entrenched frustrations against 'crooks in uniform,'" Suthichai wrote.

Chuwit's troubles — and those of the force — started when police arrested him May 2 on charges of unlawfully demolishing a downtown Bangkok block housing scores of bars and shops to make way for another massage parlor, the Taj Mahal.

On May 3, he was charged with running a brothel using underage girls at the Honolulu Love Boat. He could face 20 years in prison if convicted.

In Thailand, a massage can mean two things — a genuine oil rub by hard-knuckled middle-aged masseurs, or the massage from a young woman that usually leads to sex in a back room.

But what happens at the parlor is between the masseuse and the client, Chuwit says.

He claims to have spent about \$289,156 each month in payoffs to policemen. He said he had even treated them to expensive wines, house renovations, tuition fees and event tickets.

## Greek archaeologists uncover remains of 'supreme' Zeus

**DION, Greece (AP)** — Archaeologists working on a river bed near the mythological home of the ancient gods uncovered remains of the first temple known to be dedicated to the "supreme" Zeus, the team leader said.

The 2,400-year-old headless marble statue was found along with 14 columns depicting eagles, one of the symbols of the chief deity of ancient Greece, archaeologist Dimitris Pantermalis said Friday.

The find is significant because it offers a sense of how Zeus was represented during an important period of transition in ancient worship. Experts believe the Hypsistos — or "supreme" — Zeus emerged as a more dominant figure as Greeks moved away from the many gods and cults that included dozens of variations of Zeus.

"We know how the ancients depicted this Hypsistos Zeus. It is the first time we see it," said Pantermalis.



A headless statue of 'supreme' Zeus sits at the entrance of a cave at an archaeological site near Dion, Greece.

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## EDITORIAL

### Twin Falls County audit should cover everything

**T**win Falls County commissioners have finally started the task of hiring an independent auditor to review the county's books. They still have a ways to go, but a good start has been made.

Commissioners are negotiating terms with an outside auditor. The potential audit, however, is not yet planned as a comprehensive review of all county finances.

Instead, the probe will thoroughly review only the funds managed by former Clerk Bob Fort, who faces a felony charge of misuse of public funds. For all other county departments, the auditor will do "spot checks" of their finances over the past few years. That includes the sheriff's department as well as the commissioners' own books.

This is a good start, but it's not good enough to restore public confidence in county government. The county would be better off with a complete investigative audit throughout the county's finances. That's still the only way to remove all public doubt.

The commissioners have said

a complete, independent audit could cost taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. Boise's recent audit of city finances is reported to have cost close to \$250,000.

To save the county money, the commissioners have favored spot-check audits and preliminary reviews, in the neighborhood of \$30,000. Should any troublesome matters pop up in the auditor's reports, the county would then push forward with an escalated audit.

Thrift is generally a good idea. But the county already has lost at least \$64,000 in misused funds, and that could be just the beginning. At this point it's worth a further investment to find out.

The biggest questions are: How much money has the county lost in misused expenditures? Have any other elected officials or county employees misused funds? Who has used county credit cards, and for what purposes?

Until all the details are made known by an independent, unbiased authority, the public cannot have full faith that the county's problems are resolved.

### Pursue Fort case to the fullest

**A**s for Bob Fort, the single state felony charge of misuse of public funds, along with his decision to waive the preliminary hearing process, suggests he may be preparing to plead guilty.

The Idaho attorney general's office alleges Fort took more than \$64,000 of county money. Commissioner Gary Grindstaff has said Fort privately confessed to using the money for gambling. Neither Fort nor his attorney has disputed that reported confession.

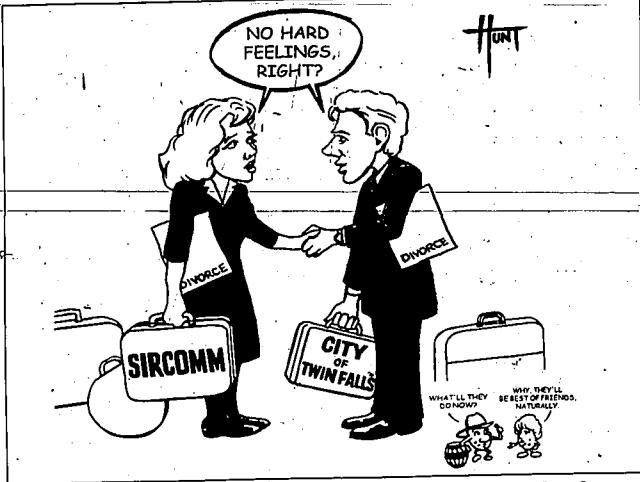
The former clerk may be positioning himself for a quick guilty plea, in hopes of a lenient sentence. Such a sentence might include probation and restitution - without jail time. He could be given a suspended jail or prison sentence,

or be given work release with the county.

Such a sentence would be justice denied for Twin Falls County taxpayers. It can be argued that misuse of public funds is second only to treason among non-violent crimes, because it erodes the public trust that sustains a republican form of government.

In the case of the Cassia County School District official who stole money from taxpayer funds, a local court already has handed down a light sentence. Such weak punishment is a poor deterrent to future crimes by public officials.

Fort is charged with taking public money for personal use, then craftily hiding his actions from other county leaders for years. If guilty, he should go to jail.



### Private sector keeps on giving

BRADLEY GOOGINS AND BARBARA DYER

**A**s the economy does its "Little Train That Could" imitation, huffing and puffing out of recession and toward acceptable growth, America's corporations are slashing everything, including especially philanthropy, to keep profits and return-on-investment chugging along.

That's certainly the stereotype. It's just that it's not true. Yes, as recent media reports attest, there are major corporations being forced to cut back on giving, especially businesses operating in the hardest-hit sectors, as is the case with many of the companies being cited in the press.

In the age of "it must bleed to lead," reports that corporations are slashing their contributions makes the story. And there is no doubt that America's corporate leaders can and should do more to contribute to the communities where their companies operate. But the notion that businesses are simply and uniformly cutting back is simplistic and inaccurate when the full range of businesses in America is considered.

A new survey conducted by Boston College and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce reveals that the economy is not chasing business away from social responsibility. Indeed, regardless of economic pressures, American businesses are remarkably committed to the communities in which they operate. Seventy percent of businesses of all size contribute cash to nonprofit organizations while 57 percent donate goods and services. Thirty-three percent have a company volunteer program.

The business of business is business, is how Milton

Friedman described it, except business doesn't seem to believe it. What the data reveal is that business involvement in the community is deep, durable and varied.

Over the last year, 86 percent of companies have invested more or kept their investment levels in corporate citizenship the same, and 90 percent have either increased or kept level their commitment to helping distressed communities.

It's even more impressive when you look at businesses' community investments compared to their own financial performance - business performance is surprisingly only loosely related to active social responsibility.

During the last year, of those companies that reported above average or excellent financial performance, 38 percent increased their investment in corporate citizenship and 29 percent increased their investment in distressed communities. But poor performing companies didn't lag far behind. Twenty-three percent of these companies spent more, not less, on corporate citizenship and 22 percent went more into distressed communities than they had the year before.

Business attends to the bottom line. But the ethos of social responsibility also runs through much of America's corporate leadership.

What's also clear from this

survey is that American business does accept the notion that corporations are citizens with responsibilities and obligations that go beyond making money, paying taxes and providing jobs. Seventy-five percent of businesses say it's their own tradition and values that push them to be good corporate citizens.

And the vast majority of business leaders not only accept, but believe, that the public has every right to expect that businesses tend to more than just give.

Painting a picture of American business as pulling back from its social responsibilities and interactions during hard economic times fails to take in to account the relationship between corporations and communities. Whether small, medium or large businesses - and the survey showed no significant difference in commitment to corporate citizenship among the three - businesses in this country are as much a part of their communities as the Kiwanis Club.

The mutually beneficial obligations, social entanglements and reciprocity are too great and long-lasting to be tossed aside when hard times hit. It doesn't happen when neighbors in a neighborhood experience tough times. As this first-of-its-kind survey reveals, it also doesn't happen when one of those neighbors produces product or sells goods.

Bradley Googins is the executive director of the Center for Corporate Citizenship at Boston College. Barbara Dyer is the president and CEO of The Hitachi Foundation in Washington.

### Congress should pass healthy forests bill

**E**nvironmental groups continue to thwart efforts to improve the health of our national forests.

It's time for American to say enough is enough, let's eliminate willful government policies that actually encourage the destruction of our national treasures.

The Aspen fire, 17 miles northeast of Tucson, Ariz., in the Coronado National Forest, destroyed more than 250 homes and 12 acres of Summerhaven and wiped out more than 30,000 acres of wildlife habitat and remains out of control.

Other large fires burned in New Mexico, Arizona and Alaska. But administration efforts over the last year to pass a Healthy Forests Bill that would address the dangerous fuel loads in our most at-risk forests have been thwarted by opponents and vilified by so-called environmental groups such as the Sierra Club, Audubon Society and Greenpeace.

Meanwhile, 12 states have forests that are categorized as being in "very high to extreme danger" for fires.

GRETCHEN RANDALL

Misguided environmental policies led to more than 100 years of zealous fire suppression. Prior to that time, our forests had 70 to 100 trees per acre with open spaces and meadows interspersed with a canopy of suppressing fires followed by 12 years of low timber harvest have led to a situation where today's dense forests average 700 trees per acre.

Now, when wildfires start, they have large loads of fuel and burn so intensely they sterilize the ground many feet down. Flames up to 100 feet tall and 100 feet wide jump from crown to crown, toppling the tallest trees. The flames from these huge crown fires and the large embers they produce can leap long distances - even through areas surrounding communities.

Sadly, some environmental groups have played a major role in keeping our forests in this overly dense condition.

The Sierra Club, Audubon Society and other groups oppose the administration's sensible plan even though its stated purpose is to remove the small trees to reduce these groups' access to be cut.

And groups such as the Center for Biological Diversity and Forest Guardians have filed lawsuits to prevent thinning, which would remove fuel for wildfires.

This is nonsensical. Insect infestation due to overcrowded forests has devastated hundreds of thousands of acres. Forests that have been wiped out the habitat of the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker.

Yet environmental groups continue to file lawsuits preventing the Forest Service from removing diseased trees that, if not removed, will allow the insect infestation to spread uncontrollably.

A group of Forest Service retirees, alarmed that misconceptions may be affecting public policy, has issued a report warning that we can't leave our forests unattended. The report notes that one of the main causes of the catastrophic fires is the increased "growth-to-removal ratio," which is the major cause of the fuel buildup in western forests.

In other words, the trees have grown than we've harvested. We should begin changing that ratio by harvesting more trees.

An example of "environmental" action: The Forest Conservation Council based in New Mexico filed suit in January to block the Forest Service from clearing out some of the dead trees from last year's Rodeo-Chodohi fire in Arizona that scorched 469,000 acres.

This group of self-proclaimed nature lovers claims removal of the trees would cause soil erosion and runoff, and also cause mudslides, massive landslides during heavy rains in the area devastated by last year's fires polluted Denver's water supply. Thousands of tons of water-saturated trees are killing tens of thousands of fish in the South Platte River.

This wasn't the result of logging; it was the result of the bare earth left by a wildfire that should never have happened.

If groups like the Sierra Club truly care about clean air, clean water and endangered species and protecting our public lands, they should support policies that prevent forest fires, not lobby for policies that guarantee them.

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### Common Interest allows odor study to move forward

The University of Idaho study of odor emissions at dairies is back on track after a delay of several months. The study team, led by Dr. Ron Sheffield, will begin gathering data in August hoping to complete its work in time for the 2004 legislative session.

Recent discussions among representatives of several state agencies, the University of Idaho, the Idaho Dairymen's Association and the Idaho Rural Council led to a data collection plan which should allow data compilation without identifying dairymen who are participating in the study on a voluntary basis. The consensus of the group was that volunteers for this important study should not open themselves up to the possibility of regulatory action or private litigation simply because they invited the study team onto their property.

The goal of this second phase of the Sheffield study is to validate the odor measurement protocols which have been selected and to gather data on odors which differ in types of dairies generate at different times of the year. There is a critical need for this type of data so that numeric emission standards can be formulated, taking into account local conditions and cir-

cumstances here in Idaho. A recent report from the National Academy of Sciences on air emissions from livestock operations has pointed out how little is really known about these emissions while acknowledging an urgent need for study.

The Idaho Dairymen's Association and the Idaho Rural Council believe that by working together in this area of common interest and supporting the continuation of the Sheffield study, we can achieve a common goal: odor emission guidelines which are transparent, based on the best available science, quantifiable and effective. Both the dairy industry and their neighbors stand to benefit from clear odor management rules.

**BOB NAERIBOUT**  
Twin Falls  
**RICH CARLSON**  
Filer

(Editor's note: Bob Naeribout of Twin Falls is the executive director of the Idaho Dairymen's Association. Rich Carlson is a Filer-based attorney specializing in environmental issues who represents the Idaho Rural Council, a group that promotes sustainable agriculture.)

### Osterkamp has been good steward for roads

Regarding the Twin Falls Highway District election: "If it's not broke, don't fix it." I

## LETTERS

would like to take this opportunity to support the re-election of Horn Osterkamp to the Twin Falls Highway District.

As a former Twin Falls Highway District commissioner, I had the opportunity and privilege to serve with Horn for two years. As a farmer and businessman, Horn brings invaluable experience and knowledge to the board. With a plus-\$4 million budget and 700 miles of road, it's a big job. The Twin Falls Highway District has some of the best roads and management, coupled with one of the lowest taxing districts in the state. Keep the team together.

When: Aug. 5, where: Twin Falls Courthouse, O'Leary Junior High School, Kimberly Community Center and the old Hansen City Hall. Time: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
**DOUG HOWARD**  
Twin Falls

### Agencies want the extra mile in rafting accident

May 25, our son, Van Jones, was lost in Marsh Creek above Stanley after he fell from a raft. Following the accident, a separate party of rafters accepted my husband, another son, brother in-law and three other men into their camp. They gave us warm clothes, food, a satellite phone and - most important - comfort and support.

The next morning, the Custer County Sheriff's office, search and rescue (Levi Maydolo) and the Challis National Forest Service (Ricardo Viva, Breck Young) had mobilized and began their assistance. They sent planes, ground search and rangers to find my son. They even secured assistance of the Black Hawk Squadron from Boise.

Over the next few days, I placed numerous telephone calls to the Custer County Sheriff's office, Middle Fork Ranger office and Stanley City offices for information. Each time, the person on the other end of the line responded in a kind, supportive fashion.

Two days following the accident, my husband and the other members of the rafting party decided to walk out of the canyon. The local sheriff's deputy, Mike Talbot, and City Mayor Chaplain Bob Downing met with us to explain the plan. Monte Wilson of Boise took us many of the rafts on down river as he could. This was heroic on his part. After two prior attempts to locate my son, our family found him on July 4. The first night, two men were deputized and spent the night in the canyon with my son. To a mother who has lost her son for weeks, this was comforting.

July 5, a rescue party formed under the direction of the sheriff's office, search and rescue, and

Fish and Game, (Gary Gadoway, Tony Latham, John Hagan), Mystic Saddle Ranch provided horses, riders and a mule to carry equipment provided by Sawtooth Valley Rural Fire Department for extraction. Deputy Laura Gunderson loaned her boat for recovery. Jeffery Phillips at the clinic made identification easier. We thank all of you in the Stanley community for your care and concern.

**ANITA ENGSTROM JONES**  
Burley  
(Editor's note: Anita Jones submitted this letter on behalf of the family of Van Reese Jones.)

### Osterkamp deserves another term on district

Herman Osterkamp has been a real asset to the citizens and taxpayers of Twin Falls County. He has served on the Twin Falls Highway District for four years. During that time, the district has kept a low tax base while maintaining a tremendous fleet of equipment to provide excellent road service.

I would like to thank Herman and the other commissioners for their efforts and public service. Please join me in re-electing Herman Osterkamp to another term as our highway commissioner.

**TERRY G. HOLLIFIELD**  
Hansen

# Head Start begins era of change

It was a midnight squelcher. By the narrowest possible margin, 7 to 216, the House of Representatives on the final night of its August recess approved a major change in the Head Start program, the widely popular and generally praised preschool program for needy youngsters.

On the surface, it looked like the kind of political power struggle for which the chamber has become all too renowned. Every Democrat present voted no, all but a handful of Republicans, yes.

But this battle reflected less a search for electoral advantage than a genuine policy difference about the best way to improve a program almost everyone involved wishes is worth preserving.

Since its start in Lyndon Johnson's Great Society, Head Start has helped millions of 4-year olds (and a smaller number of 3-year olds enrolled in Early Head Start) obtain the medical and educational basics most middle-class and well-to-do families provide for their youngsters and send them off to kindergarten. Some 900,000 kids were enrolled in local Head Start programs last year.

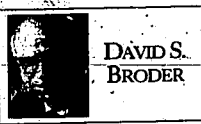
A wealth of studies have shown that the Head Start kids do better in school than contemporaries who have no such experience. But each time the program has come up for renewal, Congress and the administration have searched for ways to reach more children, make the gains more durable and close the persistent gap between Head Start kids and their more financially advantaged classmates.

This year is no different, and, with urging from President Bush, members of the House Subcommittee on Education Reform from both parties agreed on a set of improvements, aimed especially at getting more qualified (and better paid) teachers into Head Start and boosting its academic standards.

They fell out, however, over a Republican push to shift more control of the program to the states. Early on, Bush wanted to give all the money to the governors, rather than directly fund Head Start centers out of Washington.

When that idea fell flat, Rep. Mike Castle, Delaware, the subcommittee chairman, proposed giving as many as eight states high-stakes preschool programs of their own five years to manage Head Start and see if they can improve its performance.

Democrats denounced the idea, with some of them claiming it was the start of an effort to "dismantle" Head Start. That was clearly an overstatement, since the program would continue to operate as before in at least 42 states. But to assuage their fears, the bill was amended several times to require that states that volunteer to take over its management be willing to match the federal funds on a 51-



DAVID S. BRODER

for \$2 basis, and to boost their own current spending on preschool programs by 5 percent. Other language was designed to preserve the comprehensive health and parental counseling services, guarantee funding for all the current Head Start programs and preserve, its focus on disadvantaged children.

Some conscientious Democrats such as Rep. George Miller of California still stirred a ruckus and mobilized opposition. But anyone who knows Mike Castle knows he is not out to wreck the program. The mild-mannered Castle, who served as governor of his state for two terms before coming to Congress, is one of the least partisan, most independent Republicans around. He has an exemplary record of caring about people - including a leading role in the welfare reform of 1996.

His approach has been endorsed by two Brookings Institution scholars, Ron Haskins and Isabel Sawhill, with strong credentials as advocates for children and no partisan axes to grind. They recommended a five-state experiment, with a proviso that the participating states agree to cooperate with a stringent independent evaluation of their five-year performance - something the Castle bill also requires.

Miller and other Democrats argue that this is simply the entering wedge toward turning the Head Start into a block grant to the states, where it could gradually whither away. But that is unlikely. The Senate almost certainly will not go further than Castle, and they are not so even that far. Sen. Edward Kennedy has introduced a bill to expand and improve Head Start in its current structure but is prepared to negotiate some form of compromise.

Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, the education secretary in the first Bush administration, has outlined one possible middle ground. His approach would continue direct funding from Washington of Head Start centers in all 50 states but allow governors a major voice in designating 200 "centers of excellence" where exemplary Head Start practices could be developed and spread.

Some form of experimentation is worth attempting, and some governors have shown a serious willingness to help these youngsters reach their potential. Washington can afford to loosen its grip.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

# Saudi mystery is gift to Democrats

The Democratic Party has been given an unexpected gift by the Bush administration: A guidebook for returning to power.

The book consists of 28 blacked-out pages, material from the recently published congressional inquiry into the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The administration has censored this information for what it claims are reasons of national security. Officially, nobody knows what's in the 28 pages. Off the record, everyone is aware that they discuss the deep involvement of Saudi Arabia with 9/11 terrorists.

## ZEV CHAFETS

The decision to censor this material looks to me like a cover-up. This isn't a partisan charge. Republican senators who have seen the redacted parts, including Richard Shelby of Alabama and Pat Roberts of Kansas, acknowledge that they don't reveal much about national security. What the censored material evidently does is severely embarrass the government of Saudi Arabia.

Why should President Bush care? Why would he want to protect a regime that, at the very least, is the chief incubator of anti-American terrorism?

These are, from the Democrats' perspective, golden questions. They raise an issue that is neither trivial nor transparently political, unlike the furor over the Nigerian uranium. More, they hit Bush where he is vulnerable: the charge that he and his family are entangled in a conflict of interest with the Saudis.

The Bushes (and many of their major contributors) are, after all, in the oil business. In the past, they have had dealings with the bin Laden clan, as well as the Saudi royal family. The Saudi ambassador, Prince Bandar - whose wife, Princess Haifa, indirectly funded at least two of the 9/11 terrorists - is an honorary member of the Bush family, known fondly as Bandar Bush.

These connections could be harmless - or sinister. By blacking out the pages, Bush encourages the latter interpretation and raises questions about his judgment, motives and even his personal integrity.

Putting Bush in bed with the Saudis would be a bonanza for the Democrats, who have tried unsuccessfully to establish their anti-terrorist credentials. It also



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would be pain-free. The Saudi royal family - theocratic, homophobic, misogynistic, anti-Semitic, anti-labor and filthy rich - is unpopular with most Democratic core constituencies.

Oddly, Sen. Bob Graham of Florida is the only Democratic contender for president who so far has grasped the opportunity at hand. As co-chairman of the 9/11 inquiry, he knows what's in those 28 pages, and he says it has nothing to do with security. On Tuesday, on "Good Morning America," he said Bush is censoring the report "for political reasons, a key political reason being not to disturb the relationship between the United States and some foreign governments."

The White House responded to this charge by announcing that it won't declassify the 28 pages. This puts the president in

an impossible position. As long as he stonewalls, he stands accused of covering up for his Saudi friends (despite the fact that the Saudis themselves

claim they want the full report made public). If he changes his mind, it will be clear that the initial effort at censorship had nothing to do with national security. Which brings us back to the question: Whom is the president protecting, and why?

Graham is too flaky to follow the political guidebook he has been handed all the way to the White House. But a more adept politician just might.

As for the president, it would be a sad irony if, having side-stepped a quagmire in Iraq, he allows himself to sink into a Saudi cesspool of his own making.

Zev Chafets is a columnist for the New York Daily News.

## LETTER

### Osterkamp shows support for country roads

We are members of the 71 Livestock Association. At our semi-annual meeting a few weeks ago, the association invited the area public agencies to give us ranchers the latest updates and changes affecting our business. One of those public agencies was the Twin Falls Highway District.

Hern Osterkamp told the audience about the road work they're doing this 2003 season. He said that in addition to general maintenance and seal coating of roads, more than 27 miles of road widening and paving is being completed throughout the dis-

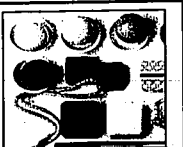
trict. We were amazed to hear that out of those 27 miles, 3.3 miles are in Blue Gulch-Magic Water area, a half mile in Lilly Grade, three miles on Foothills Road and 6.5 miles in the Hollister and Rogerson area. Hern said another seven miles of overlay on the Jarbidge Road was on the books for the 2004 season. Hern showed the audience to Sub-District 3 of the Twin Falls Highway District.

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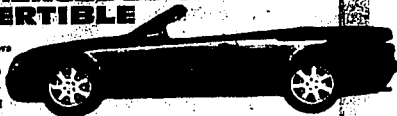
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Attila the Hun and the quest for oral hygiene

I had my second root-canal of the year last week, but something worse happened. I think I lost my fear of dentists. It didn't hurt, which fills me with a foreboding sense of confidence. And what must my forebears, anti-dentists all, think of my apostasy?

That happens when you wield pliers cold-turkey. Although anesthesia was in use in big-city dentists' offices after World War I, it didn't arrive here in the provinces until much later, if you're a grown-up. I'm guessing that your grandparents or great-grandparents had... close encounters with toughlove dentistry.

In fact, dentistry really didn't lose its 16th-century trappings until the 1980s. In the '60s, my Aunt Bernice underwent a particularly ghastly procedure for gingivitis that landed her in the emergency room when the dentist couldn't stop the bleeding. And if you're a Baby Boomer, you'll recall braces that would have done the Spanish Inquisition proud.

Steve Crump is the Times-News feature editor. Write to him at stevecrump@tmn.net.

Fair spirit shines in M-C



Jakobe Rogers, of Rupert, tries to coax her March dairy calf toward the chute leading to the Minidoka County 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale Saturday. Several hundred people attended the auction, held at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds.

Livestock sells well in Minidoka

By Julie Pence Times-News writer RUPERT — Despite Mini-Cassia's down economy, sale amounts for 4-H and FFA livestock had never been greater. Buyers said it. "This was a really good sale — really good prices," said Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, who brought home the bacon by purchasing for \$5 a pound of Kara Schmitt's five-month-old prize-winning pig.

