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The Times

Sheriff: Pair targeted ex-husband

Based on interviews, evidence, sheriff says he certain couple planned to kill Utah man

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Utah sheriff said Tuesday he believes Natalie Turner and her fiance David Gayler drove to Park City Friday intending to kill Turner's ex-husband, John Pochynok.

"We have evidence that would lead us to believe they did go up there with premeditation," said Summit County Sheriff Dave Edmunds. "They went there to

commit a murder. There is absolutely no question in my mind."

The story began Friday with Pochynok, 50, being shot in his Park City home and ended with Turner, 31, the executive director of the Hailey Chamber of Commerce, being shot and killed by law officers on a rural Utah highway. It has grown more bizarre by the day, Edmunds said.

He said he bases his belief on evidence found, at Pochynok's

home and inside Gayler's car, interviews conducted with Gayler and others connected with the case, and "some communication" with Pochynok.

Pochynok was still listed in stable condition Tuesday at the University of Utah Medical Center, following surgery for bullet wounds directly under his heart and through his liver.

"As the hours progress, we receive more information that's very disturbing and very shock-

ing," Edmunds said. "Sometimes the truth is stranger than fiction, and this case would certainly be evidence of that."

Edmunds said he could not go into detail about the evidence.

Gayler, 31, reportedly drove Turner from Hailey to Pochynok's Park City home on Friday to talk about custody of their two children. Neighbors called police after hearing yelling and gun-

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Troops nab Saddam supporters

Soldier dies in bombing attack, bringing total dead since May 1 to 58

The Associated Press

TIKRIT, Iraq — American soldiers rounded up 14 members of a family said to be a pillar of support for Saddam Hussein in raids Tuesday, including a Republican Guard officer and one of the deposed dictator's bodyguards.

West of Baghdad, guerrillas attacked an American convoy with three roadside bombs, killing one U.S. soldier and wounding two. The death brought to 58 the number of U.S. troops killed in action since May 1, when President Bush declared major combat over.

But the commander of American forces told The Associated Press the stakes are too high to let casualties deter the mission of pacifying Iraq.

"Every American needs to believe this: that if we fail here in this environment, the next battlefield will be the streets of America," Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez said. "Every soldier ... understands the impact of America and to the global war on terrorism of his duty here."

On the outskirts of Tikrit, Saddam's hometown, U.S. soldiers captured 14 men in a three-hour operation. All were members of the same family, which was a key supporter of Saddam's regime, said Lt. Col. Steve Russell. "They were trying to support the remnants of the former regime by organizing attacks, through funding and by trying to hide former regime members," he said.

Russell said the Republican Guard officer was a divisional chief of staff. He and the bodyguard were on a U.S. black list of Iraqis considered major catches but not as important as the top 85 most-wanted figures.

Tikrit has been a center of the hunt for Saddam, who the military believes is now moving every three to four hours.

The Army has been watching the family for weeks after collecting intelligence indicating it had been involved in recent attacks on soldiers, Russell said. Coalition forces moved in Tuesday when they thought they could catch the



U.S. soldiers unload a blindfolded Iraq detainee from a military truck in a U.S. army base in Tikrit, about 110 miles northwest of Baghdad, Tuesday.

most people.

About 250 soldiers surrounded and searched 20 homes, Russell said, carrying out a safe, photographs and computers.

North of Baghdad, a dark cloud blotted out the sun as flames shot 200 feet into the air from a burning oil pipeline. Iraqi firefighters later doused the blaze with

chemicals.

It was unclear whether the fire, 12 miles north of Baghdad in an area known as Taji, was an accident or the work of saboteurs. Guerrillas have hit many pipelines to slow U.S. reconstruction efforts and delay the resumption of Iraq's oil exports.

Two M-1 Abrams tanks and

three soldiers crouched in firing positions along a highway next to the pipeline, which blazed from three holes. They fired warning shots to keep journalists away, and initially chased off Iraqi firefighters.

"They were very hostile," said Lt. Hasannein Mohammed of the fire department.

Board ponders school funding

Virtual charter school contends state owes it more money

By Robert Meyer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — How does the state provide education money for a school that doesn't have walls? A school with no visible administrators? A school where lessons are done online and the teachers communicate with students via the telephone?

State officials aren't sure.

A new Idaho public elementary school that operates via the Internet is forcing the State Board of Education to reconsider the way it funds schools — to peer into the future of education.

That self-reflection was induced by officials from the Idaho Virtual Academy, who claim that the state is shorting them dollars that an Idaho public school should rightfully receive.

The school, which was chartered by the Butte County School District, contends it should get \$2.5 million more in state support than it received during the 2002-03 school year, its first in operation.

Officials said they received about \$2,400 for each student this past year compared to what they said was \$5,000 in per-student support for traditional schools.

With minimal federal dollars and no local property tax support, the academy relies solely on state funding.

By law, the school's officials said, those state dollars must follow the students.

But Bob West, chief deputy superintendent for the state Department of Education, said it's not that simple. His comments came during a state board subcommittee meeting at The College of Southern Idaho Tuesday.

Yes, state dollars as the average daily attendance do follow the student, he said.

For instance, if a Twin Falls resident wants to attend Kimberly schools, the state dollars follow the student to Kimberly.

But that's only a fraction of the state dollars that should follow the student.

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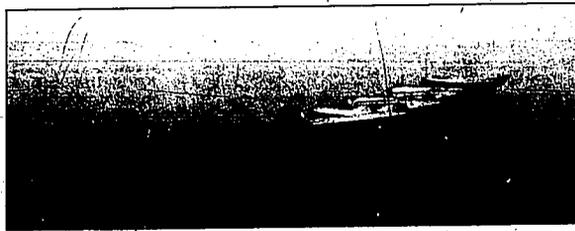
Group urges day of charity to honor 9/11

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — As the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks nears, families and friends of those who died in the attacks are hoping to transform the date into a national day of volunteer service and charity.

At a news conference Tuesday, one effort, said its purpose was simple: to encourage individuals and organizations to set aside time on Sept. 11 to

SMOKE ON THE WATER



A thick haze of smoke from the Robert Fire obscures the view of Lake MacDonald and the high mountains Tuesday in Glacier National Park, Mont., near Apgar Village. For more, please see page B1.

Idaho collision report shows higher fatalities

The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho's traffic fatality rate was higher than the national average for the ninth straight year in 2002 and wearing seat belts may be more important than previously thought, the state Transportation Department reports.

In Idaho, the fatality rate was 1.8 deaths for every million miles driven in a year. Nationally, the rate was 1.5 deaths.

The report found that single-vehicle accidents — a category that makes up only about 30 percent of all collisions — account-

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sunny skies with above average temperatures. Highs in the lower 90s. Tonight: Clear and continued dry. Lows near 60.

Tomorrow: Scorching summer heat and sunny. Highs in the upper 90s to the lower 100s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Hot and sunny. Highs in the 90s.

Tonight: Quiet, dry with mostly clear skies. Lows in the upper 50s to near 60.

Tomorrow: Sizzling heat with record breaking temperatures possible, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid to the upper 90s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. The next two to three days hold hope for a few isolated to widely scattered thunderstorms. These thunderstorms will likely contain more lightning and wind than rain. Temperatures will remain very warm. Today High: 79 to 88. Tonight's Lows: 31 to 43. BOISE More of the same weather conditions will stay in place through the rest of the week with the hot summer heat and intense sun expected through Friday.

NORTHERN UTAH The intense summer heat and mostly dry conditions will be around for the next 38 to 48 hours. A few thunderstorms could form on Thursday.

Weather's State Estimates - High: 94 at Challis. Low: 40 at Starkey. Weather key: sun= sunny, pc=partly cloudy, m=mostly cloudy, c=cloudy, th=thunderstorms, sh=showers, r=rain, an=rain, B=blow, W=wind, M=missing.

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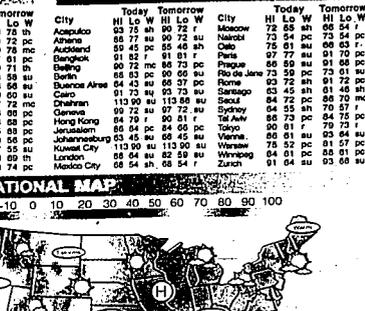
REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Friday. Lists cities and their forecasts.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Friday. Lists cities and their forecasts.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

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Shooting

Continued from A1. Rosanahan said Pochynok, who was sitting in the back seat, got the gun away from Turner and shot her twice inside the car. Turner wrestled the gun back, stepped out of the car, pointed the gun back into the car and then pointed the gun at Utah law officers, who shot and killed her.

bull, Law said. "The judge reviewed the probable cause statement from the officer and found strong enough evidence" to hold Gayler in jail, Law said. Law said it will be determined at Friday's hearing whether the district attorney's office has enough evidence to file charges or whether attorneys need more time to investigate. He said there's a 50-50 chance charges could be filed Friday.

if you're going to kill somebody, why would you quit shooting? Why don't you hit him with a lamp and keep him in the house? Why do you take him out to the car and drive him towards the hospital? Why didn't they turn left and head to the Uinta Mountains where there's lots of wilderness? If you're going to bury a body, shouldn't it be dead first?"

Schools

Continued from A1. state funding pie, West said. In addition, the IDVA how federal dollars work. They stay in the county regardless of where the student attends school. Local property taxes, too, don't follow the students, its funding is limited to school facilities.

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garden through fifth grade last year. Officials said students lived in 38 of the 44 counties. Those numbers are quickly expanding. Student enrollment doubled in a year, and officials said it's continuing to grow. Plus, the IDVA is expanding its offering to seventh grade.

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Continued from A1. good-faith pledges to volunteer on the group's Web site, www.one-days-pay.org. More than 100 groups so far have agreed to contribute. One Day's Pay aims to have 30 million people participating in the effort each year by 2010.

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CORRECTIONS

Figure serves as foundation for full-sized sculpture. A headline Saturday might have caused confusion about how a local artist and foundry workers are creating Twin Falls' centennial art project, a statue of L.B. Perrine.

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FBI says it foiled missile sale plot

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal authorities said Tuesday they arrested three people and foiled an international plot to smuggle into the United States a shoulder-fired missile that could shoot down a commercial airliner.

A British man was arrested in Newark, N.J., after agreeing to sell a sophisticated Russian SA-18 Igha missile to an undercover FBI agent posing as a Muslim extremist, according to a federal law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The arrest occurred Tuesday afternoon at a hotel near Newark International Airport, according to a second federal official. The man had just flown to Newark from London to close the deal, another U.S. official said.

Two other men, believed to be involved in money laundering, were apprehended about the same time at a gem dealership on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, the second official said.

The arrests were the result of a cooperative investigation involving U.S., British and Russian authorities. More arrests were possible, authorities said.

The investigation began about five months ago when the Russians passed on to the FBI a tip that the arms dealer was shopping for weapons in St. Petersburg, Russia, said one law enforcement official. British officials, including the MI5 domestic intelligence agency, helped track the man's whereabouts.

The understanding between the Briton and the undercover FBI agent was agreed to purchase the weapon was to be accomplished by bringing down a commercial airliner, the first official said.

The missile, which was inoperable, would be used specifically for the sting operation and brought to the United States aboard a ship to make the deal seem real, officials said. The investigation included the expertise of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Secret Service.

Docs call for health coverage

WASHINGTON (AP) - Nearly 8,000 U.S. physicians are calling for government-financed national health insurance, which they say would cover every American while saving billions of dollars.

Ten years after President Clinton's national health plan died in Congress, tangled in complexity and under fierce assault from the medical, insurance and pharmaceutical industries, the doctors argue that private sector solutions have failed.

They contend that work in Congress to enact a prescription drug benefit for the elderly and disabled would shift more government money to private companies while offering little value to consumers.

The doctors would put in place a single-payer system - essentially an upgraded and expanded version of Medicare, the government health care program for the elderly and disabled.

The doctors, launched as health care's bright hope, have raised Medicare costs by billions and fall to the basement of public esteem. Investors and doctors, chains, born of the promise of efficiency, have been wracked by scandal," the doctors write. "And drug firms, which have secured the highest profits and lowest taxes of any industry, price drugs out of reach of those who need them most."

Their proposal was published in today's Journal of the American Medical Association.

CALIFORNIA RECALL



California Gov. Gray Davis, joined by concerned citizens, discusses the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and its impact on California's gasoline Tuesday at the USA gas station in Los Angeles.

Federal election rule will bump films off television

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Arnold Schwarzenegger's foray into California's gubernatorial recall election poses a dilemma for broadcasters who might be tempted to show his films during the race: Doing so would allow rival candidates to demand equal time.

For that reason, broadcasters in California will likely not air Schwarzenegger movies such as "Total Recall" and the "Terminator" episode "with" Gerry "Death Valley Days" off the air while Ronald Reagan ran for president. A repeat of a "Saturday Night Live" episode featuring Don Novello, aka Father Guido Sarducci on cable, for instance, would not trigger the provision.

Novello, Schwarzenegger, Coleman and more than 240 other candidates have filed to run in the Oct. 7 election to recall Gov. Gray Davis. The equal-time rule kicks in on Wednesday, when the state is

California voters won't be seeing Schwarzenegger, 'Different Strokes'

expected to officially certify the list of candidates.

The major networks do not have a Schwarzenegger movie scheduled over the next two months, but local stations can make their own decisions about what to air. The National Association of Broadcasters sent an alert to its California members reminding them about the consequences of the equal-time provision. The provision would also apply to stations in neighboring states that reach a sizable number of California voters. "It's doubtful Arnold's movies will be shown on local broadcast stations between now and the election," said Dennis Wharton, an NAB spokesman.

Equal time is not automatic. Candidates must file a request

within seven days, and the provision makes exceptions for appearances on news programs, interview programs such as "Meet the Press," documentaries or spot coverage of news events.

The FCC has ruled in the past that shows such as "Entertainment Tonight" and "Access Hollywood," which are likely to devote a lot of air time to the celebrity aspect of the election, qualify as news shows.

The number of candidates in California's recall "race" makes equal-time concerns even more thorny. The one candidate with questionable standing? Gray Davis.

California's recall statute does not recognize Davis as a candidate in the recall election, but the FCC most likely would, based on a previous ruling.

The Oct. 7 ballot will ask voters if they want to recall Davis, but his name will not appear on the list of replacement candidates. The FCC ruled in a similar recall situation that the incumbent has an equal chance to answer his critics.

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ABA seeks legal changes for detainees

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - The Bush administration should drop plans to let agents eavesdrop on conversations between terrorism suspects and defense lawyers and should ease other restrictions to ensure military tribunals are fair, says the nation's largest lawyers' organization, said Tuesday.

"We must defend those whom we dislike or even despise," the ABA's defense lawyer Neal Sonnett told colleagues before the American Bar Association voted to ask the administration to change its rules for any tribunals. Sonnett's law firm is a fair defense lawyers' organization. Delegates took no position on whether individual lawyers should participate in tribunals, although another lawyers' organization has already said it would be unethical to represent terrorism suspects under the current rules.

"The world will be watching us as we bring these accused terrorists to trial," Sonnett said. The Pentagon will provide a free military lawyer to anyone brought before a tribunal, but also will allow defendants to choose outside civilian lawyers. Despite earlier misgivings about the fairness of military tribunals, it has been assumed that prominent defense lawyers would volunteer. Sonnett has said he could not agree to do so unless the Pentagon changes the rules. Earlier this month the National Lawyers Guild said it would not fulfill their ethical duty to fully and zealously defend a suspect

under the current rules. "We have every intent of these being full and fair trials and believe the rules do allow defense counsel to prepare and investigate the case," said Maj. John

Smith, a Pentagon spokesman for the office setting up tribunals. Recommendations for changes are outlined in a report adopted by the ABA at its annual meeting in San Francisco.

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Probe: Officials properly rejected DeLay's requests

WASHINGTON (AP) - Justice Department officials properly ignored requests by House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, and others for information about Texas Democratic legislators who left their state in protest of a GOP redistricting plan, an investigation concluded Tuesday.

Department Inspector General Glenn A. Fine found there were nine "requests for information or assistance" of department officials related to the May walkout of about 50 House Democrats protesting a proposed congressional map they said benefited Republicans.

One Justice Department official called the request "wacky" when he found out about it. The legislators went secretly to Ardmore, Okla., to prevent passage of the map, but their whereabouts quickly became known. The redistricting fight continued Tuesday, with 11 Democratic state senators blocking Senate ratification of the federal-imposed exile in New Mexico for three weeks.

The report on the May walkout concluded that in eight of the cases no action was taken. In one case an FBI agent contacted one of the missing legislators, who was a personal friend, but did not violate any agency policies.

The investigation found that on May 13 an unidentified counsel to DeLay contacted William Moschella, assistant attorney general

for legislative affairs, and asked if Justice "had any legal authority" to intervene in the case. Moschella, who previously worked on the House Judiciary Committee, said he would check but that the answer probably was no.

Moschella e-mailed the DeLay staffer's query to senior Justice officials, including Alice Fisher, then the top deputy in the criminal division. She called back Moschella, the report said, and told her "this is not something the department should get involved with."

Another Justice official, acting assistant attorney general Edward Whelan, had investigated the idea of federal involvement was "wacky." Paul Murphy, the Justice official who handled Marshalls Service issues, added in an e-mail that "from a practical standpoint, this is a hornet's nest."

DeLay spokesman Stuart Roy said Tuesday the report showed "Tom DeLay and his office took the appropriate course of action," and Roy said that was backed up by previous reports about federal agencies' activities in the controversy.



Rep. Tom DeLay

Agency laments kids' deaths from fire

WASHINGTON (AP) - Statistics show children die in U.S. fires most days of the year, and the government is starting a campaign that aims to help parents avoid such accidents.

"People don't realize how quickly a fire spreads through a house - especially the children," said R. David Paulson, the national fire job to teach them and protect them until they get to the point where they do understand."

Children 4 and under are more than twice as likely to die in residential fires than the rest of the population, said a report being released today by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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Administration defends use of U.S. companies

The Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON — With U.S. taxpayers bearing most of the cost of occupying Iraq, the Bush administration continues to use American corporations to perform work that U.S. agencies and nonprofit aid groups can do more cheaply, a senior Bush administration official acknowledged.

The administration is paying hundreds of millions of dollars to U.S. corporations not only for major infrastructure projects such as roads and bridges, but also for harbor dredging, repairs to electrical systems and buildings, and health services.

The smaller jobs are all tasks that the United Nations and nonprofit groups have broad experience performing in Iraq and other nations recovering from wars. In fact, they are performing some of them, funded by the international community, alongside U.S. contractors in Iraq.

Fredrick Schieck, deputy administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, acknowledged that it would be cheaper to use the United Nations and nonprofit groups, but stated that the administration's extensive use of American companies in Iraq.

"The private sector will always be capable of responding more rapidly" and offers "easier decision-making," said Schieck, whose agency has a leading role in rebuilding Iraq. The United Nations' bureaucracy is "frequently slow to move," he said.

But efficiency isn't the only reason. The Bush administration wants to show the Iraqi people that benefits are flowing to them from the United States, something

that wouldn't happen if the United Nations and private aid groups played a leading role.

Schieck said nonprofit groups often fail to highlight the fact that their work is subsidized by the U.S. government. "This is taxpayers' money. There should be some recognition that resources of the U.S. government are making this happen," Schieck said.

The claim of greater efficiency isn't always true, said William Durch of the Stimson Center, a Washington think tank. "There are elements of the U.S. system that are fairly savvy at doing this stuff," he said.

Officials at nonprofit groups say the administration's preference for American companies is misguided, maintaining that U.N. agencies and numerous aid groups known as nongovernmental organizations, or NGOs, have special expertise that the administration should be taking advantage of.

"The U.N. and NGOs bring extensive experience in areas of concern on the ground in Iraq, and they need to have a robust role in any relief and reconstruction effort," said Mary McLymont, president of InterAction, an umbrella organization of private aid groups. Debate over the U.S. use of profit-making contractors as opposed to nonprofit entities adds a new dimension to growing contention in Washington over where the money for Iraq will come from and how it will be spent.

The Bush administration's determination to retain a large measure of control over postwar Iraq has made other nations reluctant to contribute more than modest sums to the effort.

Marine dies hours after coming home from Iraq

WEARE, N.H. (AP) — After eight months in Kuwait and Iraq, Marine Master Sgt. Dale Racicot just wanted to see his wife and daughters.

Giddy with excitement, they headed for the airport on Friday in Racicot's cherished "Marine Corps green" pickup truck to start what his daughter, Kori Magnarelli, called "a reunion of a lifetime."

Back home three hours later, Racicot collapsed onto his dining room floor, dead of a heart attack at 54. "When you love someone and they go to war you have to mentally prepare yourself for the fact they might not come home, so we were just thrilled," Magnarelli, 24, said in an interview Tuesday. "We had three hours. They were the most precious hours we could have asked for."

In Kuwait, Racicot headed a six-member intelligence team that analyzed statements from Iraqi prisoners of war. It was not immediately known if the stress of the job contributed to the heart attack.

Staff Sgt. Luis Dejesus, who at 33 was the youngest member of the team, said Racicot was a careful listener who was a mentor to fellow Marines.



Janet Racicot, right, widow of U.S. Marine Master Sgt. Dale Racicot (AP photo) left while on active duty in Kuwait) with daughter Kori Magnarelli, talk about him in their Weare, N.H. home Tuesday. Racicot died of a heart attack just three hours after returning home from the Iraq war.

Dejesus said Racicot often talked about how proud he was of his family. "He was very focused about going home and being with his family," Dejesus said. "He used it as a light at the end of the tunnel at times when that light was very dim for us."

His family was equally devoted to him. "Every morning there was a cup of tea, nearly every day, a love note," said his widow, Janet. "Every girl dreams of the man she's going to marry. I got to marry that man."

Photographs and mementos

were spread over the dining room table Tuesday at the Racicots' home. Outside were American and Marine Corps flags and yellow ribbons on trees.

In his civilian life, Racicot was a mechanical engineer at a company that makes power supplies and other electrical equipment. His family said he was a devout Christian who was a drummer in the "music ministry" at Cofftown Christian Fellowship church, where his funeral will be held Thursday.

Racicot joined the Marines in 1969, when he was 20, and was on active duty until 1975. He left the service to help raise his daughters and rejoined the reserves in 1983.

He returned from the Mideast, to Camp Pendleton in California, where he spent three weeks before flying home Friday. He was to begin the process to end his active duty this week, and told his family he wanted a quiet homecoming.

During his few hours at home, Racicot handed out trinkets, Kuwaiti money, burlapmats and other gifts he had picked up overseas. At 2:30 a.m. Saturday, he suggested that everyone go to bed because they would have the whole weekend to spend together.

Idaho drivers

Fatalities
Here, county by county, is the annual fatal collision total for 2000, 2001 and 2002. The number of fatalities is higher because of collisions in which more than one person was killed.

County	2000	2001	2002
Blaine	2	4	2
Camos	1	0	0
Cassia	10	9	8
Elmore	12	15	7
Gooding	13	9	4
Jerome	6	3	15
Lincoln	0	3	4
Minidoka	5	13	3
Owyhee	2	2	3
Twin Falls	12	11	7
Valley	5	3	0
State	241	225	230

Seat belt usage

The table below presents self-reported restraint use rates for all motor vehicle occupants over the age of 4. Involved in fatal and serious injury collisions in the Magic Valley. The data is for people in passenger cars, pickups, sport utility vehicles and vans only.

County	2000	2001	2002
Blaine	48.4%	83.3%	48.7%
Cassia	53.6%	53.3%	51.0%
Gooding	55.7%	38.2%	55.8%
Jerome	58.8%	48.8%	55.5%
M. Idaho	42.9%	34.9%	48.3%
Shoshone	51.2%	50.0%	59.1%
Twin Falls	59.3%	56.9%	81.0%
Statewide average	58.3%	60.7%	65.7%

Source: Idaho Transportation Department

Drivers

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Bremer: Iraqis should take positive view

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqis should measure their progress by the freedoms they enjoy, not the services they don't have, the top U.S. civilian administrator for Iraq said Tuesday.

L. Paul Bremer told a news conference that while Iraqis complain of unsafe streets and shortages of power, they must also real-

ize that the fall of Saddam Hussein has made their lives better.

"Freedom matters," Bremer said. "I think it's important to look beyond the shootouts and blackouts and remind ourselves of a range of rights that Iraqis enjoy today because of the coalition's military victory."

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Iranian president admits reform failed

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's president admitted Tuesday that his program of democratic reforms has largely failed, but said he will not break his promise to voters to promote democracy and freedoms.

Iranian President Mohammad Khatami made the remarks amid continuing attempts by ruling hard-line clerics to undermine his reform agenda and deepening public discontent over the country's slow pace toward democratic change.