People who organized the sale said it. "It's a reflection of the kind of community spirit we have here in Minidoka county," said Donna Gillespie, one of the county extension agents. Saturday was the last day of the Minidoka County Fair. The 4-H and FFA livestock sale is always one of the culminating events. Gillespie said the number of youths showing turkeys, rabbits, sheep, cows and swine stays about the same every year. She was elated, though, that this year there were 20 more buyers than last year.

Owners of Les Schwab Tires from Rupert and Paul buy the grand champion turkey each year, she said. But folks from around the county decided to give owners Max Twiss and Layne Rutschky a run for their money this year. When it was all over, tradition remained unbroken, but at a steep price. Tiffany Joyce got an astounding \$825 for her grand champion turkey. "They made us pay a pretty penny for it," Twiss said, laughing. Joyce gets to keep her gold-plated turkey for a few more months. Twiss said Joyce will part up the turkey until it's just right for his Thanksgiving dinner. "Everyone was having so much fun spending so much money for such a terrific lid," Gillespie said. "It was just fun to watch."

"But also, buying the grand champion isn't always entirely altruistic," said Dan Duffin of the Sprinkler Shop in Paul. "Sometimes people try to special bid each other to support a particular lid, but a lot of the time businesses like to buy the grand champion because it is good publicity," he said. Nevertheless, Duffin said no youngster goes away empty-handed. The devotion every kid shows his or her animal is rewarded. "Even the rough-looking animals get sold," Duffin said. "If no one starts bidding immediately, then everyone gets together and jumps in. It's just good to help these kids."

Cross-country ski passes could see price hike

By Karen Bossick Times-News correspondent SUN VALLEY — It looks as if the price of Nordic ski passes will be going up next winter to accommodate users' demand for more grooming. Blaine County Recreation District board members are considering increasing the prices of passes by \$10 for single users, couples and families. The price of dog passes would go up \$5. In addition, the district is considering a new platinum ski pin that would serve as a season pass for those making a contribution of \$250. It would be offered in addition to the popular gold pass pin, which was given last year to those who made a contribution of \$50. People would receive their early season discount of \$10 only if they purchase passes online before Dec. 1. That saves staff from having to

retype information. Passes currently are \$80 for singles, \$130 for couples, \$140 for a family and \$15 for a dog. Daily passes, which cost \$9 for adults and \$2 for each child and dog, would remain the same. The district manages more than 85 miles of popular cross-country ski trails. "Expenses are climbing radically and they're climbing radically because of the demand for more grooming and services," said Recreation District Director Mary Austin Crofts. "When I worked on the projections, I just couldn't see any other way to raise the money if we want more grooming." In the past, about 5 percent of trail users clamored for more frequent grooming. Crofts said. Now about 20 percent are pressing the district to do more frequent grooming, particularly following snowstorms. "It's not a big group, but it's a

group that uses the trails as their training grounds. They're passionate about it. They count on it," she said. It would cost another \$20,000 a season to do "recovery grooming" after a major snowstorm, estimated Jim Mayne, who supervises trail maintenance. Groomers have to be out "picking" down the trail as soon as eight inches of snow falls, or risk losing the trail. Then, once the snow stops, they need to get out and make sure it is just what they need. Big snowstorms of that sort happen about four times a year, he estimated. "Recovery grooming can't get an entire trail system groomed to specifications in one day but at least skiers can have something that looks skiable," Mayne said. The Recreation District sold a record number of passes last winter — 4,038 compared with the 500 it issued 10 years earlier

during the 1992-93 season. At the same time, skier days have increased — from 18,000 to 100,000. Still, last year's revenue from daily and season pass sales and donations totaled \$334,600 while grooming expenses totaled \$342,925. "A lot of people have expressed interest in buying a gold pass this year, Crofts said. But she thinks the number of season passes the district can sell has peaked. Galena Advisory Committee member Jim Downer cautioned that skiers can't expect to have every square inch of the trails groomed every day. "But I don't think we will get a lot of negative feedback about raising prices if skiers understand what we're trying to do."

LET THE GAMES BEGIN

Today at the Jerome County Fair 9 a.m. to noon — Release of exhibits 7 p.m. — Demolition derby: Adults \$6, youths, \$4, kids free Admission to the fairgrounds is free. Jose Rivera, 34, left, and Robert Colbaugh, 43, inflate balloons while getting a game booth ready on the Midway at the Jerome County Fair Saturday. The fair will continue through today, highlighted by a demolition derby starting at 7 p.m.



Series of workshops offer tips on home ownership

The Times-News TWIN FALLS — Most every family dreams of one day having a place to call home. Whether you're looking to buy a home or just looking for any kind of affordable housing, the South Central Community Action Partnership can help. The nonprofit agency is hosting several workshops this month to answer questions about how to save money on housing as well as other ways to trim the monthly bills. The series will begin at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 12 at the McGregory Center at 85 E. Baseline Road in Rupert with a workshop called "Now is the Time to Buy," Julie Galbraith from ACE Housing will give participants tips on how to buy their dream homes. Tony Ballesterro from the ACE Department will talk about different programs to help families build or buy their own homes. Applications and information on Idaho housing and financing will be available. Here are other workshops being held this month: Aug. 13 — 6:30 p.m., East End Head Start Center, 465 U.S. Highway 30, Hansen. Galbraith will talk about how to build your dream home and Wendy Davis will present water safety tips. Please see HOME, Page B4.

Agency proposes nutrient limit for wastewater

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer GOODING — Obtaining county permits for their wastewater systems hasn't been easy for local milk processors who have met stiff neighborhood opposition. The natural nutrient phosphorus has been a key issue for both Jerome Cheese Co. and Glanbia Foods Inc. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has released a new proposal outlining how it should be regulated in operations that recycle wastewater by using it for crop irrigation. While the milk processors have been in the public eye on the phosphorus issue, the DEQ's proposal also affects the Magic Valley's sugar and potato industries. The Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, the state's powerful business lobby, represents sugar and potato processors. "We're not talking about a residue from some chemical process. We're talking about water they use in their plants to wash beets and potatoes," said Dick Rush, natural resources lobbyist for IACI. "The milk processors aren't IACI members, but wastewater from their plants is organic, too. In excess, phosphorus can pollute rivers and streams with an overabundance of aquatic weeds and algae — the problem driving Snake River cleanup efforts in the Magic Valley. The new proposal replaces a plan the DEQ abandoned last year because it was too strict. That previous proposal limited phosphorus in recycled water to only what could be

Car crash sends three to hospital

The Times-News TWIN FALLS — A serious crash occurred between an automobile and a double-cab pickup truck around 6:30 a.m. Saturday at the corner of Addison Avenue E. and Hankins Road near D&B Supply Co. Inc. According to the Twin Falls Sheriff's Office, a dark blue 1979 Chevrolet pickup failed to yield to a west-bound turquoise four-door Chevrolet car. Two people were in the car while one was in the pickup. One person was transported by air ambulance to St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise after being extricated from the car after the top was removed. Two other passengers were sent to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The Sheriff's Department had no more information on the crash late Saturday evening.

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DEATH NOTICES

Effie V. Modlin
TWIN FALLS - Effie V. Modlin, 89, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Aug. 1, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Fred T. Larson
BURLEY - Freddie Tolman Larson, 90, of Burley, died Thursday, July 31, 2003, at Vista Assisted Living Community in Rupert.

Garry B. Criddle
KIMBERLY - Garry B. Criddle, 56, of Kimberly, died Saturday, Aug. 2, 2003, at his home in Twin Falls.

James Oakes
JEROME - James Oakes, 75, of Jerome, died Friday, Aug. 1, 2003, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

Farrell Catmull
RUPERT - Farrell Catmull, 89, of Rupert, died Friday, Aug. 1, 2003, at the Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center.

announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Susie L. Williams
JEROME - Susie L. Williams, 95, of Jerome, died Friday, Aug. 1, 2003, at the SunBridge Care Center in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Bruce Allen Combs of Benton City, Wash., service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Benton City 2nd Ward Chapel, Benton City, Wash.; burial at the Evergreen Cemetery; friends may call from 4-7 p.m. today at Eiman's Funeral Home, 915 Bypass Highway, Richland, Wash., and one hour before the service Monday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Memorial Garden Cemetery in Burley, viewing one hour before the service Monday at the church (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Curtis Jay Grimm of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home and Crematory, Twin Falls).

Rojello Ramirez of Rupert, service at 2 p.m. Monday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church with a rosary at 7 p.m. today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

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Dewerd William Krick - Heyburn

Dewerd William Krick, 59, of Heyburn, died Thursday, July 31, 2003, at his home. He was born July 19, 1944, in Jasper, Mo., the son of William John and Lorna Lois Carl Krick. He moved to Idaho at a young age. He worked at the J.R. Simplot Company for the past 21 years. He married Ofelia Garcia in 1989, and they were later divorced. For the last six years, Dewerd has lived with his adopted and cherished family, Eliazar and Sylvia Casos and their son, Joshua. He had a special love for them. He enjoyed the outdoors and especially liked to fish, hunt, and go swimming. He was also a coin collector. Dewerd was a baptized member of the Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus Church.



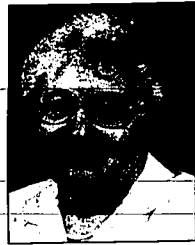
He loved people! He had a special way of showing his genuine kindness to everyone. He is survived by his mother,

Lorna Reed of Joplin, Mo.; his adopted family of Heyburn; a brother-in-law, James Hollon of Hansen; a stepbrother, Donald Reed of Hansen; two stepchildren, Gene and Teresa; and many other extended family members. He was preceded in death by his dear sister, Virginia, and his stepfather, Frank Reed.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2003, at the Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus Church, 312 W. Ninth St., Burley, with Pastor Vicente G.-Alvarez officiating. Dewerd requested cremation. Urn placement will be in the Twin Falls Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen-Eurola Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Wilma Elaine Rickert - Rupert

Wilma Elaine Rickert, a 91-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Saturday, July 26, 2003, at Cassia Regional Medical Center. Wilma was born July 18, 1912, at Corvallis, Ore., the daughter of Walter and Mina Winniford. At the age of four years she moved to Hells Canyon where she lived until the age of 11. Her parents learned of a new farming project opening up in Acaquia, Idaho, and moved to the land in hopes of finding an easier livelihood. She married Henry Rickert on May 23, 1934, at the Rupert Christian Parsonage. Wilma received a bachelor of arts degree in 1936 and taught school in the Miniidoka County School District. She was a member of the Rupert United Methodist Church, Martha's Circle and Saints and Sinners Sunday School.



Wilma is survived by her brother, Elmer (Betty Jo) Winniford of Corvallis, Ore.; her nieces, Kim (Lucky) Bourn of Rupert, Marlene (Jim) Byrnes of

Cairo, Egypt; Billie (Gerry) Gerlach of Spokane, Wash.; Wanda Fortmiller of Monroe, Ore.; Kay (Gene) Hayden of Corvallis, Ore.; Jean (Gilbert) Gray of Corvallis, Ore.; Susan Winniford of Edmonds, Wash.; and a nephew, Walter (Judy) Smith of Corvallis, Ore. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Henry; her brother, John Winniford; and her sisters, Florence Smith and Eileen Greene.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2003, at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St., with Pastor Keith Wise officiating. Memorials may be given to the Rupert United Methodist Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Wilsie P. Willoughby - Boise

Wilsie P. Willoughby, 89, of Boise and former Kimberly, Idaho, resident, died Thursday, July 31, 2003, at Rosewind House Assisted Living. Wilsie was born July 29, 1914, in Mountain Grove, Mo., the daughter of William and Sarah Worham, the second to the youngest of 14 children. In 1932, she married Ernest Willoughby in Lyons, Kan. They farmed in Mountain Grove, where their daughter Janet was born in 1936. Their son Jerry was born two years later in 1938. In 1945, they moved to Idaho, settling south of Kimberly, where they farmed for 25 years. Wilsie also worked in the bean houses to earn a little extra spending money. In 1971, they retired from farming and moved into Kimberly, where they spent time with their many



friends. Wilsie was involved in card clubs, senior citizens and many hobby groups. She is survived by her son, Jerry and his wife Marie, of

Eagle; three granddaughters, Cheryl (Larry) Hartley of Twin Falls, Pam (Kurt) McClelleny of Eagle and Kim (Mike) Winkle of Star, as well as six great-grandchildren, Scott McClelleny, Steve McClelleny, Jessica Hartley, Amanda Hartley, Taylor Winkle and Keegan Winkle. She was preceded in death by her daughter Janet and her husband Ernest. She fought cancer with grace and courage. The family would like to thank Mary and her staff at Rosewind for their loving care of NaNa.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 4, 2003, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. There will be a viewing for Wilsie from 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 4, at White Mortuary's Kimberly Funeral Chapel in Kimberly.

Yellowstone looks to close budget gap

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) - Officials intend to re-evaluate spending policies in the nation's oldest national park as they look for ways to cover a \$23 million annual budget deficit and a shortage of employees.

That will include setting funding priorities, making park operations more efficient and examining ways to increase revenues without asking Congress for more money.

A five-year plan released last week analyzed Yellowstone National Park budgets over the past 20 years and projected revenue needs for the next five. It concluded that park needed an additional \$22.7 million a year and 271 more full-time employees.

Because of the lack of cash and manpower, it said, roads are not being maintained, adequate fire protection is not being provided for the park's 1,541 buildings, interpretive programs are not being offered in September and 24-hour law enforcement is not available in eight developed areas.

"We have a strong commitment not to let this sit on the shelf," Superintendent Suzanne Lewis said.

Among options are higher entrance fees, camping fees and other charges. "Certainly a lot of research and due diligence would go into that before we'd do that," Lewis said. "It's not something we think should be casually entered into." But most changes will be internal and barely noticeable, she said, but will maintain, sustain

and improve services. The business plan found that visitor services are underfunded by \$9.5 million a year and requires another 102 full-time workers. Lewis said where and when those services are offered will be reassessed to make sure

the opportunities are maximized. An inventory of natural and cultural resources and recruiting students to help with research are contemplated as well, she said. "It's a monumental task," Lewis said.

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# Idaho harmonica contest draws thousands

**YELLOW PINE (AP)** — With a year-round population of 45, this mountain town is normally quiet. But it was busy with music on Saturday as thousands of visitors flocked in for the annual three-day Yellow Pine Harmonica Contest.

Yellow Pine, about 110 miles northeast of Boise, is a community made up mostly of retirees 765 feet high in the Salmon River Mountains and surrounded by the sprawling Payette National Forest. It puts on the contest every year to raise money for road work and other municipal projects.

About 25 harmonica players performed solo and in groups before three judges flown from Florida, New York and Indiana. Prizes, \$100 or less, were to be awarded Sunday.

But that's a small part of the festival, a 14-year tradition that's grown from a 60-person gathering of friends to an event billing

itself as the second-largest harmonica festival in the nation, after one in Ohio.

For three days in August, vendors set up, on Yellow Pine's short, dusty main street to hawk food, tie-dye clothes, jewelry, cowboy hats and other goods. Customers have to cram inside Yellow Pine's three bars and one general store.

An estimated 4,000 festival-goers park their campers and pitch their tents in the dry woods surrounding a small cluster of buildings of the town. Many fly in to the town's airfield, where 100 small airplanes were parked.

Early Saturday, with most campers still asleep, harmonica players were warming up for the contest. They wandered along a riverbank or sat on wood benches at a stage set up in town.

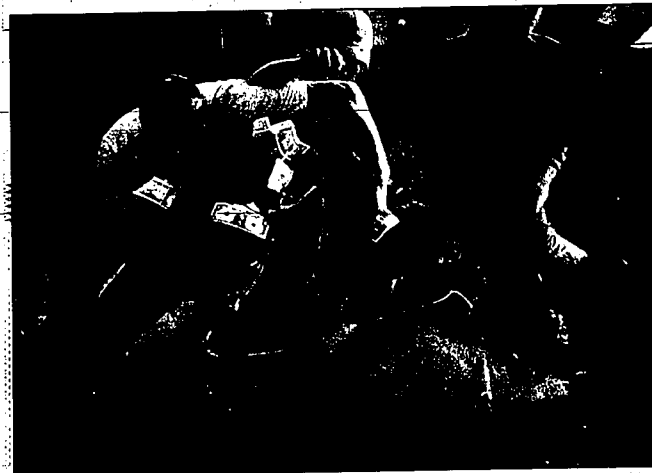
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has been visiting Yellow Pine for years. He was waiting in line for the town's only pay phone. "It's the only thing that's happened to Yellow Pine," said Del Kroush of Emmett, a hunter who

## GOING FOR THE GREEN



Jack Jenson, left, gets his arms around a call Thursday to try and slow it down as others follow in hopes of getting in on the money duct taped to the call during the dash-for-cash at the Park County Fair in Livingston, Mont. The call was decorated with 25 one dollar bills before Jenson and the rest of the participants got their hands on it.

# Utah education board adopts reforms

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — The Utah State Board of Education adopted a set of sweeping reforms and a request for another \$203 million in annual funding to pay for more student tutoring, testing and teacher training.

The board acted Friday on the Utah Legislature's omnibus education bill, known as Senate Bill 154, and on President Bush's No Child Left Behind law. It adopted a competency-based system of student advancement, toughening high school graduation requirements and making certain all students read and do math at their grade level.

"It really takes new taxes. That's the reality," board member John Pingree said. "We have to be willing to tax ourselves to pay for this."

The state board said it would need another one-time \$53 mil-

lion to get reforms moving.

"It looks to me like this is based on the old paradigm of just adding more to what we're currently spending rather than re-allocating and redesigning an entire system," said Sen. Howard Stephenson, R-Draper, president of the advocacy group Utah Taxpayers Association.

Gov. Mike Leavitt said it would take time to refinance education. "It will require a new way of looking at education funding, that we deploy our resources where children lack competency," Leavitt said Friday. "It would be wrong for us to put children and students in the situation where they're going to be measured on the basis of competency without a willingness on the part of our system and our state to give those who lack competency the help they need."

He declined to say how he preferred to pay for the reforms.

Regular tests, dubbed "check-ups" to distinguish them from year-end exams, will help students before it's too late, said Patti Harrington, state associate superintendent for instructional services.

To earn a high school diploma, students will have to demonstrate their mastery of subjects instead of just sliding by with a passing "D" grade. Graduation would require a C or better.

The board is requiring elementary students to read "proficiently and with understanding" by the end of third grade. By sixth grade, they'd be tested for mastery of math and science.

Students at middle schools would have to earn at least 12 credits in subjects such as pre-algebra, English and science.

# Projected cost of water project increases \$162M

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The cost of the Animas-La Plata project, designed to deliver water to Colorado and New Mexico, is now projected to be \$500 million, a \$162 million increase over the original estimate, the federal Bureau of Reclamation said Thursday.

Early estimates, higher contract costs and protection of cultural resources helped raise the price tag from the original \$338 million estimate, said Rick Gold, director of the bureau's Upper Colorado region.

Preliminary excavation work was scheduled to begin in November.

The new projection alarmed Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the subcommittee that oversees the bureau's budget.

He called the increase "dramatic" and expected a thorough review both with the Bureau of

Reclamation and the Interior Department, to determine the cause for the escalation and what our options are now," he said.

Domenici said he's also concerned about how the cost escalation will affect the project's schedule.

Animas-La Plata, in the works since 1968, is designed to provide water to more than 3,000 members of the Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Indian tribes, as well as businesses and farms in southwestern Colorado and northwestern New Mexico.

The project is also intended to settle century-old water rights disputes.

Animas-La Plata is scheduled to be built over seven years.

Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., said he would consider extending the length of time over which the project is funded by two to three years to spread the costs.

# Roof collapse delays restoration of a historic theater in Nampa

**NAMPA (AP)** — Organizers of a project to renovate Nampa's historic Frontier Cinema hit a serious snag when the theater's half-century old roof collapsed.

Inspectors believe the collapse happened sometime on Wednesday or Thursday. No one was inside the building at the time.

"It looks like a bomb went off," said Lynn McConnell, Executive Director of the Majestic Entertainment Foundation. "The beams are exposed and you can see daylight shining through."

The theater was originally opened in 1946 as the Pix Theater.

After operating intermittently as the Frontier Cinema, it closed in 2002.

Members of the Majestic Entertainment Foundation purchased the building in May and began the project hoping it would reopen as The Majestic.

Organizers estimate nearly \$500,000 is needed for the resto-

ney — a 3 and 1/2 hour drive from Boise, the nearest sizable town. Established in 1902, Yellow Pine has a horse corral for a town center, a gas station, a general store, Main Street, and forested slopes rise from all sides. A one-room schoolhouse opens and closes as needed.

Nancy Richter runs the harmonica contest and the general store, and is the mother of the town's only child, a 9-year-old.

"Most of the time she doesn't mind" living in such a remote place, Richter said. "She lives in a community of grandparents. Everybody watches out for her."

Richter said the contest brings the town about \$6,000 a year. Organizers don't know if attendance, now at 4,000, will grow, or if it can; the town has little room for more visitors.

"There's scarce and medical services nonexistent. The mail comes by delivery truck 6 days a week

in summer, but only 3 days a week in winter.

"I don't think this festival is for everybody," said Keith Darling, a two-time contest winner from McCall, Idaho. "I don't think everybody wants to drive 50 miles on dirt roads to dry camp for four days."

Most contestants come from Idaho or neighboring states, though one year a Malaysian took top prize.

The festival draws an older lot. On stage, most of the musicians had white hair, and some used canes. So did many members of the audience, who sang along.

Yellow Pine residents said they were happy to see the visitors pull in — and just as glad to see them go. They like it quiet.

"Winter is incredible," said L.A. Gordon, whose wife was selling hand-painted rocks in front of the dilapidated town library. "It's quiet, and the snowflakes are the size of potato chips."

# Suspect in Idaho Falls shootout enters plea

**IDAHO FALLS (AP)** — A man who led police on a high-speed chase and was shot at least four times could face up to 21 years in prison.

Daniel P. Litzenberg, 42, entered an Alford plea Thursday to charges of aggravated battery, aggravated assault and misdemeanor domestic violence. He will face sentencing Sept. 25.

Though not an admission of guilt, an Alford plea signifies the defendant recognizes the evidence supports a guilty verdict.

Litzenberg entered the plea in exchange for Bonneville County prosecutors' dismissing a no-contact order violation and charges of eluding police and domestic violence in front of a child.

Investigators said the incident started with a reported domestic dispute April 23 at a home in eastern Bonneville County. Officers were called to the home after Litzenberg allegedly violated a no-contact order.

Though he was not at home when officers arrived, Litzenberg was spotted later while driving. After a failed attempt to pull him

over, he led Sheriff's deputies and an Idaho State Police officer on a 10-mile chase to the Blacktail Park boat docks near the Ririe Reservoir, investigators said.

When Litzenberg found himself cornered, he rammed a police cruiser and refused to get out of his truck.

When officers pointed their weapons at him he allegedly slit his own throat with a 12-inch knife and — charged at — trooper Chris Nelson.

Nelson, Sgt. Kelly Carter and deputy Barrett Hillier fired on Litzenberg, hitting him at least four times.

The officers administered CPR and Litzenberg was rushed to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center where he remained until his transfer to the county jail in May.

He is still recovering from the gunshot wounds.

Prosecutors and investigators concluded that the officers could not be charged with any wrongdoing and were commended for using CPR to save Litzenberg's life.

# Jackson Hole boosts season pass prices

**JACKSON, Wyo. (AP)** — Season ski passes will rise \$10 to \$35 this winter — the first increase in two years.

Daily lift tickets at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort will jump for the sixth straight year to \$64, resort spokeswoman Anna Olson said.

Jackson Hole officials said the new one-day lift ticket price was in line with what other resorts have been charging.

"We're pretty much in the middle if you were to look at daily ticket prices nationwide," Olson said.

But the resort's season Mountain Pass — good for all 121 days of skiing — remained one of the most expensive in the country at \$1,530, an increase of \$35 from last year.

A Weekend Warrior pass, good for 38 days of skiing, will sell for \$10 more this winter at \$560. The price of a Weekday Wrangler pass also increased to \$1,190.

For the first time, parents who buy a season pass at Jackson Hole will receive a similar children's pass for free.

Season pass rates at Grand Targhee Ski Resort and Snow King Ski Area will stay the same as last year.

"We know price is an issue with people when they're considering skiing so we wanted to make it so affordable that there's no reason why people shouldn't buy a pass," Snow King manager Jim Sullivan said.

# Man faces charges for spending windfall

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — A man who found a \$490,000 windfall in his checking account was jailed for spending \$230,000 of the money.

The extra money was mistakenly wired to the man's account July 1 by a Denver title company. Using the "wrong account" number, Ogden Police Sgt. Doug Lucero said.

Instead of paying the Park Creek Metro District, the title company sent the money to the 50-year-old suspect's account at Ogden Wells Fargo Bank by transposing two of the account numbers.

Wells Fargo froze the account a week after the transaction, but not before the suspect was able to spend \$116,000 on three vehicles and another \$114,000 on what he called "a lot of stuff," Lucero said.