"Lately, speaking for me has become difficult because I feel many of the ideas and programs I sincerely offered and the people vote for have not materialized," the official Islamic Republic News Agency quoted Khatami as saying.

Last month, Khatami said he would resign if Iranians — dissatis-

— fied over his failure to deliver promised reforms — want him to.

"Perhaps part of the population, especially the youth, who want quick realization of their demands, have become disappointed," he was quoted as telling the National Congress of Non-Governmental Organizations in Tehran.

In June, thousands of Iranians held a week of nightly protests, rallying not only against their usual targets — Iran's unelected hard-lin-

ers who control key institutions — but also against Khatami for failing to introduce greater political, social and economic freedoms.

Khatami, however, said he still had some hopes for success.

"A ray of hope still exists. Considering the circumstances (in the country) I believe there is no way other than continuing the path we have begun. With patience and wisdom, hopefully we will succeed," IRNA quoted him as saying.

Khatami's hopes for a compromise with hard-liners have been thwarted in recent weeks after the Guardian Council, which vets all parliamentary legislation, rejected two key reform bills presented by the president.

These bills would have given greater powers to Khatami to stop constitutional violations by his hard-line opponents and would have barred the Guardian Council from arbitrarily disqualifying candidates in legislative and presidential elections.

The soft-spoken president has said the closure of more than 90 pro-democracy publications in the past three years, the arrests of dozens of prominent intellectuals and writers and the holding of closed trials without jury violated the constitution.

Hard-liners have ignored his yearnings.

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— President Mohammad Khatami, Iran

U.S. military plane crashes in South Korea, killing two

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A U.S. military transport plane on a maintenance test flight crashed Tuesday south of Seoul, killing the two Americans on board, the U.S. military said.

The C-12 Huron, a 10-seat turboprop plane, went down at 2:43 p.m. seven miles southwest of Camp Humphreys, a U.S. base, the military said.

The pilot and the co-pilot died, the U.S. Eighth Army said in a news release.

Their names were withheld pending notification of their families.

South Korean police Lt. Sung Yeop said there were no casualties on the ground.

Speaking by telephone from Asan, a town near the crash site, Sung said the plane crashed in a rice paddy near a restaurant. It plowed through garlic patches



SOURCES: ESPN, Associated Press AP into a storhouse, destroying a chicken coop, a tractor and other farming implements. The building caught fire.

The U.S. military news release quoted a local resident as saying that he saw the plane "on fire, maneuvering away from the populated area of the town" before the crash.

Rebels pledge to withdraw from Liberia city

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Liberia's leading rebel movement agreed Tuesday to lift its siege of the capital and vital port within two days, allowing food to flow to hundreds of thousands of hungry people.

The accord came as a second rebel group launched a push on Monrovia, sending refugees fleeing vicious new assaults a day after warlord-turned-president Charles Taylor resigned and went into exile. Witnesses reported machete-wielding fighters were attacking indiscriminately near the airport.

Rebels from the Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy, the main insurgent group, agreed to pull back from Monrovia by noon Thursday and surrender control to peacekeepers.



Bishop John Natt, center, reacts to losing his checkers match with his friend John Krageb, left, on a street in the Liberian capital of Monrovia Tuesday. Natt said the two had been playing the game to take their minds off their hunger, stemming from the lack of food supplies to the city.

The pledge was secured by U.S. Ambassador John Blaney and military commanders of a West African peacekeeping force and 2,300-member U.S. Marine expeditionary force in a meeting with rebel leaders in the looted, rubble-strewn and heavily shelled rebel-held side of Monrovia.

Blaney called the accord "extremely important for the delivery of humanitarian relief."

The deal obliges the multinational peacekeeping force to speed up its deployment throughout the city.

Since landing the first troops on Aug. 4, the peace force has put on the ground fewer than 1,000 of its promised 3,250 troops. Peacekeepers have ventured only occasionally into the city from their temporary base at the main airport.

Liberia's main rebel group has held Monrovia's port and sur-

rounding districts since July 19, cutting off aid and food to refugees and civilians on the government-held side of the city.

Hunger has built in the capital, with markets offering little but leaves. While civilians welcomed Taylor's flight into exile, hunger and the daily search for food left them too preoccupied to celebrate.

On Tuesday, government fighters fired over the heads of hundreds of civilians massed at one of

the bridges leading to the rebel-held port, demanding to be allowed to cross in search of food.

"Everybody's hungry. If we don't die from gunfire we'll die of hunger," said 35-year-old former university instructor Sylvester Lumech. "We have to take a chance."

"Charles Taylor was the obstacle to peace. Now he is gone, and we just want the port to open," said 23-year-old Emmanuel Barcon outside the U.S. Embassy

in government-controlled Monrovia.

"A hungry man is an angry man — and we're hungry," said Solomon Blaney, 25. He threatened to storm the port himself.

Taylor's resignation Monday came after 14 years of conflict that began when he launched Liberia into civil war in 1989. Taylor quit under pressure from the United States, West African leaders and the rebels, and headed into exile in Nigeria.

Twin suicide bombings rattle shaky Mideast truce

JERUSALEM (AP) — A pair of 17-year-old Palestinians killed two Israelis in suicide bombings Tuesday, rattling a shaky Mideast truce and prompting warnings by Israel that it will freeze a U.S.-backed peace plan unless all violence stops.

Israel said the bombings were proof Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas and his security chief, Mohammed Dahlan, have been shirking their obligation under the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan to dismantle militant groups.

However, an Israeli military source said Israel would not launch a large-scale strike in retaliation for the bombings,

apparently to avoid being blamed for the possible collapse of U.S. peace efforts.

The Islamic militant group Hamas and renegades from Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, dispatched the teens, one to a grocery store in the Tel Aviv suburb of Rosh Hayin and the other to a bus stop outside the Jewish settlement of Ariel, about 10 miles to the east, in the West Bank.

Hamas said the Ariel bombing came as revenge for the killing of two of its bomb makers in an Israeli army raid on Friday, and that the group would now return to observing a three-month truce, it declared June 29.

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EDITORIAL

Activists need to provide proof, not emotional appeals

Look closely at two ongoing cases involving Gooding County water use. You may see the momentum turning against environmental activism.

Neither case has been settled definitively. But in both the Adrian Boer dairy water transfer case and the Jerome Cheese wastewater plant proposal, the ruling authorities deserve credit for discerning the applicable legal standards from emotional appeals to ban economic growth.

In the first case, Wendell dairyman Adrian Boer gave convincing proof to the Idaho Department of Water Resources that he meets the legal standard for a water transfer. Boer has battled for three years to transfer a water right for a 6,600-cow dairy. But activist Bill Chisholm blocked that effort, using the local public interest doctrine of Idaho water law.

The Idaho Legislature rewrote the local public interest law this year, so that water transfer protests will be based strictly on water concerns - not odor. But Boer's water right transfer was held to the previous standard. The old law allowed odor to be a factor in the debate, and it allowed protests by parties who had no economic standing in the issue.

Yet, even under that old standard, Boer provided a compelling case to the IDWR, and he met the 5th District Court's demand to consider local public interest. Hearing officer Glen Saxton refused to reject a new dairy based on odor problems at other dairies.

Boer, he wrote, should not be held responsible "for an odor problem that was not of the applicant's making and over which the applicant has no control."

Saxton added that Boer had satisfied the local public interest with regard to fish and wildlife; recreational and economic values; and air, water and hazardous substance standards. Further, Boer had complied with local and state land-

use requirements. As for Chisholm, Saxton wrote the Buhl activist "will not be satisfied with any proposal of the applicant, steadfastly maintaining that any additional dairy in Magic Valley has to be turned down because there are already too many dairy cattle in the area."

Saxton's right. Chisholm has already vowed to keep fighting Boer in the local courts, and will keep pushing for a cap on animal populations.

If activists want such a cap, they need to go to the Legislature, armed with scientific data demonstrating a need. That's the proper forum - not the courts.

Our view: Two

ongoing water disputes reveal the necessity for standards - not emotion - in dairy disputes.

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

posed plant, having standing to appeal the permit? That's the question posed by 5th District Judge Monte Carlson in sending the matter back to the county. It's easy to see that Archibald's distance from the area, and the wind studies cited in the case, suggest he has little evidence of harm.

By pushing to cap dairy growth, Chisholm and other activists seem to advocate a command economy regulated by government's watchful eye. It's a common principle in socialist countries, where central authority dictates production. This is a far cry from the free-market economy that is a basis for democratic free enterprise.

In both Gooding County cases, local authorities must be guided by legal standards. Boer has met the necessary standard, while the appellant against Jerome Cheese Co. has not. In both cases, officials deserve credit for applying the law sensibly.

Unless someone can demonstrate an environmental need to cap dairy production in Magic Valley, the decision should be determined by the marketplace - not by government.

California Democrats reap what they sow

So, Californians are going to decide whether to remove their hapless governor, Gray Davis, in a recall vote and elect a new one. The big date is Oct. 7, and the liberal elitists are shaking in their Ferragamo shoes.

RUSH LIMBAUGH

Sorry, Art, but that impression exists because of what you and your party have done to California, not because the people, through lawful, civil and democratic means, have decided to reclaim their state.

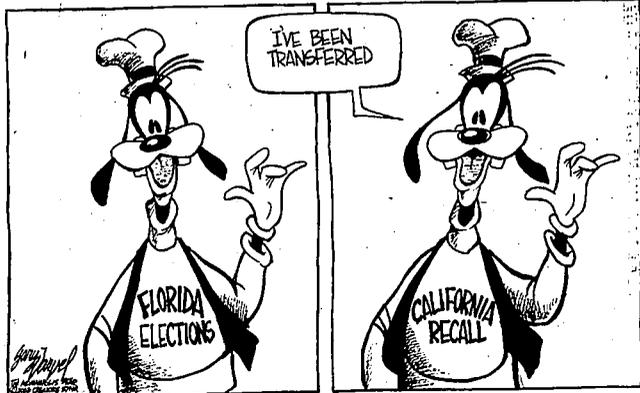
The AFL-CIO, whose members have benefited mightily from the governor's profligate spending, has warned any independent-minded Democrats: "We anticipate that you will work with us... to maintain this clear, united message of support for Davis."

And Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe seeks to diminish the recall effort as a Republican coup, claiming that "it's outrageous that someone can come up with a million dollars and undo an election. The voters aren't going to let (the Republicans) hijack this election."

So the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, led by longtime Democrats Kweisi Mfume and Julian Bond, went to court to block the election, claiming that minorities would be disenfranchised. Apparently Mfume and Bond prefer total disenfranchisement.

Davis himself unsuccessfully asked the judiciary to delay the election until March, hoping that the passage of time would diminish the public's enthusiasm for his ouster.

And then there's the effort to ridicule the process by focusing



on some of the more absurd candidates. They include a smut peddler who canes, Larry Flynn, Nevada if you think about it, is Flynn really that much different from Bill Clinton?

Actor Gary Coleman is throwing his hat in the ring. Yet even Coleman as qualified to lead California as ex-Vermont Gov. Howard Dean is to serve as commander in chief?

Citizens from all walks of life have lined up to run for governor, including some kooks. But so what? Kooks run in many elections. Some even manage to get elected. Take Congress, for example. Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee, D-Texas, once asked if the Mars Pathfinder took any pictures of the flag planted by astronauts in 1967 - on the moon - and has demanded that black-sounding names be used for hurricanes. Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif., is given to challenging his colleagues to feed the hungry. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., has included Osama bin Laden for his philanthropy. And the list goes on.

California has become a liberal

laboratory of failed economic and social experiments. Davis and his overwhelmingly Democratic Legislature have turned this once proud state into a banana republic, and the people have said enough.

Republicans may have been among the most active supporters of the recall movement, but it would be a mistake to ignore its broad appeal. There have been more than 30 attempts to recall California governors, including Ronald Reagan. This is the first such effort to make it to the ballot. The reason: opposition to Davis is so widespread.

Californians are also voting with their feet. They are leaving the state in bigger numbers than citizens of other states are arriving. California's population growth is caused by the influx of immigrants - many of them illegal. Davis' answer is to increase taxes and cut basic services to the citizens, while increasing benefits for illegal immigrants - including driver's licenses, in-state college tuition benefits, etc. Moreover, between 1998 and

2001, state spending increased more than 35 percent.

California's \$38 billion shortfall was larger than the budgets of most states. California's bond rating has been slashed, increasing the cost of its enormous debt. And during this time, Davis added more than 25,000 state employees to the public payroll. Davis was slow to react to his state's energy crisis for fear of offending the radical environmentalists. The infrastructure for energy production was incapable of meeting growing demand. He then purchased long-term energy contracts at top dollar, and spot market contracts during market peaks. The result: The public paid more for energy, yet faced rolling gray-outs.

The California recall effort is a legitimate, albeit extraordinary, public reaction to a complete deterioration in political leadership. It's difficult to see how Governor (Fill in the Blank) could do much worse.

Rush Limbaugh is a radio talk-show host and commentator.

LETTERS

Complaints at ISDB deserve deeper investigation

According to Robert Mayer's article appearing in the Aug. 1 Times-News, Angel Ramos has brought the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind into the 21st century. I believe if some investigation is done, the opposite will be found to be true.

Let's face the truth about how students with hearing aids and/or cochlear implants are treated. Recently, my daughter and son-in-law left a new home and a good job to move to Everett, Wash., so my grandson could get an education that will allow him to speak as well as understand what he is hearing with his implant.

This was not happening at the ISDB.

Did Mr. Mayer get in touch with any of the disgruntled parents that have moved to Washington, Oregon or California so their children could learn to function in mainstream society by utilizing 21st century technology? It is sad, but my experience has been that students using hearing aids or cochlear implants while attending classes at ISDB are discriminated against and the use of this technology is discouraged.

One might assume from the headline ("Teachers plan to fight for Ramos") that all teachers at the ISDB plan to fight to have Mr. Ramos remain as superintendent. How many teachers were interviewed for the article? Were any given the opportunity for anonymity?

Also, an investigation into the

people whom Mr. Ramos has hired could be in order. I am not familiar with the situation as it deals with visually impaired students, so I cannot speak to that issue. It would appear to me that that situation should also be studied.

Maybe it would be a good idea for the news media to let the proper officials do their jobs and investigate the situation at the ISDB under Mr. Ramos' leadership. Then perhaps the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind would really be brought into the 21st century.

GENE EGELER
Gooding

Almighty dollar buys out Twin Falls' beauty

I was reading an article recently about Chicago's current beautification program spearheaded by all of people, Mayor Richard Daley. Chicago is fast becoming a city of parks, gardens and flowers gracing every available spot. What a contrast to Twin Falls!

I talked with a fellow from Orange County the other day. He was passing through on vacation and used to live here. He was appalled at the ugliness of the city's northern entrance. Imagine Southern California calling Idaho ugly!

I remember the great platters that used to line Blue Lakes Boulevard at the northern entrance to our town. They were removed in the mid-1980s. Apparently, those magnificent platters could not possibly have been spared when the road was

widened. Of course, none of our city council members insisted that, say, one of the rows be incorporated into the park-like median dividing the new avenue. And no one insisted that any new trees be planted. These things did not happen today. Just witness the sickening blight of crass commercialization glaring back at us coming across the Perrine bridge. Nothing but strip malls and parking lots greets us. What desecration.

How did this happen? Why have our city fathers consistently rolled over before the forces of commercial development? They have been shortsighted. They have not represented the best interests of the public. They have forsaken our heritage and squandered one of the greatest resources in the West for the sake of restaurants and parking lots. And Twin Falls has receded from its position as a drop-dead beautiful western town perched on the breathtaking Snake River Canyon to just another ugly place to shop. And leave.

We've been ripped off long enough. I can't be the only person who'd like to see the commercial cyberspace on our canyon's edge softened by a park planted along the rim. How nicely this might complement the existing rim trails. And why would such a park continue south around the visitor's center? And sprout elsewhere in strategic places all over the city? More parks certainly cannot replace what we've lost but might be a start toward reclaiming the future taken away from us. Someday, maybe

Twin Falls will be pretty again. EVAN THOMAS
Twin Falls

Final band performance was worth attending

Please allow me to comment about what I saw and heard Thursday night at the Twin Falls City Park. A thanks to Ted Hadley and his municipal band's sharing their final concert of the year.

Judging by the turnout and enthusiastic response, the evening must have been special for a whole lot of Magic Valley folks, including Arlene and myself.

The heart of this comment is about the dedication and public service offered by the 19 members of Brian Farnon's Twin Falls Centennial Dance Orchestra.

Indeed, the public was beautifully served Thursday night.

Thanks to all. WAYNE SKEEM
BONNIE LEZAMIZ
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Wayne Skeem is a member and Bonnie Lezamiz is the chairman of the Twin Falls Centennial Commission.)

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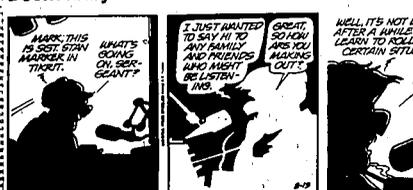
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Shortage of refineries imperils U.S. economy

After 30 years of vivid warnings, America's supply of gasoline, fuel oil and other petroleum products still stands tottering on the verge of a long and continuing crisis.

The first warning came with the Arab oil embargo of 1973 that touched off soaring gasoline prices, long lines at the pumps and a decade of rampant inflation.

More recent warnings have demonstrated even more clearly the fragility of our petroleum supply. In 2000, a temporary shutdown of the Challenger and Wolverine pipelines sent fuel supplies dwindling. In 2001, a refinery fire near St. Louis in early June sent prices soaring again as suppliers began to run out of fuel. When that refinery came back on line, supplies increased, and prices came down. Then just one Cigo refinery went down starting the whole cycle over again.

How did we get to a state where such minor disruptions as a single refinery fire or pipeline shutdown can lead to chaos in fuel supplies?

Environmentalists like to blame the situation on our failure to conserve energy and switch to alternative fuels. Yet they have created their own doomsday scenario by successfully pushing restrictions that have prevented the construction of any new American refinery for three decades.

No matter how vigorous our efforts to conserve and find new sources of energy may be, they will provide only an insignificant part of our energy needs in the foreseeable future. The United States already has the lowest projected growth rate of energy use in the world - nearly a fourth that of developing Asia and a third that of Latin America. Alternative energy sources, such as hydrogen and "renewables" like ethanol, require enormous amounts of plain old hydrocarbon energy such as oil and gas to produce. And, they pose nearly insurmountable distribution problems. Significant use of alternative fuels is closer to a pipe dream than a pipeline.

The real solution revolves around reversing what has been an almost astonishing reaction following the oil crisis of 1973: 30 years of ever-tighter restrictions on energy production in the United States.

Since 1973, the number of refineries in this country has dropped by more than half and not a single new plant has been built. This sorry state of affairs is due to an arcane set of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations known as New Source Review. So problematic and difficult-to-meet are New Source Review standards that it is difficult for a company to know if it would be allowed to operate a new plant should one

TOM RANDALL

be built.

As a result, American refineries routinely operate at a grinding 96 percent to 97 percent of capacity, and still cannot meet our needs. To just break even, we must import nearly 3 million barrels of finished products per day. These are products we pay foreign companies and foreign workers to produce - thus further exacerbating our balance-of-trade deficit.

The Bush administration has tried to solve this problem with his Clear Skies Initiative. This is not a perfect piece of legislation. It contains a nearly impossible-to-meet mercury emissions standard and an ill-advised emissions credit-trading scheme. Without those two onerous provisions, it would provide a framework for building significant, less polluting refining capacity.

This is not likely to happen, however, because congressional Democrats and a handful of Northeastern Republicans stand ready with amendments that would make the initiative worse, not better, should the legislation ever make it out of committee. Adding to the precarious petroleum situation are restrictions on domestic oil and gas exploration on the north coast of Alaska and the outer continental shelf, as well as in the intermountain west and Gulf of Mexico. Because of this and increased demand, we import nearly 60 percent of our oil, a whopping 12-million barrels per day - up from less than 30 percent at the time of the 1973 Arab oil embargo.

This despite the fact that an exhaustive study done by the Clinton administration in 1999 reported that: "From the tundra of Louisiana to a host of advanced technologies enable the oil and gas industry to produce resources far beneath sensitive environments." Increased domestic oil production would not eliminate our reliance on foreign oil, but it would give us much more flexibility and influence in global oil markets.

Probably the scariest part of our looming petroleum crisis is that it would take nearly 10 years to build a refinery or bring any new oil field on line. In the meantime, American families, jobs and national security will remain at the mercy of a petroleum supply stretched to the breaking point - with the next break surely right around the corner.

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Anti-death penalty crowd shows its hypocrisy

I support the death penalty but have always believed its opponents were sincere in their argument that government should never commit murder. Especially those who have opined that it is barbaric to execute someone who commits a murder when he is younger than 18.

How, then, do you square the deafening silence from death-penalty opponents about Virginia making the man who was 17 when he was accused in the D.C. area snipings eligible for the death penalty?

Is it possible that those high-minded folks have decided that politics is more important than Lee Boyd Malvo's life?

Fresh from former Illinois Gov. George Ryan's decision to commute the sentences of all 167 death row prisoners as he left office last year, one might expect they'd raise a howl about subjecting a minor to execution.

But they haven't even made a peep, apparently because they know doing so would undermine their overall goal of abolishing the death penalty. If they were to argue that Malvo should not be eligible for execution if convicted of charges in the three-week

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shooting spree, they'd not be taken seriously again by most Americans.

And, that's the key to understanding why, at least so far, this has not become a major issue.

The anti-death-penalty crowd has promoted Ryan's decision to commute those death sentences to life without parole. They have called it an important milestone in their fight to end capital punishment in the United States.

Maybe yes, but probably no. The then-17-year-old Malvo and 42-year-old John Allen Muhammad are charged in the shooting spree that killed 13 people and wounded five others in the Washington area in October, scaring the nation.

Members of the anti-death-penalty crowd have been silent because they know this is the type of case that would make most people this side of the ACLU agree that scum who commit such crimes should die.

Yet, that's the point. Their basic argument against the death penalty has been that it is wrong. They argue that a civi-

lized society should not commit murder, that doing so even for the most heinous crimes is immoral.

Sure, they're happy to couch their opposition to capital punishment in concern about the integrity of the process when it suits their purposes. They like to allege that defendants' rights are abused or that minorities are more liable to be executed, when it fits their purposes.

But they often make the intellectually sloppy argument that an innocent person has been sent to death row when technical problems, rather than a determination that a convicted murderer in fact did not commit the crime, causes a verdict to be overturned.

They argue with even greater passion about the immorality of executing those who are under 18 when they murder, because whatever their crimes, they were too young to understand the implications of their actions.

Horse hockey. The prosecution claims Malvo and Muhammad drilled a hole in the trunk of their car so they could shoot a rifle without being seen. If the charges are true, it's impossible to believe that Malvo didn't understand he was going to

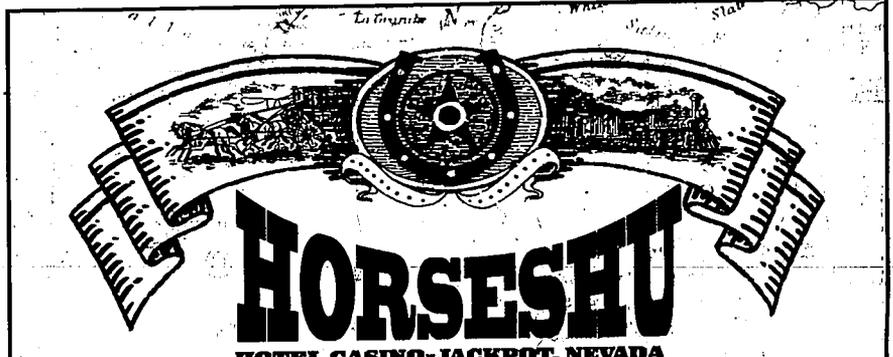
kill a lot of people. Throw in the report, according to prosecutors, that he laughed as he described one of the killings.

But at its core, the anti-death-penalty crowd will tell you that no matter the crime, it is a moral imperative that the state not take a life. Now, they are certainly free to make that argument, and the notion of moral clarity has a certain appeal.

But it's cases like this one that more than tarnish that argument. If their morality can be compromised for political expediency, then why are capital-punishment opponents any different from those public officials, who the anti-death-penalty folks argue, sign death warrants in order to curry political favor?

There is no difference. It's just that, having fought their way to being taken seriously, they don't want to return to the political fringe. And that is why the anti-death folks are hypocrites. If it's a matter of conscience to stop executions, especially of teenage criminals, then why have they been so quiet in this case?

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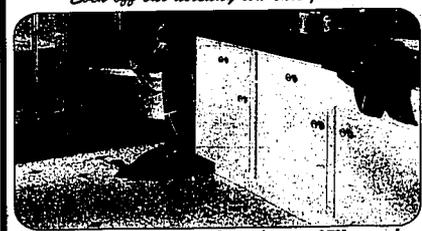
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IDAHO Teen gets jail after accident

BLACKFOOT (AP) - An 18-year-old man has been sentenced to a year in the Bingham County Jail for the traffic accident that claimed the life of his friend last September.

It was the maximum sentence James Heath of Blackfoot could receive for misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter. A jury refused to find him guilty of a felony in the death of Derrick Taylor, 16, of Blackfoot.

Taylor's mother, Shawni Taylor, told 7th District Judge James Herndon during Monday's hearing that Heath has "been like a member of my family. I know he'd never intentionally hurt anybody."

Herndon also ordered him to pay \$2,000 in fines and \$2,750 in restitution. He will be released from jail during his final three months to attend substance abuse counseling.

"The whole idea is that you become a responsible member of society," the judge said. Authorities said Heath was driving 90 miles an hour when his car hit a utility pole, Taylor died of his injuries, Heath and Taylor's sister suffered only relatively minor injuries.

Bingham County Prosecutor Scott Andrew urged the maximum sentence possible after pointing out that since the fatal accident, Heath has been arrested for misdemeanor drunken driving and resisting and obstructing a police officer. "That shows he doesn't take driving a motor vehicle seriously," Andrew said.

But defense attorney Stephen Blaser argued that Taylor's death was just a tragic accident. "He didn't intend to go out and take the life of his best friend," Blaser said. "No matter what the court does, he will have to carry this for the rest of his life."

I.F. police take look at '96 murder

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Police Chief Kent Livsey has reconvened an investigative task force to take another attempt at identifying a third person authorities believe was involved in the 1996 murder of Angie Dodge.

"They've always known someone else was involved but never have been able to identify who that person was," Idaho Falls Police spokesman Steve Hunt said.

In June 1996, Dodge, 18, was found dead in her apartment. She had been raped, stabbed several times and nearly decapitated. Eight months later, Christopher Tapp, a person who had been seen with Dodge the night before she was killed, was arrested and charged with the murder.

During his interrogation, investigators said Tapp admitted holding the teenage girl down while two other men raped her and how one of the men, Benjamin Hobbs, then slit her throat.

Hobbs is serving 20 years in a Nevada prison for an unrelated sexual assault. Tapp said he had never met the other man and knew him only as "Mike."

Tapp was convicted of first-degree murder and rape and sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole until 2027.

Investigators said he has refused to talk with them. The new task force comprised of one retired police investigator, who is volunteering his time, and detectives from the Idaho Falls Police Department, the Bonneville County Sheriff's Office and the Idaho State Police. Hunt said the FBI declined to assign a full-time agent, but offered assistance as needed.

Groups sue to stop Idaho field burning

SANDPOINT (AP) - Health and environmental groups have gone to court in a new attempt to stop grass seed growers from burning their fields this month and next.

"We must act to protect North Idaho residents battling for breath each burning season," said Tony Fark of the American Lung Association of Idaho/Nevada.

The lawsuit was filed on Monday as another 395 acres were burned in the Fashnagle. It contends that Idaho Agriculture Director Pat Takasugi should have held public hearings before deciding last month that field burning was the only economical way for seed growers to eliminate stubble and stimulate their next year's crop.

Joining the lung association in the latest court challenge was the Idaho Conservation League and Safe Air for Everyone, a 1,200-member local group led by two Sandpoint doctors.

The new law under which Takasugi acted is also being challenged in court, and eastern Washington residents filed their own suit 10 days ago to stop burn-

ing, which their state banned in 1998 in favor of mechanical stubble removal. Three other suits have also been filed.

All of them maintain that field burning "affects the health of hundreds of people with pulmonary disease and asthma" in northern Idaho. The 10 northern-most counties have a population of over 280,000.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Gooding County Fair kicks off today

GOODING - The Gooding County Fair, Rodeo kicks off today with the following events:

- 7:30 a.m. - 4-H and FFA members meet with the swine judge (Beef Barn)
- 8 a.m. - 4-H and FFA swine showmanship; quality show will follow swine showmanship; breeding competition will follow quality show
- 8:30 a.m. - 4-H and FFA members meet with the sheep judge (Beef Barn)
- 9 a.m. - Lamb showmanship (FFA show 4-H), followed by the quality show
- 10 a.m. - Judging of FFA produce and ag mechanic projects
- 2 p.m. - Judging of 4-H and FFA breeding beef quality (Beef Barn)
- 4 p.m. - 4-H beef team firing and showing contest (Beef Barn)
- 6 p.m. - 4-H poultry showmanship and quality shows and 4-H and FFA rabbit show (Rabbit & Poultry Building)
- 7 p.m. - Miss Teen Rodeo Horsemanship Competition (Rodeo Arena)

T.F. police investigate drive-by shooting

TWIN FALLS - Twin Fall police are investigating a drive-by shooting that occurred over the weekend.

At about 11 p.m. Sunday, there was a report of two shots fired, said Jeff Chambers of the Twin Falls Police Department. A window was struck at 219 Washington Street N., he said.

No injuries were reported, Chambers said.

Police believe a 20-gauge shotgun was used in the shooting, he said.

"We have no suspects, and we have no reason to suspect its tied to anything else," Chambers said.

A sports-type car was seen during the time of the shooting, he said.

Ex-county clerk Fort will be arraigned today

TWIN FALLS - Former County Clerk Bob Fort today will be arraigned in 5th District Court on one felony charge of misuse of public funds.

The hearing will begin at 3 p.m. before 5th District Judge Monte Carlson inside the Theron Ward Courthouse building on the Twin Falls County Courthouse.

Fort resigned in June after reportedly confessing to county commissioners that he had used a county credit card to get money for gambling. According to county credit card statements, someone using Fort's county credit card received 114 cash advances between January 1998 and June 2003, totaling more than \$64,000.

The Idaho attorney general's office is prosecuting the case. If convicted, Fort could face up to 10 years in prison, a fine of up to \$50,000 and prohibition from holding any office.

Fort, on the advice of his counsel Roger Harris, has made no public statement on the matter.

Animal shelter group meets Thursday in T.F.

TWIN FALLS - The Animal Shelter Advisory Commission will meet from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at 305 Third Ave. E.

The agenda includes approval of the July 10 minutes, update on the "Build the Shelter Fund," an overview of county funding, introduction of the animal control officer and new business.

Cemetery district outlines regulations

WENDELL - The Wendell Cemetery District, following a recent board meeting, wants to remind people of the rules and regulations of the cemetery. The board said the maintenance crew will now go by those guidelines.

From April 1 through Oct. 15, artificial flowers, toys and other decorations are not to be left on the grass. All flowers, etc., should be on the headstone and anchored to it. Exceptions are made for Memorial Day, and items are to be picked up by the Monday following Memorial Day. During the winter months when mowing is not being done, this time can be extended. No glass containers are allowed.

The cemetery crew will pick up anything unsightly or in the way. Valuable items can be claimed at the shop. The cemetery is not responsible for things left on the graves or for special arrangements of plants.

For more information, call Joanne Spencer, Wendell Cemetery District clerk, at 536-5145.

Compiled from staff reports

Medals catch up to veteran



Charles Lekey, left, receives the Bronze Star on his upper left breast along with several other medals for his service in WWII from Veterans of Foreign War District 8 Commander Floyd Hernandez at the VFW Hall in Twin Falls on Tuesday.

Six decades later, veteran receives awards

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - After a half century, the pain of sacrifice comes back slowly to Charles Lekey's face.

His Tuesday night VFW meeting began like any other for him and fellow members, but a surprise lay in wait for the World War II veteran. For an exemplary 31-month tour of duty in the Pacific, Lekey received 4 medals, 3 badges, one ribbon and a pin - 58 years after he earned them.

Like many veterans, Lekey earned many medals he never received.

"I got my discharge - got me a little leather case to put it in and didn't even read it," he said.

He received some medals later, but others he didn't know he had coming to him.

Sometimes awards slipped through the cracks as separation papers failed to get through the

chain of command. Veterans can fill out papers to order them, but many don't know how, according to Twin Falls VFW post commander Bob Jackson. For these and other veteran affairs, the VFW can help.

"As a veterans organization we're better equipped to do that," Jackson said.

And it's never too late. Some families are getting medals for loved ones posthumously.

At 84, Lekey has come a long way from the 117-pound GI who had to haul a cab home from the Depot Grill, in uniform and still carrying his gun, because no one offered him a ride. His proud family attended the surprise ceremony Tuesday, including Lekey's daughter who, just a toddler at the end of the

war, welcomed him home in 1945 with "You're my Daddy?"

Lekey can count others among his supporters, too. Walt Jackson, of the state Department of Veterans Advocacy in Boise, jumped started the procurement. He was going through Lekey's discharge papers and asked him if he received all the medals. "When I said no," Lekey said, "he said I should have them."

"Jackson said I deserve these," he continued. "But I still don't know if I earned them."

U.S. Rep. Butch Otter, R-Idaho, got in on the project as well, and helped order the medals and badges.

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For his bravery, conduct and skill, Lekey received the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with Arrowhead, the WWII Victory Medal, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Expert Rifle Badge, the Sharpshooter Badge, and the Ruptured Duck Discharge Pin. The Bronze Star Medal is especially noteworthy, being given to those who distinguished themselves by heroic or meritorious achievement or service in the army.

Lekey plans to get a nice frame and display the items, "rather than lock them up where no one can see them," he said.

Memories soften Lekey's face and moisten his eyes when he talks about his service. "I don't have bad dreams," he said. "But I do think about the war during the day sometimes. I think about the people I served with."

Parents tout flexibility of outside learning

Academy challenges education norms

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Jordan Seibert transferred schools.

He left behind is antiquated one-room school house for a taste of the 21st century.

To do so, he didn't have to travel further than his living room.

Seibert, a fourth-grader, is one of a thousand students statewide who've enrolled in the Idaho Virtual Academy.

The online public elementary school is charted by the Butte School District but serves the entire state.

And as an Idaho public school, tuition is free as are the textbooks and other supplies.

Nearly all lessons are done on the computer via the Internet.

Like home schooling, parents serve as the chief instructors. But

IDVA provides public school teachers as well. While home visits are rare, the teacher conducts biweekly meetings with the students over the phone.

The school is a boon for the Seibert family, said father Brian Seibert.

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"As a traveling salesman, my time spent with his son was less than he desired."

Now Jordan is a regular companion.

Wherever there's a phone line and a computer, there's a classroom.

"We can be wherever we need to be together as a family," said mother, Jolyn Seibert.

IDVA officials held a press conference Tuesday at the College of Southern Idaho to raise awareness of their burgeoning school.

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Officials: New airport for Hailey looks inevitable

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - The governing board of Idaho's second busiest commercial airport decided Tuesday night it may finally be facing the inevitable - construction of a new airport on a site outside the mountainous Wood River Valley.

Members of the Friedman Memorial Airport Authority told airport consultant Tom Schmeizer, of Minneapolis-based Mead & Hunt, to appear at a public hearing, tentatively scheduled for Sept. 24, with two basic alternatives for the future.

One would be a set of options on how to reconfigure the present airport near downtown Hailey and the other would be a new airport at a new site.

Friedman Memorial, named after an early 1900s Hailey family, donated land for the field, now is listed by the Idaho Transportation Department as second only to Boise's airport in

commercial traffic.

This is deja vu for the airport authority. In the early 1990s, then-consultants to the airport, Coffman Associates, prepared a study proposing a new airport to meet future demands of more traffic and larger airline aircraft.

Airport manager Rick Baird recalled that one proposed site was about 20 miles south of Hailey on flatlands east of Highway 75 on the route to Shoshone. Another site was an area known as Moonstone on state Highway 20 en route to Fairfield, about 20 miles southwest of Hailey.

The price tag associated with an airport able to accommodate larger jet aircraft would be hefty.

Baird said after the meeting that a new airport would cost an estimated \$100 million, 90 percent of which could be financed by the Federal Aviation Administration.

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Blaine County residents will take it off for fund-raiser calendar

The Times-News

KETCHUM - The Ketchum-Sun Valley Historical Society is planning a "slightly different" kind of fund-raiser.

The Historical Society is planning "Sun Valley Exposed," a calendar featuring local men and women "tastefully photographed at settings depicting the valley's beauty," according to

a news release.

The 2005 calendar will be released in March, and proceeds will benefit the many programs of the Historical Society, the news release said. Calendars will be available at retail locations or at amazon.com and on a special Web site.

Baring it all for charity is not a new concept, said Millie Wiggins, who chairs the calendar event.

She cited fund-raisers such as "Vail Undressed," "The First Men's Garden Club of Dallas" and "The Men of Maple Corner."

Wiggins said she has heard interest in modeling by groups of firefighters, real estate agents, equestrians, chefs, motorcyclists and sports enthusiasts of all ages.

Also planned is a photo using 100 to 200 people.

Castling call notices will be

announced this summer, the news release said.

Wiggins said the Historical Society is privileged to have some well-known photographers donating their time to the project, including Jan Cox, Tina Barney, Andy Kent, Thia König, Tim Brown and Lynn Campion Waddell.

The Historical Society is giving the community an opportunity to

Stanley gets more protection from fires

The Times-News and The Associated Press

STANLEY - The Forest Service is beefing up wildfire patrols in the Stanley Basin, where dead trees killed by the mountain pine beetle pose an extreme fire hazard.

A 20-person crew has been stationed in the Stanley area for initial wildfire attacks. Sawtooth National Forest officials said Tuesday. When the crew isn't fighting fires, it will remove dead lodgepole pine trees, a program adopted by the Forest Service.

"Right now we are experiencing the driest conditions that we have seen in the last 20 years. We recognize the seriousness of this threat and are positioning some additional fire resources in the area," said Bill Murphy, fire management officer for the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

A four-person fire prevention team will be working with property owners in high-risk areas to reduce fire hazards on their property, he said. The team also will work with communities to develop emergency fire response plans for populated areas of the SNRA.

Closer to Twin Falls, the Timmerman fire burning 25 miles north of Shoshone was 85 percent contained but remained active Tuesday. The wildfire had burned about 4,000 acres. Fire officials say the fire may have been caused by a vehicle.

Elsewhere Tuesday in Idaho, portions of the Boise National Forest that had been closed near Atlanta will reopen today now that the 1,900-acre fire is controlled. But the Middle Fork of the Boise River Road will remain closed because of mud slides.

A handful of blazes remain burning. A fire in dry timber in the central mountains forced highway closures.

The Canyon Creek fire on the Boise National Forest exploded from 30 acres to 3,500 on Monday. A 10-mile stretch of Idaho Highway 21 was closed Tuesday as Hotshot crews, assisted from the air, attacked the flames. Crews containing the 1,900-acre blaze on Idaho's Payette National Forest claimed one home. U.S. Highway 95 between Council and New Meadows remained closed to all but air traffic and emergency vehicles.

The South Fork fire burning near Warm Lake made significant runs to the east, doubling its size to 2,000 acres. Firefighters were guarding summer cabins there and area mountain roads were closed.

The 1,000-acre Hall blaze on the Payette National Forest claimed one home. U.S. Highway between Council and New Meadows remained closed to all but local traffic and emergency vehicles.

In the same area, crews continued to confine the 800-acre North Fork Lick complex on the Payette. The complex - 18 miles northeast of McCall - also takes in the Grimmett fire. Seventy-five firefighters were on the scene.

To the north, the Slims fire grew to 15,500 acres as it made uphilly runs near the remote community of Elk City. It includes the Foot fire. About 600 people were working on the blaze, and \$10.2 million has been spent on its suppression, making it the state's most expensive fire. Containment was not expected until Aug. 20.

The 2,000-acre Falconberry blaze has claimed half a dozen outbuildings 25 miles northwest of Challis on the Salmon-Challis

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Blaine County residents will take it off for fund-raiser calendar

participate in the project by offering 14 tax-deductible sponsorships at \$1,200 each.

"Sponsors will benefit from national exposure in addition to helping preserve the atmosphere of old Ketchum," Wiggins said.

Those interested in modeling for the calendar can call 726-6612. Those interested in being sponsors can call 726-3370.

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

Leone F. Jones - Declo



Leone Fisher Jones, 85-year-old Declo resident, died Sunday, Aug. 10, 2003, at the home of her birth in Declo.

She was born April 15, 1918, in Declo, the daughter of Robert Franklin and Ella Harrier Lewis Fisher. She attended the Twin Falls High School, where she was active as a cheerleader, senior class president and on the speech debate team. She was involved in sewing in a 4-H Club and enjoyed giving technical readings. Leone attended Boise College in Boise and Kinks Business College in Twin Falls. She worked for a few years at Sears in Twin Falls and was later transferred to Salt Lake City, Utah. She married Louis Logan Jones on Oct. 10, 1942, in San Francisco, Calif. Their marriage was later solemnized on June 21, 1945, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Following their marriage they lived in Vallejo, Calif., Yorktown, Va., Okinawa, Japan, Yokosuka, Japan, Yokohama, Japan, and San Diego, Calif., while Louis served his country in the Navy. On Aug. 23, 1985, they moved to Declo, where she has since resided. Leone was an active member of The Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she had served in many capacities including Primary teacher, Primary president, Relief Society president four times, a counselor in the stake Primary and as a chorister in various auxiliaries.

In their retirement years, Leone and Louis served a mission to the Los Angeles Temple. They also had many opportunities to do missionary work while in the Navy. She was a wonderful homemaker and mother and especially loved

spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed gardening, flower arranging, sewing and decorating cakes. Survivors include five children, Lola J. (Allen) Jubeck of Declo, Lynn L. (Gay) Jones of Orem, Utah, Lorna J. (Kath) Rogers of Albion, Logan R. (Addie) Jones of Pleasant Grove, Utah, and Leon V. (Shannon) Jones of Kennewick, Wash.; 27 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and three brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Bill Jones and Ross (Lorraine) Jones, all of Burley and Myrth J. Kidd of Rexburg.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband on Oct. 20, 2001; two brothers, Lloyd and Alvin Fisher; one sister, Lois Adams; and one granddaughter.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 15, 2003, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Declo Stake Center, 213 W. Main St., with Bishop Steven Harrington officiating. Burial will be in the Declo Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Private Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Carthel (Cart) F. Hardwick - Bliss



Carthel (Cart) F. Hardwick, 79, of Bliss, passed away Aug. 9, 2003, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Cart was born Aug. 26, 1923, in Bulli Idaho, the son of Floyd and Dilah Harris Hardwick. On Dec. 20, 1942, he married the love of his life, Geneva Hawkins, and together they shared over 60 wonderful years. To this union were born two children, Linda and Michael. Cart served with the US Navy during WWII. He worked for Idaho Power for 35 years.

Cart was always there for his family, if anyone was in need of anything, he would make sure they received it. He was a man of few words, but when he spoke, many took what he said to heart. Cart enjoyed watching his great-grandsons in all the activities they were in and talking with his grandson about sports, namely, wrestling and the Minnesota Vikings.

Cart enjoyed the outdoors and loved to travel and camp in his RV. He also had a passion for cars. Carling deeply for his classic VW Beetle and his mother's 1956 Chevy BelAir.

Surviving are his wife, Geneva of Bliss; daughter, Linda Cooley of Twin Falls, Idaho; son, Michael Hardwick of Emmet, Idaho; half sister, Norma Schurer of Portland, Ore.; grandchildren, Brent (Jackie) Boyer of Lake Charles, La., Tammy (Dave) Cooley-Meyers of Jerome, Idaho; great-grandchildren, Brandon, Michael, Travis, Erick,

Kyle, Kevin and Mike.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Bonnie Hardwick.

Cart will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2003, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. The graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003, at the Hagerman Cemetery in Hagerman. Masonic rites will be offered by Hagerman Masonic Lodge 75, A.F. & A.M., with military honors to follow by Hagerman American Legion Post 21.

God took you home to be his guest.

We lived and hoped and prayed in vain, that you soon would be well again.

But God decided that we must part. He eased your pain and broke our hearts.

But when we are sad and lonely, and everything goes wrong, We seem to hear you whisper "Cheer up and carry on"

Each time we look at your picture, You seem to smile and say "Don't cry I'm only sleeping, till we meet again someday."

Heavenly Rest
From hospital bed to heavenly rest.

Jeremy Don Winn - Jerome

Jeremy Don Winn, 25, of Jerome, died Friday morning in Jerome.

He was born Feb. 20, 1978, at Jerome and was reared and educated here.

Jeremy had worked for Teleperformance in Twin Falls and Satterwhite Painting and loved to play baseball. He was an avid sportsman and had played semi-professional football at Idaho Falls.

Survivors include his mother, Rita O'Toole of Jerome; Bonnie Winn of Ucon and Mike O'Toole of Twin Falls; his grandparents, Margaret Atwood of Jerome,

Reeda O'Toole of Jerome and Doug Winn of Ucon.

Also surviving are his brothers and sisters, Steven O'Toole and Mary Alania O'Toole both of Jerome, Julian Winn, Marcus teacher, Primary president, Relief Society president four times, a counselor in the stake Primary and as a chorister in various auxiliaries.

In their retirement years, Leone and Louis served a mission to the Los Angeles Temple. They also had many opportunities to do missionary work while in the Navy. She was a wonderful homemaker and mother and especially loved



Douglas E. Taylor - Burley



Douglas Edward Taylor, 50, of Burley, died Sunday, Aug. 10, 2003, at the Burley Care Center, surrounded by his children.

He was born on May 11, 1953, in Rupert, Idaho, the son of Edward Lee and Grace Elizabeth Penman Taylor. He received his education in Burley, graduating from Burley High School.

Doug was a loving father, son, brother and uncle. He loved the outdoors! He especially enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time in the mountains. He will greatly be missed and be in our hearts forever.

Survivors include his children,

SkyLee (Mirinda) Taylor and Shalce (Steve) Garner all of Burley; his grandchildren, Coby Garner and a new little one on the way, his siblings, Clifton Taylor of Melba, Idaho, Roland (Doris) Taylor and Joetta (Gaylyn) Tatterson all of Burley; and many nieces and

nephews who loved him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Dennis Taylor.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003, at the View 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 550 S. 500 E., Burley, with Bishop Craig Seare officiating.

At Doug's request, cremation will precede the service.

Funeral and cremation arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

David R. Hamlett - Twin Falls



David R. Hamlett, 82, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Aug. 11, 2003, at Bridgeview Estates.

He was born April 11, 1921, in Jerome, Idaho, the son of Ray and Maude Lewis Hamlett. Dave was raised and educated in Jerome and graduated from Jerome High School in 1939. He attended Henagar's Business College in Salt Lake City. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Pacific Theatre, and later served in the National Guard until 1950. After his honorable discharge in November 1945, he returned to Jerome and worked with his father for a short time. He married Fern Bower Hamilton in Kimberly on Aug. 1, 1947. In 1953, they moved to Twin Falls and in the mid 1950s, Dave began a long and successful career in the real estate business. He retired in 1995 after serving as president of the Board of Realtors in 1961, being

served as president in 1959-60.

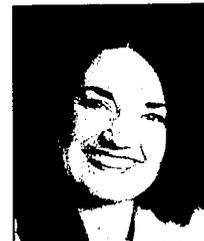
He is survived by his wife, Fern of Twin Falls; three children, Linda (Richard) Hamilton Bennett of Big Fork, Mont., Cathie (Frank) Birrell of Bedford, Texas, Anita (Howard) Cohe of Salt Lake City, Utah; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and by one sister, Jackie (Dick) Woodhead of Twin Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Ardie Hamlett Thomas.

The memorial service for David Hamlett will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 18, 2003, at White Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Greg Lindsay, pastor of the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church, officiating. The family suggests memorials to the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls, ID 83401, or the Idaho Youth Ranch, PO Box 8538, Boise, ID 83707-9921.

named Realtor of the Year in 1973 and serving as chairman of the Multiple Listing Service in 1976-77. He was an active member of the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church and the Toastmasters Club where he

Natalie Elizabeth Turner - Hailey



Natalie Elizabeth Turner was born Oct. 30, 1971, and died Aug. 8, 2003. Natalie was a dedicated and loving mother of four children: her son Carter (7), her daughter Clara (4), and her two stepdaughters, Jennifer (19) and April (21).

Natalie grew up in Ogden, Utah. She was an excellent athlete - softball and basketball were her favorite sports. She loved playing "pig" or "horse" in the driveway with her sisters, parents and friends. She also played on several co-ed softball teams, often with each of her sisters and always with friends.