Federal and state agents and Ogden police tracked the man down at a Salt Lake City address based on evidence they obtained by rummaging through garbage cans at his Ogden residence, Lucero said.

The vehicles were seized, and the suspect is being held in the Salt Lake County jail on suspicion of felony theft.

The case has been turned over to the Salt Lake County attorney's office because all the purchases were made in Salt Lake County.

# Estranged husband pleads innocent to wife's shooting

**CALDWELL (AP)** — A Nampa man has pleaded innocent to the May shooting death of his estranged wife.

Abel Leon, 22, was ordered to stand trial on Dec. 2 for murdering Angie Leon, 21. Prosecutors intend to seek the death penalty if Leon is convicted.

Third District Judge James Morfit said on Friday that the trial would likely take 10 days.

Angie Leon was killed in her Nampa apartment after her husband dragged her away from her children and mother, investigators contend. She had secured a protective order barring Leon from coming near her.

He had been jailed for a previous protective order violation when he was released less than a month earlier after reaching a plea bargain with prosecutors.

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# Fire district seeks tax money

By Shelley Rideour  
Times-News writer

MALTA - Residents of the Raft River Fire Protection District decide again Tuesday if they're willing to pay higher taxes so the fire district can operate in that expansive part of rural Cassia County.

Fire district officials have scheduled a special override election for Tuesday. They're asking voters to allow an additional \$25,000 to be collected through taxes for each of the next two fiscal years, district attorney Bill Parsons said. If approved, the higher tax plan would go into effect Oct. 1.

No additional tax is in place this year, Parsons said, but it was for the two previous years. The fire district collected about \$15,000 in this year, Parsons said. The district's 2002-03 budget is \$16,987. The additional money comes from a fee the district receives because some firefighters handle occasional ambulance tasks.

"This is nothing unusual for Raft River," Parsons said of the override election.

"You can't operate a fire district that vast size without additional money," he said. "You just don't generate much tax revenue out there."

The additional money is needed "to assure the continued operation, maintenance, housing and manning of the district's firefighting equipment and its capacity for fire protection," fire district officials said in their notice of election.

Parsons points out the firefighters are volunteers and the district isn't paying salaries with the tax dollars. "This is equipment, insurance and all that, not salaries," he said.

Parsons, who has been the Raft River Fire District's attorney since the district was established, said voters have always supported the additional tax request.

"There has been little or no resistance in past elections because the fire district does such a good job," he said.

The additional \$25,000 a year is more than 3 percent of the district's tax collections. Idaho law allows taxing districts to increase taxes by up to 3 percent a year without voter approval. Any amount beyond 3 percent must be approved by voters.

Parsons didn't have data about how much more money a fire district resident would pay if the measure is passed.

In the past couple of years, Raft

River Fire District officials have been working to add another building where a fire truck could be stationed year round, to provide better service to some of the more remote areas in the district.

And some residents are now working with district personnel to become part of the fire district. Those people currently aren't in any fire district, but want to be included — and taxed — in the Raft River district.

But, Parsons pointed out, the additional money isn't needed to expand the department. "That's not a done deal yet."

Rather, the money is needed to maintain the current level of service.

"They've saved lives and they've saved property. They're a dedicated group," Parsons said.

The polling place — the Raft River Rural Electric office — is open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday. The office is located at 155 N. Main in Malta.

The measure requires a simple majority for approval.

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# THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT A UNIFORM



Linda Miller of Declo adjusts an infantryman uniform Friday at the Minidoka County Fair. Several military uniforms from World War II were displayed in the antique building throughout the course of the fair, which wrapped up Saturday.

# Customers mourn Boise restaurant's demise

BOISE (AP) - Homemade onion rings and thick, hard ice-cream milkshakes have kept customers coming to the little blue and white drive-in for decades.

The food was delicious, to be sure. But it was the camaraderie between the servers and the service that made the place feel like home.

Now Rusty's Drive In is closing, forced out by a developer's purchase of the mostly vacant shopping center where it sits.

Word spread fast among Rusty's regulars when owners John and Karen Derosier were asked to leave by Edward Johnson of Skyline Corporation last month. The Derosiers once owned the restaurant but were only leasing the land where it sits, made nothing from the deal. Johnson is terminating their lease.

Within days customers were picking up petitions along with their orders, and in two weeks 1,172 signatures had been collected.

The petition did not change Johnson's mind, and Saturday night the drive-in will close for good. The Derosiers have no plans to rebuild.

But John Derosier and his manager Troy say they just feel good that for once, a Mom-and-Pop style business stood up against corporate America.

Johnson refuses to comment on the drive-in, his purchase of the property, or the petition.

"We just wanted to show him we had a lot of support from the community. We didn't know it was going to be this big," John Derosier said. "Last night everybody in the county was here. We normally close at 9, and by 9:30 we



Penny Sexton, an employee of Rusty's Drive In for the last year, serves a customer in the drive through on Thursday in Boise.

had to turn the lights off. This is just a tradition that's been handed down forever."

Troy Derosier, who spells his last name with the traditional capital "R," started taking orders at the restaurant 10 years ago when he was 15.

"You wouldn't believe how many people come in and say this was my first job," DeRosier said. "It's got a lot of history for a lot of people. I just hope I can keep my composure when we close up."

Like many of the neighborhood kids, DeRosier remembers heading to Rusty's for a real footlong hot-dog and a scotch and soda, the children's version made with two

kinds of soda pop and vanilla flavoring.

Back then he may have run into Royce Noel, who felt so grown-up in 1982 when she was eight years old and finally allowed to walk by herself along the cart-lined roads to Rusty's.

"That place is nostalgic for me. I would walk up there with my friends all the time and get a scotch and soda and tater tots," said Noel, who has since moved to Jacksonville, Fla. "I was just driving back to Florida from Seattle and the only reason we went through Boise was to eat at Rusty's. I'm pretty disappointed it's closing."

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- Troy DeRosier, Rusty's Drive In employee

Eight-year-old Kathleen Cadwell says she is more than disappointed. She's depressed.

"This is my favorite place to eat, better than McDonald's. I get the Oreo shake and the kids meal," she said, before turning to her mother, Bonnie Cadwell. "Mom, can I have a 44-ounce shake this time? Before they close?"

Bonnie Cadwell nodded her head and took a long last look at the menu on the 45-year-old building. Most of the original items are still offered and still popular. The children can go through a case of chicken gizzards in a week.

"This is out in the country without a lot of hustle bustle and it's where we go to relax," she said. "I signed the petition and brought all my friends out to sign because really, this is our place. It's peaceful, sort of like home."

# Tamarack Resort moves ahead with construction

DONNELLY (AP) - Development at the Tamarack Resort at Lake Cascade has started work on new roads, ski runs and the Robert Trent Jones II golf course.

Masco Construction began work on a \$1.7 million contract for the resort's road system, while Ikola Logging of McCall started clearing trees for ski runs and golf fairways.

Colorado-based Neiber Construction won a \$4.3 million contract to sculpt the resort's golf course, making it the first ski, golf and lake resort built in the country since the early 1980s.

About 20 jobs have been created for local contractors — a number that developers expect will triple when utility work and trail shaping is in full swing later this month.

Strawberry Construction of Council and Yates Construction of Donnelly have been employed for trail clearing and environmental work.

Timber from the site will be processed at Evergreen Forest Products near New Meadows.

"We feel good about being involved in the project," said Gerry Ikola, owner of Ikola Logging.

Developers expect to announce the winner of a multi-million dollar sewer-line installation project in the coming weeks.

Five miles of hiking and mountain biking trails were opened at the resort earlier this summer, providing access to the resort's first real estate sites. Developers hope to have some ski runs available by Dec. 23.

# Prisoner escapes in deputy's car, leads police on chase

OGDEN, Utah (AP) - A prisoner stole a Davis County sheriff's deputy's car, rammed it through a wrought iron fence and led police on a chase before a tire blew out.

Carl John Racker, 29, Layton, was taken back into custody Thursday.

Sheriff's Capt. Kenny Payne said Racker had been arrested by Clearfield police Monday night for investigation of drug and stolen goods violations. He allegedly tried to escape at that time by climbing through the window of a police vehicle, but was caught.

Bail was set Wednesday at \$10,000.

Racker was taken to Ogden's 17th Street Station on Center Thursday so officers could see if there were stolen goods in a unit there.

Kevin Campbell, manager of the guidance center, cut a pad lock to the unit and was walking back into the office when he noticed Racker in the police vehicle.

"About a minute later I hear a

"pop, pop, pop," Campbell said. "He hit a bus in the back, turned it and came down the road, hit a large trash bin, and went right through that fence."

At least two shots were fired at the vehicle by the deputy.

Racker was spotted by an Ogden patrol officer and was being chased by police when the left rear tire began to shred, forcing him to pull off to a dirt road near a pond where he crashed into an abandoned barge.

"He pretty well creamed the Durango," Ogden Police Lt. Mark Acker said.

Racker took off running but was caught by officers and booked into the Weber County Jail on suspicion of escape from custody, evading police, reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident, and auto theft.

Campbell said his fence is worth about \$20,000, and police have estimated damage to the vehicle at approximately \$10,000.

Davis County sheriff's officials are not releasing the name of the deputy pending investigation.

# Phosphorus

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absorbed by crops. The new plan focuses on tolerable limits that may exceed crop consumption but that still protect surface waters.

"It's a lot more flexible and it focuses on surface water pollution aspects rather than plant uptake," said David Mabe, state water quality program administrator for the DEQ.

But industry isn't enamored with the new proposal.

Huge expenditures would be needed for installing environmental benefit, Rusk said. Phosphorus doesn't move through the soil column, and the nutrient is non-hazardous.

But in areas where soil is saturated with all of the phosphorus it can hold, the leaching of phosphorus into groundwater can occur, Mabe said.

And groundwater eventually drains into the Snake River.

For Jeromo Cheese, the issue goes beyond the proposal. All companies should be held to the same standards, said Mandy Jeromo — Cheese — maintenance manager. The company believes it has been held to a higher standard than others. Its permit — approved by the DEQ but still in limbo at the county level — was written when the stricter standards were under consideration by the DEQ.

Jeromo Cheese must pretreat its wastewater before using it to irrigate its fields on a Gooding County farm two miles north of Niagara Springs. The DEQ says it isn't specifically requiring pretreatment, but it's the only way

# All about phosphorus

**Too much of a good thing**  
Phosphorus is a natural nutrient that promotes plant growth, but too much of it causes trouble by causing what scientists describe as the premature aging of a river system — essentially turning it into a swamp.

Not only do excessive aquatic plants anger boaters and swimmers, they suck dissolved oxygen out of the water at night, ruining habitats required by sensitive native species such as trout. An overload of phosphorus also can lead to toxic algae blooms under the right conditions.

The mid-Snake is running about .1 to .11 milligrams of phosphorus per liter. The federal limit is .075 milligrams per liter.

**How to comment**  
Public comments will be accepted on the Department of Environmental

Quality's proposed phosphorus guidelines until Aug. 15.

The proposal can be found online at [www.deq.state.id.us](http://www.deq.state.id.us). Click on "News and Notices" and scroll down to requests for public comment.

Written comments can be submitted online or sent to Richard Huddleston, Idaho DEQ, Water Quality Division, 1440 E. Wilson, Boise, 83705. He can be reached at 208-373-0561 or [rhuddles@deq.state.id.us](mailto:rhuddles@deq.state.id.us).

**Proposal at a glance**  
The DEQ's proposal regulating phosphorus at wastewater irrigation (land application) sites includes these recommendations:

- Runoff must be prevented.
- Site closure plans must consider accumulated phosphorus levels in the soil so that future irrigation practices or field runoff do not threaten rivers, streams or other surface waters.
- Test wells down gradient from the site must show phosphorus levels below 0.1 milligrams per liter. That is the level of concentration at which water quality problems are expected to show in surface waters.
- An early warning level identifying phosphorus levels in the soil should be established to prevent phosphorus overloading. If exceeded, phosphorus levels in wastewater should be limited to what crops can consume.
- Highly permeable soils may require alternative standards to be determined by the DEQ on a case-by-case basis.
- Alternative limits may be proposed by entities seeking wastewater permits if they can produce studies that show their proposals will protect water quality.

legislative adoption.

But the regulations likely will head for the formal rule-making process, Mabe said. "The procedural track chosen at this point allows the agency to put the proposal out for initial public comment, before heading into rule-making formalities."

Most DEQ environmental standards that impose numerical limits go through the Legislature, Mabe said.

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representative from the Extension Nutrition Program will discuss eating habits, including what an appropriate serving size really is.

• Aug. 27 — 6:30 p.m., BallMoral Apartments, 851 Shenandoah Dr., Halley. Participants will learn about — the many resources the community has to offer. Joseph Young will be giving tours of the affordable BallMoral Apartments. The workshop also will include tips for better budgeting. John Hathaway, director of the Department of Health and Welfare's Region 5, will discuss how residents across the valley

can access and obtain the agency's services without having to drive long distances. A representative from the Advocates will discuss assistance available to women and child victims of domestic violence.

Contact information for specific needs will be available, and Spanish translation will be provided at all meetings. Door prizes will be distributed by businesses in communities that each Head Start center serves.

Participants must call Julie at 733-9351, Ext. 3003, to receive transportation or child-care information while participating in the program.

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SERIOUS SCULPTING



Lisa Foster of Leaburg, Ore., works on a sculpture Thursday during the 14th annual International Nautical Chainsaw Carving Competition in Westport, Wash. AP Photo

# Decision on wolverines status may come by fall

MOSCOW (AP) - Federal wildlife officials say they will decide by fall whether to study federal protection for the elusive wolverine.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will have to shuffle budget priorities to meet that schedule and settle a lawsuit from environmental groups, agency spokeswoman Diane Katzenberger said.

"Like everybody else, when you get a court order you basically have to follow it," she said. The agency has been putting off a decision for three years.

The pending settlement with Friends of the Clearwater in Moscow and five other groups requires the agency only to issue a decision on whether to study endangered species protection should be launched for the bear-cub sized animal. It doesn't require the agency to reach that conclusion.

The wolverine, which grow to

about 25 pounds and more than three feet in length, range over Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Alaska, where they depend on wilderness and roadless areas for survival.

"We are lucky to have them here in the Clearwater country," said Gary Macfarlane of the Friends of the Clearwater. "In fact, this is one of the few areas where they remain, where they have a toehold in the lower 48."

"We think the scientific information is out there to list them as a threatened or endangered species," he said.

Environmental groups have been pressing for action on the wolverine since 2000. As early as 1994, the Fish and Wildlife Service decided it lacked scientific information to make a determination.

Now it's studying the wolverine again, promising a decision by October.

# Officials investigate horse slashings

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - Authorities suspect animal cruelty after discovering neck gashes on 13 horses at the same dude ranch over the past five weeks.

The most recent injured horse at the Turque Verde Guest Ranch was discovered on Friday, suffering from a three-inch long gash to its neck. It is expected to recover.

The other horses have rebounded from their injuries, but the cuts were close to the horses' jugular veins and could have been fatal, said Pima County Sheriff's Detective John Mawhinney, a member of the Animal Cruelty Task Force of Southern Arizona.

The injuries - jagged wounds ranging from one inch to four inches long - have occurred randomly at night since the first week in July, Mawhinney said.

Investigators have no suspects in the slashings.

Ranch owner Bob Cote was on vacation and could not be reached for comment by the Arizona Daily Star. A ranch manager refused to comment.

Investigators will inspect the horse corral to determine if any sharp objects could have caused the injuries, Mawhinney said.

"Horses do their own thing," he said. "Having 13 of them do the same thing in a similar manner is highly unlikely."

# Campaign throws mayor into copyright controversy

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer is taking a look at possible copyright violations in Mayor Rocky Anderson's "Rocky II" election campaign.

Anderson's campaign theme - plastered on billboards, bumper stickers and lawn signs - borrows from the 1979 MGM/United Artists movie starring Sylvester Stallone as a down-on-his-luck boxer.

MGM trademark attorney, Michael Moore, collected copies of Anderson's literature sent by the campaign headquarters of his opponents Frank Pignatelli.

Moore and other MGM lawyers appeared interested in pursuing a copyright claim against Anderson when they called a month ago, said Dallas Nordstrom, Pignatelli's campaign manager.

"MGM was more circumspect about its intentions."

"We're still discussing that internally," said Moore, who was hoisted in the *Deseret Morning News* as refusing to elaborate.

"That's not something we would talk about in the press anyway."

Wesley Lang, vice chairman of the Utah State Bar's intellectual-property section, said Anderson might have to knock "Rocky II" out of his campaign if the studio gets aggressive enforcing its rights.

"The basic principle in trademark is the likelihood of confusion," Lang said. "Is the average person going to confuse Rocky's campaign slogan with the movie?"

"No, they aren't," contends Anderson campaign manager Sheryl Ivey.

"We're not a movie and not the same genre whatsoever, so I don't see how that's an infringement," Ivey said.

# Tribe wants control over water quality

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - The Coeur d'Alene Tribe is asking federal regulators for a role in establishing water-quality standards for part of Lake Coeur d'Alene and the St. Joe River.

The tribe filed the request at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the first time since a divided U.S. Supreme Court ruled two years ago that the tribe owns the lower third of Lake Coeur d'Alene.

"Having their standards apply in Lake Coeur d'Alene is very important to the tribe," EPA attorney Rich McAllister said.

The EPA still would retain power to set water-quality stan-

dards for the lake, tribal attorney Eric Van Orden said.

Tribal and federal authorities will meet later this month to discuss the request.

When tribal ownership of the southern third of the lake was affirmed, the tribe started regulating fishing and slapped a moratorium on new docks and other encroachments.

County Commissioner Jack Buell fears even more tribal regulation if the latest request is granted.

"The moratorium on any more piling and any more docks, of course that affects taxes in Benewah County," Buell said.

"When people build a house on the river, they probably want a dock and pilings on it."

Buell said state regulation should be granted, but EPA maintains state standards do not apply to water on Indian reservations.

Some residents believe control over their land will be excessive if the tribe wins state-like status, but EPA officials say the water quality standards proposed by the tribe are not significantly different from the state standards.

And, McAllister said, "the fact is, the state's standards aren't being met, either."

Van Orden contends the tribe will listen to public concerns.

# Murder suspect let go after witness fails to show

BONNERS FERRY (AP) - An Idaho man was acquitted of murder after a key prosecution witness ducked a subpoena and his lawyer played the role of a complicit dead man for jurors.

Henry Ryder, 58, of Naples, maintained he shot neighbor Fred Cooper, 46, in self-defense in an argument over a property line last August.

Defense attorney Tim Gresback left Cooper's family aghast - taking the witness stand Friday as the man his client shot, relating in a folksy manner the circumstances Ryder alleged.

"I pulled my gun on Henry Ryder. I didn't know he had a gun," said Gresback, acting as Cooper. "I scared the death out of

him. He shot me in the chest. I think Henry's sorry for the day he moved next door to me."

"I'm sorry for the way my life ended up, what I've done to Henry, what I've done to my kids," Gresback concluded.

"Henry's got to live with this rest of his life."

The jury acquitted Ryder after four hours of deliberation.

Boundary County Prosecutor Jack Douglas tried to delay the trial... after... discovering... that Ryder's stepson, Jim Gibson, no longer was a cooperating witness and went in hiding to avoid a subpoena.

Gibson was supposed to repeat his testimony at a preliminary hearing that Ryder seemed to be

in shock and admitted shooting Cooper.

The prosecutor was left to rely on experts arguing Ryder didn't need to fire his gun to defend himself, and on a surveyor who testified Ryder told him he did not give Cooper a chance to shoot back.

Gresback said that was Ryder's way of saying he won the draw.

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# New citizens see themselves simply as Americans

## More than 100 people recently take the oath during ceremony in Nampa

**NAMPA (AP)** - For most Americans, the day they're born, which also happens to be the day they become Americans, is a memory in the minds of others.

However, for other Americans, the day they became citizens is an emotional culmination of a journey that lasted months, years or even decades.

Unlike those born here, they must navigate a naturalization system and demonstrate a working knowledge of English, American history and democracy. The road to American citizenship may have been strewn with roadblocks, such as war or poverty that can be only imagined by others.

That would help explain the tears, smiles and wild applause when 103 people from 30 countries became Americans earlier this summer at a naturalization ceremony at the Nampa Civic Center.

Twenty-eight new citizens were from Mexico and another 24 hailed from Bosnia-Herzegovina.

How we define ourselves is subjective. While most Americans in this country of immigrants still claim some foreign heritage, a growing number think of themselves as simply American.

That can include people whose families go back several generations in the states as well as those who become citizens later in life.

Prior to the ceremony, Sejida Karabegovic sat on the edge of a bench, waiting to be called into the auditorium. She clutched a bouquet of flowers and a balloon and was so nervous, she said, that she could not talk about her emigration from Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Other applicants for citizenship paced the floor, stood outside in the sun or tried to nap on the benches.

Vasile Ionescu, who wore a double-breasted suit, sat at attention, solemnly looking ahead. The 72-year-old former welder from Romania fled his country in 1985 with his daughter, son-in-law and their infant daughter. They came to the United States a year later and settled in Nampa.

With translation help from his 13-year-old grandson, Alex Stanelis, Ionescu said he appreciates the better living standards and natural beauty of America. When asked why he wanted to become a citizen, Ionescu spoke in a low voice to his grandson.

"He wants to be called an American," Stanelis said.

Ionescu is not alone. More people than ever define their ethnic heritage, at least in part, as "American" according to

the 2000 Census.

Those who cite German ancestry make up the largest group in Idaho and the country, but the number of those who define their ancestry as American is gaining.

In 1990, slightly more than 4 percent of Idahoans stated their ancestry as American. A decade later, more than 108,000, or about 8 percent, said so. That made Idaho 18th nationally and the highest among Western states.

Demographers and sociologists cite possible reasons for the growing number of people who consider themselves American:

- The death of older immigrants in the 1990s.

- A decrease in family discussion of ethnic heritage.

- A continued mixing of ancestries through marriage, making "American" the convenient choice.

- Reduced immigration from European countries and lower birthrates among those with European roots.

- An influx of new immigrants eager to call themselves "Americans."

Tuan Ngoc Ha of Vietnam is in that last group. "I really love America," said the Boise restaurateur, who rushed into the Civic Center just moments before the oath of citizenship was administered.

Glenda Ortiz, a native of El Salvador who has lived in Idaho Falls for nine years, said after the ceremony that being a citizen makes employment in the States easier and means better benefits for her three children.

"For me, it's great," the 28-year-old immigrant said.

Obtaining citizenship does not require denouncing one's roots. At the ceremony, "It's a Grand Old Flag" was played on bagpipes by a member of the Boise Highlanders. "Being of Scottish decent, I'm particularly happy it will be played on the bagpipes," said U.S. Magistrate Michel H. Williams, who presided over the naturalization.

The throaty tones touched Carole Klungbe, too. She came to the United States from Scotland in 1981. For many years, she carried her foreign identification card, but the 2001 terrorist attacks made her decide that it was time to adopt America as her country, she said. Her son, who is in the Army, took part in the Iraq invasion.

"It made sense that I should be a part of it all, not on the outside looking in," Klungbe said. "This is my home."

# Man files damage claim over involuntary mental hold

**LEWISTON (AP)** - An ex-convict who says he's been imprisoned longer than his maximum sentence has filed a damage claim against Idaho and Nez Perce County.

Charley J. Strong III of Lewiston is asking for \$200,000 for unlawful confinement at the Orofino prison and a mental ward.

The state and county have until early this fall to respond to the

administrative claim. If he's turned down, Strong can take his case to court.

Strong says he wasn't released until July 10 for a sentence that ended last November, and that he

was only moved to a mental ward pending transfer to a state hospital.

State and local officials blame an oversight for the extended prison time.

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# 'Let it burn' policy pleases some

## Plan for wildfire in Washington will replenish forest, they say

WINTHROP, Wash. (AP) — In his two-bedroom home nestled in the tinder-dry forests north of Republic, Tim Coleman lives under the safety of a metal roof and has made peace with wildfires.

Like many environmentalists, he is pleased with the way firefighters are letting the more than 75,000-acre Farewell Creek fire burn through the Pasayten Wilderness near the Canadian border.

Because of careful preparations, the fire is burning naturally and replenishing the forest without endangering homes or communities, Coleman said.

It's the same philosophy he used around his home, where trees and brush were cleared away to transform it from a firetrap into a less-flammable forest oasis.

Coleman and the environmental group he works with, the Kettle Range Conservation Group, think that type of prevention is still the best way to fight future wildfires.

"We need to focus our efforts on the urban/wildland interface zone where the greatest risk to lives and to firefighters exists," Coleman said.

The "let it burn" philosophy appeals to conservationists, but is often criticized by timber industry groups and those upset by images of big trees exploding into towers of flames.

Fire can help a forest to be healthy by clearing out undergrowth and dead leaves and needles, but only when the forest is ready to burn, said Stefany Bales, vice president for the Intermountain Forest Association in Idaho.