As a child, she developed an affinity for all things great and small. She often brought home strays and insisted on carrying even the tiniest of bugs outside.

She graduated from Bonneville High School (Ogden) in 1989. By the age of 19, Natalie had been named "Young Woman of the Year," had graduated from Weber State University with a BA in business with an emphasis on technical sales, and was the marketing director at a small computer company.

Natalie was always an incredible writer. Just recently, she placed in the top 30 out of 10,000 in the first Fred Greenight screenplay writing contest, sponsored by Ben

worked frequently with the local senior center.

She had the inner strength that most can only hope for and also pray is never tested.

Natalie is survived by her children, Carter and Clara Pochynok; stepchildren, Jenny and April Pochynok of Salt Lake City; her fiancée, David Gayler of Hailey, Idaho; parents, David and Shauna Turner of Ogden; her grandparents, Fern Whittier of Ogden and Ruth and Keith Turner of Twin Falls, Idaho; her sisters, Emilie Turner of Salt Lake City and Audrie Turner of Terre (Stephany) of Burco, Ariz.; many aunts, uncles, and cousins, all of whom love her very much.

A small "family service" has already been held. A celebration in honor of Natalie's life will be held on Friday, Aug. 22, in Hailey, Idaho. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Shauna Turner benefit account at Mountain West Bank. The bank can be contacted by phone at (208) 578-0449, on the Web at www.mountainwestbank.com, or by mail at 206 N. Main St., Hailey, ID 83333.

Our beloved mother, daughter, fiancée, sister, granddaughter, niece, cousin and friend will forever be missed.

DEATH NOTICES

Alvin Hoffman
BURLEY - Alvin Hoffman, 77, of Burley, died Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2003, at the Burley Care Center. Arrangements will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Charlotte Burk
JEROME - Charlotte Burk, 76, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2003, at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Marie Grier
TWIN FALLS - Marie Grier, 104, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Aug. 11, 2003, at SunBridge Care Center. The graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, 2003, at Belcrest Memorial Park in Salem, Ore. Local arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

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Parade prances through Burley today

The Times-News

BURLEY - The Cassia County Fair moves off-site from the fairgrounds today for a parade, which cruises through much of downtown Burley, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Parade entrants line up along 27th Street, between Overland and Parke avenues. The parade runs north on Overland to Main Street, where it turns and heads east to Almo Avenue.

The streets are blocked off to prevent parking and allow spectator viewing.

Parade marshals Alvin and Rosetta Nardo of Malta are honored during the parade. The parade follows the same theme as the fair - "Hope fuels the future."

Today is the first day for people to view 4-H and commercial exhibits. The art building opens for viewing at noon. The 4-H and open class exhibit hall opens at 1 p.m., as do the commercial exhibits. All the exhibit halls close at 10 p.m.

Also today, entertainment will wait from the free stage gazebo between 1 and 7 p.m. Hypnotist Arthur Wayne sets up shop for the first time today, performing on the grass area near Main Street at 4, 6 and 8 p.m.

Cassia County Fair

Today
10:30 a.m. - Parade.
Noon - Carnival opens.
Noon - Art exhibit hall opens.
2-7 p.m. - Free stage entertainment.
1 p.m. - 4-H and FFA sheep show.
1 p.m. - Commercial, 4-H and open class exhibit halls open.
4, 6 and 8 p.m. - Hypnotist Arthur Wayne.
8 p.m. - 4-H rabbit show.
8:30 p.m. - 4-H dog show.
7 p.m. - Team sorting, rodeo arena.
10 p.m. - Exhibit halls close.

On the animal side, sheep are shown at 1 p.m., rabbits at 5 p.m. and dogs at 8:30 p.m.

Action moves into the rodeo arena for the evening. The team ranch sorting event kicks off at 7 p.m. Teams may enter up until 5 p.m. today, by calling Terri Kidd at 639-2141. A \$50 per team entry fee is assessed.

The carnival continues today, opening about noon. It's set up off of Hilland Avenue.



Judging of the quilts at the Cassia County Fair involves plenty of close examination of the entries. Fair quilt Superintendent Carol Jane Anderson of Oakley and open class quilt Judge Marietta Womack of Blackfoot tackle the job Tuesday morning.

Rupert buildings come down, make room for parking

The Times-News

RUPERT - Demolition of two buildings on Fremont Street should create a few more parking spaces.

Rupert city employees pulled the two buildings down with a front-end loader Wednesday morning and began hauling debris away in the afternoon, Streets Superintendent Bob Russman said.

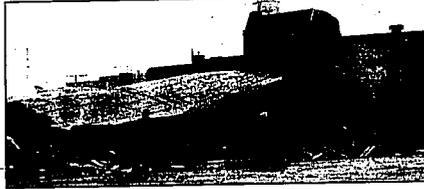
"The building is on the ground," Russman said. "It came down just like we thought it would."

A third building remained standing on the Minidoka County-owned property. It houses county records and equipment.

Once workers finish clearing the debris, Russman said, gravel will be brought in, and the site will become parking lot.

City Administrator Roger Bagley said the city agreed to tear down the buildings in exchange for the space being used for parking. Minidoka County will still own the land.

City officials agreed in November to help business owners in downtown clean up and demolish old buildings to improve the area's appearance.



Rupert city employees work, and a few onlookers watch, as two buildings on Fremont Street are demolished Tuesday morning.

Cost of battling Idaho wildfires nears record this year

BOISE (AP) - Although this summer's wildfires have not been as severe as the blazes that blackened Idaho three years ago, Lands and Forests Secretary Wiggins said Tuesday the state's cost of fighting fires this year could hit a record.

"This expense will increase pressure on a state budget already stretched thin by the depressed economy," Wiggins said.

Wiggins said fire suppression on state lands so far this summer has cost about \$7.5 million, and several million dollars of that expense was incurred in the past 12 days on just two fires - one near Priest Lake in the Panhandle and the other that destroyed five homes near Viola in the north-central part of the state.

The fire near Viola caused \$1.8 million in damage on top of the cost to put it out.

"And we still have two to three weeks of core fire season left so it wouldn't take much to bump that up," Wiggins told the state Land Board. "The folks in northern part

of the state say the conditions are worse than either '88 or 2000."

The state pays only for fire suppression on state land, whether the work is done by state or federal firefighters. But only a token amount of cash is included in the original budget to cover the expense. The full payment is an add-on to the budget that lawmakers make every winter following the fire season.

The state shelled out \$9.5 million for fire suppression during the

summer of 2000 when more than 1.2 million acres of backcountry burned. In the two summers since, the state's firefighting bill has run around \$4 million each year.

This summer about 150,000 acres of range and forest has burned, and the National Interagency Fire Center reported that the suppression cost has been more than \$40 million for the major blazes. That is a combination of state and federal money.

Cassia school district saves in energy costs

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

BURLEY - When school buildings aren't occupied, the lights go off. The heat goes down. Computers are turned off. And the school district saves money.

Energy Manager Jeff Lords presented his annual report to the Cassia County School Board Tuesday and showed how the district saved nearly \$136,000 in energy costs over a one-year period.

Electricity consumption in the base year - July 1, 2001, to June 30, 2002 - was \$267,709. Expected costs for the first savings year - July 1, 2002, to June 30, 2003 - were \$309,272. Actual cost for the district topped only \$223,665.

Electricity prices actually rose from 4.45 cents per kilowatt hour to 4.77 cents per kilowatt hour, but the district still managed to save money, Lords pointed out. The district reduced electricity use by more than 27 percent, or more than 1.7 million kilowatt hours.

Natural gas costs dropped dramatically during this first savings year. The district spent only \$181,084 on natural gas as compared to \$348,936 in the base year. The price of natural gas dropped from 80.1 cents per therm to 56.5 cents per therm, Lords said.

The district also used 19.6 percent less gas than it did the year before. The district reduced water and sewer costs slightly, too. In the base year, water and sewer costs rang in at \$66,932. During the first savings year, water and sewer costs totaled \$61,035.

Lords said he will see how water usage looks as the summer ends. Most of the district's water usage comes from irrigation. Lords works with the extension office to determine how much water soils in the area need and whether some schools are watering too much.

The Cassia County School District began the energy savings program from Energy Education, Inc., in July 2002. Energy Education guaranteed the district would save \$108,000 the first year. The district pays \$60,000 per year for four years for Energy Education's services. Total savings are expected to be roughly \$1 million over seven years.

Other board business included: Surplus items - The board declared several items from the old Burley High School kitchen as surplus, to be advertised and sold with sealed bids. The old Burley High School is now the College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center.

District Business Manager Pam Wade said the equipment is not used at this time.

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Fires

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National Forest. It was torching and spotting ahead by a half-mile.

The rugged Lolo Motorway trail which follows the Lewis and Clark expedition's route over the Bitterroot Mountains was closed down as the 2,500-acre Beaver Lake complex burned near the Montana border.

Western fire lines remained active Tuesday.

A fast-growing wildfire closed the east entrance to Yellowstone National Park on Tuesday night as crews continued efforts to protect 20 cabins in the Big Horn Mountains from another blaze that more than doubled in size.

The park's East Entrance Road was closed at about 5:30 p.m. after the 1,900-acre fire crept to within one-eighth mile of the road near

Cub Creek, park spokeswoman Marsha Karle said.

The west end of the road was still open, and no structures were threatened by the blaze, which was started Monday by lightning. Helicopters were dropping water to prevent the fire from spreading. Karle said, Glacier National Park's popular Lake McDonald area remained closed to visitors, as crews battled for control of a fire that has

grown to more than 38,600 acres. Firefighters were hoping to use more backfires to keep flames from getting any closer to already evacuated park attractions, campgrounds and private homes along the west shore of the park's Lake McDonald.

"That's really the focus now, the controlling mechanism," park spokesman Tony Clark said Tuesday.

Learning

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Enrollment has doubled during the past year and is growing, they said. Around 50 Magic Valley students are enrolled. And the K-5 school is expanding its offerings to seventh grade.

Board member Annette Griffen said such a school provides an alternative education for students who don't fit within the traditional format.

Gifted and Talented students as well as special needs students can benefit. So too can those isolated in rural areas, she said.

Parents shouldn't be stuck with one choice," she said. While the computer provides animated and interactive lesson modules, most of the work is

done off the computer, teacher Kelly Roush said. Textbooks are provided by K12 Inc., which is run by former Reagan Education Secretary William Bennett.

Roush serves both as a teacher and tech support. She ensures student attendance and carefully watches the test performance of the 50 students under her guidance.

IDVA fourth graders generally beat the state average on the 2003 spring Idaho Standards Achievement Test.

Most of her interaction with students is on the telephone, although Roush will make house calls if requested.

That's Brian Seibert's only complaint - he'd like to see a teacher

at his house more often. And now that 11-year-old Jordan is jumping a grade, the Seiberts know they'll need greater assistance with the sixth-grade curriculum.

But they love the flexibility. The curriculum can be customized to meet the needs of students, Roush said.

And the school week is structured around the family schedule. Kindergartners require 12.5 hours a week, the rest of the grades - one through seven - require 25 hours.

Parent log attendance, which is factored into the state ADA funding formula.

Jordan said he'll generally study a few hours in the morning,

play for a few hours and then return to finish up the day's assignments. Or he may go on a two weeks of study into a single week upon his return.

"I can visit my friends whenever I want and can visit my grandparents, too," Jordan said.

The family is reimbursed for a computer, a printer and other required material.

Progress is continually monitored in the mastery-based curriculum. To move on, the student must have more than a minor grasp of the topic.

"When they complete the fourth grade, they really complete the fourth grade," Roush said.

Hailey

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The proposal to consider a new airport site was prompted by airport member Len Harlig after a lengthy presentation by consultant Schnetzer.

"I don't see an alternative we can live with," Harlig said.

That perspective led authority chair Mary Ann Mix, who also is a Blaine County commissioner, to say, "I say let's bite the bullet and look at other options and other sites."

Site Horizon Airlines introduced service to California and the Northwest with its larger Bombardier DeHavilland Dash-8, 3400 twin-prop jet airliner the airport was reclassified by the FAA from a B-3 category to C-3.

Basically, as consultant Schnetzer explained to the board, this meant if Friedman led authority was to continue receiving FAA funds by meeting FAA safety standards, it would need to undertake extensive changes.

More separation between the single runway and adjoining taxiways would be provided. And safety zones at each end of

the runway to accommodate overshoots or undershoots of aircraft would need to be expanded.

But, Schnetzer pointed out, that would mean various alternatives that would touch off a domino effect - moving Highway 75 and closing one airport taxiway, which might require the closing and reconstruction of the terminal, for example.

Schnetzer said it might require closing the airport for a year and diverting aircraft to Twin Falls, a prospect authority members said was unacceptable.

After the board seemed resigned to considering a new airport site, they received some unsolicited support from Skywest Airlines station manager Patricia Pyle, who said her company favors a new airport.

Winter weather, a relatively narrow departure and arrival corridor

and a lack of an instrument landing system at the airport forces suspension of some flights in and out of Hailey. This has been a source of constant complaints by the airlines as well as passengers.

The authority has been under pressure on several fronts in recent years to open the airport to larger jets.

The Wood River Valley business community, especially the Sun Valley Resort, has lobbied to open the airport to regional jets from more distant cities. But because of the airport's usable runway length of under 7,000 feet and the 5,300-foot altitude, airlines have contended they'd have to limit the number of passengers for jet operations for safety, making them unprofitable.

A millionaire California construction executive, Ronald Tutor, also has sued the airport in federal

court because he was denied permission to operate his Boeing Business Jet - a VIP version of the 737 airliner - into Friedman on grounds that it's too heavy for the runway. Tutor has a home outside Ketchum.

And although the airport has conducted an aggressive voluntary noise abatement program among pilots to restrict hours of operations and direction of flight over nearby communities, complaints from residents about arriving and departing aircraft continue to be a major issue for airport manager Baird.

He reported during that meeting that although complaints he's received were down this July, he received a call from the Bellevue City Council that it was receiving complaints as well. Baird and several authority members are planning to meet with the council.

Action from Twin Falls County courts

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OBITUARIES

Violet Jean (Pat) Gridley - Mountain Home

Our loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend returned home to our Heavenly Father. Violet Jean (Pat) Gridley, 79, of Mountain Home, passed away peacefully on Monday July 28, 2003, surrounded by family at Elmore medical nursing home.



The service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at the First Nazarene Church, 950 N. Seventh E., Mountain Home. Burial will be at 3 p.m. in the Hagerman Cemetery in Hagerman, Idaho. Life began, for this vibrant, energetic beauty on April 9, 1924, in Alhambra, Calif. She was one of four children, born to Charles and Sarah McMath. She adored her sweet mother and cherished her relationships with her siblings. Pat was a gifted athlete. She loved and enjoyed playing sports her entire life.

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past 55 years. They raised three sons Phil Jr., Tim and Nicholas. Our silent hero, Grandma Pat, dedicated her life to her family as a homemaker. Her time was spent creating a home full of love, goodness, safety, good food and laughter. She spent years volunteering in community programs, such as cub scouts, and as a member of the women's auxiliary. In her spare time she loved to golf, bowl and work in her beautiful flower beds that surrounded her home. As years went by, grandchildren came one by one, and became the joy of her life. She spent her later years with her arms wrapped around each grandchild, and her heart and time, devoted to loving, laughing, dancing and caring for them. You could often find her spending her summers and holidays entering, cooking, shopping and playing with her grandchildren. For that, we as her grandchildren, thank her for her unconditional love, kisses and hugs, late night talks, supporting us in school activities and sports and for being a great source of strength and goodness to follow. We will honor your wonderful, happy life, with each step we take in our own. We will laugh often, find the good in others, work hard, cherish family and make every moment count. God bless those beautiful Irish eyes, smiling in heaven watching over us all. Pat is survived by her loving husband, Phil, three sons, Phil Jr. and wife Joe, Tim and wife Linda, and son, Nick and his wife Elana, and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Chuck and Jimmy McMath; and sister, Gladys McMath. Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice.

Edna Mae Castro - Twin Falls

Edna Mae Castro, 77, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Aug. 11, 2003, at Twin Falls Care Center.

Twin Falls; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and by one sister, Nina Simpson of Salinas, Calif. Her husband and one granddaughter preceded her in death. The service for Edna Mae Castro will be conducted at 2

p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, 2003, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," with the Rev. Bob Adams officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary.

Edna Mae Castro, 77, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Aug. 11, 2003, at Twin Falls Care Center. She was born Oct. 17, 1925, in Los Altos, Colo. She was married to Steve Paul Castro Sr. on Sept. 19, 1942, in Pajaro, Calif. They had lived in California, Oregon, Washington and Nevada prior to moving to Twin Falls in 1996. Mrs. Castro is survived by two children, Steve Castro Jr., of Sparks, Nev., Gwen McNabb of

Ernest Fabela - Wendell

Ernest Fabela, age 48, of Wendell, died Monday, Aug. 11, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Ernest was born Oct. 12, 1954, in Houston, Texas, the son of Jose and Julia Gonzales Fabela. Survivors include five children, four sisters, eight brothers and 11 grandchildren.

The rosary service will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Wendell with Mass at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 15, 2003. Visitation for friends and family will be from 9-5 p.m. Thursday at Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

SERVICES

John Michael Andrew of Declo, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1330 E. 16th St., Burley; friends and family may call before the service at the funeral home.

Oliver Morgan Lusk of Rupert, and formerly of Kingman, Ariz. and Muskogee, Okla., service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church, 2263 Hilland Ave., Burley; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Arthur A. Smith of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday at White Mortuary, in Twin Falls.

Rachel F. Walkup of Kimberly, service at 2 p.m. Aug. 22 at the Twin Falls First Assembly of God Church, 143 N. Locust; a private family burial will precede the service (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Plea deal fails over jail time

SANDPOINT (AP) - Doing time in a local jail is not enough punishment for a Priest River man accused of shooting a repositioning agent in the head. District Judge Steve Verby said Monday in rejecting a plea bargain.

Bruce Allen Spaulde, 37, is accused of trying to kill a Washington man who was repositioning a pickup truck for Rocky Mountain Title Loan.

Victor Grant of Greenacres was shot in the head with a 22-caliber rifle as he left Spaulde's home north of Priest River. Grant, 28, survived the shooting. "Local jail time would depreciate the seriousness of the offense and would not serve as an adequate deterrent to others in the county," Verby said.

INEEL develops imagery technology

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - New imagery technology developed at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory could prove invaluable to both security and medical communities.

The Change Detection System can highlight differences in digital images that would be nearly undetectable to the untrained eye. The technology makes it possible for analysts to detect the slightest changes in anything from satellite weather photography to home security systems. The project, researched by INEEL's National Security division, relies on the "flip-flop" method in which two seemingly identical images are placed on top of each other and switched back and forth rapidly. Slight changes between the images show up as blurred move-

ment that the human eye can recognize, but often confuses computers.

The system - developed by INEEL scientists Greg Lancaster, James Lutton Jones and Gordon Lassahn - can compensate for differences in camera angle, height and zoom.

Researchers say the system's ability to compensate for camera peculiarities also makes it possible for analysts to use images from anything from hand-held to digital cameras.

Originally intended to be used as security technology, the system has also proved its ability to assist doctors in locating brain tumors in their early stages.

Lead researcher Lancaster convinced doctors of the system's benefits when he used it to compare scans of his own brain after he'd had a tumor removed.

"I took an image, altered it ever

so slightly, brought in both pictures and said, 'Can you see the difference?' They looked at the two images and admitted, 'Well, no,'" Lancaster said. "But with the flip-flop method, it really pops out. They said, 'Wow, what a tool.'"

The project was funded through the Department of Energy's Technology Program and will be featured in R&D Magazine as one of the 100 most significant products introduced in the past year.

INEEL officials say the system will enter the marketplace soon and one medical technology company has already expressed interest in licensing the system.

The INEEL is a multi-program, national laboratory that specializes in environmental, energy, scientific and national defense research. It is managed by Bechtel BWXT Idaho for the Department of Energy.

Prosecutor: Child bride in Utah was also a victim

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) - The victims in the polygamous marriage between Rodney Holm and Ruth Stubbs aren't just the children born to them - but also said Tuesday.

In his opening statement in Holm's trial on bigamy and illegal sex charges, Assistant Attorney General Paul Graf said Ruth Stubbs was also a child when she married Holm at 16.

"You'll realize how at risk she was, not only because of her chronological age, but her emotional maturity," Graf told the jury seated Tuesday morning. But Holm's attorney, Max

Wheeler, responded that the case was far from simple; most people who know the history of Utah is complex.

"This case involves strongly held beliefs and state laws that enmesh on strongly held beliefs," Wheeler said. "We will show Mr. Holm is not some sexual predator, he's not some deviant."

Holm, 37, a polygamous police officer, accused of having sex with Stubbs when she was 16. Stubbs said she was Holm's third wife. State law bans sexual relations involving 16- and 17-year-olds when their partner is 10 or

more years older, unless the couple is legally married.

Holm was 32 when he allegedly took Stubbs as a "spiritual" wife, which is not a legal marriage.

Five women and four men were picked for the jury - eight members and an alternate.

Holm, who wore a gray suit and sat up straight during most of Tuesday morning's proceedings, is a police officer in the border towns of Hildale, Utah, and Colorado City, Ariz., where most of the town's residents are members of the polygamous Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

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Supremacists distribute racist fliers

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) - Racist fliers were scattered Tuesday on lawns and windshields in the town where Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant is to go on trial on sexual assault charges.

Later Tuesday a white supremacist group acknowledged leaving the fliers - headlined "Don't have sex with blacks" - and said they were in response to the Bryant case.

"We're concerned about areas such as Eagle County, where they have a relatively small number of blacks," Bob Gliebe, a spokesman for West Virginia-based National Alliance, said in a telephone interview.

Earlier, Eagle County sheriff's spokesman Kim Andree said deputies were investigating, but did not believe the fliers were related to the case against Bryant.

Bryant, who is black, is charged with assaulting a white 19-year-old hotel worker.

Venus, sun sweeten Leo's coming week

IF AUG. 13 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you have many qualities. You're adaptable, dependable and hardworking, especially with a goal in mind. Talents for writing and publishing are part of your makeup. You dislike backbiting and gossip. This year should see you investing in property and taking on added responsibility. There's important information coming your way in September and December.

LEO'S (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You're being supported from an unseen source. Loved ones and

children are a joy. Listening to your inner voice, you know instinctively what is right and what is wrong.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Listening to experts or convincing critics may be a waste of time as you know what you don't want. Be confident and act on your own convictions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may make too rash a decision at work. What happens tomorrow depends on the groundwork you lay today. A slip of the tongue puts your detective nose in the right direction.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Business and monetary matters are jogging along well. A disagreement has you deftly sidestepping the issue in a crab fashion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The coming week brings Venus in tandem to your sun. Life couldn't be sweeter; you should be extra lucky, with multiple opportunities in orbit. Being well-groomed, you create the right impression.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Much planning is going on. You favor a change. You've taken on a new mindset with high expectations from partners. Listen to a female friend's advice.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Sparks could be flying as there's a clash of ideas on the work front. A well-meaning friend lets you know of a positive outcome. Aquarius and Taurus are in the picture.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Lady Luck is following you around. Take a chance. You may be singled out as a prizewinner. You also have increasing earning power. Aquarius is helpful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Important news is career-related, and a possible new source of income is revealed. At home, there's a storm in a teacup brewing. Don't push yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You're well-practiced at disguising your emotional wrinkles and worries, especially at present when your love life seems to be taking on a new direction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Lending an ear to well-meant advice, you decide to discard it, especially if money is involved. Partners think you can do no wrong, and they work overtime to promote you. Indecision could be your downfall.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): The moon in your sign today brings a positive change of attitude toward close kin. The work and service you give is tremendous, but you resent being overworked.

Dry, hot conditions sap Idaho spring wheat prospects

BOISE (AP) - Hot, dry conditions continued to take their toll on Idaho's spring wheat crop in July.

It is the fourth straight year that growers have seen a reduction in their yields, which are critical to maximizing return on investments.

outlook was due solely to the deterioration of the crop. Growers were still expected to harvest 460,000 acres, but the yield has been cut another three

bushels an acre to just 63 bushels. It is the fourth straight year that growers have seen a reduction in their yields, which are critical to

maximizing return on investments.

The winter wheat harvest estimate was unchanged at 59 million bushels, or 82 bushels an acre.

The winter wheat harvest was nearly 60 percent complete, well ahead of the norm, and nearly a fifth of the spring wheat was already in, slightly ahead of the average for this time of year.

The Agriculture Department adjusted its national wheat forecast

down 1 percent to 2.29 billion bushels due to smaller spring and winter crops. That is still 42 percent higher from last year's crop harvest.

Stockpiles across the country were down 94 million bushels this month at 644 million bushels because of an increase in demand. U.S. wheat exports are 2.2 billion bushels this month, up 65 million bushels from last month's forecast.

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Fiance threatens to ground family's vacation



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: I have saved for two-years to take my children - ages 7, 11 and 13 - on a dream vacation. My kids have never been on a plane, and they are very excited about the prospect.

The problem is my fiance, "Drew." He wants to come with us. However, he has just admitted to me that he is deathly afraid of flying. He wants us to change our plans and drive instead. It would require an 18-hour drive each way.

The kids will be very disappointed if they have to give up their first flight, and we'd all be miserable spending that much time confined in a car. We'd be tired before we arrived, and worst of all, four days of our one-week vacation would be spent in transit.

I have offered to pay for Drew's gas or train ticket so he can meet us there. I even found the name of a psychologist who specializes in phobias, but Drew won't fly, take a train, or see a "shrink."

Drew claims if I "really loved him," I would accept him, fears and all, and return the plane tickets. He also says if we go without him, the engagement is over.

I understand that Drew's fears are very real, and I am sympathetic to his problem. However, I feel it is unreasonable for him to expect us to make such a drastic change of plans to accommodate him - especially since we are leaving in less than a month.

Am I unsympathetic?
- TRYING TO BE REASONABLE IN RALEIGH

DEAR ABBY: One of my co-workers, "Roger," conducts business for his second job - real estate - every day on company time. Everyone in the office can hear him "selling" on the phone.

My office mates and I find Roger's real estate paperwork scattered all over the place - left in the copier or fax machine, even in the lunchroom. He is constantly surfing the Internet looking at houses.

Roger is a nice person with a sweet wife and three little kids. However, my office mates and I see the side of him that is without morals.

I, for one, don't know how to treat him. All employees sign a "code of conduct" each year in order to continue working for our company. The document clearly states that employees are to report anyone conducting out-side or personal business on com-

pany time. I am torn about what to do. I don't want to ruin this man's career, but I feel I have broken a pledge by not reporting him. What's the answer, Abby?

- WORKING WITH A CHEAT IN MICHEGAN

DEAR WORKING: The person in the office who is closest to Roger should have a heart-to-heart with him, conveying the sentiments of the rest of the employees. If that doesn't do the trick, then all of Roger's co-workers - including you - should sign a letter to the bosses informing them about the breach in company policy. The names should be listed in alphabetical order.

Roger's behavior is not only dishonest, but it also undermines office morale. A warning from his supervisor may teach him a lesson and get him to shape up. If he's lucky, he won't be dismissed.

Head injury leads to odor amnesia

One out of 15 people who suffer serious head injuries lose their sense of smell. So they no longer can associate memories with odors. Some such sufferers say they feel as though they'd lost part of the past.

Bravest of the law officers has to be the game warden, some say. To move, on out-of-season bear hunters' with high-powered scoped rifles, that's nerve-wracking. The officer rarely gets the drop on them.

All I know about that Caribbean island of Aruba is its coins are square.

Q. You know the whereabouts of the world's largest dormitory? A. Annapolis, Md. The U.S. Naval Academy's Bancroft Hall sleeps 4,600.

The Gauls played rough. In one popular sort of game, they strung up a man, and handed him a sword. Contest was between the hanging man and the tightening rope. The rope often won.

It's frustrating to be an environmentalist. Windmills are desirable, no? To replace a little fossil-fuel electricity. But windmills kill countless hawks, owls and eagles. Why those keen-eyed birds fly into the blades nobody seems to know.

Your ears were fully mature when you were 6, according to a medical specialist. If they didn't

stick out too far then, they don't now.

Q. Don't arthritis patients get divorced more?

A. Evidently. Statisticians say divorce is three times more likely than the national average among couples where one is arthritic.



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Section C

Keeping the kitchen ready to roll

'Mormon' racks make storing canned goods simple

By Dixie Thomas Roale
Times-News Correspondent

TWIN FALLS - These shelves can hold a two-year supply of canned foods. They automatically present the oldest can in front to be used first. They can be easily constructed, or purchased locally. Sound like a new invention?

Actually, the shelves have been around Magic Valley for a long time, mostly in the homes of members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They are called "Mormon roll racks," but aren't necessarily Mormon, explained Beverly Sturgill, whose husband, Gene, and then-neighbor Duane Hanson built a whole bunch of them over 40 years ago, not so much as a church service project, but more for friends.

The Sturgills still use theirs. Coke Newell, media relations specialist for the LDS Church in Salt Lake City, said no one there is familiar with the shelves.

"They sound great, though," he said. "Must be an Idaho genius at work."

Roll racks are easy to build, Gene Sturgill said. Cans are loaded from the back and placed on their sides on a shelf inclined slightly toward the front. The cans roll forward to the front of the shelf, where they stop. As newer cans are loaded into the back of the shelf, the older cans are automatically pushed to the front to be used first.

Storing food is as old as civilization itself, noted Lee Heider, second counselor of the Twin Falls Stake of the LDS Church. The Bible even tells of Joseph putting aside food in ancient Egypt.

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Mormons store food as one of their religion's activities.

When Brigham Young led his faithful westward along the Oregon and Mormon trails to Salt Lake City, the pioneers planted crops and built log cabins near Omaha, Neb., knowing they would never harvest the crop nor live in the cabins. They planted the crops and built the houses for those who followed, Heider explained.

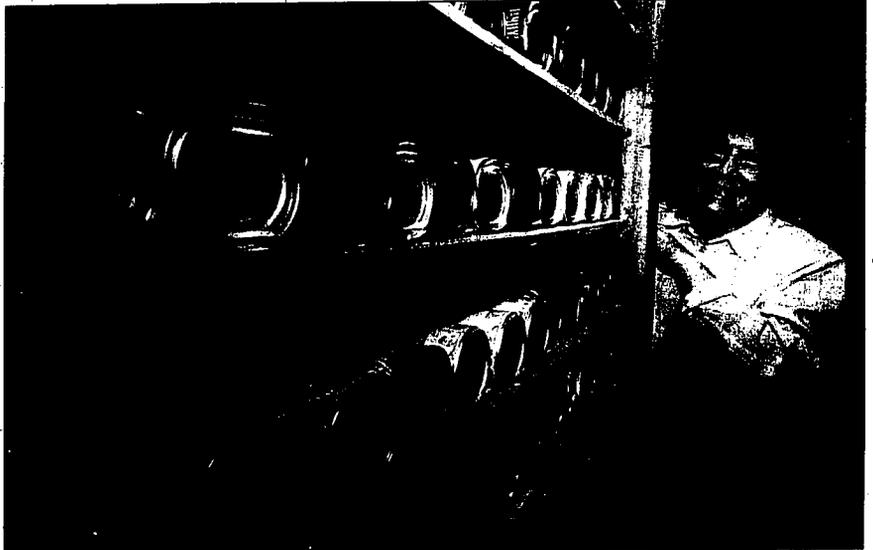
When people lived on farms, they stored food as a matter of survival. But young people eventually left the farms and moved to town. They also got away from the practice of storing food.

During the 1937 LDS General Conference, Church President Joseph F. Smith advised Mormons to build up at least one year's worth of food in storage in case of emergency. Every president since has repeated the food storage suggestion.

"We see it as a way of protecting our families," Heider said.

With the supermarket just down the street, people have forgotten why they need to store food, he added. But he contends

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Beverly Sturgill uses roll racks in her spacious pantry to store canned goods.

BRUCE BHEEM/The Times-News

To build or to buy?

Twin Falls resident Gene Sturgill described the construction of his roll racks: Use four 2-by-4 boards for the legs and sides of the shelves. Use 1/2-inch plywood for the shelves. Measure how deep you want the shelves to be according to the size of the cans you plan to store on each shelf. Use a router to router out grooves in the 2-by-4s to slide the plywood shelves into. Router the grooves at about a 15-degree angle lower in the front 2-by-4 than in the back 2-by-4. Once the shelves are in place in the grooves, either glue or nail them into place. The racks are built 18 inches wide and 2 feet deep. They can be as high as the ceiling or only one can-worth deep. Sturgill anchored his racks into rafters and floorboards in his basement, but they can be built to any height. He said he sure to put a lip on the front of the shelf so the cans won't roll out onto the floor.

Wife Betty Sturgill suggested people store only cans on the racks. Jars might roll off and break. The roll racks can store vast amounts of food neatly in a small amount of space, and keep the storage room or pantry clutter-free by eliminating the boxes from the cases of food, Beverly Sturgill said.

Gay Davis, owner of Make a Difference Foods, sells a commercial variation of the roll rack called a "switch back rack." The switch back rack is trademarked, with patent pending. Switch back racks look like two shelves connected together. The cans are loaded onto

the top shelf, which is inclined slightly toward the back. The cans roll to the back and drop through a hole onto a bottom shelf, which is inclined slightly toward the front. The cans roll forward on the bottom shelf for removal. The racks are built in several sizes, based on the size of the cans to be stored - from tuna fish cans to institutional size (number 10) cans. Davis said the prices start around \$20 for a small rack that measures 10 inches deep by 18 inches wide with three slots across. The sizes and prices go up from there. Davis said canned food properly sealed in airtight containers will keep for years. She has taught free classes on methods of food preservation to interested people. To purchase a rack, call 734-6501.



Photo courtesy of GAY DAVIS

Roll rack shelves can be organized to hold a two-year supply of canned food.

Casual bouquets inject cool color into summer's sizzle

Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center

Among the most delicious gifts of summer is the spectacular array of flowers the season brings. Whether from the garden, the corner market, a roadside stand or a favorite florist, the flowers of summer are plentiful and at their best prices.

Try a jug of jolly red, blue and pink anemones on the dining table, a vase of bright orange lilies on the sideboard or a posy of roses in the bathroom. When Americans "do flowers," the preferred look is quick and casual, says Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center Director Sally Ferguson.

In summer, this usually translates to upbeat colors, with emphasis on rich pastels or vivid shades of orange, red, pink and yellow, plus cool-down shades of blue, purple and white. Mixed color combinations and monochromatic arrangements are popular now. And Americans are styling their flowers in both the newer natural "loose and airy look" that's the coming trend in Europe and in the more tightly packed, often low-slung floral design approach popular in the states.

Here are a few ideas:

- **Stylish Furry Fare:** With a wave of your wizard's wand (or a bit of effort with a big spoon), a watermelon becomes a fabulous vase. Carve out the center, scooping the pink away. (A zig-zag cut works best and helps support the flowers. Be careful not to pierce the outer shell. Save the fruit for a salad.) Rinse the shell and fill with water. For a light and airy natural look, use several bunches of bright Asiatic lilies mixed with stems of red or orange montpetria (Crocodylia) or other feathery greens. Try this with any summer flowers that capture that slightly airborne look.

- **Just Peeking Out:** Here's a twist on the traditional "1/2-2/3 rule" classic floral design, in which an arrangement is comprised of 1/3 vase and 2/3 flowers. In this newer design vision, the flowers are massed low, right at the lip of the vase. Just peeking out. This mix works best with a clear vase, where the stems and leaves are visible as part of the design. (Keep water at a level where the stem bases remain submerged but no leaves stand in the water.) Try this with Asiatic lilies. For a different look, suited to medium-sized flowers such as anemones, an



Mixing multiples of a single, similar variety of lily in vases wrapped in orange paper is a current trend.

even lower variation on the theme finds the flowers more loosely assembled, notably inside a clear vase with nothing peeking out the top.

- **Sassy Summer Colors:** Take a bright, solid-colored jug or crock, add a jumble of razzmatazz blooms in equally bright colors and add water. That's it - a terrific look that that easy. Try this with anemones, lilies, Gerber daisies, zinnias, snapdragons or sunflowers.

- **A Low Bowl:** For dinner parties, low bowls of flowers make sense. Use an attractive low bowl as your vase. In its center, anchor a rounded mound of chicken wire or water-soaked oasis and lace the stems of summer flowers through it to create a dense, all-around mass of floral color. Try a mix of red, yellow and orange callas, lilies and proteas or a single-color mass of vivid pink or apricot-colored dahlias. Check that the stems are getting sufficient water for longest vase life.

- **Multiples of One:** Sometimes less is more. But in flowers, it's more fun to do less in multiples. Here's how: Take two identical vases and put a single identical stem of flowers in each. This works best with rather architectural flowers, like Oriental lilies, which have a very defined but spectacular shape. Arrange the vases in a row. Two would be great. Three to five would be awesome. For added stage presence, wrap each vase in identical textured cloth or paper.



This low bowl of big color features mixed summer flowers such as lilies, callas and proteas.

Photo courtesy of Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center

Caring for cut flowers

Regardless of which flowers bring a smile to your face, these care tips will make your arrangements more glorious.

1. Always re-trim stems before arranging. Do this with a sharp knife, at an angle, to maximize the stem's area of water intake.
2. Remove any foliage that might dangle in the water of the vase. If left in the water, the leaves will decay rapidly, smell bad and pollute the water.

3. Cut flower food (available where flowers are sold) helps prolong the life of cut flowers. There's some truth in old myths that a penny in the bottom of the vase or a dash of bleach, 7-Up or vodka will help keep flowers perky, but using cut flower food packets is efficient and cost-effective.

4. Keep an eye on the water level of your vases. You may have to top off water daily, depending on how much your flowers drink.

FOOD & HOME

Here's how to win a ribbon at the fair

It's fair time! Time to show off what kind of gardener you are!

I love judging flowers at the county fairs. Every year it seems the quality of the entries are better than the year before. Today, I'll pass on a few tips on how to impress me - and earn yourself lots of blue ribbons.

- No critters, please. As soon as I see an insect on a bloom, that entry is disqualified. You're a better gardener than that. If a stray bug landed on your begonia, tell it to begone.

- Clean it up. Flowers live outside. They get dirty. Clean them up before you bring them to the fair. Fill a sink with lukewarm water and add a dash of Palmolive Green or LOC to the water. Most flowers, surprisingly enough, will tolerate a total wash of all surfaces with a cut end of sponge. Rinse with a weak tea solution. That will remove all spots that might remain from sprays and such. Bugs, too. Please don't add commercial products that are supposed to make the leaves shine better or any of that. A healthy leaf should provide its own sheen.

- Leave leaves. But not in the water. Leaves are part of the flower. Are they in good shape or are they chawed? Do they have good coloration for that variety? Leaves tell me what kind of gardener you are. Cut the stem long enough to show a couple of sets of leaves. That said, remember to trim leaves off the lower stem that will be submerged in water. We don't want a stinky, rotting mess at the fair.

- Is it a flower? New rose growers often enter a bud when the entry calls for a flower. A properly open rose will (depending on variety) open her petals wide enough so that her bottom petals form the top of a "T" with the stem forming the stem of the "T." So pick roses that have opened their petals to almost that far, and by the time I, the judge, see them, they'll be perfect.

- Follow the rules. Read the premium book. Please don't enter a marigold to compete with purple petunias. The clerks work hard to make sure every entry is properly categorized, but they



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

can't undo your mistakes. By the same token, if the entry is for "three blooms" please bring three identical blooms.

- Good luck and have fun at the fair.

DEAR CATHY: Help! I have petunias that are sickly looking. The leaves on the plants are yellowed, but I also have geraniums in the same flower bed and they are green and look great. I have put fertilizer on them, but it hasn't seemed to help. Can you give me any suggestions?

— PALEFACE

DEAR PALEFACE: Petunias are out of season. They're used up all the good stuff you put in with them when you planted them. Now they're looking pale. Those yellow leaves (with green veins) means that iron deficiency is suffering from iron poor blood. Get them some chelated iron. That should be the fastest-acting iron you can give them. Or look for fertilizers that are formulated for azaleas and rhododendrons. They contain acid, or sulfur, which helps the iron work.

Plants can't "reach" the iron in our soil because of our highly alkaline pH levels. If you add acid - straight sulfur - or the already-mixed stuff for acid-loving plants, you might save your petunias till frost. A word of caution: If you use straight sulfur, read the recommendations on the bag, lest you burn your plants. Thanks for writing.

What's bugging your garden?
Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or email her at: cunwo@ptm.org.

Hardwood is the hip way to go for floors

The Baltimore Sun

Hardwood - Earth's oldest flooring material next to dirt - has resurfaced as the trendiest thing to tread on in American homes.

Although carpet continues to dominate flooring, hardwood flooring is growing," said Gopal Ahluwalia, vice president for research with the National Association of Home Builders in Washington. "It used to be that everyone wanted carpet in their homes. Now all they want is wood.

"What's more, it has become a prime selling point in a real estate market that has posted record sales during the past two years."

According to appraisers, flooring experts and real estate agents, hardwood floors - provided they are in good condition - add value to almost any home. A recent survey of real estate agents by the Pittsburgh-based Hardwood Information Center estimates that hardwood flooring can add as much as \$10,000 to a home's resale value.

"It definitely increases salability," said Kerry Mitchell, a broker with Access Real Estate Services in Hamstead. "And in homes that are over \$350,000, it's almost crucial."

Before putting their Baltimore house on the market earlier this year, Mitchell and her husband replaced the linoleum and worn-out carpeting on their first floor with hardwood, investing about \$4,000. The new oak floors made such an impression that the couple increased their initial listing

price by almost \$50,000. Their house sold in a week for about \$390,000. The Mitchells estimate the hardwood upgrades added about \$15,000 to the final selling price.

Why has hardwood become so hip? Some attribute its popularity to the age-old adage: What once was old is new again. Others note the mind-boggling variation of, hard-wood species in today's market, from exotic Brazilian cherry to bamboo.

Dave and Mary McGettigan, who just built a home in Finksburg, Md., had red oak floors installed throughout the house, except for the bedrooms and bathrooms.

"I'm a fanatic about clean floors, and with wood, you can easily mop them," said Mary McGettigan. "Plus, once they settle they last forever and always look great."

In 2002, U.S. manufacturers sold 627.5 million square feet of hardwood flooring, a 90 percent increase from 1995, when they sold 330.2 million square feet, according to annual data from the Wood Flooring Manufacturers Association.

The carpet craze began during the 1960s, when homeowners wanted it wall-to-wall. This love affair with carpets came out of several decades of compulsory hardwood, mandated by the Federal Housing Administration for use in all homes built or remodeled with government loans. As soon as the FHA revoked this rule in the 1960s, carpeting became chic in part because it was so much cheaper to install.

Wall-to-wall carpeting is priced at approximately \$5.22 a square foot with installation, compared

with hardwood floors at about \$11.96 a square foot. Not until the mid-1980s did homeowners begin ripping up their carpets to reveal handsome hardwood underneath.

Today, homeowners are not only pulling up carpets, they're also putting hardwood down in rooms that were once relegated to tile or carpeting, like the kitchen and the bedrooms. A recent study by the national homebuilders' group showed that wood flooring in kitchens has

grown from 9 percent in 1999 to 21 percent in 2002.

"We are definitely seeing a resurgence of wood," said Reginald Tucker, managing editor of Floor Covering Weekly. "People are much more interested in their nests these days than they used to be, and wood gives them a warm look." Although solid hardwood is sometimes more expensive and more difficult to install than carpet, consumers like its durability and appearance.

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Art of finding the perfect peach

Frangipani peach recipe

By Ross Parsons
Los Angeles Times

Total time: 1 hour, 15 minutes
Notes: With glazed peach halves poking through a beautifully browned almond paste filling, this pie is a show stopper, and it's terrific served with the peach gelato. The recipe for frangipani comes from Bay Area pastry chef Carolyn Beth Weil.

- 1 (9-inch) pastry crust
- 8 ounces blanched almonds
- 1/2 cup sugar, plus more for sprinkling
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons melted butter, divided
- 4 small to medium peaches, peeled, cut in half and pitted

Summer holds few pleasures more promising than tasting that one perfect peach. Nor are there many disappointments so frustrating as the many that fail to measure up. The problem is being able to tell the difference between the two before you buy them.

After what seemed like a summer of utterly forgettable peaches, I decided to try to figure out what it was that makes that perfect piece of fruit so glorious, and so elusive. I bought dozens of samples from everyone ranging from my neighborhood chain grocery to farmers market heroes to the grower who supplies Alice Waters. I talked to scientists and I talked to cooks. I even broke out my trusty refractometer.

What I found should significantly increase your odds of finding a great peach. But unfortunately it is still far from a sure bet. The problem is, a peach is a darned complicated thing. It doesn't seem that way on the surface. A summer peach is the very image of innocence, the cherub of the fruit world. It's a fruit so natural it blushes (that's the technical term for the red stain that appears on the peach).

But beneath that unaffected veneer, there's a world of complexity. Take the aroma, something at once floral and spicy and even nearly meaty. Think of cinnamon and roses, and a hint of lavender.

Move on to the texture. This is the subject of some debate. There are those who belong to the "dripping sack of juice" school and out-

ers who prefer their peaches nearly crisp. I like my peaches yielding as opposed to melting. Think ice cream that has just begun to soften.

Then there's the flavor. Take a deep breath here. Start with the fragrance. Add a racy bit of acidity and balance it with a lovely, round sweetness. Not sharp like sugar, but smooth and whole like caramel.

These are just the basics. The real hallmark of a great peach is a certain quality that's usually expressed as "wow" or "oh my God." You taste one and it is somehow bigger than other peaches, grander, and you keep on tasting it long after the last trace is swallowed.

Does that sound like what you've been getting? I thought not. A great peach is a towering home run, what we all too often get is a long fly ball. But how do you tell the difference?

"Oh boy!" I hear you say, "I know how to pick a peach." You look for a golden color, or at least an absence of green. You press it gently, feeling for a subtle give. You sniff deeply, looking for that spicy fragrance.

You're right, but only halfway. That's how you find a ripe peach. But a ripe peach and a great peach are not necessarily the same thing. A great peach also tends to be well matured.

Ripeness and maturity are separate but overlapping qualities. Maturity means that the peach has hung on the tree long enough to develop everything that will eventually lead to great flavor. A mature peach isn't necessarily ready to eat — it may have little flavor, or be unpleasantly crisp. But all of the factors will be in place.

Ripeness, on the other hand, is what makes a peach delicious, as opposed to merely sweet. When a peach ripens, the color changes from green to gold, the texture softens and the flavors and aromas become complex.

Peaches only mature on the tree. Ripening can happen on the tree or after picking. A great peach is both ripe and mature. A ripe peach that is not perfectly matured will never be great, while a perfectly matured peach that is not yet ripe still has a chance if you treat it right.

What is perfectly matured? That's the source of some discussion. Peach flavor is a balance of sweet and tart, with the trace elements that give complexity. This is particularly true of yellow peaches. White peaches, especially most modern varieties, are bred to be low in acidity, which makes them seem sweeter (though to my mind, somewhat simple).



Ray Franklin, of Ethelaville, Ala., relaxes while waiting for customers under the shaded portion of his truck Aug. 6 in Starkville, Miss. Franklin was selling Alberta peaches from Chilton County, Ala.

Put Your Best HOME Foot Forward

By Dennis A. Black

The entryway of your home can make a lasting impression on visitors, potential buyers and even passers-by. The doorway is a reflection of your family and your lifestyle. It says "hello" to everyone passing the threshold. Many people seldom use their front door to enter the house, so it is often overlooked. Evaluate the entry. Ask yourself: Does the entry fit the style of the house? Does it make a statement? Does it have style? Is it bright and cheerful? Does it reflect the personality? Take a good look at the steps. Are they in good repair? Safety should be the number one concern when it comes to stairs. If there are more than three steps, a handrail should be provided if you need to replace the stairs, consider using brick as an attractive alternative that will last for years. If your porch has a railing, make sure it is secure. If you have a storm door, look it over carefully. Is it visually appealing?

To get ideas for decorating your entryway look at homes you pass for an entryway that catches your eye. Notice what makes the entry attractive. A well-furnished porch always calls attention to itself. Treat your porch as another indoor room. Furnish it with comfortable and sturdy pieces that fit the space. Unify your space with color and lighting. Add a rug for warmth or paint a decorative floor rug to accent a seating area. Bring in details—accent pieces that will really show your personality. Showcase colorful flowers or train a plant to climb up a column or post. Place groups of potted plants, bird nests and gourds as natural accent pieces. Have fun with decorative accents: use them to add whimsy and humor whenever possible. Remember the entryway is the first thing people will notice as they approach your home. It tells a story about the occupants inside. Make it welcoming and inviting.