When conditions are too dry or too much fuel has built up, fire will kill trees and destroy forests, she said. It takes decades to restore a forest wiped out by flames. Few who seek out the woods for recreation are excited by the chance visit a charred landscape. And for timber companies, piles of ash can't be cut and milled into profitable lumber.

"Fire is important when it's done in a natural, therapeutic role," Bales said. "Until we can reduce the fuel load it isn't safe for those places."

The debate reaches to the highest levels of government. Congress is currently fighting over how much federal money to spend fighting forest fires next year. The Bush administration proposed \$289 million, but the House deleted all that money before sending the bill to the Senate, where it is pending.

The Farewell Creek fire started 13 miles north of Winthrop, but the town was never in harm's way because the Forest Service conducted prescribed burns earlier in the year to eliminate fuels. That allowed firefighters to hold back the flames and steer them away from the town.

Such preventive measures should become a national policy, environmental groups believe. They prefer that to large-scale thinning of forests, which helps logging companies and requires more effort.



Denis Gaudry, left, of the British Columbia Forest Service in Canada, unrolls maps July 24 as two unidentified officials confer with Bob Anderson, right, incident commander for the Farewell Creek fire in Tonasket, Wash.

Environmentalists and timber groups agree that it's important to keep safe communities and homes near forests, but Bales said the backcountry must not be neglected.

"Most catastrophic fires start in the backcountry," she said, "and in these kinds of conditions, no amount of buffer is going to protect the home once a fire gets going like this."

Sue Vap, fire director for the National Park Service, said the nationwide trend in fire prevention is moving toward the protection of the border area between communities and forests where homes most often burn.

"I know we are doing a mix of projects but the emphasis on the wildland-urban interface projects has increased and will continue to do so," she said.

Fred Munson of the Northwest Ecosystem Alliance believes the government spends too much money fighting fires in forests, and too little protecting homes and preventing fires. "You need to focus your preventative resources on protecting communities."

As long as communities are kept safe, fires should be allowed to

take their natural course in forests, he said. There is no formal "let it burn" policy set by the U.S. Forest Service. That decision is made on a fire by fire basis.

But the acreage that is allowed to burn naturally has been going up since 1998, said Jackie Denk, a fire information officer for the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise.

Throughout the 1998 fire season, 62,141 acres were allowed to burn naturally, she said. So far in 2003, 169,305 acres have burned naturally.

Even when a fire is allowed to burn, it's still watched and managed. At the Farewell Creek fire,

crews have wrapped some structures in fire retardant material. They have also built fire lines outside the borders of the wilderness area to keep the flames from escaping.

But in general the fire will help the forest by burning off old, diseased and dying trees that have reached the end of their life span, fire officials said.

The Farewell blaze was moving closer to the Canadian border, and officials said it would inevitably cross the boundary, where it will receive the same treatment in Canada as it got in Washington.

Crews will make a circle around it, wait and ensure it doesn't burn any structures.

# Deaths prompt supervisor to ask for reassignment

SALMON (AP) — The supervisor for eastern Idaho's Salmon-Challis National Forest has asked for reassignment after the deaths of two smoke jumpers in a wildfire two weeks ago on his turf.

The decision by George Matejko, who has run the 4.3 million-acre forest since the mid-1990s, came as 70 firefighters closed in on another Salmon-Challis wildfire on Saturday and 2,200 more battled a half dozen other blazes around Idaho.

Fire restrictions for campers and other recreationists were in effect across the entire southern part of the state.

"Our burning indices are at an all-time high," Boise National Forest Supervisor Dick Smith said. Matejko said the July 22 deaths of Jeff Allen, 24, of Salmon and Shane Heath, 22, of Malin on the Cramer fire west of Salmon combined with the spring fire that destroyed his home in town and killed his pet dogs solidified his decision to move.

"I want very much to continue to contribute to the mission of the Forest Service," he wrote in a letter distributed on Friday to the forest's 300 employees. "I feel I have much to offer the agency, yet I feel I cannot continue as forest supervisor."

Matejko will be detailed to the Northern Regional headquarters in Missoula, Mont., on Tuesday while a new assignment is being finalized. Steve Solem from the Intermountain Regional headquarters in Ogden, Utah, will take over as acting supervisor during August.

Matejko expressed confidence that his permanent replacement will be able to assist the employees of the forest and the community with the healing to get through the loss we have all suffered."

The preliminary report on the

smoke jumper deaths determined that the two men had been on the ground for several hours when fire activity intensified. They used a helicopter to pull them out, but the smoke was so dense the helicopter couldn't land.

The pilot continued searching, and eventually two other smoke jumpers found the bodies.

An investigation could take another five weeks.

The Cramer fire was contained Thursday after burning 5,000 acres.

Fire bosses expected to contain the 1,300-acre Crystal Creek fire on the western side of the Salmon-Challis National Forest this week-end, but there were no containment targets on either the 2,000-acre Frog Pond fire or a new complex of small fires, both burning on the Continental Divide near Lost Trail Pass.

Fire bosses reported more progress on the Hot Creek fire west of the small town of Atlanta in southwestern Idaho. At nearly 26,000 acres, the fire remained the state's largest and most costly. More than \$5 million has been spent on suppression and protecting the mountain community.

The fire was 50 percent contained but was actively burning on the eastern flank several miles from Atlanta.

Firefighters braced themselves Saturday for a round of high winds and storms that could produce lightning strikes.

Crews at the 7,500-acre Slims Fire outside Grangeville also began preparing for possible bad weather, though activity at the fire has been slowing.

Fire bosses took the opportunity Saturday to solidify and extend fire lines along the northern and western flanks and have continued to hold the blaze at 10 percent containment.

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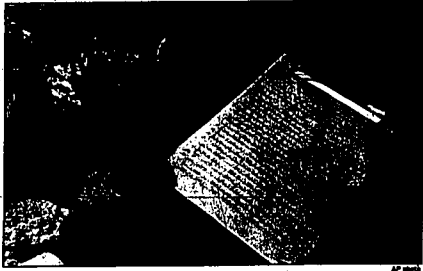
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Idahoan political foes join in battle against USA Patriot Act

BOISE (AP) - Put pacifists, gun-rights advocates, pro-choice supporters and anti-abortion activists in a room and try to find a political viewpoint they all agree on. It could take a while. But bring up the USA Patriot Act - a national law designed to fight terrorism that critics contend erodes basic civil liberties - and they may start nodding in agreement. Such is the case with the Boise Patriots, a group whose diverse members hope to keep the Patriot Act from being implemented in Idaho. "It may only be when our core civil liberties are under attack that we'll see such a groundswell of activism come out of the woodwork," said Jack Van Valkenburg, executive director of ACLU-Idaho. "I don't think we've ever had an issue that's brought such a broad cross-section of groups together." The Patriot Act, passed by



Gwen Sanchez holds up a list of signatures Tuesday at her home in Boise that she has gathered in opposition to the USA Patriot Act. Congress shortly after the 2001 terrorist attacks, greatly expanded the government's surveillance and

under the Bill of Rights, said Gwen Sanchez. She started the Boise Patriots in an effort to get the Boise City Council to pass a resolution affirming the city's dedication to civil liberties and prohibiting the Boise Police Department from using the expanded powers granted under the law. The effort has grown to include state government as well. Sanchez and Van Valkenburg began contacting anyone they thought would be interested in the cause, and asked friends to do the same. Soon Pagans were mingling with semiautomatic weapons collectors with gun control advocates, Green Party members and Libertarians with Republicans and Democrats. "It's a very grass roots approach," Sanchez said. "We're collecting signatures for two petitions - one at the state and one at the local level - and we hear from

one or two new people a day saying, 'How can I help, what can I do?'" One of them was Phyllis Schatz, a Boise Libertarian. "I like the idea of cooperating with different types of people to achieve one goal," Schatz said. The 74-year-old fears her descendants could someday be targeted under the Patriot Act. "Freedom is what I live for, and if we can't have freedom nothing else matters. I've pretty well lived my life in some respects but I don't want my grandchildren and great-grandchildren to grow in a world where the government is hanging over their heads," Schatz said. The threats Americans face under the Patriot Act are bigger than any political ideology, said Elton Nesselrodt, a driver for Panhandle Animal Lab who's worried he could be persecuted under the law because he is a pagan. "Just by my affiliation, that puts

me at greater chance of having background checks because I'm not traditional. If I go to the library and read something about the occult or metaphysics, that could pop up a red flag in a government record somewhere," Nesselrodt said. Sancheziro said the federal law allows the government to search homes without ever notifying those who live there, track reading selections people make at libraries or bookstores, and detain immigrants indefinitely for visa violations. Group members say they know of few civil rights violations in Idaho under the law, but they want to ensure they don't happen in the future. Boise Police Department spokeswoman Deanna Lokker said that as far as she knows, the department has not used any of the investigative techniques allowed under the new law.

Kempthorne rides Harley for escape

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Few recognized him. As he walked through the Coeur d'Alene Resort lobby, he wore a black leather jacket, black pants and boots, a gray Priest River Spartans T-shirt and a dark brown Harley-Davidson baseball hat. Outside, as he prepared to roll out of town on his 2003 silver Harley-Davidson, many walked by the man in black without saying anything - until one passer-by spoke up. "Good morning, governor," he said. "Good morning," the governor answered with a smile. And with that, Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne returned to the task at hand of sorting out his riding gear, which included chaps, gloves, helmet and vest. "We're going to do a couple hundred miles today, unless we push it all the way to Boise," he said that day in June. Take away the suit and tie that most Idahoans have come to expect, and Kempthorne looks like a traditional road warrior on wheels. You might expect the Gem State's governor to travel by limo everywhere he goes, but not here. He would rather ride on his 850-pound Harley. The freedom it offers, the chance to explore the region, the opportunity to make unplanned stops and meet people from two wheels is unmatched, he said. "When you see a magnificent state like this, you not only see it, but you smell it as you go through a forest, a meadow or cut through a field of alfalfa, you can smell all the scents, you feel the different temperatures," Kempthorne said. It's also impossible to worry about political pressures while on the road. "There's total involvement that's required of being a safe motorcycle rider that you can't be thinking about a lot of other things," he said. Some of his staff in Boise aren't wild about his hobby because of safety concerns, but the governor hasn't yet been deterred from riding when he has the time. "These are buddies I ride with,"

he said as they zipped up leather coats and strapped on their helmets, then lined up their Harleys. Kempthorne and company were heading south, bound for Boise, with some stops in between, including his old alma mater, the University of Idaho, and Joseph, Ore. Tim Wolcib of Boise said Kempthorne is a "very good," careful rider and fun to hang around with. "We don't look at him as the governor. We look at him as a friend - he's just a biker buddy," he said. Stephanie Wolcib, Tim's wife, was on her first trip riding on her own Harley with the group. She said the governor rides point. "We always let him lead us. He's a great leader so we just let him take the lead and follow where he goes," she said. The governor had ridden from Boise through Kamiah, along the Lochsa and over Lolo Pass into Montana earlier in the week. "It's just beautiful," he said. While his friends headed to Glacier National Park, Kempthorne turned toward Missoula, Mont., where he took part in Western Governors Association fly summit. From there, he rode to Coeur d'Alene. "The weather's been great," he said. "It's been fun. On the way to Missoula, I saw four Fish-and-Game staff in the Lochsa River. What they were doing was capturing the bull trout, then putting the electronic transmitters in. These were young kids, proud of what they were doing. You can imagine they were pretty surprised when a biker pulls off and walks up and introduces himself as the governor." Kempthorne began riding motorcycles three years ago. He loved it from the start. His wife, Patricia, has a Yamaha bike and the two enjoy late-night summer rides together. "It's a great way to unwind after a long day," he said.

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Rexburg family vacations in frontier-style covered wagon

REXBURG (AP) - The Piquets pulled out of their driveway in late June, loaded with the gear most families take on a camping trip. But instead of packing a vehicle or camper with food and supplies, they put everything in a covered wagon pulled by a horse. "It's fun because we're self-sufficient; everything we need we're packing," Shane Piquet said. Piquet, his wife and their children are making their way from their home in Milo, east of Ucon, past the Kelly Canyon ski area and into the Big Hole Mountains via a covered wagon and horses. Rope, who is 1 year old, sits with his folks in the wagon during the 50-mile trip. His sister and two brothers ride alongside on their own mounts. "You sure see a lot going slow," Piquet said. The Piquets have gone on

wagon trips for years and usually join about 20 other families in an annual wagon train near Archer each summer. But this is the first time they have made a trip on their own. "We thought, rather than having a ton of people, why not go by ourselves?" Piquet said. So in January, he and his wife, Angela, began planning the trip. The 2,000-pound wagon is loaded with items as diverse as two coolers of food, deflated air mattresses and a puppy. All of it is pulled by two hackney ponies, Shane Piquet said that, pound for pound, the ponies can pull as much as the paint and quarter horses ridden by his children, Shauna, Kolt and Brand. Shane Piquet said the children have been riding since they were big enough to hold on. "That's their hobby, is the horses," he said.

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SPORTSQUOTE

Don't get me wrong, it's dramatic. But this place is more about hype than it is great racing.

NASCAR Winston Cup driver Jeff Gordon, on today's Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

TRIVIA QUESTION: Wednesday will mark the second anniversary of a feat by the Boston Red Sox's Scott Hatteberg that has never been matched. What did he do that day?

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Golf: Idaho Seniors, at Burley GC. Legion baseball: AA State Tournament, at Timberline HS, Boise.

IN BRIEF

Football officials meet Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - High school football officials will hold a state rules clinic and organizational meeting on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Twin Falls High School.

Burley Boosters Club will meet Monday

BURLEY - The Burley Booster Club is meeting Monday at the conference room in the high school. Anyone with a student in grades 9 through 12 is encouraged to attend the meeting.

Oakley holds football meeting Thursday

OAKLEY - All players and parents of Oakley High School football are encouraged to attend an informational meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m.

Wendell football checks out players' equipment

WENDELL - There will be a team meeting for all Wendell High School football players Wednesday at 6 p.m. A parent meeting follows at 6:30 p.m. Equipment check-out for all players will be Thursday at 6 p.m. for seniors and juniors and at 6:30 for sophomores and freshmen.

Bruin Boosters meet Tuesday night at 7

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School Bruin Boosters will hold an organizational meeting for all interested parents and patrons on Tuesday at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the home of Terry Frater and Robin Dober at 1059 Mountain View Drive. Please bring your own lawn chairs. Topics to be discussed include the annual golf tournament, program booklet, membership and planning for upcoming events.

Soccer coaching clinic comes to Boise

BOISE - The state-hosted National Youth Soccer Coaching Course runs Wednesday through Sunday in Boise. The soccer clinic will offer instruction for both coaches and parents. The clinic is geared toward coaches for players aged 5-12.

TRIVIA ANSWER: He hit a grand slam and lined into a triple play in the same game.

Bobcats beat Bulldogs for state berth

Burley looks to add another title after win in 1999

By Steve Turner Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - The Burley Bobcats took the bite out of the Upper Valley Bulldogs in an old-fashioned, cat-and-mouse scrap Saturday at Bruin Field.

With its 7-4 win in the second-place game of the American Legion Single-A Area C Tournament, Burley earned a trip to the state tournament in Lewistown beginning Thursday.

The fourth-seeded Bobcats (23-11) jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first, with three of the runs being unearned. A soaring home run by Burley third baseman Andrew McMurry in the fifth made it a 6-3 game and pitcher Zac Pickup did the rest, holding the No. 2 Bulldogs to four runs on five hits.

Upper Valley had amassed 47 runs in their first four games of the tournament. The Bulldogs (27-8) didn't go down without a fight, however.

They pushed three runs across in the third to close the gap to 5-3 on back-to-back scoring singles by Andy Evans and Jason Egbert.

Trailing 7-4 in the bottom of the seventh, Upper Valley threatened with two on and two out, but a deep lineout to center field ended the rally and the game.

Burley head coach Doug Bailey said he wavered on whether to start Pickup, after he struggled against Wood River. But with a shortage of arms

already, what other choice did Bailey really have?

"After him having a bad outing on Wednesday, I wasn't sure whether he should start or not," Bailey said. "But he was very dominant today."

Pickup said he and the rest of the team are excited for the chance to go to state. The Bobcats won both the Idaho and Northwest regional titles in 1999.

"Today we came together as a team unlike last night against Marsh Falls (a 15S loss)," Pickup said. Please see LEGION, Page C2

Bucs ground Jets in Japan

Rookie QB Simms helps lead Tampa Bay to preseason victory

The Associated Press

TOKYO - Chris Simms helped make the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' journey to Japan a success.

The son of former New York Giants quarterback Phil Simms led a fourth-quarter touchdown drive and threw for 70 yards as the Super Bowl champions beat the Tokyo Jets 30-14 Saturday in the American Bowl, the NFL's exhibition opener.

Though Simms is the Bucs' third-string quarterback behind Brad Johnson and Shaun King, coach Jon Gruden saw potential in the third-round pick out of Texas.

"He definitely has ability and he proved it tonight," Gruden said. "We had solid execution and I like the attitude of our team."

Simms was upset when he was drafted because he felt he had the talent to be selected higher than No. 97 overall. Gruden has helped the quarterback during training camp, going over the offense as they sat on a golf cart after practice.

The special instruction must have helped. Simms started the second half and led a drive that culminated with a 4-yard touchdown pass to Reggie Barlow 45 seconds into the fourth quarter to put the Bucs up 20-7. Simms finished 7-of-10 for 70 yards before a Tokyo Dome crowd of 43,601.

Ralf Kleinmann kicked two field goals, including a 36-yarder with nine minutes left, that made it 30-7.

"We've got a long way to go still," Gruden said. "We enjoyed Tokyo enormously, but we're ready to go home now."

Both teams seemed to have fun on the trip. Warren Sapp loved the sushi, while Gruden was impressed with a giant roller coaster next to the Tokyo Dome.

"I hate to say it but that roller coaster across the street is pretty cool," Gruden said.

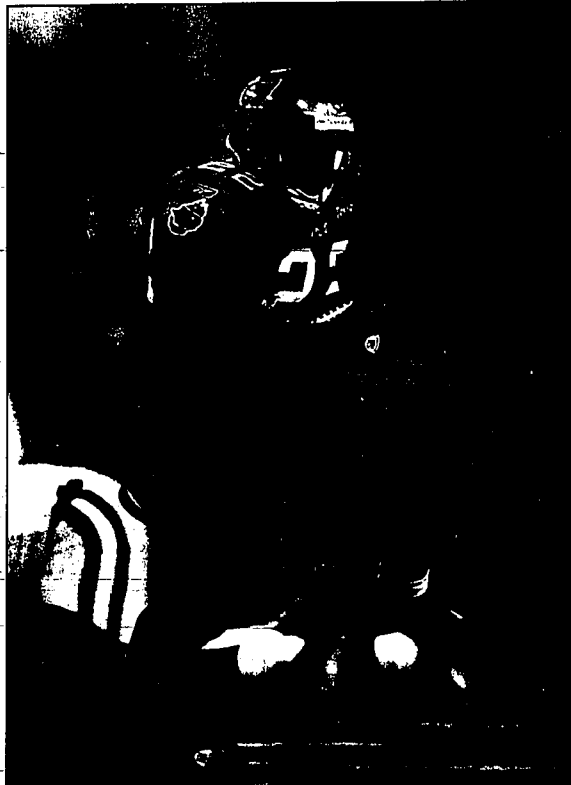
The Jets got off to a good start but could not stop the Tampa Bay offense.

LaMont Jordan ran for a 1-yard touchdown on the opening drive, but the Jets were shut down until late in the fourth quarter when rookie Brooks Bollinger threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Gabe Reid.

Most starters, including Sapp, Keyshawn Johnson and Jets quarterback Chad Pennington played a few series, so the reserves did most of the scoring.

Tampa Bay made it 27-7 with 12:07 remaining when Tim Wansley knocked the ball loose with a hit on Bollinger. Wansley scooped up the fumble and ran for a 47-yard touchdown.

Just as Jets coach Herman Edwards promised, he got the ball to Japanese receiver Yoshinobu Imoto in the final minutes of the fourth quarter when he caught a 44-yard pass from Bollinger.



Tampa Bay running back Thomas Jones breaks free for a touchdown in the second quarter of the Bucs' exhibition game against the Jets Saturday at Tokyo, Japan.

Imoto was one of two Japanese players in the American Bowl. Linebacker Shinzo Yamada played in one series for Tampa Bay.

Saturday's game was the 12th American Bowl in Japan. Last year, the Washington Redskins defeated the San Francisco 49ers 38-

7 at the Osaka Dome in western Japan. The Bucs scored in the first quarter when Marcin Gramatica kicked a 37-yard field goal. Kleinmann kicked a 36-yarder in the second quarter to make it 7-6. Thomas Jones gave the Bucs a 13-7 lead with 12 seconds left in the half, scoring on a 4-yard run.

NBA works to buck bad image

By Chris Sheridan Associated Press writer

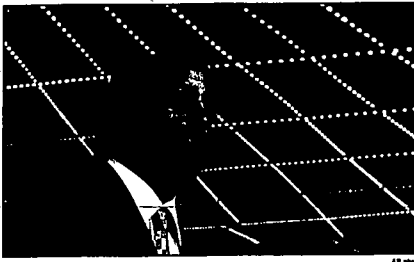
Later this summer, LeBron James' ears are guaranteed to perk up. He'll be sitting in a room along with the rest of the NBA's rookie class, and the subject will inevitably turn to Kobe Bryant.

The speaker will be someone from the league's office of player development, perhaps its director, Mike Bantom. The discussion will be frank, the tone will be bleak and the moral of the story will be this:

"If you do something bad, no matter how big or small, everybody is going to know about it on a scale you could never imagine."

"I hope that somebody learns from this," Bantom said. "Before, when you were in high school and college, you may have felt under a microscope, but it's nothing like at this level. Now, anything you do impacts you, your family, your career - and on how pro athletes are perceived. And it will have a profound impact with fans."

The felony sexual assault charge against Bryant - the



Mike Bantom, the NBA's director of player development, attends the NBA draft June 28 in New York. Bantom works to coach players on how to stay out of trouble and lead healthy lives.

league's No. 1 marketable star - has been just one of a string of highly publicized cases involving NBA players this summer.

The legal troubles have been a PR nightmare for a league that has struggled in recent years to

sell the sport to a portion of the public turned off by the tattooed, hip-hop culture.

Still, the NBA maintains that the problems are isolated and are not representative of the league's Please see NBA, Page C6

U.S. overcomes slow start at Pan American Games

The Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic - The United States used pinpoint shooting on the range and at the basket Saturday night to overcome a slow start at the Pan American Games.

Americans won gold and bronze in pistol, swept two fencing events, took the gold medal in women's gymnastics and topped it off with a thrilling comeback victory over an experienced Argentine team in men's basketball.

Greco-Roman wrestling star Rulon Gardner won two matches, as did teammate and fellow Olympian Brandon Paulson.

The U.S. gymnasts beat Canada and Brazil in the team competition, led by teenagers Nastia Liukin and Chellsie Memmel.

Liukin, 13, of Plano, Texas, scored 37.474 in four events (uneven bars, floor exercise, balance beam, vault), best in the field. American teammate Chellsie Memmel, 15, of West

Legion

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NFL holds first Sunday induction to Hall of Fame

The Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio (AP) - They starred on NFL Sundays, so it's fitting that's when they will enter the Hall of Fame.

For the first time in its 40-year history, the Pro Football Hall of Fame will hold its induction ceremony on a Sunday, honoring the 2003 class of Marcus Allen, Hank Stram, Elvin Bethea, Joe Delamater and James Lofton.

The Hall switched the ceremony from its usual Saturday morning slot to help accommodate thousands of out-of-town visitors, many of whom wanted to attend both the induction and Monday's Hall of Fame exhibition game.

The Kansas City Chiefs play the Green Bay Packers this Sunday.

"Having the enshrinement on Saturday made it difficult for people to get to both events," Hall spokesman Joe Horrigan said.

"This makes it one less day of commitment. It helps our visiting Hall of Famers, many of whom are still working and have commitments elsewhere."

There will be more visiting Hall of Famers - wearing those familiar yellow jackets - than ever before.

As part of its 40th anniversary, the Hall of Fame invited all 144 living members to attend this year's "NFL Homecoming" weekend and 115 made their way to Canton.

It's the second time in three years that all the members have been invited back. A 2000 reunion was so successful that commissioner Paul Tagliabue initiated this year's homecoming.

"Ever since that first reunion, it seems whenever I run into a Hall of Famer, he refers to that gathering and asks me, 'When will we do that again?'" The Hall of Fame's 40th anniversary is the perfect occasion.

The switch to Sunday is the Hall's second major change to the festivities in two years. In 2002, the ceremony was moved from the front steps of 2121 George H. Rye Drive across the street to 20,000-seat Pawcett Stadium.

The switch was made in part because crowds in recent years were too large for the grounds surrounding the Hall.

Allis, Wis., had the second highest score.

"We all had a good meet and we all did great as a team, trying to help each other," Liukin said. "We are very excited to be the first (U.S.) gold medalist at the 2003 Pan American Games."

That helped make up for decisive U.S. losses in women's basketball and handball and a scoreless tie in men's field hockey.