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No need to go out: Entree salads are easy to make

Knight Ridder Newspapers
This is not fancy cooking, folks. You grill some meat, toss a salad and marry the two on the patio with a cool drink in hand. It's the perfect recipe for an easy summer meal—light, flavorful and not a lot of work.
Why are so many people plunking down \$4 for one of the

new fast-food entree salads? Sure, the fast-food salads are less work, but not much. And as boards, fast-food salads can't compare to even the most slap-dash homemade version.
McDonald's, for one, is skimpy with the meat. By our measurements, the new California Cobb Salad has just 2 1/2 ounces of

chicken and the grilled chicken Caesar, 3 ounces. In the salads tasted reheated, and the salad mix was mostly iceberg lettuce.
Homemade salads topped with grilled meats and seafood are so easy to make that there's no reason to visit the drive-through. If you really have a case of the midsummer doldrums and don't want to spend any time in the kitchen, buy a bag of pre-washed, pretorn salad greens, add a few sprigs of fresh herbs to live it up, and toss it with your favorite dressing. Slather some boneless chicken breasts with bottled teriyaki sauce and cook them for about 7 minutes on the gas grill. Serve them over the greens.
All kinds of great, no-work entree salads can be created from the dressings and prepared fixings available in supermarkets. Use bagged spinach, baby lettuces, romaine lettuce, mixed greens, add a yogurt dressing, and top with strips of grilled lamb for a Greek entree salad. Add mandarin oranges, chow mein noodles, grilled chicken and ginger dressing for an Asian-inspired dinner salad.
The only real work involved is the grilling, and that can't really be called work—not when it's done outdoors on a beautiful summer evening.
If you're willing to spend a few more minutes in the kitchen, you can make a truly spectacular salad. Choose flavorful greens such as romaine, arugula, bibb lettuce or a mixture of baby lettuces. Combine one or two or all of them in a bowl. They'll taste fresher and be more nutritious than bagged or fast-food salads that are mostly iceberg lettuce.
Make your own dressing with good olive oil or balsamic vinegar, extra-virgin olive oil and sea salt. It will sparkle with flavor.
Contrast textures and colors to make the salad more interesting. Include nuts or crisp vegetables such as radishes and jicama. Add something sweet such as dried cranberries, raisins or sugared pecans.
After you've mastered the basics, get creative with one of Steve Raichlen's grilled masterpieces. In his new book, "BBQ USA," Raichlen provides recipes for all kinds of vibrant grilled salads, from calamari to steak.

Chefs tire of Caesar salad's vast popularity

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ST. PAUL, Minn. — There's a think in the Caesar's armor: The salad has become too popular and some chefs don't find it appealing anymore.
"Since I've done it so much and seen it so much, I won't be putting it on the menu any more," says J. P. Samuelson, chef/owner of J.P. American Bistro in Minneapolis. "People aren't disappointed that we don't have it."
The Caesar was once a hallmark of fine-dining establishments, where it was often prepared tableside. In the last 20 years, the salad has become so wildly popular that no restaurant could open without one on the menu. Even chains like Perkins, Applebee's and Chili's now offer Caesar salads.
That very same mass appeal is just the reason some chefs believe the salad has lost its cachet. Restaurants are now debuting without a Caesar on the menu. "Everyone's making a Caesar salad, and that's taken something away from it," says Seth Bixby Daugherty of Cosmos in Minneapolis.
Roberts of Restaurant Alma in Minneapolis agrees. "If you can go to Applebee's because they have a Caesar salad, then the independents feel they have to do something else to differentiate themselves," he says.
That's not to say all Caesars bear resemblance to the classic version said to have been invented in 1924 by Italian chef Caesar Cardini at his Tijuana, Mexico, restaurant.
"It's been dumbed down," says Stewart Woodman, the chef at Levin in Minneapolis. "A lot of people started to do this generic Caesar, and because of that customers lost interest."
The traditional salad consists of

romaine lettuce tossed with grated-Parmesan cheese, croutons, coddled egg, anchovies, garlic, Worcestershire sauce, olive oil and lemon juice. Nowadays, a Caesar is often made with iceberg lettuce, mayonnaise, chicken or shrimp. The anchovies and the soft-boiled eggs are often skipped altogether.
But for some, the Caesar is sacred and not to be dismissed.

Alexander Dixon, chef/owner of Zander Cafe in St. Paul, can't imagine not having a Caesar on his menu, but it must be the classic. "I'm definitely a traditionalist," he says. "If you don't make it with olive oil and egg yolks, that gives the Caesar a bad name."
"The Caesar salad is a slam dunk. I have no intention of removing it from my menu."

Entree salad recipes

SHRIMP SALAD WITH GRAPEFRUIT ADOBO

3 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp. coarse salt
1 tsp. ground cumin
1 tsp. dried mint
1/2 tsp. freshly ground pepper
3/4 cup fresh grapefruit juice
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1 1/2 raw jumbo shrimp (about 1 lb.), rinsed, peeled, deveined
2 grapefruits
5 to 6 cups mesclun (baby salad lettuce mix), rinsed and spun dry

Place garlic, salt, cumin, mint and pepper in a blender. Add a few tablespoons grapefruit juice and puree. Add remaining juice and olive oil and blend well.

Transfer half of mixture to a nonreactive container, add shrimp and marinate in the refrigerator for 30 to 60 minutes, stirring once. Set aside remaining grapefruit mixture.

Peel grapefruits, removing all of the bitter white membrane. Over a bowl, cut in between the membranes to remove the fruit sections. Remove and discard seeds.

Mount salad greens in the center of a platter or on 4 plates. Place grapefruit sections on top. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. This may be done up to 2 hours ahead.

Prepare a charcoal fire or heat a gas grill. Brush and oil the grate. Drain shrimp and discard marinade. Grill shrimp for 2 to 3 minutes per side, until cooked through.

Arrange shrimp on top of salad. Spoon reserved dressing over all. Serve immediately.
Makes 4 servings.

BEEF & ROQUEFORT SALAD

1/2 tsp. coarse sea salt
1/2 tsp. freshly ground pepper
1/2 tsp. grated lemon peel
3 tsp. fresh lemon juice
2 tsp. balsamic vinegar
1 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1 shallot, minced
12 oz. beef tenderloin tips or flank steak
6 cups baby spinach leaves
6 oz. Roquefort cheese, crumbled
1/4 cup walnut halves, lightly toasted (see note)

In a bowl or lidded jar, whisk or shake the salt, pepper, lemon peel, juice, vinegar and olive oil. Stir in shallot.
Place beef in a nonreactive baking dish and pour about 1/3 of the vinaigrette over it, turning to coat all sides. Cover and refrigerate for 20 minutes, turning several times.
Place spinach leaves, two-thirds of the cheese and walnuts in a mixing bowl but don't toss. Refrigerate.
Prepare a charcoal fire or heat a gas grill. When ready to cook, brush and oil the grill grate. Place beef on the hot grate and grill for 3 to 4 minutes per side for flank steak or 2 to 3 minutes for tenderloin tips for medium-rare, or to taste.
Transfer beef to a cutting board. Spoon half of remaining vinaigrette over the spinach mixture and gently toss. Mount on a platter or 4 plates. Thinly slice the beef on the diagonal and arrange over the spinach. Spoon remaining vinaigrette over all and garnish with remaining cheese.
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SAUSAGE, GREEN APPLE AND POTATO SALAD

2 lbs. small red potatoes, quartered
Coarse sea salt
3 lbs. mixed sausages (Italian, chicken, chorizo, etc.)
1/4 cup sherry or red-wine vinegar
Freshly ground pepper
7 green onions, trimmed
2 green apples, grated with their skins

Heat the grill. Boil potatoes in salted water until just tender, about 4 to 6 minutes. Drain and transfer to a bowl. Cool slightly.
Grill sausages, turning, until cooked through, about 7 to 15 minutes depending on size.
In a lidded jar, combine vinegar, a pinch of salt and pepper and 2 tsp. olive oil. Shake. Pour over potatoes and toss well. Thinly slice 5 of the onions and add to the potatoes with the grated apples. Adjust seasoning if necessary.
Slice remaining 2 onions lengthwise. Arrange the potato salad in a mound on a platter. Slice the sausages into 2-inch lengths. Surround the potatoes with the sausages and green onions. Drizzle everything with olive oil. Serve warm or at room temperature.
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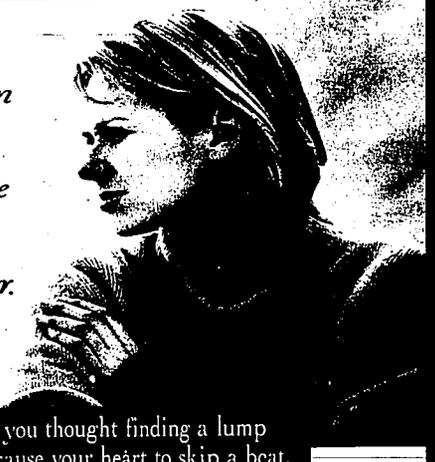
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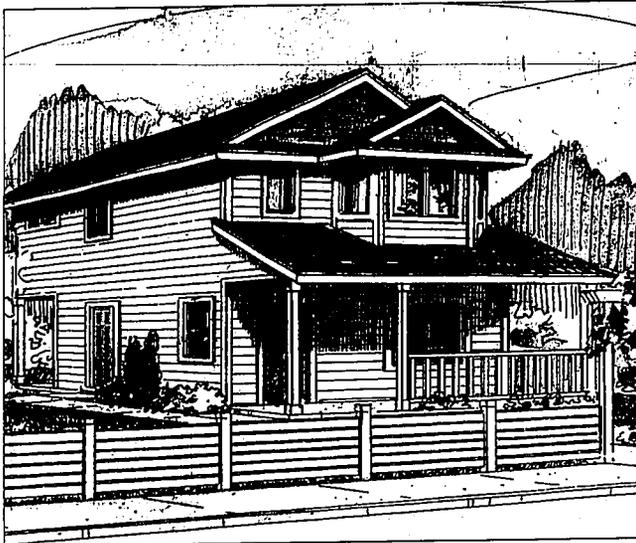
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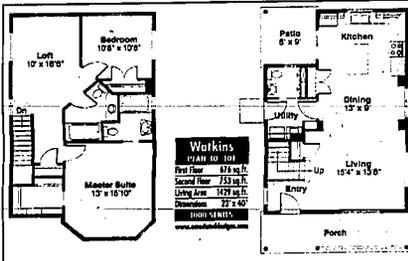


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Ductless air conditioning can make a big difference

DEAR JIM: I am thinking of installing ductless central air-conditioning instead of a regular system so I can set different temperatures throughout my house. Is it quiet and efficient and is this a good idea?
—ANDY R.

DEAR ANDY: Installing a ductless central air-conditioning system which allows you to vary room temperatures in different rooms can cut your utility bills and improve your comfort over a standard system. There is no need to keep bedrooms very cool during the day or the living or dining rooms cool overnight. Although ductless central air-conditioning systems are often installed in homes without existing warm air ducts, a dual- or multi-zone ductless system is an excellent option for any home. Many new efficient homes are being built with warm air or electric radiant heating that does not have a duct system.

A ductless system works in a similar manner to a standard ducted central air conditioner. There is a small compressor unit located outdoors on the ground or mounted against a wall. Heat pump models or ones with built-in resistance heaters are also available for efficient winter heating. Instead of having pipes with the cooling refrigerant connected to the heat pump or furnace blower duct system in the utility room, attic or basement, they are attached to a mini-cooling blower unit in a room(s). Only a three-inch-diameter hole needs to be drilled through the wall for the pipes. The individual indoor blower units can be mounted on the ceiling or high on a wall. They are typically only about 3 feet long, 1 foot high and very shallow so they are not readily noticeable. Some other designs can be recessed into the ceiling or hidden away in a corner near the ceiling.

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greatest convenience and comfort, select a system with additional handheld remote controls. This allows you to set the room temperature, time schedule for the cooling, louver direction and motion, etc. from an easy chair. If you prefer direct indoor air, select a model with a special low-humidity setting.

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Recipes for a healthy pregnancy

CHICKEN SALAD WITH APRICOTS AND ALMONDS

(Makes about 3 cups or 4 to 6 servings)

1 pound chicken tenders or boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch cubes, or about 2 1/2 cups diced cooked chicken or turkey
2 teaspoons canola oil (if using uncooked chicken)
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

1/3 cup chopped dried apricots
2 tablespoons chopped fresh herbs, such as cilantro, mint or tarragon (optional)
1/2 red bell pepper, finely diced, or 1/4 cup chopped jarred roasted red peppers
1/2 cup sliced almonds, toasted
1/2 cup light mayonnaise, or to taste
Put the chicken dry.

If using chicken tenders or cut-up chicken breasts, heat the canola oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the chicken, season with salt and pepper and saute for 7 minutes, or until completely cooked; transfer to a bowl to cool. Dice the cooked chicken, or tear the meat into bits with your fingers, and return to the bowl.

Combine the chicken and the remaining ingredients in a bowl and mix well. Adjust the seasoning. Refrigerate if not serving immediately. (Any leftovers should be covered and refrigerated.)

Per 1/2-cup serving: 243 calories, 20 gm protein, 10 gm carbohydrates, 14 gm fat, 51 mg cholesterol, 2 gm saturated fat, 216 mg sodium, 2 gm dietary fiber

FRUIT-FILLED GRANOLA

(Makes about 5 cups)

1/4 cup canola oil, plus additional for the baking sheet
1/2 cup honey, molasses or maple syrup, or a mixture
2 cups "old-fashioned" rolled oats (not quick-cooking oats)
1/2 cup sliced almonds

1 cup chopped or whole-dried fruits, such as dates, raisins, banana chips, etc.
Preheat the oven to 250 degrees. Generously oil a large rimmed baking sheet; set aside.

Combine the oil and honey in a small saucepan and heat just until hot (or use the microwave). Place the rolled oats and sliced almonds in a large bowl and mix. Add the honey-oil mixture and mix until well

combined.

Spread the granola mixture evenly on the baking sheet. Bake for about 40 minutes, or until light golden. It should still be soft when it comes out of the oven, but it will harden as it cools. Do not overbake, or the granola will have a bitter, burned taste. Allow the granola to cool completely.

Add the optional dried fruit to the granola and mix well. Store in an airtight container or a resealable bag.
Per 1/2-cup serving: 364 calories, 6 gm protein, 59 gm carbohydrates, 13 gm fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 3 gm saturated fat, 3 mg sodium, 2 gm dietary fiber

BUTTERNUT SQUASH-CARROT SOUP

(16 to 8 servings)

2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 medium onion, chopped
2 tablespoons minced fresh ginger root
1 1/2 pounds butternut squash, cooked, peeled and chopped (about 1 1/2 cups; see above)
3 carrots, peeled and chopped, or 1 1/2 cups sliced baby-cut carrots
1/3 cup dried apricots (optional)
5 cups fat-free, low-sodium chicken or vegetable stock
1 teaspoon salt, or to taste
1 teaspoon ground ginger (optional)

1/2 cup half-and-half (optional)
1 1/2 cups fresh chives, for garnish (optional)
In a large saucepan over medium heat, melt the butter. Add the onion and ginger and cook for 3 minutes. Add the squash, carrots, apricots (if using), stock, salt and ground ginger (if using). Increase the heat to medium-high and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer for 15 to 20 minutes, until the carrots are tender.

Remove the soup from the heat and set aside to cool slightly. Working in batches, transfer the soup to a blender and puree until smooth. Return the pureed soup to the rinsed-out saucepan, add the half-and-half (if using) and heat over medium heat just until the soup reaches a boil. Remove from the heat. Garnish with the chives, if desired, and serve immediately.
Per serving (based on 8): 101 calories, 4 gm protein, 14 gm carbohydrates, 4 gm fat, 11 mg cholesterol, 3 gm saturated fat, 245 mg sodium, 2 gm dietary fiber

The Washington Post

Pregnancy is rarely thought of as a great time for enjoying food. What about morning sickness? Irrational cravings? For that matter, those extra pounds? And what about having to feed the rest of your family?

Catherine Jones and Rose Ann Hudson, a professionally trained chef and a nutritionist, are convinced it's possible to cook appealing meals, satisfy a pregnant woman's nutritional requirements, please the rest of the family and do it without being stuck in the kitchen all day. To prove it, they've written "Eating for Pregnancy: An Essential Guide to Nutrition With Recipes for the Whole Family" (Marlowe & Co., 2003).

Jones and Hudson and their families live in Montgomery County, Md. Jones is the one with culinary expertise. A graduate of Ecole de Cuisine La Varenne in France, she worked on two cookbooks before this one: chef Jean Louis Palladin's "Cooking With the Seasons" (Little Publishing Inc., 1989) where she helped him turn restaurant kitchen shorthand into recipes for the home cook, and her own "A Year of Russian Feasts" (Jellyroll Press, 2002).

She'd been thinking about writing a cookbook for pregnant women when she became pregnant with her first child and developed pregnancy-induced high blood pressure and preeclampsia, a complication of some pregnancies. "I realized I could really use a book like this one, (with) nutritional information at a glance and recipes and ideas to meet the goals," she says.

But work on the book was delayed by both her daughter's premature birth and two-month hospital stay and her husband's career as a foreign service officer, which took the family to Macedonia—for two years. Back home, after the couple's second child was born, Jones resumed work on the book and sought out a nutritionist as a writing partner. "I was looking for someone who could give me all the medical and nutritional information I needed to write the book and develop the recipes," she says.

She found Hudson, a perinatal

Alleviate morning sickness

- Before you get out of bed in the morning, eat dry toast, crackers or cookies — whatever works best. Allow about 20 minutes for the food to settle before rising.
- Move slowly — allow yourself a few extra minutes when getting out of bed to balance your body and your brain.
- Keep dry crackers with you at all times to satisfy sudden hunger and to quell nausea.
- Have breakfast items on hand so you don't have to go rummaging through your cupboards or refrigerator.
- Avoid sudden movement after eating or drinking.
- Don't let your stomach go empty — eat small frequent meals. Small meals are easier to digest than larger ones.
- Try to include protein in your meals, especially at dinner.
- Drink plenty of fluids. Try to eat fruit and vegetables with a high water content, such as melons, citrus fruits and salads.
- Don't mix liquids and solids — eat and then wait 20 minutes before drinking.
- Avoid greasy or fatty fried foods, especially fast food.

- Avoid highly seasoned foods.
- Avoid caffeinated beverages.
- Eat Popicles, fruit ice or sherbet between meals. Chew ice or suck on an ice cube. Sip cold Gatorade or ginger ale.
- When you cook, open windows to eliminate odors.
- Get plenty of rest. Physical and emotional fatigue can exacerbate nausea.
- Get plenty of fresh air. Go for a walk in the middle of the day. Make sure your workspace is well ventilated and not too hot. Take deep breaths of fresh air from time to time.
- Take your prenatal vitamins at night. Consult your doctor to change brands if your vitamin makes you nauseated (some brands are more easily tolerated). Continue taking folic acid supplement even if you stop taking a prenatal vitamin.
- Do not take any medication for nausea or vomiting unless prescribed by your doctor.

—Source: Washington Post

nutritionist on the staff of Inova Fairfax (Va.) Hospital and in private practice. Hudson came to the project with years of experience listening to the questions pregnant women ask about food — queries like "How do I know what to eat without gaining too much weight?" or "What do I do if I have to eat out?"

Their guiding principle in developing recipes for the book was making them rich in the nutrients pregnant women need — calcium, iron, protein and fiber — and low in fat, sodium and sugar. The book emphasizes a whole

family approach — recipes have to fit into today's fast-paced lives and be manageable for first-time mothers as well as for women feeding existing families. "My second pregnancy convinced me that this book needed to be family-friendly," says Jones. "Having to feed a toddler and take care of my pregnant self was a challenge."

Jones gave the recipes to other mothers to test. If it didn't make the quick-and-easy, family-friendly grade, it was tossed.

Hudson realized that information on the food pregnant women should eat was only part of the

advice she gave out in her practice that might also be useful to readers. "I thought it was important to stress good nutrition in pregnancy, at the same time offering meal planning and cooking strategies for all pregnant women," says Hudson. "Working women, women with small children and high-risk pregnant women."

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FOOD & HOME

Recipes for food to store

These recipes come courtesy of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

BASIC COOKIE MIX
 9 cups flour (whole wheat flour, all or part, may be used)
 2 cups dry skimmed milk
 4 tablespoons baking powder
 1 teaspoon salt
 4 cups vegetable shortening
 4 cups sugar
 Stir and sift together twice: the flour, dried milk, baking powder and salt. Soften the shortening in a large bowl with an electric mixer. Add sugar and continue creaming or mixing. While stirring gradually, add the dry ingredients. Blend well using low speed on electric mixer or cut with a pastry cutter until it resembles coarse cornmeal. Store tightly covered at room temperature. Will keep for several weeks. You can use the basic cookie mix for a variety of cookie types. Recipes can be doubled. Experiment with it and have fun.

Lemon Drops
 (Makes 30 cookies)
 4 cups cookie mix
 1 egg
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 1 1/2 teaspoons lemon zest
 Mix all together and drop by the spoonfuls onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 for 13 minutes. Cool on rack.

Peanut Butter Cookies
 (Makes 7 dozen cookies)
 4 cups cookie mix
 1/4 cup brown sugar
 1/2 cup peanut butter
 1 egg
 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
 1 tablespoon water
 Mix thoroughly and make into small balls and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten with tines of fork. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes. Remove to rack to cool.

NOTE: To use an egg substitute: Before starting the recipe for cookies, cake, etc., combine 1 teaspoon of unflavored gelatin with 3 tablespoons cold water and 2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon boiling water. This mixture will substitute for 1 egg in a recipe.

YOGURT
 1 quart lukewarm water
 2 cups dry milk powder

2 tablespoons plain yogurt or dry yogurt starter
 Mix all ingredients together. Pour into a thermos bottle and let stand overnight.
NOTE: To make cream cheese, hang the finished yogurt in a cheesecloth bag overnight. Add salt to taste. To make salad dressing or sour cream substitute, add salt and seasoning. To serve as dessert, add sugar to taste.

CHILI BEANS
 2 cups dried beans (red kidney or pinto)
 4 cups boiling water
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon dry mustard
 2 tablespoons sugar
 1 cup tomato sauce or catsup
 1 onion, chopped
 1 tablespoon chili powder
 Soak beans overnight. Drain and add other ingredients. Cook for 1 1/2 hours on top of stove. Put in bean pot and cook in slow oven (200 to 250 degrees) for 3 hours or turn heat down and cook in heavy saucepan on top of stove until tender.

CANNED SUMMER SQUASH
 Wash, do not peel, squashes. Cut in uniform pieces, pack into jars or cans to within 1 inch of the top. Add 1/2 teaspoon salt to each pint. Fill to within 1/2 inch of top with boiling water. Put on caps or lids. Process pints for 25 minutes, quarts 30 minutes, at 10 pounds pressure.

CANNED CORN
 Shuck and remove silks from the corn. Wash the ears of corn and remove any damage spots. Cut the corn from the cobs and pack loosely into jars or cans to within 1 inch of top. Add 1/2 teaspoon salt to each pint. Fill to within 1/2 inch of top with boiling water. Put on caps or lids. Process pints for 55 minutes, quarts for 85 minutes, at 10 pounds pressure.

CANNED APRICOTS
 Select firm, ripe fruit. Peel if desired. Halve and pit. Pack into jars or cans to within 1/2 inch of top. Fill to within 1/2 inches of top with medium syrup. Put on caps or lids and process pints for 20 minutes, quarts for 25 minutes, in a water bath. (Medium syrup is made with 1 part sugar to 2 parts water. Bring to a boil and cook till all sugar is dissolved. Keep hot, but do not let it boil down.)

honey, 8 pounds salt.
 Beverly Sturgill advised storing odds and ends—spices, Jell-O, fruits, vegetables, sauces and meats.

Heider said many people can't afford to run out and buy a whole year's worth of food all at once.
 His suggestion: "Every time you go to the store, buy a little extra. It is amazing how quickly the storage will build up. Soon, you will have a month's storage, then two months. Before you know it, you will have a year's worth of food ahead."

Some people do their own canning, preparing produce from their gardens for storage. Canned food properly sealed in airtight containers will keep for years, Davis said. Heider added that the LDS Church operates a canning kitchen in the Burley/Rupert area, open to anyone of any religion.

Heider also said people need to remember to store drinking water, in case the drinking water supply should ever become contaminated.

Fifteen gallons of water per person lasts about two weeks, Davis said.