The most dramatic event of opening days was the U.S. men's basketball win, 80-79. Blake Stepp's 3-pointer and a jumper by Rickey Paulding in the final 1:20 capped the comeback from an eight-point deficit in the final quarter.

With the game tied at 74, Stepp, of Gonzaga, hit his long shot from the right wing to give the United States the lead. Paulding, of Missouri, missed a dunk over a defender with 51 seconds remaining, then made up for it with a 14-footer with 18 seconds on the clock for a five-point lead that

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

Auto Racing

Formula One, German GP, SPEED, 6:30 a.m. CART, Atlantic Championship Series, SPEED, 11 a.m. American Le Mans Series, SPEED, 12:30 p.m. NASCAR W/C, Brickyard 400, NBC, 12:30 p.m. NHRA, Fram-Auto Nationals, early rounds, ESPN, 3 p.m. NHRA, Fram-Auto Nationals, final rounds, ESPN2, 5 p.m.

Football

NFL, Hall of Fame Induction ceremony, ESPN, noon.

Tennis

WTA, Acura Classic, championship, ABC, 2 p.m. ATP, Mercedes-Benz Cup, championship, ESPN, 2 p.m.

Horse racing

Jim Dandy Stakes; Haskell Handicap, ESPN2, 3 p.m.

Fishing

Bassmaster Classic, ESPN, 4 p.m.

Golf

Euro Tour, Scandinavian Masters, final round, TFC, 7 a.m. Champions Tour, FedEx St. Jude Classic, final round, TFC, 11:30 a.m. Women's British Open, final round, ABC, 12:30 p.m. PGA, Bulck Open, final round, CBS, 1 p.m. Canadian Tour, Greater Vancouver Classic, final round, TFC, 2:30 p.m.

Baseball

MLB, Dodgers at Braves, TBS, 11 a.m.

Baseball

Marlins @ Astros 2

Baseball game stats for Marlins @ Astros 2, including batting, pitching, and fielding statistics.

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Braves @ Dodgers 4

Baseball game stats for Braves @ Dodgers 4, including batting, pitching, and fielding statistics.

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Phillies @ Padres 4

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Expos @ Brewers 1

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Angels @ Rays 0

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SPORTS

# Bryant's first day should be brief

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — Initial court appearances typically are quick and go relatively unnoticed, but the Kobe Bryant case is anything but typical.

When Bryant steps into the courtroom Wednesday, TV viewers across the country can watch as a judge advises the NBA superstar of his rights, the sexual assault charge against him and the possible penalty.

Bryant probably will respond with "yes" and "no" answers to the judge's questions and be on his way in under 30 minutes.

"In a normal case, this whole matter could take two minutes," said Craig Silverman, a former Denver prosecutor and now a defense attorney. "Everybody wants a little show on Aug. 6, and apparently we're going to have one."

Bryant, 24, has said he had sex with a 19-year-old employee at a resort June 30 but denies her claims of sexual assault. He's free on \$25,000 bond.

Bryant's defense lawyers asked

Eagle County Judge Frederick Gannett to let the Los Angeles Lakers' guard skip the hearing, citing it as a common practice in Colorado for out-of-state defendants. Gannett denied the request, saying it's vital for Bryant to appear.

Frank Jackson, a Dallas criminal defense attorney, said celebrity defendants typically skip routine hearings.

Of the judge's decision, Jackson said, "I think it's being a little heavy handed."

The high-profile nature of the hearing could help Bryant bolster his tarnished image, especially if he brings his wife Vanessa, said Stan Goldman, professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. "The fact that he is not sloughing this off might be important," Goldman said.

Gannett probably will schedule a preliminary hearing, during which he'll determine whether there is enough evidence to require a trial in state district court.

Bryant's attorneys could waive



Kobe Bryant defense attorney Harold Haddon, right, presents oral arguments at a hearing in Bryant's sexual assault case at the courthouse in Eagle, Colo., Thursday. Deputy District Attorney Gregory Crittenden listens at left.

the preliminary hearing, even though they could get a hint at the prosecutor's strategy. Such hearings rarely go in favor of a defend-

ant, and Bryant's attorneys are unlikely to want the alleged victim's allegations detailed in open court, Silverman said.

## NBA

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nearby 400 players.

In the last moment alone: a Damon Stoudamire of the Portland Trail Blazers was arrested at an airport security check point on marijuana charges.

Jerry Stackhouse of the Washington Wizards was charged with assault in a dispute over a rental contract for a home he was staying at on the North Carolina coast.

Darrell Armstrong of the New Orleans Hornets was arrested outside an Orlando nightclub after he allegedly shoved away the arm of a police officer who grabbed his shoulder.

NBA rookies aren't the only ones who hear from the office of player development, which also speaks with each of the league's 29 teams twice during the season to counsel players on numerous topics: finance, continuing education, sexual health, domestic violence, traffic safety and gun laws.

But those sessions are minor compared to the six-day program known as rookie orientation, which is mandatory for all incoming players. It will be held next month in suburban New York.

And while the Bryant case will serve as the epitome of how every-

thing can go wrong so quickly for one of the game's top players, the rookies will be reminded about the Stoudamire, Stackhouse and Armstrong arrests, too.

"With Kobe, what he has been seen doing is something they know they should never do, but our point is that in cases like Stackhouse's or Armstrong's, these are good guys who have done good things and aren't jumping the gun," said Allan Houston of the New York Knicks. "People are going to generalize. People have done it already. When the marijuana cases came out, they generalized NBA players. Now they think all NBA players smoke weed. It's just not fair, but hey, that's how it is."

Before making those comments, Houston read to a group of players the league's code of ethics, which includes the league's Read to Achieve program. Other NBA players often participate in that program and similar ones that receive little or no publicity.

Dallas Mavericks owner Mark

Cuban believes a portion of the sports media has an outdated obsession.

"The 'I'm horrified' and 'What happened to the good old days?' perspective has long died as a perspective among the general public," Cuban wrote in an e-mail.

"If you haven't noticed, this is the age of reality TV, and if anything, people become more interested in celebrities the more notoriety they receive."

"In terms of players in the NBA, there isn't a CEO of a large company who wouldn't trade places with the NBA in a heartbeat. To have a work population of mostly young, 20-something men, and have less than 2 percent of them have legal issues in a given year, and to have them also uniformly admit any problems and be open to seeking help and counseling, would be a dream come true," Cuban wrote.

But statistical perspective and feel-good stories don't excite the masses. Arrests of athletes almost always make the national news wires and the Internet, where high-profile cases can take on a life of their own.

There are many Web sites about the Bryant case. One lists the names and pictures of the accuser's friends and acquaintances along with their public statements on the case. Another site sells "Colorado Prison

League" jerseys with Bryant's familiar No. 8.

The Web site [www.thesmokinggun.com](http://www.thesmokinggun.com) — which features famous mug shots — has had 316,810 "unique visitor hits" on Bryant's arrest photo in the first 19 days it was posted, seven times the number of hits on Allen Iverson's mug shot over that span, editor Bill Bestone said.

While the Bryant case is a debacle for him and the NBA, the actual damage — especially long term — cannot be assessed until he goes to trial, if there is a trial.

Although Bryant can play for the Lakers while the charge is pending, it would seem unlikely he would participate in training camp and the early part of the season if he is fighting for his freedom in a Colorado courtroom.

Bryant is due in court Wednesday, after which a timetable should become clearer. Whether he is eventually exonerated or incarcerated, Bryant will one day make a return to the court.

"If anything, I would expect the first Laker game to draw the biggest ratings for a regular-season game in a long long time," Cuban said. "No one wants to see these things happen, but the reality of our world today is that this will help the business of the NBA, not hurt it."

# Accuser's past may not be admissible in Bryant case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kobe Bryant's lawyers would have a tough time presenting evidence that his accuser had mental problems months before her encounter with the NBA star, legal experts say.

"The question is whether any of this is relevant to her state of mind on the night in question," said Florida attorney Roy Black, who won acquittal for William Kennedy Smith in a 1991 rape trial.

"If she had a disorder on that day that affected her perceptions or her emotional state, that could be relevant."

Loyola University Law Professor Laurie Lewenson said defense attorneys could argue for admissibility of mental health evidence but would have trouble convincing a judge.

"If it was just an isolated event, it's irrelevant," she said. "But if it's indicative of an ongoing problem where she has trouble perceiving things, where she makes things up, it would go to the credibility of the witness."

"They have an uphill battle, but you can construct an argument for admissibility."

Bryant, an All-Star guard for the Los Angeles Lakers, was charged with felony sexual assault on the

19-year-old woman. He said he had consensual sex with her June 30 at an exclusive spa where he was staying when he came to Colorado for knee surgery.

The woman was taken to a medical center in February after police determined she was a danger to herself, University of Northern Colorado police chief Terry Urista said. In addition, a former roommate said the woman tried to kill herself at school this winter and again in May by trying to overdose on sleeping pills.

Doctors in the case have been sealed, and so little is known about the evidence that it's impossible to predict what will happen in court.

Black said the law is clear on one thing — the woman's prior sexual history is off limits as evidence unless she has previously testified with Kobe Bryant, which does not seem to be the case.

He said defense lawyers will probably explore whether anti-depressant medication was prescribed for the woman when she was taken to the hospital and what treatment she received subsequently.

Black said a key question would be: "If she had a problem, was she cured?"

# Report: Baylor was told of drug use on hoops team

DALLAS (AP) — The mother of a former Baylor basketball player who lived with a teammate now accused of murder said she warned the school about rampant drug use on the team, according to a published report.

Sonya Harr, whose son Robert left the team in February, told *The Dallas Morning News* in Saturday's edition that her son gave her the names of five players who were using marijuana and drinking alcohol, and she gave the information to the athletic department.

Her son shared an apartment with Carlton Dotson, who has been charged in the shooting death of another former teammate, Patrick Dennehy. She said she never heard back from the school after the drug report.

Dotson's estranged wife, Melissa Kethley, has also made claims to the newspaper that members of the basketball team smoked and drank alcohol, sometimes before practice. She also said she witnessed Dotson fake a drug test by using urine provided by a fellow player.

A Baylor spokesman declined comment Friday on the drug accusations.

Baylor coach Dave Bliss had said Monday that, as far as he knew, his players had no more to do with drugs "than the man in the moon."

Dotson was arrested July 21 and charged with murdering Dennehy, who had been missing for about six weeks. His body was found a week ago in a field near the Baylor campus, and he had been shot in the head. Dotson has disputed police claims that he admitted shooting Dennehy in a statement to the FBI.

Robert Harr declined to provide the newspaper with names of teammates who used drugs, saying he didn't want to hurt his friendships with those still at Baylor.

But he said the house he shared with Dotson was "the party house" and shooting Dennehy.

"There was always drinking and smoking," he said.

Harr left the team after playing only two minutes in the first two games of the season.

# Clarett creates sticky situations at Ohio St.

He's forever on the prowl to cut a corner, to work every angle.

That's what we're learning about Maurice Clarett.

But there's more: Ohio State has been far too lenient with their star running back, and that could cost them with the NCAA.

The Buckeyes said late Wednesday that Clarett will sit out preseason practice as the NCAA investigates his case.

But all of this makes you wonder how long Clarett will remain with the Buckeyes. Will he come to do his school work — and follow the rules so that he can stay on the field? Will the NCAA rule him ineligible?

None of this has anything to do with the charges in a story by the New York Times about alleged academic irregularities in the Buckeye football program. Clarett is the main source of information in that report — according to a tutor who had her own emotional battles and had been hospitalized for depression.

Here is what we do know: Clarett says what he thinks, and he doesn't always let the facts get in the way of a good story.

The latest uproar in Columbus centers on a police report about a break-in involving what was believed to be Clarett's 2001 Monte Carlo.

Only it's not his car.

If you register to The Car Store, a Columbus dealership, Was Clarett test-driving it to practice? Did the dealership "loan" it to him? Did someone else own it, and "loan" it to Clarett?

That's unclear.

But this much is true: Clarett lied about the robbery.

He reported he had two built-in TVs and stereo equipment worth \$5,000 were stolen. Along with 300 CDs, along with \$800 in cash. So reads the police report.

Only that's not the case.

Clarett has an attorney named Scott Schiff. It's never a good sign when a soon-to-be college sopho-

more needs an attorney.

Schiff released this statement: "Many of the expensive items in the report did not belong to Maurice, but to the vehicle owner ... Maurice did exaggerate and inflate the values he placed upon the reported items."

Let's see:

(A) Some of the stuff wasn't his.

(B) Some of the stuff — that wasn't even his — isn't worth as much as he said it was.

(C) He had 300 CDs in the car? A car that wasn't even his?

There's always something with this guy. He argues on the sidelines with his position coach. He accuses Ohio State of not letting him attend his friend's funeral when the school says he failed to fill out the necessary paperwork. He said he lied.

Given the latest "Maurice" said, "they said" controversy over the police report, who do you think was telling the truth about the forms to attend the funeral?

Now, the NCAA is checking into Clarett's friendship with LeBron James, seeing if any gifts came Clarett's way as an inducement to sign with an agent.

OK, we have the NCAA legal beagles sniffing around Clarett's finances. And we have the car story. And the university is doing its own investigation of the academic situation where the only concrete fact is Clarett was given an oral exam after he failed to take (or complete) a written test.

None more will be coming, but just what?

Clarett comes across as an angry young man who wishes he could turn pro right now, just like James. He seems to have little connection to or interest in Ohio State, other than as a path to the NFL. This is not the image coach Jim Tressel wants to project, or one the university needs.

Clarett would have been best for everyone if Clarett had been in the last draft, but NFL rules are in that he must wait until three years after his high school class graduated to be eligible for the draft.

So he needs to stick around. And right now, that creates



Ohio State tailback Maurice Clarett runs for a touchdown against Washington State Sept. 14, 2002. The NCAA has investigated a police report filed by Clarett about stolen merchandise from a car, and there is an investigation underway regarding Clarett and Ohio State academics.

nothing but sticky situations for Ohio State.

Sports columnist Terry Pluto writes for the Akron Beacon Journal.

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# Baylor coach reportedly left SMU under NCAA scrutiny

The Sports Network

FORT WORTH, Texas — Baylor head basketball coach Dave Bliss reportedly left his job at Southern Methodist University in 1988 after NCAA investigators found evidence of rules infractions.

The Fort Worth Star-Tribune obtained an NCAA memo detailing issues that would be considered major rules violations, including booster payments to star center Jon Koncack. The school and Bliss were not penalized.

SMU was already in trouble with the NCAA at the time, as the football program had received the "death penalty" for major infractions in February 1987.

The newspaper spoke with Robert L. Stroup, the NCAA enforcement representative who wrote the memo. Stroup told the paper that his supervisor instructed him to stop the investigation because the school was already in such hot water from the football sanctions.

According to the report, Koncack, a second-team All-American in 1984-85, was quoted as telling investigators he was given

at least \$2,000 to \$5,000 from a pair of school boosters. He also told investigators that he believed Bliss was aware of the payments.

Bliss' program at Baylor has come under scrutiny in the wake of the shooting death of basketball player Patrick Dennehy. Carlton Dotson, a former teammate, has been charged with Dennehy's murder.

University President Robert Sloan has appointed a panel to look at possible NCAA violations, including reports that Dennehy may have received improper financial assistance. Bliss has maintained his programs have always followed the rules.

"I know that there have been allegations that we haven't followed the rules. We have followed the rules, however difficult they may be, for 30 years," Bliss said in a news conference on Monday.

Bliss, who has never had sanctions from the NCAA, spent eight years at SMU. He left for New Mexico in May 1998, just months after the investigator's report at SMU was completed.

After 11 years at New Mexico, Bliss became head coach at Baylor in 1999.

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# Suspect in missing girl hoax gave FBI porn tips

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The woman accused of calling an Indiana couple and falsely claiming to be their long-lost daughter had been an FBI informant in the past.

Donna L. Walker, who was held by Kansas authorities Friday in lieu of \$100,000 bail, provided tips to authorities about child pornographers.

"Periodically, she on her own initiative would call us, and we would evaluate the information," FBI spokeswoman Beth Anne Steele told the Associated Press on Saturday.

## Agency said it knew of her shaky history

Steele said the information was usually for cases outside Portland, so it would be passed on to other police departments or FBI offices.

Walker was known to regularly place such calls to law enforcement agencies around the country, Steele said.

Federal court papers say an informant identified as "Donna" frequently posed as a young girl to lure child pornographers out of the shadows of the Internet and turn them over to authorities in

Arizona, California, Kentucky and Washington. Donna Walker was later subpoenaed as a witness, and federal officials as well as Walker have acknowledged that she was the informant, The Oregonian reported in Saturday's editions.

Federal officials also said that Walker, 35, set off a wild-goose chase in Oregon that prompted investigators to search for two missing Michigan girls in January 2002. They were eventual-

ly found in West Virginia, living with their mother and her husband, a convicted pedophile.

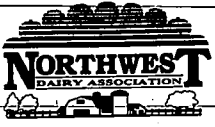
Confronted about the incident in later interviews with The Oregonian, Walker did not deny that she was behind the fraud. She blamed her lapses in judgment on multiple personality disorder.

"Like all criminal informants, you've got to separate the wheat from the chaff," FBI Special Agent Richard Davidson said Friday from Chico, Calif. "You know what issues she's got. But she does have some good information — or has in the past."

Donna L. Walker sits with her attorney Billy Rork Friday in a Topeka, Kan., court.

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night primetime 60-second feature and receives a certificate from UDI and the CBS affiliate. The nominee's school receives a plaque detailing the student's achievements along with a \$100 check from UDI. At the end of the school year, one student from each of those four market areas is selected and a \$5,000 award is presented to the winner's school. That adds up



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to \$20,000 end-of-the-year awards with another \$15,000 in weekly awards presented during the year. Here in the Magic Valley, Benjamin "Benji" Graybeal, son of Don and Sylvia Graybeal of Castleford received this year's top honors.

"I was extremely surprised when it was announced that I was the recipient of the Distinguished Student of the Year Award for this area," Graybeal said. "The other nominees from the Magic Valley were excellent candidates, so much so I didn't think I had much of a chance to win."

Graybeal, a 2003 Castleford High School graduate drew the attention of school faculty and staff not just because of his academic achievements but also because of his contributions to the Castleford

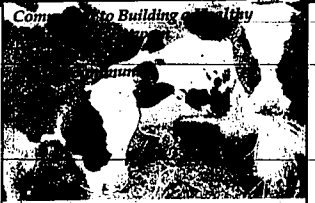
community.

"This award isn't just a reflection on those who helped educate Benji over the years here in the Castleford schools but it's also a reflection on our community, those who outside of the school helped Benji develop into the kind of outstanding young man that he is today," said Castleford High School Principal, Andy Wiseman. "Benji is the type of student that the United Dairymen I'm sure are happy to present this award to. He's a perfect example of what this award is supposed to represent. We're all very proud of Benji."

As for how the \$5,000 will be spent, Wiseman said that decision hasn't been made. Wiseman will enlist the help of staff, community members, as well as Graybeal before cashing the check.

"Whatever we do with this money, we're very grateful not just for UDI's generosity with this award but for everything that UDI has done for the Castleford schools and community," Wiseman added. "UDI has always been concerned with the health and welfare of Idaho's youths, and this Distinguished Student award just another way UDI is lending a helping hand. UDI knows that today's youth are tomorrow's leaders."

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# Hippie capitalism keeps Tennessee commune going

SUMMERTOWN, Tenn. (AP) - Three decades after the golden age of the hippie, about 200 of them are still thriving in a self-sustaining commune some three hours east of glitzy Graeceland.

Known simply as The Farm, the sprawling collective operates, among other things, a midwife service, a soy products company, a mushroom grower and a factory producing personal radiation detectors.

Established on a 1,800-acre site in 1971, The Farm has outlived nearly all of its tie-dyed contemporaries with a mix of entrepreneurship and idealism, and a touch of sweat.

"We were hippies wanting to live together, and we accepted the discipline it took to do that," said Stephen Gaskin, the founder of the commune.

Gaskin, now 68, was teaching in San Francisco when in 1966 he began holding meetings every Monday night on "what was happening outside his window," according to The Farm's history posted on its Web site.

The crowds grew, so Gaskin took the gatherings on the road, attracting a throng of followers. The caravan of about 1,500 bought some land in the Lewis County hills and The Farm was formed.

The early days, which Gaskin says were guided by agreements "looser than handshakes," made it through tough times. Some bad investments and an equally poor national economy in the late 1970s left The Farm about \$400,000 in debt, says Douglas Stevenson, a Farm resident since 1973.

What resulted was "the



Thomas Hupp stands next to some grain bins on the commune known as The Farm in Summertown, Tenn., Tuesday.

changeover" in 1983, which Stevenson described as the decision to make "every adult responsible for bringing in some cash." Part of The Farm remains collectively held - the land and the commercial buildings remain owned by everyone - but all residents must work.

Stevenson contributes his share of work through Village Media. It started out as a satellite installation company, but now does audio, video and Web work.

Phil Schweitzer, who works with Stevenson, can recall recording Gaskin's first Monday classes on reel-to-reel film. Now he sits editing a couple's wedding using a high-tech video system Village Media is testing for a consumer magazine.

Except for their casual jeans and T-shirts, these grayling men in their 50s don't look or act much like the stereotypical, free-spirit hippies. They live with other residents in modest homes spread liberally across the vast fields and forests of the commune property, and they talk wistfully about how they once took their children to play Little League games in nearby Lawrenceburg.

People here may live under a different system than others, Stevenson says, but nobody came here "trying to escape from anything."

"Our real objective is communication," Schweitzer adds. "We support ourselves by doing little

jobs." When it comes to money, The Farm's handle on the books is less exacting than at most businesses. Leaders say they don't know what the commune's overall annual income is.

But SE International, the personal radiation detector factory which Farm residents say is the commune's most profitable business, had revenues of \$2.1 million for the most recent fiscal year.

Book publishing was The Farm's original business, and remains collectively owned. Business has grown from the first title - "This Is The Farm Book," published in 1974 - to a catalog of vegetarian books including "Eats: The Super Food" and "Native Plants, Native Healing."

Warren Jefferson, who came to The Farm on the original caravan and works at the publishing house, says he doesn't think The Farm has turned its back on its hippie roots to become just another capitalist tool.

Instead, he says, The Farm "honors" free enterprise and hasn't compromised the original "right livelihood" ideals, such as helping mankind by excelling at a task.

Still, he acknowledges, "it's always been difficult to pin down what we're about and what we believe in."

Gaskin also doesn't see any compromise in The Farm's success, but can't help but notice an "irresistible change" in the residents who came here 30 years ago to rebel against their parents and society.

"Now," he says, "we have become the grown-ups."

# Document: Explosive links Rudolph to bombing

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) - The mobile home and pickup truck of accused serial bomber Eric Robert Rudolph contained traces of the same type of explosive used in a deadly abortion clinic bombing in Birmingham that has been linked to Rudolph, court documents show.

Investigators searching Rudolph's rented trailer in Murphy, N.C., in February 1998 found ethylene glycol dinitrate - the primary explosive ingredient in one type of dynamite - on a towel, a dark baseball cap and a cushion from a rocking chair, according to an affidavit attached to the original indictment against Rudolph.

Authorities also found the explosive on the steering wheel of the truck Rudolph abandoned near Murphy and in a brown paper grocery bag in the truck bed, the affidavit stated.

The same type of explosive was found outside the Birmingham abortion clinic that was bombed on Jan. 28, 1998, killing an off-duty police officer and critically injuring a clinic nurse, the affidavit stated.

The affidavit includes witness accounts of Rudolph immediately after the bombing that describe him driving the truck that was later abandoned and wearing a dark baseball cap.



Roxann Lang, a smoker, and her non-smoking husband, Rick Lang, enjoy a smoke and a beer at TNT's on the Hill in Sugar Grove, Pa., Thursday. The couple regularly travels six miles from their home in Panama, N.Y., to Pennsylvania to avoid New York's ban on smoking in restaurants and bars.

# Out-of-state bars flourish due to N.Y.'s smoking ban

SUGAR GROVE, Pa. (AP) - At a bar two miles south of the New York line, Roxann Lang took a drag from her cigarette, exhaled and smiled - she knew no one was going to tell her to put it out.

Like other New York residents who enjoy a smoke with their drink or meal but can't because of that state's new law, Lang, 46, and her husband have decided to trade their Jamestown, N.Y., bar for one in northern Pennsylvania.

Since the ban went into effect, bars and restaurants along the New York state line say they have seen more New Yorkers looking to light up, creating a boom for establishments in Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

New York's statewide smoking ban became law July 24, following a New York City ban. In addition to bars, restaurants and nightclubs, the state ended smoking in off-track betting parlors, bowling alleys and company cars. The ban is among the toughest in the nation.

Some New York smokers, like the Langs, have simply left the state for more hospitable locations.

"We're going to make a habit of it because we won't go to any bar where you can't smoke," said Rick Lang, 52.

Immediately after New York City's ban went into effect, New Jersey restaurants near the Big Apple experienced a spike in business, said Deborah Dowdell, executive vice president of the New Jersey Restaurant Association.

That trend is expected to expand with the statewide ban, Dowdell said.

"Our members have reported a surge in business," Dowdell said. "We're in close dialogue with leading restaurateurs in New York City and they continue to report their sales have suffered as much as 20 to 50 percent."

Liz Stirling, owner of Oddfellows in Hoboken, N.J., said more commuters who used to stay in New York City's financial district for happy hour are now heading straight across the Hudson River.

New Jersey law allows smoking in restaurants if they post signs saying they have a smoking section. However, Stirling said she fears her lawmakers will follow their New York counterparts by toughening New Jersey anti-smoking laws.

"I'm not opposed to having a smoking and nonsmoking section to accompany everybody, but I'm definitely not for a total ban," Stirling said.

# Officials suspect domestic terrorism in \$20 million fire

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Officials suspect radical environmentalists set a fire that swept through an unoccupied five-story apartment complex, causing more than \$20 million in damage.

A banner reading "If you build it, we will burn it," with the initials "E.L.F.," was found Friday next to the burning building still under construction in the upscale University Town Centre residential neighborhood. No injuries were reported.

The initials may correspond to

the Earth Liberation Front, a loose-knit group that describes itself as an international underground organization that uses direct action in the form of economic sabotage to stop the destruction of the natural environment.

Members of ELF have claimed responsibility for dozens of fires and other acts since 1997, causing \$50 million in damages to luxury homes, ski lodges and sport utility vehicles. There was no immediate claim of responsibility posted on the group's Web site.

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Seminar targets minority businesses

**BURLEY** - The Idaho Small Business Development Center will hold a three-hour workshop for current and future minority small-business owners. It's scheduled from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 14 in the conference room at the Agulia Con El Teo Restaurant, at 123 W. Fifth N. The workshop will provide answers for minority business owners, ranging from business planning and financing to what resources are available in the Magic Valley. ISBDC training coordinator Sherry Rust said. Cost is \$15 per person, which includes dinner. Prepayment is required. The deadline for registering is Thursday. For information, contact Rust at 732-6455 or at [srust@szl.edu](mailto:srust@szl.edu).

### Seminis Inc. reports

**6.1% Increase in net sales**  
**FILER** - Oxnard, Calif.-based Seminis Inc. - which has a research and customer-service facility between Filer and Twin Falls - said third-quarter net sales grew 6.1 percent year over year to \$113.1 million. The developer, producer and marketer of vegetable and fruit seeds reported preliminary results for its quarter which ended June 27. The quarter's gross profit increased to \$71.0 million, or 62.8 percent of sales, compared with the year-ago \$65.0 million, or 61.0 percent. But Seminis posted a net loss of \$3.3 million compared with net income of \$4.3 million during the year-ago quarter. Total outstanding bank debt as of June 27 was \$27.2 million, compared with \$29.7 million as of June 28, 2002, a reduction of 7.9 percent.

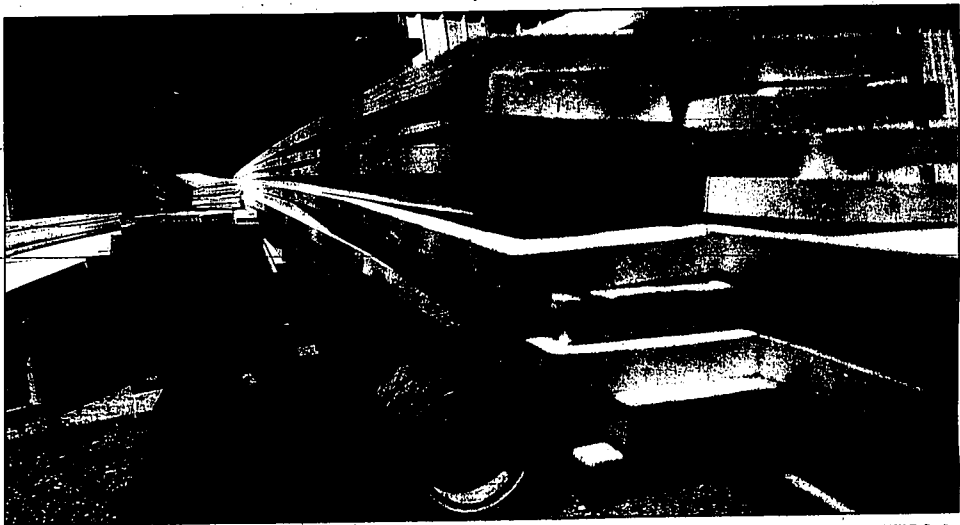
### Champion Enterprises stops finance operation

**FILER** - Michigan-based Champion Enterprises Inc. - a housing manufacturer which owns retailer Westwind Homes in Filer - discontinued operations at HomePride Finance Corp., its manufactured housing loan origination business. Champion called the action its first major step to accelerate a return to profitability. "The current environment for manufactured-housing-consumer lending has made it increasingly difficult for us to derive value from this operation," said Al Koch, chairman, president and chief executive. "We believe that the capital previously earmarked for our lending operations can be deployed more effectively today in the company's core manufacturing and retail businesses." As a result, Champion estimates it will record a charge not to exceed \$12 million in the third quarter.

### Employers advise including e-mail address with resume

Your resume looks fantastic. Concise, tidy, easy-to-read - and wow, you are one qualified person! But is your e-mail address on it? It should be, especially considering that most recruiters don't care where your house or apartment is, but nearly everyone includes that information. Additionally, if you're unemployed, your life may be in flux and you may move frequently. E-mail can be your consistent contact. But a recent review of more than 150,000 resumes found that more than a quarter of applicants do not put an e-mail contact on their resumes. "I look at 200 resumes a day, which are very likely those missing e-mail address are going to be ignored," said Greg Henderson, a recruiter from Portland, Ore. Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Homeward bound



Charles Mihani stacks pine lumber at Franklin Building Supply in Jerome. Nationwide demand drove up lumber prices in June.

## Buyers won't be deterred by higher lumber costs, builder says

By Scott Kraus  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - Booming housing construction in southern Idaho, as well as in the rest of the nation, is both driving more sales of building materials and driving up prices for those materials. The cost of lumber has risen significantly in June as demand for it increased, said Ellis Higley, a salesman at Gooding Lumber in Gooding. For example, the retail price on a 4-foot-by-8-foot sheet of 7/16-inch-thick oriented strand board, or chip wood, is up by \$4 a sheet, he said. OSB is a common building material in "houses." Standard plywood has risen by \$2 a sheet. And gypsum wallboard has also gone up about \$1.50 a sheet in the last year and a half. "Part of it is demand because interest rates are so low," Higley said. "More people are building and there's more demand for lumber." The area's expanding job market is also a factor. State figures show that in Twin Falls, Gooding and Jerome areas gained 3,230 non-farm jobs from March 2002 to March 2003. So more people have the income to

buy homes. **Small increases** And higher oil prices play a role, too. They boost the cost of delivery and the price of anything made with oil, such as shingles. Since March, the cost for shingles has risen by 12 percent to 20 percent, said Gary Bond of Gary Bond Construction in Twin Falls. Bond, whose firm does about \$2 million of construction a year in the area, said price increases on his projects have been mainly for shingles and lumber so far. "I don't think anything else has risen," Bond said. "If anything, it's so minimal I'm not aware of it." Sudden cost increases can present problems, especially if materials prices rise after a contractor has already bid on a project, he said. Then the contractor typically has to absorb the entire increase. The rise in lumber prices also makes building a home more expensive. Bond estimates it boosts the materials cost of an average house by at least \$2,500. Bond, who has 27 years' experi-

ence as a contractor doesn't think the rise in these prices will deter people from buying homes, though. Even a relatively large hike in the cost of lumber and shingles has a small impact on the overall price of a house. Lumber typically comprises just 10 percent to 14 percent of the overall cost of a new home. "The thing that affects it most is interest rates," he said. That impact is visible in Twin Falls. The city set a record in 2002 with 344 permits for new homes. And its 220 housing permits through June put it on track to break that record, according to city Building Official Marianne Barker.

**Building boom echo** That kind of demand keeps Franklin Building Supply in Jerome busy selling lumber and other materials for homes, store manager Jeff Wilson said. But construction in the valley alone is not enough to raise the price of those materials. That is a matter of demand on a national scale.

Wilson said prices for most building materials were relatively flat for the past 1.5 years. But they rose suddenly in June. Many lumber costs went up 15 percent to 30 percent. "There's just more demand than supply," Wilson said. But the current increase may be an overreaction that will settle in time. "I think a lot of it has already run up and hit a peak," he said. Wilson also doubts the rise in lumber prices will hurt demand for housing in the area. And the longer that the housing market can shrug off higher costs for some materials, the better. Each dollar spent on construction turns over at least once in the economy, said Alan Porter, information services manager for the Idaho Department of Commerce. Direct spending on construction is 7 percent of the state's economy, and the ripple effect doubles that impact, he said.

**A commercial lull** Meanwhile, commercial construction in southern Idaho hasn't matched the surge in housing. Twin Falls has issued 15 commercial new

## Contractor lauds upcoming rule, says it will help ensure quality

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - A new law, which will go into effect July 1, 2004, will require heating, ventilation and air conditioning installation and air conditioning contractors to be licensed. The Idaho Division of Building Safety is working to create criteria for licensing rules and pre-license testing, said Dan Brisee of Brisee Heating and Air Conditioning Inc. in Twin Falls. The new licensing rules will help weed out those who are not reputable from the HVAC industry, Brisee said.

**To learn more ...**  
For information about building safety, such as lists of licensed plumbers and electricians in the state:  
• Go to [www2.state.id.us/dbs/active\\_liconsec.html](http://www2.state.id.us/dbs/active_liconsec.html) online.  
• Contact 1090 E. Watertower St., Meridian, ID 83842.  
• Or call 334-3950, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Pat Minegar of Boise, chairman of the state's HVAC board, explained advantages of having licensing requirements. "This is a real good win for the consumer," he said. HVAC equipment is so much more sophisticated than it used to be that it is important for installers to have specialized training and qualifications, Minegar said. "The technology in furnaces has increased drastically," he said. Mold and other health-related issues that have potential to be affected by HVAC equipment installation are concerns. "It is important that we raise the credibility of our industry," Minegar said. "It will add structure to our industry."

Younger people will be drawn to the industry because of the new rules, which will say exactly how much knowledge is required to be an apprentice or a journeyman, he said. Most likely a cost or fee will be involved in the licensing process, and that fee could be passed on to the consumer. However, Building Safety has not yet settled upon what those costs and fees will be, Minegar said. Does a license requirement for HVAC installers reflect a trend in the building industry? Brisee said electricians and plumbers are already required to have a license. "We're the last," he said. However, Magic Valley Builders Association and other Idaho

builders associations are not ready to give up the fight to require licenses for general contractors. MVBAA was among several associations throughout the state that supported a bill in the Idaho Senate in 2000 that would have required contractors to be licensed. The bill did not pass. Cyndie Woods, executive officer of MVBAA, said the group plans to poll its builder members to decide whether to push the issue again. In the meantime, Building Safety will send out information to HVAC dealers during its creation of the new licensing rules and will ask for feedback. Or dealers can contact the division, Minegar said.



# RE-DOING THE OLD

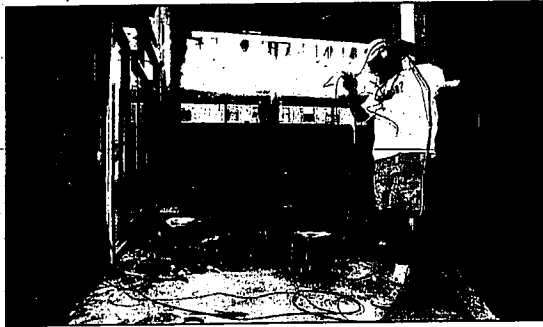
## Owners face similar concerns in expansion, restoration projects

By David Burgess  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When a business owner decides to remodel an older downtown building, he or she can apply virtually an unlimited amount of time and money to the project.

In fact, during a large project, such as the restoration work at The Ballroom in Twin Falls, an owner can experience moments of regret.

"There are times when you say, 'I must have been crazy to buy this old building,'" said Andrew Crane, owner of The Ballroom, one of several recent and notable remodeling projects downtown.



Andrew Crane uncoils a length of cable from the wall in The Ballroom on the corner of Shoshone Street and Second Avenue North. The event center on the renovated building's second floor remains in business, and there will be a second facility and a party rental store in the building.

Several Twin Falls businesses have taken on smaller projects involved with expansions. In order to grow without moving, these business people have had to wait until space next door became available for rent or purchase. Then, they have opened passages in the separating walls, sometimes removing what were originally single buildings. Often, interior redecorating was done at the same time.

At Tiffany Square, owner Mary Ash nearly doubled the square feet of her store when she expanded into the space to the south in August 2002. No structural work was required, but a doorway was opened up.

Until fairly recently, historic revival on a storefront was not a big issue around here, Gerber said. Recently with more thought given to historic values, some of these storefronts have been removed.

"One of the problems you run into in removing the storefronts is... with the adhesion method" used to apply the newer layer over the old front, Gerber said.

The award-winning project at Rudy's was based on realistic expectations.

"We were not trying to make a new building out of an old one," Ashenbrenner said, but "a good old one out of an old one."

In the case of ANNEQUES Etc., an existing doorway simply needed to be unblocked, said co-owner Larry Pullan.

The Wilcox family, owners of the Music-Center, are approaching such expansion. Often, interior redecorating is done at the same time. They have already redone the storefront across both halves of the building, taking down aluminum awnings, installing new awnings and redoing the sidewalk. They also plan to open up two passages in the interior separating wall, Virginia Wilcox said.

Damage to the original brick can occur when pulling off a newer layer.

"The one way that you do not restore brick is by sandblasting," he said. "It makes the brick more absorbent."

And moisture can weaken bricks.

A big challenge can be bringing an old building up to modern building codes and fire codes.

"The 1922 rules were just not near as stringent," Crane said.

Conforming to the fire code can mean adding fire exits, fire corridors, maybe putting in fire-rated doors where they weren't before, Crane said.

In the case of Rudy's, there were actually two remodelings on the front that had to be removed. The more recent of the two, in fact, Gerber himself had done many years before.

Refinishing the interior walls was a bigger problem than the exterior brick, said owner Tom Ashenbrenner. At least in his building, the condition of the interior walls was a challenge.

"It is a lot easier to meet codes for retail space than it is for space where a lot of people are going to be at once," he said.

For the upstairs, he had to have two new exits put in the back, replacing one that didn't meet the current code. And a couple of new fire exits were added to get people out of the basement, too.

Another common concern when

Shannon Gness, owner of Desktop by Design, says opening a walkway between the two sides of her business was done over a weekend. The opening avoided the need for duplicating phone lines, fax lines, a credit card machine and a cash register. It also allows one clerk to monitor both sides of the store, she said.

Another concern when updating an old building is the Americans with Disabilities Act. Gerber said that in an earlier phase, Ashenbrenner remodeled according to requirements of the federal law.

For buildings with public access, except churches, lodge halls and residences, Gerber said, items such as handrails in stairwells might need to be installed.

Regardless, he gets satisfaction from the idea that the building is going to part of the community again, he said.

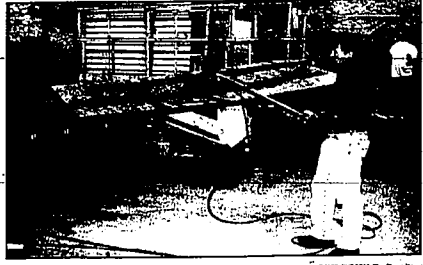
"It is fun to see it having a purpose and a usefulness again," he said.

**Big projects**

Architect Harold Gerber had done work before at what is now Rudy's — a Cook's Paradise downtown. Licensed in Idaho and practicing on his own in Twin Falls since 1955, Gerber's most recent work on the nearly 100-year-old building was to bring the storefront back to a semblance of what it once was.

# Jerome firm develops innovative panels

By David Burgess  
Times-News writer



Eric Lott, manager of Intermountain Building Panels in Jerome, lifts a chipboard sheet with a fabricated crane device operating on compressed air. The crane will ease positioning of the wood for gluing to a foam core layer when the company's new glue machine is operational.

JEROME — The more the cost of lumber rises, the more incentive home builders have to look to alternatives. One product that uses less wood is produced at Intermountain Building Panels of Jerome.

**Financial snapshot**

Intermountain Building Panels of Jerome saw a down year in 2002 due to general economic conditions, according to Eric Lott, general manager and vice president.

	2000	2001	2002	2003
Gross revenue	\$782,000	\$885,000	\$650,000	\$353,000
Jobs done	54	47	44	33

(first half)

\* Raw materials expense was about \$240,000 in 2002.  
\* Payroll was about \$150,000 in 2002.

To learn more, visit [intermountainpanels.com](http://intermountainpanels.com)

We've been getting to find alternatives to lumber. There are fewer and fewer old growth trees," said Eric Lott, IBP general manager.

The 7-year-old company produces what Lott calls structural insulated panels. Using the pre-engineered, custom-made panels to form exterior walls, builders can save up to 40 percent on labor and use half as much lumber as conventional framing, the company claims.

The edges of the panels are shaped to fit together snugly with a tongue-and-groove system. Lott said the precise fit and insulating foam save energy.

"Our 6-inch (thick) panel is R-25 compared to R-19 for a standard framed wall," he said.

In June, employees were busy setting up a new glue machine. The new equipment cost about \$60,000, an investment made to

And the panels' ease of construction — they are delivered pre-cut and numbered for assembly — is a significant benefit, Lott said in an industry noted for a chronic labor shortage and in need of skilled labor.

Without figuring in the savings in labor costs, a panel system typically costs 15 percent more than conventional construction. Prices are based on the square footage of the panels needed.

**Solid walls**

The panels quickly fit together to form outer walls, but they can also be used in floors and roofs. A local example is the roof of the addition to the Twin Falls Reformed church under construction in June.

An IBP panel is essentially a thick layer of polystyrene foam sandwiched between two sheets of chipboard. But more engineering goes into the product than that.

In fact, the company's first three years in business were

approaching a remodeling of an older building is asbestos.

Crane suggests hiring a licensed asbestos abatement company, as he did. The company took samples from walls and ceilings.

"Then I knew what I was up against," he said. "So, I decided to have all of it removed right at the start and get it out of the way."

He spent \$20,000 to remove the asbestos.

**Worth it**

Another \$20,000 went to heating and air conditioning, he said. An old coal fire heating system was replaced and a modern system installed.

New glass was a large outlay, too, running about \$19,500.

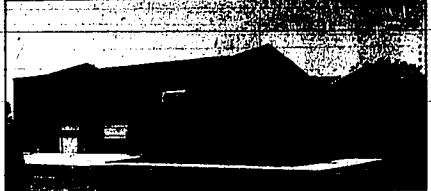
Despite the hefty costs involved, Crane said the project will be profitable.

"From a financial standpoint, it is going to work out," he said. "My return is going to justify the expense. I wasn't so sure of that at times."

A tax credit for historic preservation can help, too, Crane said that an owner can get 20 percent of renovation costs back as a tax credit. He did not take advantage of the credit, being preoccupied with the job itself, but he said that if he had it do over, again, he would pursue it.

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The Nu-Vu Glass building on the corner of Eastland Drive and Fourth Avenue East is an example of architect Russ Lively's recent work. Facades like this one are popular for new commercial buildings.

# Modern features matter more to today's buyers

By Courtney Price  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — As low interest rates spur construction, what buyers of residential and commercial buildings are looking for in the way of design is changing.

more space in general.

Collins reports that many first-time buyers are willing to spend between \$120,000 to \$150,000 because interest rates are so low. But the most popular home for first-time buyers has three bedrooms, two bathrooms and a two-car garage — all for roughly \$93,000.

Design trends in commercial construction are more difficult to pinpoint, since a commercial building must cater to the business that will occupy it. Russ Lively, an architect in Twin Falls, said that he has noticed that customers have been more interested in the appearance of a building than in past years. He said that people used to be concerned with how to build for the lowest cost, but now they seem more interested in style, durability and reduced maintenance.

Cindy Schmidt, manager for general contractor Willis Inc. in Twin Falls, has noticed similar trends. She has noticed that buyers are leaning more toward wood or tile floors and less toward carpet and vinyl, which she said may be due in part to buyers seeking to avoid allergens. Chrome knobs on doors are now more popular than shiny gold or silver-colored knobs. Schmidt has also noticed an increased popularity in specialty rooms, such as a den or dining room.

Depending on the business, Lively has noticed that many customers are going back to the facade look, similar to what is found in downtown Twin Falls. He said that this "Western-style" architecture is becoming popular no matter what the location of the building.

Schmidt said she has seen a greater interest in curb appeal in Magic Valley. Commonly, brick or stone is added to the front of a house to improve the view from the street or sidewalk. Buyers also seem to be drawn to split floor plans, meaning the master bedroom is on the opposite side of the house from the remainder of the bedrooms.

"People don't want to be near their kids anymore!" Schmidt said, jokingly.

Cindy Collins, associate broker and co-owner of Prudential Idaho Homes and Properties in Twin Falls, has noticed a trend of first-time home buyers choosing new construction over existing houses. New homes come with modern amenities missing from older homes, such as an extra full or partial bathroom sporting fancy fixtures, or a three-car garage.

Collins has noticed that buyers seem interested in hardwood, tile or laminate floors rather than vinyl, a bonus room above the garage, three-car garages and

According to Schmidt, buyers are more informed now. They research on the Internet, so they know what they want and how much they should pay for it.

"Because interest rates are so low, people are able to spend more money on the niceties. They are spending 10 to 20 percent more," Schmidt said.

# Building

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construction permits through June, compared to 24 in all of 2002, Barker said.

can't compete with those prices. Commercial buildings need custom cabinets much more often. So cabinetmakers are hoping for an uptick in commercial projects, he said.

This hurts the demand for custom cabinets from area producers, said Roger Rue of R & R Custom Cabinets in Jerome, who has customized cabinets from wood, plastic and other materials for the past 10 years.

Concrete prices haven't changed much this year either, said Ray Coats, vice president of Triple C Concrete in Jerome. He said that typically any price increases in the cement used by concrete companies are announced in the spring. Then the price doesn't change for the rest of the year. This year, his company had no increase in cement costs, he said.

Rue said he hasn't noticed any price increase in his materials. But he would like to see more demand. He said most new houses get mass-produced cabinets, which typically aren't made locally. And custom cabinetmakers

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PROGRESS REPORT  
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QUESTIONS TO ASK

By Lorraine Cavener  
A freelance writer and  
correspondent

Before choosing a builder for your project, our sources recommend, ask these questions of prospective contractors.

- 1 References**  
The first question to ask a prospective contractor, "Do you have a list of the last five or 10 individuals that you did a job-for-to-use for references?" said Earl Williamson, president of Magic Valley Builders Association. Call the references and ask whether they were satisfied with the quality of the work and the length of time it took.
- 2 Finances**  
Solid finances are an indication whether the contractor is reputable. Ask for the names of places such as lumber and floor-covering stores that the contractor does business with, said Ray Sabala, an associate broker with Twin Realty. Ask those supply houses whether the contractor has paid his bills. "That is a solid way of finding out if you are working with someone with good financial strength," Sabala said.
- 3 Time in business**  
Length of time in business is important, Williamson said. If a contractor has very little experience, that does not mean he will do a poor job. But the more experience he is, the more likely the customer is to get good work, he said. "A lot of times maturity on the job does make a difference," Williamson said.
- 4 Local experience**  
Ask how long the contractor has been working in the area. That is a good indicator of reliability, Williamson said.
- 5 Cost**  
The cost of a job should not be so low that it would be impossible for the contractor to finish, but not too high, either. "The margin the contractor makes is a little more than what it would

- cost you to do it yourself." Williamson said. If the margin is way over what the building owner could do it for, it is probably too high.
- 6 Completion time**  
How long will it take to complete the job?  
"Time is money out of your pocket," Williamson said. Nail down a specific time frame.
- 7 Licensing**  
Is the contractor licensed? A license is not required in Idaho. "There is little or no protection from the state," Williamson said. But there is a "general contractor" or "residential property disclosure" that contractors are now required to fill out.
- 8 Written contract**  
Does the contractor put the contract in writing?  
Williamson said getting it in writing is one of the most important things an owner can do. Don't rely on verbal agreements.
- 9 Extra costs**  
What are the "cost-plus" factors that could drive up the price? Those factors — the extras — should be itemized in the contract, Williamson said.
- 10 Bonded and insured**  
Find out whether the contractor is bonded and insured, said a representative of the Magic Valley Builders Association. Bonding and insurance protect the building owner by ensuring the job will get done and the owner will be liable if the contractor is injured on the job or if someone is hurt during the course of the project.

# Ruling may pose obstacle to farmers

## No-spray buffers could affect fields

**TWIN FALLS** — A federal judge's ruling that imposes no-spray buffers along salmon-bearing streams could reach all the way into Idaho farm fields.