Use the right materials to boost curb appeal

The Kansas City Star

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Bricks and stones transform front porches and pathways. And they can also change the entire street-side presence of a home.
 "Our friends didn't even recognize our house," says Jamec Friedmann, whose Prairie Village, Kan., porch and walkway were covered in concrete paving stones this year. "It felt like miles and miles of cement before."
 Before the work was done at their home, Friedmann and her husband, Peter, thought their 1953 ranch house looked boxy and boring. They took walks in different neighborhoods to study walkways that made homes look inviting.
 Bob Long, sales manager for the Acme Brick Tile & More supply company in Olathe, Kan., says people should do their homework — like the Friedmanns — before they decide how to boost the curb appeal of their house. He suggests

people take photos of pathways and porches they like, and they should become familiar with the names of brick and stone patterns and their availability of colors.
 Creating a backyard patio or pathway atop a layer of sand are brick-laying jobs the average person can do. Long says. But when it comes to changing existing concrete in front of a house, people should work with experts because it requires mortar. Supply stores typically keep lists of masons and handcarpers.
 "It's tricky hands-and-knees work," he says. "It involves expertise and cutting with a diamond blade. If you don't want it to look like you did it yourself, then don't do it yourself."
 Rick Moore, an Overland Park, Kan., brick mason, says placing brick pavers on top of concrete porches, steps and paths costs about \$15 per square foot for basic labor and supplies. That's at least \$1,700 for the average stoop and path. Patterns, such as basket

woven and herringbone, can cost more. The work usually takes two to three days, says Moore, owner of Bricks by Rick.
 Moore and Henrik Andersen, a Kansas City hardscaper, say more people prefer curved walkways to ones with straight edges.
 "In nature, you don't see anything that's square and people don't walk in straight lines," says Andersen, who works for Embassy Landscape Group. "The curved paths are the balance between aesthetics and function."
 The Friedmanns decided they wanted curves and lots of color. So Peter Friedmann, an artistic director for Hillmark, drew a sketch of a swooping walkway that didn't contain much red brick because that's already on the house. He kept the drawing in his family's house journal, a notebook of home-improvement ideas consisting mostly of torn-out magazine pages.
 The couple took bids for their porch and pathway. They chose

Tips for making the switch

- Measure the square footage of your front concrete steps, stoop and pathway so you can estimate what costs might be.
- Set a budget.
- Take pictures of colors, brick or stone patterns and overall designs you like when you're out driving or walking.
- Go to brick and stone supply stores to familiarize yourself with materials and patterns.
- Get names of masons and handcarpers from supply stores or people who have had work done that you admire.
- Compare bids and check references and work from the craftspeople.

Andersen, who suggested using what he called Twinkie, steak- and hamburger-shaped concrete paving stones in a variety of colors.



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 that everyone can benefit from putting aside food or being prepared for emergencies. If there were a truck strike or other event that stopped shipping in and out of Magic Valley, shelves in grocery stores would be emptied in a matter of days, he said.
 "If a catastrophe like an earthquake, flood, war, blizzard or terrorist attack should occur, people with no food storage would be in trouble. Even without a disaster, families can have accidents or debilitating illnesses, or the major breadwinner can lose a job."
 "We encourage people to grow gardens, preserve their garden produce, sew, make crafts and make their own whenever possible to add to their self-sufficiency," Heider said.
 Gay Davis, owner of Make a Difference Foods, said there are suggested amounts of basic foods for home storage: per adult for one year: 400 pounds of grain, 60 pounds of legumes, 15 pounds of powdered milk, 10 quarts of cooking oil, 60 pounds of sugar or

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		Reburge	AMN Cellular (Inside Well Mart), 500 N. 2nd E., 656-8717
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Section D

Coming Thursday

A look at the layout and what Oak Hill Country Club has to offer for this week's PGA Championship.

The Times-News

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SPORTSQUOTE

“ This is the only thing that has seen more parties than us. ”

—Aerowish lead singer, Steven Tyler, admiring the Stanley Cup

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

More punts were returned for touchdowns last season in the NFL than ever before. How many?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

Lil' Spartan football camp starts today

RUPERT — The Lil' Spartan Pride Football Camp begins today for children in first through the eighth grades. The camp, which will run from 4:30-6 p.m. both days, is \$15, with each athlete receiving a T-shirt. Campers will need a pair of shorts and cleats or tennis shoes. Check-in today is at 4 p.m. Call Tim Ferrigot at 436-8899 or Steve Haugeberg at 436-7007 with any questions.

Kimberly Youth football will hold registration

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Youth Association is holding registration for tackle football for boys in grades 5-6 from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20 at the high school commons. Call Jamie at 423-6173 for more information. Coaches are also needed.

Buhl holds youth football camp Monday

BUHL — The Buhl Kids Football Camp will be held from 6-9 p.m. Monday for children in kindergarten through eighth grade at a cost of \$15, which includes a camp T-shirt. Registration is at 5:30 at the high school. Call 308-6170 for details.

Burley pool hosts Back to School Blast Tuesday

BURLEY — All Mini-Cassia area junior and senior high students are welcome to swim during the Back to School Beach Blast Tuesday at the Burley City Pool. The event runs from 7:30-10:30 p.m., and will have a live radio remote broadcast. Admission is \$1.99. The pool will close after Labor Day.

Tri-City youth sports registration continues

RUPERT — Registration for Tri-City youth sports is ongoing for co-ed volleyball, flag football and co-ed flag soccer through Sept. 5. The youth volleyball league is for those in grades 4-7. Games will be played Monday nights at the civic gym. The football league is for players in kindergarten through fifth grade, with games played Wednesday evenings in Rupert and Heyburn. The soccer league is for those 6-and-under, 8-and-under and 12-and-under. Games will be Monday evenings in Rupert and Heyburn. Cost for each of the leagues is \$15 with an additional \$15 late fee. Sign up at the Rupert City office or call Rupert Recreation at 434-2400 with any questions. Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

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Malone makes his move

Former Jazz star adjusts to new scene in California

By Chris Sheridan
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Karl Malone was bending over to tie his shoe in a hotel lobby Tuesday morning when a crazy man smacked him across the back with a newspaper.

At least Malone thought it was a weirdo — until he looked up and saw the smiling face of Barry Bonds, the latest person to congratulate Malone on his move to the Los Angeles Lakers.

“This summer, my curiosity is peaking — to make a change after 18 years haven't had in a while,” Malone said. “I realize my career is coming to an end, and now I'm like a sponge and just soaking it all in, I want to enjoy it as much as I can.”

Malone has already put his oversized home in Utah on the market and has moved his family to Newport Beach, Calif., where he has yet to meet

one of his newest neighbors — Dennis Rodman. Of course, he was in the new home for only 12 hours before he left for Olympic team training camp.

Malone took one of the largest pay cuts in NBA history — going from \$19.25 million to \$1.5 million — to sign with the Lakers, where he hopes to team with Shaquille O'Neal, Kobe Bryant and newly acquired Gary Payton to win the championship that has eluded him throughout his NBA career.

“After 18 years, I have something to prove that's going to motivate me. I've got to learn a whole different offense, a whole different defense. I've got to adjust my game to three Hall of Famers, and I accept the responsibility.”

Malone said he has been invigorated by all the changes in his life, buoyed by the comments of other athletes and everyday people. He said he and Bonds joked about being a 38-year-old target, and he also reached out Monday to NFL receiver Jerry Rice to ask how he adapted to switching teams after spending his first 16 seasons with

the San Francisco 49ers.

“He told me I should feel like a kid in a candy store,” Malone said.

Since arriving in New York on Sunday to train with the U.S. Olympic qualifying team, Malone has received the thumbs-up sign from many of the people he has met on the street.

“I go places and it seems like more people are pulling for me now than ever because they realize what I'm doing. They realize the sacrifice I've made.”

“Other than me trying to win a championship, there's no other reason why I moved,” Malone said. “People are sitting there saying: ‘He sacrificed the scoring record, he sacrificed dollars. Dang, this is about winning.’”

Malone needs to play at least two more seasons to have a shot at eclipsing Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's career scoring record of 38,387 points. Malone is second with 36,374.

He expects to play about 34 minutes a night — just as he did in Utah — while spending 3-4 minutes each game as O'Neal's backup at center.

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Karl Malone watches his shot as Jason Kidd, left, watches during the USA Olympic basketball team practice Tuesday in New York.

TIGER'S LAST CHANCE



Tiger Woods hits from the fourth tee during practice for the 85th PGA Championship at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, N.Y., Tuesday.

Woods is looking at his first season without a major win since 1998

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press writer

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Everyone is picking on Tiger Woods.

The latest onslaught was a harmless prank Tuesday morning at Oak Hill. After Woods ducked into a portable toilet just off the 12th tee at Oak Hill, good friend Mark O'Meara heaved his golf ball smack into the door.

The five-deep gallery erupted in laughter, and Woods emerged with a sheepish grin, tossing the ball back at O'Meara.

It was a playful moment during a practice round for the PGA Championship, but his week took on a more serious tone when he



PGA Championship
When: Thursday-Sunday
Where: Oak Hill CC, Rochester, N.Y.
On TV: First round, 11 a.m. (TNT, Ch. 48)

facced a skeptical line of questions.

Is there a sense of urgency to win this major?
Has the gap narrowed from a chasm to a crack?

Does he feel any less confident about breaking Jack Nicklaus' record of 18 majors?
Go much has changed in one year.

Woods was oh-so-close to the Grand Slam, territory he hasn't tread since 1998.

“That's the way it goes,” Woods said. “I've tried. Sometimes I just

can't quite get it done and other times you can. Obviously, this year I've come close and just haven't quite gotten over the hurdle.”

The hurdle this week comes in a variety of sizes.

Oak Hill presents a stiff challenge with its tight fairways framed by rough so thick Woods didn't bother hitting out of it Tuesday. Why bother? The only option is to back it back into the fairway.

Worse yet, Woods watched the maintenance crew use rakes to brush up the tall grass, making the blades of grass — some of them 8 inches — go away from the green.

“You really can't get the ball to Please see TIGER, Page D4

Big Sky schools echo a season of change

The Associated Press

MISSOULA — As many as a half-dozen Big Sky football teams could have new starting quarterbacks when the season opens in three weeks.

Juniors Craig Ochs and Jeff Disney are battling to replace John Edwards at the University of Montana. At Idaho State, juniors Caleb Eastman, Mark Heatherington, and Roman Ybarra are vying to succeed Doug Baughman. And at Eastern Washington, either sophomore Erik Meyer or redshirt freshman Skyler Allen will take the reins from Josh Blankenship.

Junior Joe Wiser, who has one career completion, will be under center at Portland State, replacing two-year starter Justin Wood.

The only thing he lacks is experience. Portland State coach Tim Walsh said of Wiser: “You look at him and he walks in the room and you say, ‘That looks like

a pretty good quarterback.’”

Weber State's Tate Bennett and Northern Arizona's Clint Womack are in danger of being replaced. Bennett is being pushed by junior college transfer Kyle Satter, while Womack feels the footsteps of Baylor transfer Guy Tomcheck and true freshman Jason Murratta.

All of the change is strange for a league that has produced 3,000-year passers like Montana's Dave Dickenson, Idaho's John Frels, Montana State's Jimmy Blanchard and Weber State's Jamie Martin.

It's likely the Walter Payton Award presserson watch list will be without a Big Sky quarterback for the first time in several years.

Montana State's quarterback situation is one reason coach Mike Kramer feels good about his team's chances this season. Travis Lulay, who led the Bobcats to a college title and a trip to the play-

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Formerly banned Richardson returns in outreach roll for NBA

By John Marshall
Associated Press writer

DENVER — Micheal Ray Richardson can't keep the sweat from dripping into his eyes as basketball bounces all around.

A dozen or so kids try to mimic his moves, but most either lose the ball down the stairs or splash his legs by dribbling through the puddle in the middle of the square.

Sure, a city park in the heat of a summer day seems a long way from the glamour of the NBA, but it's been a while since Richardson lived that life. Besides, helping kids in his hometown is just what he needs 17 years after becoming the second player in league history to be banned for using drugs.

“It's a great feeling because one thing about this kind of stuff, it runs in all of our lives,” Richardson said. “If I can come back and save two or three of our



Eleven-year-old Eric McCaleb, left, gets some tips on shooting a free throw from former NBA guard Micheal Ray Richardson as 6-year-old Roger Keeler, right, waits to get Richardson's autograph in a Denver gym on Friday.

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Cuba beats Americans for baseball gold

The Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — Ariel Pestano pounded his chest, pounded first base, then took a little celebratory walk to high-five his coach.

Same old Cuba. Ariel Pestano singled in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, then homered in the ninth as Cuba won its ninth straight Pan Am Games baseball gold medal, 3-1, over the United States on Tuesday.

Cuba also beat the Americans in the 1999 Pan Am's in Winnipeg, 5-1.

“This our gift to the Cuban people for all their support and inspiration they've given us since we've been here,” Pestano said. “Viva Cuba!”

The Cubans, who are professional players, dedicated the win to Cuban president Fidel Castro as an early birthday present. He turns 77 on Wednesday.

Jered Weaver (4-1), the younger brother of New York Yankees pitcher Jeff Weaver, took his first loss of the summer and had his streak of scoreless innings end at 4-2-3.

The Americans, all collegians, finished their sensational summer with a 27-2 record, the winningest season ever by the U.S. baseball team. Their other loss was 3-0 against Nicaragua here last Tuesday.

In other action, the United States lost two gold medals at the Pan American Games on Tuesday after sprinter Mickey Grimes failed a doping test.

Hours later, the Americans swept all five swimming races.

Grimes was found to have excessive levels of ephedrine, a banned stimulant, and was

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SPORTS

Fall high school sports practice times

TWIN FALLS — Here are times and dates that area junior high and high schools are holding practices and tryouts and checking out football equipment for the fall sports season.

Note: All prospective student-athletes must have a physical examination on file for the 2003-04 academic year.

Football

Declo HS
First practice: Aug. 18
When, where: equipment checkout and first practice 4 p.m., 7-30 p.m.
Contact: Kelly Kidd 654-2011

Declo Junior High
Equipment checkout and first practice: Aug. 18
When, where: 7:30 a.m., junior high auditorium
Contact: Ron Knowles 654-9960

Filer Middle School
Equipment checkout and first practice: Aug. 18
When, where: equipment checkout, 5:30 p.m.; gym; first practice, 7:15 p.m., field
Contact: Coach Patterson 733-7199, Coach Ramseyer 326-4141, Coach Mahannah, 537-6856

Gooding HS
First practice: Aug. 15
When, where: 8 a.m., field
Contact: Chris Comstock, 934-9485

Jerome HS
First practice: Aug. 15
When, where: 5 p.m., practice fields
Contact: Terry Walley, 735-1301, 539-1682

Jerome Middle School
Equipment checkout and first practice: Aug. 18
When, where: 3 p.m., Jerome Middle School
Contact: John Dent, 324-1438

Kimberly HS
Equipment checkout and first practice: Aug. 13-14, Aug. 18
When, where: Equipment checkout Wednesday and Thursday; practice 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday
Contact: Kirby Bright, 423-6296

Kimberly Middle School
Equipment checkout: Aug. 21-Aug. 22
When, where: 7-9 p.m., Aug. 21 for eighth-graders, Aug. 22 for seventh-graders, at the school
Contact: Marvin Mumm, 733-2748

O'Leary JHS
Equipment checkout: Aug. 15
When, where: 9 a.m. for ninth-graders; 10 a.m. for eighth-graders; O'Leary big gym
Contact: Brett Doyle or Shawn Walker, 733-2155

O'Leary HS
First practice: Aug. 18
When, where: 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., practice field
Contact: Brett Doyle or Shaun Walker, 733-2155

Robert Stewart JHS
Equipment checkout: Aug. 15 (eighth-graders)
When, where: 4:30 p.m., at the school
Contact: Brady Dickinson, 735-1890

Volleyball

Buhl HS
First practice or tryout: Aug. 15
When, where: 7:10 a.m. and 5-8 p.m., middle school
Contact: Erin, 308-1310

Burley HS
First practice or tryout: Aug. 15
When, where: 9:11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Burley HS gym
Contact: Matt Seely, 878-8891

Burley JHS
First practice or tryout: Aug. 15
When, where: 9 a.m., west gym
Contact: Vic Jackson, 878-8093 or 878-6613

Declo HS
First practice or tryout: Aug. 15-16
When, where: Aug. 15 (8:10 a.m., 1-3 p.m.); Aug. 16, 7-9 a.m.
Contact: Sheila Wheeler, 394-5584

Filer HS
First varsity practice or tryout: Aug. 15-16
When, where: 8:40 a.m., 5-7 p.m., gym
JV and frosh tryouts: Aug. 19-20
When, where: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 7-9 a.m.
Contact: Ed Richards

Filer Middle School
First practice or tryout: Aug. 18-19
When, where: 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (seventh-graders); 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. (eighth-graders), gym
Contact: school, 326-5906

Gooding HS
First practice: Aug. 15
When, where: 3:45 p.m., gym
Contact: Jolene Tonn, 934-4831 days, 934-5771 evenings.

Gooding Middle School
First practice and parents meeting: Aug. 18
When, where: practice, 3 p.m., middle school gym; meeting 5:45 p.m.
Contact: school, 934-4347

Kimberly HS
First practice or tryout: Aug. 18
When, where: 6 a.m., gym
Contact: Jan Hall, 734-5724

Kimberly Middle School
First practice or tryout: Aug. 18
When, where: 3:30-5 p.m. (eighth-graders); 4-6:30 p.m. (seventh-graders)
Contact: Megan Garner, 308-2346; Kelly Gibbons, 423-6303

Jerome HS
Players meeting: Aug. 14, 7 p.m., gym
First practice: Aug. 15, 9:30 a.m., gym
Contact: Brent Clark

Minico HS
First practice or tryout: Aug. 15
When, where: 10 a.m., high school gym
Contact: Jackie Resnik, 436-3637

O'Leary JHS
First practice or tryout: Aug. 18
When, where: 9 a.m. (ninth-graders); 1 p.m. (eighth-graders), big gym
Contact: Karen Burns, 733-2155

Twin Falls HS
First practice or tryout: Aug. 15
When, where: 8:30-11:30 a.m., 1-4 p.m., Bruin gym
Contact: high school, 733-6551

Boys Soccer

Declo HS
Tryout: Aug. 15, 18, 19
When, where: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., soccer fields
Contact: Tim Henrickson 678-1131, (days) or 654-2611 (evenings)

Minico HS
First practice: Aug. 15
When, where: 8:10 a.m. and 8-8 p.m., East Minico Middle School
Contact: Dennis/Hajnes 436-1747

Twin Falls HS
First practice or tryout: Aug. 15
When, where: 8:10-30 a.m., Ascension fields
Contact: school, 733-6551

Girls Soccer

Burley HS
First practice or tryout: Aug. 15
When, where: 7:30 a.m. and 8 p.m., high school field
Contact: Shane Ogden 670-0989

Jerome HS
First practice or tryout: Aug. 15
When, where: 6 p.m., high school field
Contact: Carlos Hernandez, 308-7316

Minico HS
First practice or tryout: Aug. 15-16
When, where: 6-8 p.m., West Minico Middle School
Contact: Armando Topla, 677-2657

Twin Falls HS
First practice or tryout: Aug. 18
When, where: 7-8 a.m. and 5-7 p.m., front of Twin Falls HS
Contact: Steve Schmid, 736-8735

Cross country

Burley HS
First practice or tryout: Aug. 15
When, where: 8 a.m., high school track
Contact: Mary Miller, 735-3033 or 734-0409

Gooding HS
First practice: Aug. 15
When, where: 6:45 a.m., gym
Contact: Kent Seifert, 934-8640

Kimberly HS, Middle School
First practice or tryout: Aug. 18
When, where: 3 p.m., Twin Falls HS
Contact: David Emerson, 734-2681

O'Leary HS
First practice or tryout: Aug. 15
When, where: 3 p.m., Twin Falls HS
Contact: Curtis Asay, 733-2155

Twin Falls HS
First practice or tryout: Aug. 15
When, where: 3 p.m., Baun Gym
Contact: school, 733-6551

Swimming

Twin Falls HS
Official practice begins: Aug. 25
Contact: 734-3074 or YMCA City Pool, 734-2336

SPORTS IN BRIEF

SI report: Williams' body decapitated; DNA missing

NEW YORK — Ted Williams was decapitated by surgeons at the cryogenics company where his body is suspended in liquid nitrogen, and several samples of his DNA are missing, Sports Illustrated reported.

The magazine's report, appearing in the issue that has newswounds Wednesday, is based on internal documents, e-mails, photographs and tape recordings supplied by a former employee of Alcor Life Extension Foundation. After Williams died July 5, 2002, his body was taken by private jet to the company in Scottsdale, Ariz. There, Williams' body was separated from his head in a procedure called neuroseparation, according to the magazine.

The operation was completed and Williams' head and body were preserved separately. The head is stored in a steel can filled with liquid nitrogen. It has been shaved, drilled with holes and accidentally cracked 10 times, the magazine said. Williams' body stands upright in a 3-foot tall cylindrical steel tank, also filled with liquid nitrogen.

The magazine said that according to a taped conversation between former Alcor chief operating officer Larry Johnson and a board adviser, eight DNA samples among 182 taken from Williams are missing without explanation. Spokeswoman Paula Lemler, with Alcor chief executive officer Jerry Lemler, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that company officials had not seen the article and would have no comment.

Schools to decide use of American Indian mascots

INDIANAPOLIS — For at least the next two years, the NCAA will let schools and conferences decide for themselves whether to use American Indian mascots, nicknames or logos.

The NCAA's executive committee recommended Tuesday that schools conduct a "self-analysis" to determine whether the Indian depictions are offensive.

The committee decided against a proposal to eliminate all references to American Indian mascot names, nicknames and logos in NCAA publications and announcements. The NCAA's Minority

Opportunities and Interests Committee will develop material that, if approved by the executive committee, would be sent to schools in September 2004.

Baylor names search committee for coach, AD

WACO, Texas — Baylor organized a six-member search committee Tuesday to find a new men's basketball coach and athletic director as the school moves to dig out from the scandal of a murdered player, drug use and improper payments to athletes.

The announcement from school president Robert Sloan said the panel would work quickly but gave no specific timetable for hiring either position. He said the coach could be hired first.

Former coach Dave Bliss and athletic director Tom Stanton abruptly resigned last week after school officials revealed that Bliss was involved in two players receiving improper financial aid and that staff members did not properly report failed drug tests by players.

Allegations of NCAA violations surfaced after the mid-June disappearance of basketball player Patrick Denney, whose body was found July 25 in a field southeast of town. He was shot in the head.

Trail Blazers center Sabonis to leave the NBA

PORTLAND, Ore. — Portland Trail Blazers center Arvydas Sabonis will not return to the NBA next season, his agent said Tuesday.

The 7-foot-3 center told his agent, Chicago-based Herb Rudy, he was returning to spend more time with his family in Lithuania.

Northern Colorado forfeits three wins over violation

CREELY, Colo. — Northern Colorado forfeited three wins from the 2002 football season Tuesday after the NCAA said the team used an ineligible player.

Quarterback Steve Cutlip was ineligible for academic reasons but played in four games, school spokesman Colin McDonough said.

The Division II school then held Cutlip out games, including the playoffs, as the Bears finished 12-2. At the time, school officials blamed Cutlip's problem on "unresolved paperwork issues."

Compiled from wire reports

Malone

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Malone had little to say about the current state of the Utah Jazz, who have \$15 million in salary cap room that has proven difficult to spend. He also said he has not spoken with former teammate John Stockton since he signed with the Lakers.

Richardson

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I think I've made a great contribution. After playing for nine teams in five countries, Richardson is back in the NBA. But this is no comeback attempt. He gave up playing two years ago, finally walking away after 24 seasons at age 46.

No, Richardson is back because he wants to tell his story to kids in the neighborhoods where he once played with steel clear of the path that robbed him of stardom and sent him into an exile of sorts in Europe.

It's that message Richardson has been conveying to kids at clinics and appearances since he was hired as a community ambassador for the Denver Nuggets about a month ago.

"I just thought he just had a very compelling story and really could add a lot to our organization — helping our young kids, keeping them kind of the straight and narrow, and recognizing some of the pitfalls," Nuggets general manager Kiki Vandeweghe said.

But if it were that for drugs, it could have been a success story instead of a cautionary tale. Richardson escaped the inner city to become a star at the University of Montana, then the New York Knicks took him with the fourth overall pick of the 1978 draft. He quickly became a star in the NBA.

Richardson was a four-time All-Star, led the league in steals three times and in 1979-80 became the first player in NBA history to lead

the league in assists and steals in the same season. He also was named to the NBA's all-defensive team twice and was the league's comeback player of the year in 1984-85.

But the life of a star was too much to take for a once shy kid with a stuttering problem. Cocaine became his way of coping. Richardson was reprimanded by the league twice, in 1983 and 1986, but couldn't shake his habit even after stints in drug rehab.

Richardson was kicked out of his off-court problems in 1982 and traded him to Golden State, where he finished out the season before being traded to New Jersey a few months later.