The federal judge has proposed creating "no spray" zones along salmon-bearing streams in the Pacific Northwest. Federal District Judge John Coughenour of Seattle found "significant, potential harm" to salmon runs protected under the Endangered Species Act.



Spraying pesticides along waterways could become more complicated under a no-spray buffer zone announced by a federal judge in Seattle. A hearing is set for Aug. 14 to determine the buffer width for specific pesticide uses.

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Last summer, Coughenour found that the Environmental Protection Agency had violated the Endangered Species Act by failing to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Services (now called NOAA Fisheries), the agency in charge of salmon recovery, going back to the 1989 listing of winter Chinook in the Sacramento River in California. He ordered the EPA to complete a review of 54 pesticides registered for use in the 1989 listing of winter Chinook in the Sacramento River in California. He ordered the EPA to make "no-effect" determinations under the Endangered Species Act. That review must be done by December 2004.

**Farmbeat**  
Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

### Frozen Inventories break spud record

**BURLEY** — A record buildup of frozen potato products is sitting in inventory.

"The big issue is that inventories increased by 101 million pounds in June," said Bruce Huffaker, publisher of North American Potato Market News in Idaho Falls.

That compares to the five-average of 15 million lb. for June buildup, 41 million lb. in June 2002, and tops the previous record of 81 million lb. in June 2000.

While some increase is usual, this year was a record, Huffaker said. Indications are that processors didn't use as many potatoes

as usual, he added.

"They might have exported fewer frozen potatoes or imported more," Huffaker said.

Or it could have been a combination of export and import numbers, he said. Processors can get potatoes cheaper from Canada.

In addition, demand for frozen potato products dropped this past year, Huffaker said.

McDonald's is having serious problems," he said. "That impacts the french fry industry."

### Opponents claim violation of anti-trust laws

**WASHINGTON** — The world's largest hog producer and pork processor wants more of a market already dominating Smithfield Foods, based in Smithfield, W.V., announced in mid-July a proposal to acquire the pork division of one of its biggest competitors, Farmland Foods. Smithfield acquires 25 other companies, national and international, since 1981.

Farmland, a farmer-owned cooperative, filed Chapter 11 bank-

ruptcy 14 months ago and has since sold its beef, fertilizer and grain divisions but continues to maintain a petroleum business. Farmland's pork division was offered to the highest bidder, in this case, Smithfield Foods.

Opponents of the mega merger believe Smithfield's actions violate anti-trust laws and testified last week before the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights.

Russ Kremer, president of the Missouri Farmers Union and National Farmers Union board member, was one of those opponents.

"The loss of our nation's largest farmer-owned cooperative is not only devastating to America's independent agricultural producers, but also furthers the goal of Smithfield Foods to gain greater control of the pork production and processing sector," he said.

### ARS lab receives federal funds for sugar beets

**KIMBERLY** — Federal funds have been appropriated to support new sugar beet research at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research Lab.

According to research leader Dale Westermann, Congress has appropriated \$540,000 per year to cover project expenses at the facility. The lab, part of the USDA's Agriculture Research Service north of Kimberly, plans to hire two new scientists for the research project.

The sugar beet industry lobbied the hard for the funds, Westermann said. The project will concentrate on enhancing yields and developing disease and pest resistance in beets.

The research will eventually "lead to lower production costs," he said, "and will be an economic benefit to producers and consumers."

# PDA's make their way into everyday work

By Harry Wessel  
The Orlando Sentinel

Golf-equipment salesman Matt Panagasser said both his job and his life have improved considerably in the past few months.

"He's doing a lot less paperwork, keeping better tabs on his accounts, spending more time with the golf pros and shop managers who buy his goods and, best of all, spending more quality time with his wife and two daughters, ages 4 and 1."

"He said he owes it all to his PDA, a handheld computer that his company issued to him in early November. "It's the ultimate sales business tool," said Panagasser, 29, of his personal digital assistant, more commonly referred to by its acronym. "I'd say it's saving me a couple hours a day and making me more productive. It's unbelievable."

Such praises are not unusual for PDAs, and they go beyond the sports-equipment industry. For nearly a decade, PDAs have been a common sight among executives and managers. Now, they are filtering down to the front lines of U.S. business.

Mail couriers, warehouse personnel, telecom technicians and, increasingly, home-service personnel are using handheld computers on the job.

Already a \$700 million industry, the "mobile field service" market will grow to \$2 billion by 2006, according to the Yankee Group. The Boston research firm predicts that within five years, more than 2 million U.S. field-service workers will be using wireless messaging systems, with most through PDAs.

Panagasser, who lives in Naples, Fla., is a regional sales representative for TaylorMade-Adidas Golf, based in Carlsbad, Calif. In January, the company completed its yearlong project of equipping its 100-plus sales representatives nationwide with Symbol handheld computers.

"Conservatively, we believe they (PDAs) will save 20 percent of the time they were spending a day with some estimates as high as 50 percent," said Mark Leposky, chief operating officer for TaylorMade.

"More importantly, Leposky said, the real-time information that

PDAs provide to salespeople makes them "better business managers, so they'll sell more product."

PDAs come in many sizes and shapes, and usually are customized for the specific job.

The idea is to minimize the number of key entries, said Bruce Krohn, director of field-force automation for Symbol Technologies, which makes scanners and PDAs for the workplace.

"Look at the guy who repairs elevators, for instance," Krohn said. "People who write software define all the work he may do, and then create drop-down windows to minimize or completely eliminate the need for a keyboard."

The goal is to reduce a field worker's time at the site, Krohn said. "Doing service in the field is the most expensive form of service. Just being able to visit one extra customer a day means a lot."

One of the first companies to use handheld computers was Federal Express, which outfitted its couriers with "FedEx SuperTrackers" in 1986. FedEx couriers use the trackers to scan packages, with the information sent to central computers so packages can be tracked from start to finish.

# Temping allows doctors to leave cares behind

By John Dorschner  
Knight Ridder News Service

**MIAMI** — Some get fed up with soaring malpractice insurance premiums.

Others hate all the paperwork and hassles that come with managed care. Still others are looking for a new place to live, or semi-retirement, or freedom to work when they feel like it.

And so they become traveling docs, picking and choosing their assignments from CompHealth, a Salt Lake City company with a huge Fort Lauderdale operation.

If they were secretaries, they would be called temps, but since they're physicians, they're known as locum tenens — Latin for "one holding a place," or filling a vacancy.

"No one's certain how many there are," James Morgan, president of the National Association of Locum Tenens Organizations, estimates that about 8 percent of doctors are travelers — meaning more than 50,000 nationwide. Other sources place it closer to 25,000.

Whatever the size, the field is booming. Modern Healthcare, an industry publication, reports that locum tenens agencies have been growing 20 percent a year since 1997.

One traveling doc is Michael Atherton, 61, an anesthesiologist from the Fort Myers, Fla., area who has spent the past three months in Albuquerque, N.M. "It's very pleasant," he said. "I can accept or reject any job, and I get offers at least twice a week,

almost all at high-quality facilities.

The Stanford-trained specialist had been an employee of a group practice in Naples, Fla., but five years went by without a raise.

The reason, he suspected, was that the group's money was going to pay ever-increasing malpractice premiums, but to him the raise wasn't as important as a desire to slow down.

With CompHealth, he found that he could work eight months a year for what he earned in 11 months in Naples, meaning he can set aside four months for vacations rather than one.

Over the past year, Atherton has done stints at hospitals connected with the University of Massachusetts and the University of Florida, as well as a Veterans Administration facility in West Virginia and, now, the Lovelace Clinic Hospital in Albuquerque.

He and his wife live in an upscale apartment that they don't pay for and they enjoy the excitement of new places.

"There's that honeymoon phase, new restaurants to try, new people to meet," he said. After six or 12 months "you just fall into a routine."

He particularly enjoys not having the headaches that come with running a private practice — no worries about billing, slow-paying insurers or hospitals' "office politics."

His plans after Albuquerque: "Three months in Nova Scotia," where he has a vacation home. "Then I'll decide what's next...."

It's great."

Started in 1979 with a federal grant to find temporary doctors for remote Western towns that had no permanent physicians, CompHealth now has more than 800 employees nationwide.

More than 220 employees work in Broward County, Fla., handling doctors and allied employees all over the United States. The firm recently consolidated operations in three downtown Fort Lauderdale offices.

Beck says the firm is getting job inquiries from Broward surgeons who are finding it difficult, if not impossible, to buy malpractice insurance.

"Some are leaving the county and the state altogether," he says.

Many traveling doctors are near the end of their careers and do not have to worry about moving children. Others are at the beginning of their careers, perhaps seeking a place to settle permanently.

A CompHealth survey found that almost two in five traveling docs — 38 percent — are over 60. One in five is under 40.

Most say they like practicing part-time, the flexibility of the work schedule. More than half are looking for assignments of less than a month.

Almost a third of the travelers are family physicians. They most-

ly work for clinics or established group practices. Another third specialize in radiology or emergency room care — hospital work in which there's no need to build a practice.

Some are looking for a transition — using CompHealth to try different areas of the country and see what they like best.

More than two-thirds of those surveyed said they were more satisfied than when they worked out of one place. Only one in 10 said the traveling life made them less satisfied.

Psychiatrist David Weiss 39, is far more satisfied. He was part of a group practice in Denver, but it was tough because managed-care plans have clamped down hard on talk therapy, limiting the fees and number of sessions.

"We were having to work harder to make less money," says Weiss. "The overhead and the infrastructure was just getting ridiculous."

The group broke up. Weiss went with CompHealth. The Denver area is large enough so that he finds temporary assignments within driving distance, either in acute-care hospitals or in outpatient clinics.

"I'm really enjoying medicine again, which I hadn't for a very long time," says Weiss. "It's allowed me again to focus on treating patients."

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Department stores look to regain edge

They face battle against discounters

NEW YORK (AP) - Lord & Taylor's announcement this past week that it would close 32 stores...



Shoppers check out at the counters of the Wal-Mart supercenter July 7 in South Reno. New competition from the large discounters are pushing department stores to take dramatic steps to revive their business.

er's health. By comparison, discount stores registered a 2.3 percent gain...

Part of the problem is that department stores have found themselves caught between discounters on price that they seem to have forgotten about consumers like Laura Cooney...

On the other hand, they're also not satisfying budget customers who can find low prices elsewhere.

Sally Leonor Delgado, of San Antonio. "They need to offer as much merchandise as possible under moderate prices. Good sales are also important - being a teacher I don't earn much...

Group, said department stores used to compete with other department stores. But today, department stores battle it out with warehouse clubs, discount stores and most everybody else...

In a recent interview with The Associated Press, Terry Lundgren, chief executive officer, said the company will still sell inexpensive items, but that won't be its focus.

Sam-store sales at Federated have improved over the past few months. To project a more upscale image, Federated is combining Macy's store name with five of its other store divisions...

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Inside its stores, Macy is focusing on bolstering such labels as Kate Spade, and also sprucing up its largest private label line, Valerie Stevens...

Macy's same-store sales were down 7.1 percent so far this year, the worst performer in the department store sector...

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Work at the office: Too hot or too cold

By Amy Joyce The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - How many consultants does it take to figure out which office temperature is right for everyone?

There aren't enough. There's always a co-worker who is too hot or too cold, or who lugs in her own space heater to combat the guy who keeps the window open to combat the thermostat that stays at what some administrator deems a "comfortable" temperature.

These winter months may be the ones that incite the most intra-office conflict - all because of that silly thing called a thermostat.

We're all made differently, we dress differently, we freeze and sweat differently. Some people say they fall asleep if it's too warm. Others say they can't type if it's too cold.

Daniel McHout, chief engineer at Krueger, a maker of air devices, has spent most of his career studying the effects of heating and air conditioning on office environments. Much of it, he said, simply comes down to clothing.

"When dress codes call for men to wear ties and women to wear a skirt and blouse, you're already in a world of hurt," he said.

Hot, all right, so women who wear thin stockings are going to have cold feet. Men have to wear socks (unless they're stuck in the 1980s). There just is no temperature that will satisfy both, he said.

Casual Fridays have changed a lot, he added. Women can wear socks. Men don't wear ties. It should all be equal now, right?

"I need to call out to us as we do underperforming divisions," he said.

Just look around. Check out how many people - even some men - have hanging off the back of their chair the Office Sweater. That grunted and usually gearily, nubbly, stretched-out piece of Mr. Rogers-esque clothing that would never wear anywhere that mattered, except the office.

It is, to some, still not enough. "We're pushing the envelope here in terms of the size of the deficit the bond market is willing to finance at interest rates we all can stomach," said Ed Yardeni, the chief investment strategist at the Prudential Equity Group in New York and creator jobs. But the tax reductions, along with growing spending for defense, are creating burgeoning budget deficits, which must be financed with Treasury bonds.

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Analysts say rising rates may endanger recovery

By Ken Moritsugu Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - A sudden sharp rise in mortgage and other interest rates is triggering worries that further increases could snuff out - or at least slow down - a U.S. economic recovery.

Interest rates usually rise when the economy strengthens, and many analysts think the recent increase is in line with expectations of faster growth in the coming months. But if rates keep going up, they could slip any faster growth in the bud.

"Is the bond market short-circuiting the recovery?" asked Cary Leahey, a senior economist at Deutsche Bank in New York. "What's not going to know for two to three months."

The rate on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note continued to rise this week, finishing Friday at 4.14 percent, up from a low of 3.1 percent in mid-June.

Mortgage rates have followed. The rate for the average 30-year mortgage has shot up to 6.14 percent from 5.21 percent six weeks ago.

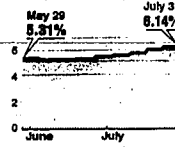
Higher interest rates tend to slow the economy by making it more expensive for individuals and businesses to borrow money. Usually, the momentum of a recovery is enough to overcome rising interest rates, but whether that holds in a hesitant or jobless recovery is unclear.

Still, interest rates remain relatively low and the current ones aren't likely to kill any recovery, analysts said. The question is, will they keep rising? "I think it is a worry," said Ian Morris, the New York-based U.S. economist for HSBC, a London-based bank. "We may not be in the danger zone just yet, but we can't be too far away."

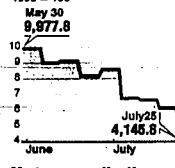
Interest rates and mortgages

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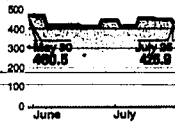
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would fall 1 percent next year if the 10-year Treasury rate remains at its current level. Fed rates stay at 4.5 percent, the economy would do pretty poorly," he said.

If rates go up more, that could cut into home sales. But many analysts think the momentum of an economic recovery will overcome the impact of rising interest rates.

That's the thinking at Centex Corp., a national homebuilder based in Dallas. In a recent conference call with analysts, company chairman Laurence Hirsch said mortgage rates would have to rise another 0.5 to 1 percentage point before having an impact on business.

"We haven't seen anything in the market and consumer reactions and consumers' approach to the housing industry in general that has put up any yellow warning signs at this point," he said, according to a transcript posted on the company's Web site.

Many analysts blame the sharp rise on a market overreaction to shifting signals from the Federal Reserve.

First, interest rates plunged in May and early June when Fed officials signaled heightened concern about the possibility of deflation. When the Fed started playing down those fears, rates shot back up.

The rates rose to where they would have remained without the Fed talk - to the 3-year mortgage rate hovered in the 5.7 to 5.9

percent range this year until May - and then market psychology took them up a little more.

Once the market settles down, many analysts think interest rates will ease slightly, then rise at a more manageable pace as growth picks up.

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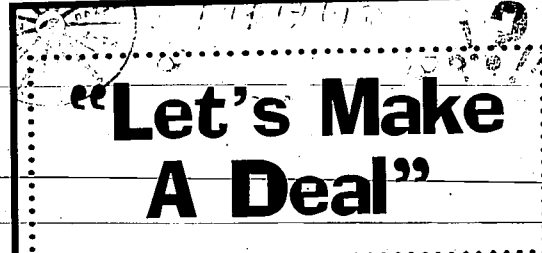
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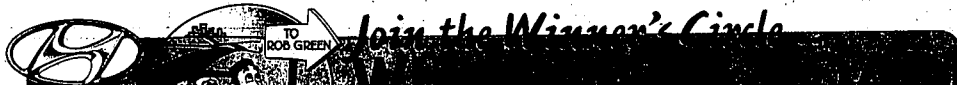
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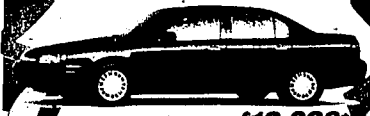
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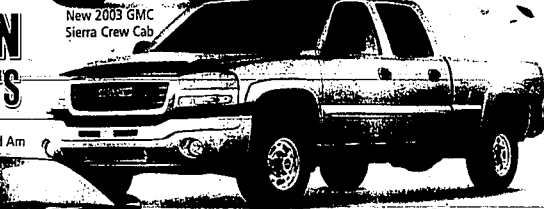
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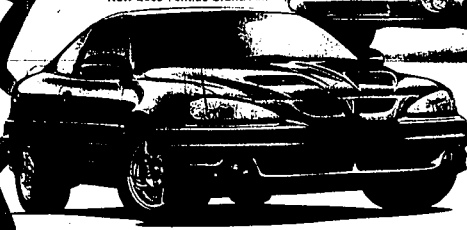
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Section E

## Help your student survive first year of college

"I'm dropping out." No parent wants to hear those three words. But, unfortunately, thousands of parents hear them each year. Too often, parents watch excited college freshmen leave their homes in August, only to have them return disillusioned and dejected a few short months later. According to national data compiled by ACT, a surprising one out of three college freshmen does not return to the same college for their sophomore year. Some enroll at another institution, and some take a break before returning to school—and many never return at all. There are several things you can do to help your student make a successful transition to college.

**COLLEGE AND CAREER CORNER**  
Rose Renniekamp

Choose a college that's a good match. Not many people would choose a home just by looking on the Internet or reading a brochure; students shouldn't choose a college that way either. And parents need to remember that the college choice is the student's—not theirs! It's important for teens to visit campuses and ask a lot of questions.

Help your student get connected to people at the college. Students are more likely to succeed when they feel connected to others. During college visits, your student should meet faculty members of departments in which they're interested. Encourage them to attend all orientation events so they get to know academic advisers, housing staff members and other college officials. Keep encouraging them to get out and meet others on campus.

Promote involvement in campus life. Not only do students need to feel connected to others; they also need to feel connected to their schools. If they become involved in campus organizations, attend events or work at a job on campus, they become invested in their own college experience.

Know and understand campus support services. Colleges offer many different kinds of services to aid students in adapting to college life. You can become familiar with these services by attending parents' orientation, reading brochures, checking the college Web site or calling campus staff members. That way, you can provide knowledgeable advice and guide your students in the right direction if they appear to need help.

Reshape your relationship. This may be the hardest transition that you and your child will ever make. By reshaping your "parent-child" relationship to "parent-young adult" relationship, your teen will develop the freedom to make his or her own decisions about college and the future, as well as the confidence that comes with knowing that you are always there to help when needed.

As my husband and I do for each of our children off to college they had their own unique transitions and challenges. We had ours, as well. However, the most important contributions that we made to their successful transition to college started long before they even entered high school. From their earliest years, we allowed our kids to make independent decisions appropriate to their age, and then held them accountable for the results. For example:

When our children had homework in grade school, we didn't constantly remind them, nor do projects for them. Our children received modest allowances beginning in kindergarten.

Preparing academically for college begins many years before students take college admissions exams. And, in the same way, preparing for the independence of college living takes place over many years. As the wise saying goes, parents need to give their children both roots and wings.

If, in the end, your student does decide to drop out of college, keep it in perspective. Remember, there are many paths to success.

Rose Renniekamp is the vice president of communications for ACT. She is a mom and has a master's of education in guiding. Have a question you want answered in a future column? Send an email to Rose at AskRose@act.org.

## What real kids wear back to school

If it's retro, Bohemian or extreme-sports, it's essential

The Times-News and The Associated Press

**1** Everything old is, well, old again. Retro, especially in tops, is big for fall, with "lots of stripes" according Pat Garcia, clothing manager at the Twin Falls JC Penney store.

**2** Novelty T-shirts, in themes ranging from Dragonball 2 and motocross to snappy oneliners. Younger kids are spending from \$8-\$14. Teen-agers \$15 and up.

**3** Extreme sports are white-hot at the moment, especially in shirts.

**4** Trendy camouflage pants (\$19.99) at T.J. Maxx are a teen's idea of mainstream. Carry out the look with a gray T-shirt (\$12.99), and distressed blue cord jacket with faux fur (\$49.99).

**5** Belted jeans. Yup, Levi's. Well, not just Levi's. The trend will continue with new cuts, different washes, patches and inserts on the lower leg seems as prices range from about \$20 to \$100.

**6** Stuff to hang on belts. Chains, primary—sort of a "biker" look," Garcia says.

**7** Cargo pants. It's been almost a decade since cargo mania burst over the back-to-school scene, and the standards are still popular, although there are some variations. The military look is big this fall, with black or khaki pants worn with an army-style web belt.

**8** Among teen-age girls, hip-hugging, skin-wearing—like a corset—underwear are an essential. Tight tops and belly baring are OK.



**9** A rock shirt that looks like it's been around the block a few times, mixed with some tight boyish cords and motorcycle boots. Wear a streetwise jacket or retro top.

**10** Natural fabrics are the trend, with cotton being the most popular, usually cal stripes, and checks are popular—mini patterns.

**11** Urban cowgirl. One of this season's new looks is the vintage/cowboy style: dirty denims, cords, fur-lined jackets and the vintage tooled leather, big buckled belts, worn with dangly earrings.

**12** Shiny lips are still popular among the middle-school and junior-high crowd and the colors are soft colors for the neutral look, to deeper shades for the sultry look. For eye makeup think belly dancers with gray-green, icy grays, wines, pinks and purples, and lots of dark liners and mascara.

**13** One of the most popular styles for girls this fall is the updated Bohemian look, which includes pieces that are laced, embroidered and made of vintage colors. A new addition is updated versions of vintage wash, or



The great outdoors awaits the kid with the zippered bomber jacket from GapKids, shown here with cargo pants.

antique-wash, denim, which uses dyeing techniques to create a specialized worn look on a darker shade of denim. Another addition are faux-layered tops that give the appearance of two layered shirts but are actually made of one shirt with pieces sewn into the collar and sleeves.

**14** Cool looks of another sort could start with a boys' zippered bomber jacket (\$39.50), paired with cargo pants (\$34.50), both at GapKids.15. Casual, sporty stuff for boys could include a hooded sweatshirt with sleeve stripes (\$14.99) and jeans (\$14.99) at T.J. Maxx.16. Choose a backpack appropriate to age. High Sierra Sport Company's selection includes a 13 1/2-inch Trixie Mini Pack (\$12.99) for younger kids; the 19 1/2-inch Airhead (\$24.99) for middle-school students; and a 19-inch Swerve (\$39.99) for high schoolers and collegians. Features include pockets for CD players and cell phones in models for the two younger categories and adds a computer sleeve for the older students.



José Moore, 10, left, and her mother, Marti, hold up a pair of pants at a Target store in Tyler, Texas, Friday. Business is eager for brisk sales as families flock to stores in search of back-to-school bargains.

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He dropped his pants, did a dance, and the rest is advertising history.

Vaughn Lowery, the 28-year-old Joe Boxer underwear dancer, is doing the ranks of all-star pitchmen, right up there with the Dell Guy and Mr. Whipple.

Lowery has been doing his doofy dance in Knart ads, dressed only in Joe Boxer underwear, since July, and already he has his own Web site, www.about-vaughn.com, a fan club and many television appearances, such as last month when he tried to teach Katie Couric on NBC's "Today" show how to do his immitable dance. (Note: Talent doesn't matter; enthusiasm does.)

That is the secret to Lowery's success: His dance is ridiculous, his attitude infectiously giddy. He says everyone has a secret dance they do in front of the bathroom mirror. In underwear; he just does his for the camera. He smiles a huge smile, and the TV audience smiles with him.



Vaughn Lowery, front, dances with the cast during the taping of a back-to-school Joe Boxer commercial last month at Silvercup studios in New York.

Knart gets fan mail about Lowery. When the giant discount put Lowery's dance on the Internet (www.knart.com), it was downloaded 30,000 times in the first week. When the store put up a site, www.knartboxers.com, to preview the holiday

commercials that feature Lowery doing his dance dressed in a silver gift box that is stripped away to reveal Santa boxers, it received 180,000 hits in the first week. (The Web site lets you customize the Santa shorts and send them and Vaughn as an e-mail

greeting card to special friends.)

This frivolity is new to Lowery's career. On his Internet site there are photos from his modeling days. He looks "GQ-cool and aloof. It's a lie. Lowery is "exactly like the commercials. He's like a hyperactive puppy," says Knart spokesman David Karraker, adding that the company likes that "energy and has Lowery "under a long-term contract."

The Boxer Boogie ads, currently in their back-to-school version, consistently rate in the top 10 commercials that consumers remember. Karraker says e-mail that has crossed his screen indicates that what fans like is the god-natured fun of the ads. It's not sex that's selling this time, but silliness.

Some Vaughn wannabes have sent their own dancing-in-my-shorts shorts to Knart and, though there are no plans to commercially exploit any of the average Joes and their homemade films, "they might be put on the Web site," says Karraker.

Inspired dancing is how Lowery got the gig — it wasn't

scripted. He was auditioning for a group of Joe Boxer commercials, one of two guys, another with a couple. When he was asked to say his name and show his enthusiasm for the product, Lowery "dropped his drawers and did his boogie and we got something really magic," says Collette Landi Siperly of Knart. Lowery was shocked at his own behavior and thought he had blown the audition, but the agency—TBWA/ChiatDay in Los Angeles and Knart, based in Detroit—Lowery's hometown, knew they had to have that man and that dance. Lowery was asked to re-create his screen-test moment, again and again, for 25 takes.

As a result of his impromptu performance, TV and movie offers are coming in, though no one wants to jinx a deal by talking prematurely. Lowery has four other national commercials, but what he really wants to do is—drum roll, please—act in a major motion picture. For now, though, he is content to be the major motion on the small screen.



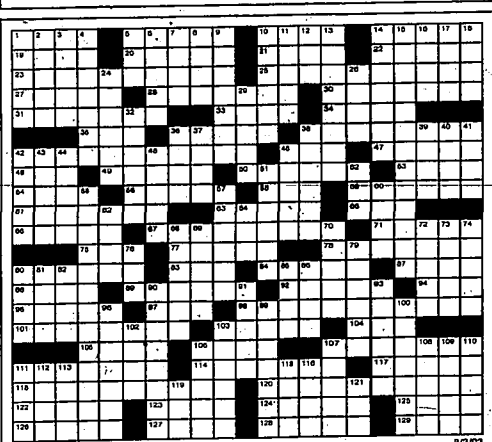
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# Fiance's debt forms roadblock in the middle of the wedding aisle

DEAR ABBY: Last night, after we had been engaged for three months, my fiance, Steve, informed me that he owes \$25,000 to creditors. He said part of that debt is because he bought and sold a condo (at a loss) six years ago - and he felt he needed a nicer car after we met. What concerns me, in addition to his huge debt, is that he gave me an \$8,000 engagement ring.

Blake is pressuring me to get married, but I am having second thoughts: Will I be responsible for his debts if we are married? Should I marry him, or should I wait until he pays off his creditors?

DEAR FEELING INSECURE: Your concerns are valid. Your fiance appears to be romantic, but not very practical when it comes to the engagement goes any further, I urge you to consult an attorney who can explain any possible obligations you will or will not assume by marrying him. Please don't wait. It will be money wisely spent.

DEAR ABBY: I am 80 years old and all alone. Cancer took my wife 11 years ago. I am still healthy and in control of my affairs. I have been trying to carry on without my wife, but there isn't much to live for. I just returned from putting my affairs in order, and I hated coming back into my empty house. I wish that every human being in



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the world could be as lonesome as I am tonight. If this were true, there would never be another war, or killing, or robbery, or any form of deceit. I feel certain that every man would say, "I am satisfied with what I have, because I never want to be as sad or as lonesome as that old man."

DEAR LONESOME IN TEXAS: I'm glad you wrote to me because 11 years is too long to be alone and grieving. Since you are of sound mind and body, it's time to re-enter society - and by that I mean put your library, museum, or senior center, and see what openings are available. It will be a way to do something worthwhile for your community.

mony and the beginning of a new life for you. Trust me.

DEAR ABBY: I recently met "Shelly," the girl of my dreams. She is everything I ever wanted in a girlfriend and more. This is a great relationship I have ever had in my life - and she feels the same.

Shelly is leaving for college in September and I still have one more year of high school. I know in my heart it will never work with me here and Shelly there - but I am not ready to lose the love of my life.

Abby, please give me some advice. I know my heart is going to break when Shelly leaves. -LOVESTRUCK IN ST. LOUIS

DEAR LOVESTRUCK: I hope Shelly has a wonderful freshman year in college - and that you have an exciting senior year in high school. Over the years I have heard from many teens in your situation. Now is the time for both of you to develop new friendships with people of both genders. Exclusivity ties you down and is not fair to either of you. When you develop new interests, you will have much more to share when you do get together.

Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.

# So much for conventional wisdom

"A 'Double Take Parade?' A 'Most Alike/Least Alike' contest? Spectators who see double, watching hundreds of twins converge in antique cars and on tandem bikes.

It has to be the 28th Annual Twins Day Festival - this weekend in Twinsburg, Ohio, near Cleveland.

The news release I received says the festival honors the town's founders, identical twins Aaron and Moses Wilcox. Each year, thousands of "matched sets" sign up to attend.

The Wilcox twins settled in the area of Twinsburg in 1817. The village was originally named Millville, but the brothers lobbied to change the name, and sweetened the pot by donating six acres of land (now the city's square) and \$20 for the village's first school.

The brothers also were lifetime business partners, married sisters, held all their property in common, contracted the same illness and died within hours of each other. They are interred in the same grave in the city's Locust Grove Cemetery.

Today, the Twins Days Festival is billed as the "World's Largest Annual Gathering of Twins" in the Guinness "Book of World Records." There are activities for kids, food, golf, arts and crafts, lots of awards - and the big Lookalike Contest. (Everyone's a winner?)

Through the years, the event has included Maytag, with its "twin range," and Wrigley's Doublemint Gum. Once, Wrigley's



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going on in the world around me? A quick check of the Internet reveals thousands of conventions taking place every year. There are the obvious ones - the National PTA Convention, the National Square Dance Convention, the National Broadcasters Convention.

More specific conventions include a meeting of the Birmingham Circus Convention, where delegates study advanced didgendoo and boomerang making, and a gathering of American Society of Professional Estimators. (Don't tell me they spend their week sitting around the swimming pool estimating.)

There is surely a convention for everyone.

Of course, I already missed the one that really piques my interest. I read about it a while back. I think it was held in California: it was the Wisteria Festival, and it pays homage to the world's largest blooming plant, a 104-year-old wisteria vine.

A whole festival for a vine! But this is no ordinary vine. This is a vine that weighs more than 250 tons and displays more than a million lavender blossoms - and grows at a rate of 26 inches every 48 hours.

On second thought, I don't think I'll go to any conventions this year. Instead, I think I'll stay home and plant some flowers.

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

# Try out these ideas on your toddlers

Great Ideas Department: A mom on the members' side of my Web site ([www.rosemond.com](http://www.rosemond.com)) was anxious over her 3-year-old son's desire to play dress-up in girl's clothing.

She wrote: "My husband was really bothered by the fact that, like yours, our 3-year-old boy wanted to dress up in his older sister's clothes and costumes. It was not a major issue for me, but I wanted to find a solution for the sake of my hubby, who wanted this cross-dressing to stay in the closet, literally.

"I finally realized that it probably didn't matter to our son whether the clothes were male or female as long as they facilitated pretend play. As things stood, however, his sister had all the good pretend stuff.

"I bought him some masculine fantasy clothes for dress-up, mainly hats and vests. From that point on, he could be a construction worker, a firefighter, police officer or a cowboy. He loved it! Better yet, so did my husband!"

More Great Ideas Department: To the question, "How does one get a toddler to play by himself for



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reasonably long periods of time?"

I suggest creating and operating a toy lending library out of a closet or large cabinet in your home. All of the child's toys go into the lending library. From that point on, the child is allowed play with but two toys at a time, and in order to get a different toy, he must turn one in.

The lending library not only eliminates toy clutter from the house, it also reduces "toy distraction" for the toddler, promoting longer play times.

Paradoxical perhaps, but true: A child will play on his own for longer periods with two toys than with 22 or 200. Creativity and imagination flourish when attention spans begin to greatly improve, and perhaps best of all, Mommy and Daddy gain a lot more time for themselves and one another.

Great Feedback Department:

As I boarded a jet recently, one of the flight attendants recognized me and reminded me that I'd been her passenger several years earlier, when her first child, a boy, was 24 months old.

At that time, she had asked me about toilet training. I told her it was time and recommended what I call "naked and \$75." The next time she had five days at home, she took my advice and let her son, walk around the house naked from the waist down.

A toddler who has no problem collecting several hours worth of "stuff" in a diaper will not like it running/soiling down his legs.

"He didn't like it at all," she told me, which is the idea. When her son began to pee or poop, he felt instantly uncomfortable and yelled for Mommy's help. Within several days, he was fully trained. Oh, I almost forgot. The \$75 is for carpet cleaning.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 1020 East 86th Street, Suite 268, Indianapolis, Ind. 46240, and at his Web site: <http://www.rosemond.com>

# Mars, Uranus keep you on your toes, Sagittarius

IF AUGUST 3 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you have a happy birthday and a high-powered intellect: you'll make a good politician, journalist or lawyer. You love to excel and be better than others. If unattached, you should be enjoying your dream partner this year (with Neptune's blessing). Romance could even flower on a cruise. This is a year for reflection on spiritual matters. December brings a breakthrough.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): With Mars your ruler in the 12th house, you could be experiencing anxiety. Have no fear, Mars: Being well-anchored to Saturn is harmonious, and any fallout should be negligible.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20): Helping out today, you show off your domestic skills, perhaps you handle the barbecue. A friend, lover or loved one is keeping a secret. Libra wants to give a helping hand.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The more subtly you move, the more likely you will get what you want while love is concentrated. Expect plenty of fun with siblings and rela-

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ives. Aquarius gives input.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take time to set forth your plans to loved ones. Someone may be admitting to a mistake. Being wise, you can forgive but not forget. Neptune is enticing you to overpend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your lovable side is on display, and you could be meeting Mr. or Ms. Right, if single. Children and family show affection. Your doubts are evaporating.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You're confident when you talk about your work. A new relationship needs to be taken step by step, as Mars and Uranus invite caution. The moon in your second house puts you in a spending mood.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You're introspective and in soul-searching mode. Neptune is stirring your imagination, and you're envisioning plans for your life at home and at work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Allow extra time to get to a meeting or party. Take heed of a phone call. Love and passion are winding you up and interfere with a job you have to do today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Mars and Uranus are keeping you on your toes. You get a lot done at home today. Before making a commitment, check what's really going on in your mind and with your emotions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Doubts about money prevent you from putting your plans into action. Someone has a splendid and practical idea and comes to your rescue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A languishing partnership gets moving again. Someone from the past wants to rekindle a friendship. If single, you're still looking for the ideal mate, he or she should materialize soon. It's party time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): An invitation appears out of the blue. You feel like celebrating an artistic or design assignment you've completed. An emotional bond is strengthened.

# Website offers online resource for parents

Single parents looking to exchange child care, share living expenses or just find a friend have a new Internet resource.

ForSingleParents.com, a free Web site designed by a single mom, launched in April.

Its goal: to help single moms and dads by matching them up with other single parents in their area who have similar needs.

Here's how it works: You enter your ZIP code, and the site will search its database for others in your area. Searching the database requires a membership, which is free.

"My problems are over now that my daughter's all grown-up," said Laura Ladd, the site's founder. "Yet I keep thinking about the thousands of others who are just beginning the journey. I want to provide them with a tool that will help them survive along the way."

Help for nursing moms

The National Women's Health Information Center has launched a breastfeeding help line. For expert advice, call (800) 994-9662. The line is staffed Monday through Friday during business hours.



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Volunteers drivers for the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center shuttle service, are, from left, Merv Randall, Neal Dean, Donna Kalomann, Judy Oullten and Tim Jones. Not pictured are Deloy Bingham, Cecil Harris, Ben Eldredge, Ron Coile, Darald Glenn and Ron Eversole.

## Volunteers help people get around at MVRMC

TWIN FALLS - Thousands of people have taken advantage of the new shuttle service at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The hospital funded and the auxiliary operated the shuttle service to and from the hospital's parking lots to the four hospital entrances. On the first day, the hospital volunteers picked up 109 visitors. By the end of the third week, they had transported 1,660 visitors, auxiliary representatives reported. The service started on June 9 and by July 9, the shuttle-drivers had transported more than 2,429 visitors.

The service has proved to be

### Want more information?

The Magic Valley Regional shuttle runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you run a patient or visitor needing a ride, call the hospital at 737-2121, ext. 2079, and a driver will meet that person or people at one of the entrances: emergency depart-

ment, front entrance by the revolving door, the Medical Office Building on the Martin Street side, the cancer center and the south entrance on the Addison Avenue side.

If you would like to become a volunteer for the Magic Valley Regional Auxiliary, call Elaine Doney, director of Volunteer Services, at 737-2006.

for visitors to the medical center," said John Kee, the hospital chief executive officer.

Loraine Devoy, director of the hospital Volunteer Services, added that she was excited about this new service and proud of the volunteers who are participating.

successful, and is greatly appreciated by all who use it, auxiliary representatives reported.

"Close, convenient parking can be difficult to find at times on the hospital campus. By providing this shuttle service, we will be able to add greater convenience

### Velasquez completes deployment to Arabian Gulf

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael R. Velasquez, son of Budi and Larry Velasquez of Twin Falls, has completed a deployment to the Arabian Gulf while assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Mitsur, homeported in San Diego, Calif.

Velasquez was one of more than 8,000 Pacific Fleet Sailors aboard the ships of the USS Constellation Carrier Battle Group who participated in Operation - Iraqi Freedom. His ship was one of the first of 30 U.S. Navy and coalition ships to launch Tomahawk Land Attack Missiles during military operations to disarm Iraq.

Velasquez is a 1998 graduate of Twin Falls High School, and joined the Navy, in September 2001.

### Garcia serves in Asia in construction battalion

Navy Seaman David A. Garcia, son of Maria A. and Salvador R. Garcia of Elko, Nev., is serving in Southwest Asia while assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7, based in Gulfport, Miss.

Garcia's unit assists with convoys, radio operations, administrative coordination and project operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Sailors from the battalion developed a new 360-degree rotating weapons mount that fit in the rear of High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles, giving the convoys moving into Iraq the capability of defending against enemy engagements from any direction.

They also built a base chapel, temporary aircraft maintenance shelter and base galley at Camp Al Jabbar Air Base in Kuwait.

### Helzelmman graduates from Marine engineer course

Marine Corps Pfc. Thomas L. Helzelmman, son of Nila J. Helzelmman and Lee G. Helzelmman of Twin Falls, has graduated from the Marine Corps Basic Combat Engineer Course at Marine Corps Engineer School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

During the five-week course, Helzelmman received instruction in the fundamentals of engineering support for combat units, including the procedures for building and repairing bridges, roads and field fortifications.

He also received training on demolition concepts, land mine warfare and camouflage techniques.

Helzelmman joined the Marine Corps in September 2002.

### Rupert Elks holds its first soccer shoot

RUPERT - The Rupert Elks Lodge No. 2106 is hosting its first "soccer shoot" Saturday at the Rupert Elks, 85 S. 200 W., Rupert. Registration will start at 8 a.m., and the shoot will begin at 9 a.m. Participants should be between 9 and 13 years old and proof of age is required.

For more information, call Ed Phillips at 438-5344.

### UI offers home food preservation update

BURLEY - The University of Idaho Extension will offer a home food preservation update session from 9:30 p.m. Thursday at the Cassia County Extension office, 1013 W. 16th St., Burley. The program is open to the public. There is no charge, but people should pre-register to insure enough materials and seating. The session will cover the latest recommendations for popular food preservation techniques including canning, drying, making jams and jellies and freezing food will be taught by UI master food preserver volunteers and loan Fair, extension educator. There will be a question and answer time during the session. Additional preservation and storage materials will be available

### Kimberly School District holds registration

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly School District announced the dates for registration at the schools.

Kimberly Elementary School will register all new students from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. beginning Aug. 6. All returning elementary students will register from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Aug. 14.

Kimberly Middle School will hold registration from 8-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Aug. 13 and Aug. 14 for grades six to eight.

Kimberly High School will hold registration from:

8 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Aug. 12 for new students,  
8:30-11:30 a.m. Aug. 13 for seniors  
12:30-3:30 p.m. Aug. 13 for juniors  
8:30-11:30 a.m. Aug. 14 for sophomores  
12:30-3:30 p.m. Aug. 14 for freshman.

For more information, call 423-4170.

### Kitchen Magic offers cake decorating classes

TWIN FALLS - Kitchen Magic

### Will offer a course two cake decorating class from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Aug. 16 at the store in the Lynnwood Shopping Mall in Twin Falls. The class is \$20 plus supplies, and must be paid by Aug. 13. For more information, call 733-4285.

### Filer woman celebrates 80th birthday with party

FILER - Lydia Yoder will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 2-4 p.m. Aug. 10 at the Peace Lutheran Church, 600 Stevens in Filer.

Yoder was born Dec. 7 in Kansas. She is a retired teacher and was employed by Yoder in 1946 in Chappell, Neb. She has lived in the Magic Valley for more than 50 years.

Yoder is a member of the Peace Lutheran Church, American Legion Auxiliary Post 49 and Sororism International of Yakima. She has held various positions at the Twin Falls County Fair, including flower department superintendent, and worked for Filer Mutual Telephone Company



Lydia Yoder

### Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Brayden Charles Russell Hennings, son of Shantel Hennings of Hagerman, was born Thursday, July 10, 2003.  
Jordan Michelle Turner, daughter of Leslie Faye Enoch of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, July 16, 2003.  
Ismael Ruben Rendon, son of Olga Lidia Gonzalez and Jose Angel Rendon of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, July 17, 2003.  
Skyler Diane Falconburg, daughter of Andie Renee and

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Wade Michael Falconburg of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, July 22, 2003.  
Terrell King Ricks, son of Jessa Gail Ricks of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, July 23, 2003.  
Mia Rose Hensley, daughter of Nicole Marie Ramos and John Michael Hensley of Twin Falls, was born Monday, July 28, 2003.  
Paige-Gail Young, daughter of Mickey Jean Delaney and Bryan Raymond Young of Bliss, was born Monday, July 28, 2003.  
Hunter Allen Edwards, son of Kristina Kay and Joshua James Edwards of Twin Falls, was born Monday, July 28, 2003.

To announce a birth  
Send a copy of the birth certificate to:  
Melissa Morgan  
The Times-News  
P.O. Box 548  
Twin Falls, ID 83303  
Or fax to: 734-5538.  
Deadlines: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper.  
More information?  
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Members of the Cassia County 4-H Teen Association enjoy spending time on an Amish farm during an exchange in Pennsylvania.

## Teens enjoy 4-H exchange program

BURLEY - Six teens from Cassia County traveled to Pennsylvania recently where they learned about the 4-H program and enjoyed the culture of that state.

The trip was part of an exchange program where 4-H members from different states visit each other.

Taking the trip were Ben Larsen, Casey Ellsworth, Ashley

Mejia, Michael Mejia, Stephanie Rodriguez and Ronald Rodriguez. They learned that the 4-H program in the two states is the similar, yet different, and picked up ideas on ways to improve their projects and future exchanges, organizers say.

They toured an Amish farm, and went to Troyer Farms and saw how potato chips are made.

They went swimming in Lake

Eric and played on the water front while learning about the Battle of 1812 and the ship, Niagara that won the battle. They also took a tour bus into Canada where they rode Maid of the Mist and saw Horseshoe Falls and Niagara Falls.

Anyone interested in joining the 4-H Cassia County Teen Association can call Maria at the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension office, 878-9461.

## SERVICE NEWS

### Warren makes port visit to United Arab Emirates

Warren, a 1995 graduate of Elko High School in Elko, Nev., has completed a two-week bilateral training exercise with Albanian military forces while assigned to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, based in Camp Lejeune, N.C. The unit is currently aboard the USS Iwo Jima.

Drawing upon lessons learned in operations in Mosul, Iraq, Warren's unit sought to create a training exercise that included every element of the unit with specific emphasis on combat service support of secure convoy procedures.

The units are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and divided into an infantry battalion, aircraft squadron, support group and command element.

### Pereira joins Army under Delayed Entry Program

Amanda L. Pereira has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program.

Pereira will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training on Oct. 22.

She is the daughter of Daniel L. Pereira of Burley.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Valley Astronomical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday in Room 119 of the Canyon Building on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

Ken Thomason will present a program on star hopping, that is using stars to find galaxies and other objects.

Telescopes will be available for public use after the meeting.

For more information, call Phil at 734-8719.

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### Girl Scouts hold centennial kick-off Thursday at park

TWIN FALLS - Girls Scouts of the past, present and future are invited to a Girl Scout kick-off of

### Warren makes port visit to United Arab Emirates

Warren, a 1995 graduate of Elko High School in Elko, Nev., has completed a two-week bilateral training exercise with Albanian military forces while assigned to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, based in Camp Lejeune, N.C. The unit is currently aboard the USS Iwo Jima.

Drawing upon lessons learned in operations in Mosul, Iraq, Warren's unit sought to create a training exercise that included every element of the unit with specific emphasis on combat service support of secure convoy procedures.

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### Buhl Arts Council announces seminars

BURL - The Buhl Arts Council announced the following upcoming seminars:

A building community seminar will be held from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday. Ruth King will lead the seminar. Anyone interested in building community is encouraged to attend. The event is free to arts council program leaders and collaborators and \$20 for others.

"Women's Day and a Taste of Race" will be held from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. King will lead the seminar. Participants will focus on their internal relationship with race and begin the process to allow the emotion to serve and heal them, organizers say. The cost is \$80.

The events will be held at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth Ave., Buhl. Participants should inquire about lunch. For more information, call 542-2888.





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# SENIOR CALENDAR

**Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center**  
530 Shoshone St. W.  
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.  
Pool room open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading.  
Bargain Center will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
No menus made available this week.  
**Activities:**  
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Tuesday: Blood pressure checks, 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

**West End Senior Citizens Inc.**  
1010 Main St., Buhl  
No menus made available this week.  
**Activities:**  
Sunday: Buffet, 1 p.m. (\$4 for seniors, \$4.50 for those under 60)  
Monday: Exercise, 10-10:35 a.m.  
Cards, 6 p.m.  
Tuesday: Crafts, 1-4 p.m.  
Bingo, 7-9 p.m.

**Filer Senior Haven**  
222 Main St., Filer  
Dinners served at noon on

**Look for the rest of this week's Senior Calendar in Monday's paper.**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays.**  
Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals are available each mealtime.  
Tuesday: Baked macaroni and cheese, beef patty.

**Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.**  
310 Main St. N., Kimberly  
Thrifty store is open Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.  
**Menus:**  
Monday: Chicken patty, parsley potatoes, peas, tossed salad, biscuits and butter, cobbler, coffee, milk and tea.  
Tuesday: Board meeting, 1:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

**Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.**  
308 Senior Ave.  
All dinners are noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.  
**Menus:**  
Monday: Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, Oriental blend vegetables, bread, pineapple upside-down

cake, apricot-upside-down cake.  
Tuesday: Meatballs and mushroom gravy, noodles, broccoli, colcawl, French bread, peas.  
**Activities:**  
Sunday: Jackpot bus, 12:30 p.m.  
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.  
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Foot clinic, 10:30 a.m.  
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.

**Jerome Senior Center**  
212 First Ave. E.  
All dinner served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.  
**Menus:**  
Monday: Beef stew, cornbread, tossed green salad, fruit and cookies.  
Tuesday: Chicken, salad, casserole, scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots, Jell-O with fruit, brownies.

**Camas County Senior Center**  
127 E. Willow, Fairfield  
Meals are served at noon Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The suggested donation for seniors is \$2.50. Cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children under 10. All meals are subject to

change. To eat a meal at the center, call ahead at 764-2226.

**Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. until noon on Fridays.**  
Suggested donations for seniors if \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee.  
Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.  
**Menus:**  
Tuesday: Barbecue chicken, cabbage, mashed potatoes, salad, pineapple, cookies, bread

**Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center**  
140 E. Lake, Hagerman  
Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at noon and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.  
Suggested donation is \$3, non-seniors 55 and children under 12, \$2.  
**Menus:**  
Monday: Chicken soup, tuna sandwich, raw vegetables, coconut cream pie  
**Activities:**  
Thrifty store open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Shoshone Senior Center**  
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone  
**Menus:**  
Tuesday: Orange juice, beef taco salad, refried beans, dinner rolls, banana bread, milk and coffee.  
**Activities:**  
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.  
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.  
Quilters, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

**Silver and Gold Senior Citizens**  
203 Wilson, Eden  
Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Blaine County Senior Center**  
721 Third Ave. S., Hailley  
Meals are served at noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Milk, juice, coffee and

tea are served with all meals. No menus made available this week.

**Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center**  
702 11th St., Rupert  
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.  
**Menus:**  
Monday: Assorted salad, sweet and sour chicken, rice, vegetables, rolls, pie  
Tuesday: Tossed salad, baked potato bar, broccoli, Texas toast, ice cream.  
**Activities:**  
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Pinochle, 1-4 p.m.  
Tuesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Golden Heritage Senior Center**  
2421 Overland, Burley  
All dinners are served up at noon. No menus were made available this week.  
**Activities:**  
Monday: Pool, 10 a.m.  
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Tuesday: Pool, 10 a.m.  
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.  
Bingo, 7 p.m.

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