Richardson proclaimed himself drug-free on several occasions, but the charade came to an end on Feb. 23, 1986, when he was banned for life after a third violation of the league's drug policy. John Drew was the first to receive a lifetime ban just a month earlier.

Richardson landed at Long Island of the USBL, then a brief stint with Albany in the CBA and as a coaching job in Israel. Richardson set off for Europe in 1988, playing three seasons in Italy before moving to Yugoslavia for one year. Then it was either Italy or France for the next eight years.

But a funny thing happened to Richardson as he crisscrossed Europe. He liked it. Branded a drug addict in the

If he tells me he's going to do it, he'll do it," Malone said. "He's going to come back in shape. I don't have any doubts about that."

Historically, O'Neal has not always reported to training camp in shape — preferring instead to

work himself into condition over the course of the season with an eye toward being in peak form for the playoffs.

Malone expects this fall will be different.

"I predict he's going to come back on a mission," Malone said.

Big Sky

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as a true freshman, is one of just two quarterbacks assured of keeping his starting spot. Sacramento State's Ryan Leasingham, who has thrown for 5,537 yards and 32 touchdowns in his career, is the other.

Montana coach Bobby Hauck feels very good about his guys, although neither Disney nor Ochs have ever played a snap for UM. Disney, a 6-foot-1, 198-pounder, passed for 4,349 yards and 31 touchdowns in junior college.

Ochs, a 6-2, 205-pounder, was one of the top quarterback recruits in the nation out of high school. He started as a true freshman at Colorado, and he threw for 2,998 yards there until he left the team early last season.

"I haven't studied the other teams' quarterbacks, but I'd be interested to see who wouldn't trade their quarterback for either Craig Ochs or Jeff Disney," Hauck said.

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Pan Am

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stripped of his title in the 100-meter dash. He also led off the victorious 400-meter relay team that games officials said will lose its gold.

It was the second time in three days a gold medalist failed a doping test. On Sunday, Surinam's 800-meter winner Letitia Vriesde tested positive for excessive levels of caffeine and was stripped of her gold medal. Vriesde later admitted her guilt, games officials said.

Also losing gold from the relay are Hason Smoots, Kenny Brokner and Olan Coleman. Brazil gets the gold.

The 100-meter title now goes to Jamaica's Michael Frater. Americans collected lots more gold Tuesday night in the swimming pool, going 5-for-5.

Robert ... Margolis (St. Petersburg, Fla.) won the 400-meter individual medley ahead of teammate Eric Donnelly (Gainesville, Fla.). Then Ben Michaelson (Seymour, Conn.) took the 100-meter butterfly, setting a Pan Am record of

53.04 seconds.

In the women's 200 freestyle, Dana Vollmer (Fort Worth, Texas) had a big margin over Colleen Lanne (Tucson, Ariz.). And in the 200 breaststroke, Alexandra Spunn (Austin, Texas) beat two Canadians.

The United States capped the big night with a lopsided victory in the men's 800 freestyle relay, featuring Ryan Lochte (Daytona Beach, Fla.); Bryan Goldberg (Hollywood, Fla.); Jeff Lee (Muncie, Ind.) and Dan Ketchum (Cincinnati). They set a games record of 7 minutes, 18.93 seconds.

Tara Norr (Stillwell, Kan.) won gold in the 48-kilogram class. A former soccer player and gymnast, she won a gold medal in the Sydney Games in weightlifting, the first time the sport was held at the Olympics.

A gold in modern pentathlon for winner Vahag Igorashvili (San Antonio) qualified him for the Athens Olympics.

The U.S. women were beaten by Uruguay 35-21 for the handball bronze medal.

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SCORES AND STATS

Bonds belts two home runs in loss; Padres tally 24 hits

BASEBALL

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Table with columns for teams (BALTIMORE, DETROIT, CLEVELAND, KANSAS CITY, MINNESOTA, NEW YORK, PITTSBURGH, TAMPA BAY) and rows for various statistics like Runs, Hits, Errors, etc.

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WESTERN DIVISION

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CAROLINA 5, PITTSBURGH 4

Box score for Carolina vs Pittsburgh game.

DETROIT 7, TEXAS 4

Box score for Detroit vs Texas game.

YANKEES 6, ROYALS 0

Box score for Yankees vs Royals game.

INDIANS 9, TWINS 6

Box score for Indians vs Twins game.

CHICAGO 3, ASTROS 0

Box score for Chicago vs Astros game.

ATLANTA 10, PADRES 4

Box score for Atlanta vs Padres game.

ARIZONA 10, DODGERS 4

Box score for Arizona vs Dodgers game.

ST. LOUIS 10, BREWERS 3

Box score for St. Louis vs Brewers game.

MONTECAL 10, MARLINS 5

Box score for Montreal vs Marlins game.

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Tennis

ATP Western & Southern Group Masters, early rounds, ESPN, 11 a.m.

Baseball

Little League WS, championship, ESPN2, 8 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP Western & Southern Financial Group Masters

ANGELS 10, WHITE SOX 6

Box score for Angels vs White Sox game.

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BASKETBALL

NBA

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

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MLB, Yankees at Royals or Indians at Twins, ESPN, 8 p.m.

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Yankees 6, Royals 0

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Mike Mussina pitched shutout innings and Jorge Posada went 4-for-5 as the New York Yankees beat the Kansas City Royals Tuesday night.

Tigers 7, Rangers 4

ARLINGTON, Texas - Jeremy Bonderman pitched seven solid innings and Brandon Lige had three RBIs as the Detroit Tigers spoiled the major league debut of Texas starter Justin Domagala with a 7-4 victory over the Rangers on Tuesday night.

Diamondbacks 2, Reds 0

CINCINNATI - Curt Schilling struck out 11 and Steve Engle homered as the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the Cincinnati Reds for the 15th straight time.

Padres 14, Braves 4

ATLANTA - The San Diego Padres pounded Greg Maddux for 13 hits in five innings and went on to tie a franchise record with 24 hits, routing the Atlanta Braves.

Rockies 6, Expos 3, 11 Inn.

MONTREAL - Fitch-hitter Greg Norton came through with a three-run homer in the 11th inning and the Colorado Rockies beat the Montreal Expos.

Brewers 6, Phillies 3

PHILADELPHIA - Keith Oskik hit a bases-clearing double and Keith Ginter added a two-run double, leading the Milwaukee Brewers over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Indians 9, Twins 6

MINNEAPOLIS - Ryan Ludewick hit two home runs and the Cleveland Indians rallied to beat Minnesota 9-6 Tuesday night, ending the Twins' four-game winning streak.

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CINCINNATI - Curt Schilling struck out 11 and Steve Engle homered as the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the Cincinnati Reds for the 15th straight time.

Padres 14, Braves 4

ATLANTA - The San Diego Padres pounded Greg Maddux for 13 hits in five innings and went on to tie a franchise record with 24 hits, routing the Atlanta Braves.

Rockies 6, Expos 3, 11 Inn.

MONTREAL - Fitch-hitter Greg Norton came through with a three-run homer in the 11th inning and the Colorado Rockies beat the Montreal Expos.

Brewers 6, Phillies 3

PHILADELPHIA - Keith Oskik hit a bases-clearing double and Keith Ginter added a two-run double, leading the Milwaukee Brewers over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Indians 9, Twins 6

MINNEAPOLIS - Ryan Ludewick hit two home runs and the Cleveland Indians rallied to beat Minnesota 9-6 Tuesday night, ending the Twins' four-game winning streak.

Major League Baseball

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THE WILD RIDE OF JOHN DALY

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Sweat soaked his royal blue shirt and the back of his pants down to his knees as John Daly waited 20 minutes for the tee to clear Tuesday at Oak Hill.

He leaned on his driver, tilted his head against his shoulders and smiled.

"What was so funny?"

"Life," he said. "It's unbelievable sometimes."

When it comes to the life of John Daly, believe anything.

DOUG FERGUSON

Imagine a roller coaster that climbs into the clouds and drops into the abyss, with a dozen corkscrew turns along the way. That doesn't describe his career — that's one moment.

Daly was overjoyed by the July 23 birth of his third child, "Little John," his first son. Five days later, his wife and her parents were indicted in a Mississippi federal court on drug and illegal gambling charges.

He says he knew nothing about allegations that his wife was part of a conspiracy to buy and sell cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana from 1996 to 2002, or the 47 bank deposits just under \$10,000 between 1998 and 2001.

They married in the summer of 2001, seven weeks after they met. Sherrie Miller Daly is his fourth wife.

"I really don't know anything," Daly said. "It hit me like a brick horse. I'm more in shock about it than anything."

He asked everyone to be slow to judge.

"There's been so many ups and downs," Daly said. "It's not fair to kick someone down when they've not proven anything. I just have to wait and see what happens."

The PGA Championship is a major for the 37-year-old Daly. He won it in 1991 as the ninth alternate and introduced the golf world to his grip-and-rip-it style, on and off the course.

Perhaps this might be a week to take his mind off the turmoil.

But when Daly arrived at Oak Hill on Tuesday morning, he no longer had a caddie.

He says Mick Collins, who was on the bag during his latest tournament, told Daly to dump his



John Daly tees off on the 15th hole during practice for the 85th PGA Championship at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, N.Y., Tuesday.

wife or find another caddie.

"I was in the parking lot waiting for him when he called," Daly said.

Daly found another caddie.

"It's weird," he said. "You find out how many people love you for you. When things are great, you've got all the friends in the world. When something goes bad, they all just turn on you."

Daly isn't about to leave his wife, who faces 20 years in prison

on each of the two counts in the indictment. Not yet, anyway.

His wife and son accompanied him to Oak Hill in his customized motor home.

"I might not stick with her if she's guilty," he said. "But let's find out first. I just know she's a good mom."

The frightening thing for Daly is he has no idea if he has hit rock bottom. The indictment is only the latest chapter in a book

that is hard to fathom.

Two majors in five years. Three ex-wives. Two trips to alcohol rehab.

Does Daly ever wonder why so much controversy visits one guy?

"Every day, man," he said.

"Every day."

Still, he remains one of the most popular draws in golf. Daly played nine holes of his practice round behind Tiger Woods, and he and Phil Mickelson still drew an enor-

mous gallery.

As he waited between nines, a young woman talked her way past a marshal and onto the tee to beg Daly for an autograph. He obliged, as always, and she scurried back to the ropes.

"Don't I at least get a hug?" Daly said.

The crowd roared as the woman ran off for an embrace. Emboldened, she then asked for a group picture.

"Is there anything else I can do for you?" Daly said.

He has enough problems of his own.

They started not long after Daly won in 1991 at Crooked Stick. He tanked rounds at weekend events where he was given money just for showing up. He was forced off an airplane for confronting a flight attendant while drunk.

Every episode only made him more popular. Along with his behemoth drives, this was guy with whom every drive people could relate. He wasn't perfect, and he admitted it.

After his second stint in alcohol rehab — following a drinking binge at the 1997 Players Championships — Daly stayed sober for 30 months.

He resumed drinking in September 1999, giving up \$3 million over the final two years of a contract with Callaway Golf. He claimed he was given antidepressants, feeling more like a lab rat than a two-time major winner.

He was happy, and he was determined.

Finishing the 2000 season at No. 507 in the world ranking, he worked hard to bring notoriety to his game, and not just his life. He won the BMW International Open in Germany in 2001, his first victory since the British Open at St. Andrews in 1995.

His game has gone south since then, but Daly had every reason to believe his life was finally stable — especially after the birth of his son.

Daly picked out the name — John Patrick Daly.

"We named him after his daddy," he said.

Then he paused and managed a self-deprecating smile.

"I don't know if the world can handle another one."

Doug Ferguson is the golf writer for The Associated Press.

Lancaster, Brown win IGA Juniors state titles

The Times-News

BOISE — First-round leader Jysen Lancaster of Wendell followed up an opening-round 72 with a 1-under 70 to win the 2003 Idaho Golf Association Junior boys 17-and-over state championship Tuesday at the 6,257-yard Hillcrest Country Club in Boise.

Lancaster's two-day 142 edged runner-up Joe Panzer of Meridian by five strokes. Nick Anderson of Mountain Home finished third with a 151.

Lancaster's victory headed up a solid showing by Magic Valley golfers at the IGA state final. Andrus Hegdahl of Twin Falls won the boys 15-year-old flight, shooting 147, including a final-round 72 to win by five strokes. Tyler Jones of Twin Falls finished in sixth place with a 160.

Mandi Hegdberg of Twin Falls lost in a playoff to Kima High School senior Bill Brown for the girls 17-and-over championship. Both golfers shot 155 for the tournament, Hegdberg coming in the final day with a 3-over 75 to force the playoff.

Turner Higham of Shelley won the boys 13-year-old division with a 162 total. Daniel Soltau of Eagle won the boys 14-year-old division with a 158. Alex Eby of Boise shot 145 to win the boys 16-year-old division. In girls play, Madeleine Sheels of Boise shot 166 to win the 14-year-old division and Marie Ellen Werthall of Boise won the 15-year-old class with a 162.

Here are other local golfers with final scores in their respective age divisions:

13 age group Champion: Jysen Lancaster, Wendell, 142 Runner-up: Joe Panzer, Meridian, 147 Third: Nick Anderson, Mountain Home, 151	15 age group Champion: Andrus Hegdahl, Twin Falls, 147 Runner-up: Tyler Jones, Twin Falls, 150 Third: Kima High, Shelley, 155	16 age group Champion: Tyler Jones, Twin Falls, 145 Runner-up: Alex Eby, Boise, 148 Third: Madeleine Sheels, Boise, 155	17 age group Champion: Jysen Lancaster, Wendell, 142 Runner-up: Bill Brown, Kama High School, 150 Third: Nick Anderson, Mountain Home, 151
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Aces

<p>■ Christina Paulos, 13 Where: Blue Lakes CC When: Aug. 3 Hole: No. 15, 91 yards Club: Pitching wedge History: First Witnesses: Jordan Burnham, Stacey Kulin</p>	<p>■ Sergene Jensen Where: Burley GC When: Aug. 3 Hole: No. 7, 122 yards Club: T-iron History: Third Witnesses: Itean Dudley, Edie Schmitz, Helga Fast.</p>
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Sinclair-Hoss tournament comes off as a success

TWIN FALLS — It took precision putting and surgical golf shots to win at a hospital-sponsored tournament.

And the Intermountain Orthopedic Clinic team of Dr. James Retzner, Mark Pentelute, Steve Coleman and Rob Ellis did just that, carding a 56 to win the first-place gross title at the 18th annual Sinclair-Hoss Memorial Golf Tournament June 21 at Jackpot Golf Club.

Some 116 players comprising 29 teams competed at the annual tournament, which weathered pre-tournament rain showers, to benefit the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation.

The team of Mike Leazer, Mike Siebert, Mike Garcia and Brad Bruce, making up the Cactus Petes Resort Casino team, scored a 59 for second place.

The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation would like to thank all of the individuals who volunteered their time and effort to make this year's

event a success. For more information on the Foundation or next year's tournament call Merrily Huether at (208) 737-2480.

Other tournament winners were:

Third — 62, Centocor Pharmaceuticals (Kurt Norenberg, Ed Fuchs, Chris Zenner, Bret Walters)

Net winners

First — 53.8, AFLAC (Kurt Norenberg, Greg Stenzel, Trevor Norenberg, Lynn Rjorgard)

Second — 57.2, U.S. Bank (Dave Bruce, Robert Talbot, Len Lifflefield, Mike Bokan)

Third — 57.0, Centocor Pharmaceuticals (Alexander Fuchs, Zenner, Walters)

Mini-Golf (held Friday night)

Champions — Alexander and Pentelute

Putting contest — Janet Key, Jeff Beckstrand

Closest to the pin — Christi Wilford, Kurt Norenberg

Longest drive — Carl Kuster, Rob Ellis



Golfers compete for signature putters during the putting contest at the 2003 Sinclair-Hoss Memorial Golf Tournament June 21 at Jackpot Golf Club in Nevada. Some 116 golfers competed at the 28th annual event, which benefits the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation.

Utility fairway clubs can save you strokes

In my column June 18, I wrote about forsaking the lob wedge because a club that would be more beneficial in the average player's bag. Utility fairway clubs are much more forgiving than long irons and are finding their way into a number of players' bags, not only on the LPGA but the PGA Tour as well.

Two years ago, David Tomms used his utility clubs to great advantage on route to winning the PGA Championship and even made a hole in one on a pivotal hole during the third round.

Another reason these clubs are gaining popularity is that they are great for recovering from heavier rough. When the ball sits down in heavier grass the fairway metal has a distinct advantage over an iron due to the beveled sole common in these clubs.

The Callaway 5 and 7 fairway clubs, along with the Adams tight lie, and almost all other top name brands have this characteristic. The combination of the smaller head and beveled sole moves the club through the grass with less resistance than the iron to give us a kinder percentage shot.

To hit this shot, simply play the ball back in the stance slightly to create steeper angles of attack. This reduces the effect the grass has on the shot. Because the heavy grass will take some of the backspin off the ball, allowing it to roll more when it lands. Another aspect fairway clubs have is creating a

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John Peterson

"go-to" shot that I mentioned in a previous column (July 30). Because increased loft creates more backspin, the amount of hook or slice a shot has is minimized, while any mislaid shots will not get you in as much trouble as the ball will not roll. The shorter shaft and the increased loft should give the average player more confidence, allowing them to be more aggressive with the swing.

There is another use for this club — and that is using it in place of the putter when off the green.

Tiger Woods, as well as a number of other tour players, have mastered this technique to perfection when on the fringe around the green.

The reason is the same. Due to its design, the club does not get caught up in the longer grass. So if you don't have one of these stroke savers in your bag and you are having trouble in some of these situations, give it a try, you might be pleasantly surprised.

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Tiger

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the green if you drive it in the rough," he said.

The opposition could come from any number of players, especially considering the eight multiple winners on the PGA Tour this year are the most since 1959.

But the real hurdle is going into the offseason without a major.

Woods has made it look routine since winning the 1999 PGA Championship at Medinah. He won three more majors the next year, completed his own version of the Grand Slam in 2001 at the Masters, and added another Masters and U.S. Open last year.

Now that he's gone five majors without a trophy, don't expect a lot of sympathy.

"He might as well join the queue," said Ernie Els, the second-best player in the world who has accumulated three majors in 10 years.

"We would all like to go in there and win major championships, but it's not always going to work

out for you," Els said. "It's amazing what he's done in his short career, to win majors every year. Some people go through their whole career maybe not winning one."

Phil Mickelson comes to mind.

"You've got to have your whole game with you," Els said. "And you've got to have a bit of luck going for you, also."

Woods is the last player to argue with that.

When he was winning four straight majors, Woods made every important putt inside 10 feet. During that record-making season in 2000, he played his final 47 rounds of the season at par or better and finished out of the top 10 only twice.

"I really haven't got any positive momentum going for a sustained period of time," Woods said. "It's been maybe one round here, six holes here, nine holes there. When I won those majors, I played well for the entire week." Everything is traced back to

"those majors."

Every season is compared to his best one.

The bar keeps getting higher.

Since Woods turned pro in 1996, only three other players have won four times in one season — David Duval, Mickelson and Davis Love III.

Woods already has four victories this year. He's the only player in history to have won that much five years in a row.

"Is it up to his standards? Is he probably happy with his year? I would say probably not, but you'd have to ask him," U.S. Open champion Jim Furyk said. "Is it a bad year? It's not even close by anyone's standards."

"If the rest of us could win once in a year, it's a good year. If we win multiple times, it's a great year. He won (four), he's got a lot of his schedule left and he's being criticized."

Furyk is among those having a great year. So is Mike Weir, the Masters champion with two other

victories. Love won his career-best fourth tournament last week.

All of them are a lot closer to Woods than they were two years ago, and the gap will be even narrower as shrinking even more if Woods isn't holding the Wanamaker Trophy at the end of the week.

"He was on a great roll for a long time, and he still is," Weir said. "It did feel for a lot of us like we were playing for second, and that's probably how much ahead he was at that time. He's still the best player out there. But the gap is narrowing just a little bit."

Meantime, the gap between Woods and Nicklaus is the same as it was five majors ago after he won the U.S. Open at Bethpage. Woods has eight majors, Nicklaus 18.

Can he catch him?

"I feel like if I keep playing well, keep giving myself chances, I'll get my share," Woods said. "And hopefully, it will be enough."

Study comes first in ethanol plant quest

Notes on the economy

Magie Valley report

Help wanted ads rise

For the first time this year, local employers in July placed more newspaper ads looking for workers than they did a year earlier.

Last month, employers in The Times-News classified advertising section bought 1,889 employment ads. That's just 13 more ads than the 1,976 placed in July 2002, but it's a good sign after several monthly year-to-year declines in the hundreds. And it beats by far the 1,472 ad total of July 2001.

"The most improved sector was in agriculture. With the harvest season upon them they were really struggling for help. Now the request for truck drivers is starting for harvest as well," said The Times-News classifieds sales manager, Deb Johnson.

"The medical field held consistently strong in their search for quality employees," Johnson said.

Year-to-date 2003's employment ads were running 8 percent below the total ads placed in the first seven months of 2002. At that time last year, the ad total was up 31 percent from year-to-date 2001.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Commission launches tax filing services

TWIN FALLS - Businesses may file taxes through new online services offered for free by the Idaho State Tax Commission.

The interactive services are available through the commission's Web site at www2.state.id.us/tax/filing.htm.

One allows businesses to report and pay Idaho sales and use tax, and another allows businesses to file income tax withholding via the Internet. Both applications will replace the phone-based Telefile system scheduled to end Aug. 20.

Both new services allow users to access past e-filings for up to one year, print receipts containing filing information, file zero returns, make adjustments and file on behalf of multiple companies. Because most businesses usually file their sales and use tax and income tax withholding at the same time, each online service is linked to the other, the tax commission said.

The e-filing services also include online payment options for returns with tax due.

"Tax payments can be made electronically using Visa/MasterCard or ACH debit through a secure payment server," said Gordon Alleman, tax automated systems manager for the tax commission. "And businesses that prefer paying with a paper check can still do so by printing a voucher off the Web application to send with their payment."

For information about electronic filing, call the tax commission's electronic filing help desk at 1-800-972-7660, Ext. 6632.

Stocks rise after Fed keeps rates stable

NEW YORK - Wall Street's buying momentum extended into a fifth day Tuesday as investors took heart from a Federal Reserve decision to keep interest rates at their 4.5-year lows.

Stocks were little changed immediately after the Fed announcement, but later rose sharply amid growing investor optimism that the economy was indeed rebounding.

Volume also was light, accentuating price swings.

"The Fed delivered as expected," said Chris Wolfe, equity market strategist for JP Morgan Private Bank. "Stock markets have rallied since the low point in March, and you have a lot of good news built in. The equity markets basically didn't want a surprise."

"In the meantime, you've got a Fed that continues to be accommodative, and you've got corporations continuing to do the right thing, although it may take a long time to see a lot of hiring," he said. "That will keep pressure on the Fed to keep rates low."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 92.71, or 1.1 percent, at 9,510.06, for a five-day gain of 273 points.

The broader market also rose. The Nasdaq composite index advanced 25.50, or 1.5 percent, to 1,587.01.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Participants return from fact-finding trip

By Loraine Cavenor Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - An economic feasibility study should be the next step in deciding whether an ethanol plant is right for Mini-Cassia, said participants in a fact-finding trip.

"That will determine whether it will fly or not," said state Rep. Bert Stevenson. "That is the critical thing."

Stevenson and several other Mini-Cassia residents visited an

About Nebraska Energy

Nebraska Energy LLC, an ethanol co-op near Aurora, Neb.

- Opened Nov. 1, 1995.
- Produces 35 million gallons a year.
- Employs 42 workers with a payroll of about \$2 million.
- Uses 12 to 13 million bushels of corn per year.

Source: Tom Hall, general manager of operations

ethanol co-op in Aurora, Neb., over the weekend. The group had questions about whether a similar

plant would work here.

Mechelle McFarland, executive director of the Mini-Cassia Development Commission, was one of the people who visited Nebraska Energy LLC, an ethanol co-op in Aurora. She posed one question about a potential ethanol plant in Mini-Cassia: Could the 20,000 acres of potatoes that will be put out of production by the closure of J.R. Simplot Co.'s Heyburn plant be turned into corn production for an ethanol plant instead?

"The big difference between how corn is grown in Nebraska and how it would be grown in Mini-Cassia is irrigation - absent in Nebraska corn growing,

Stevenson said. Corn-irrigation costs would be high, while potatoes are irrigated but are a high-cash crop.

"I don't think you could find that in your corn," he said. But the cost of raising corn should not stop an ethanol plant if other factors outweigh it, he said.

"You have to do a feasibility study," Stevenson said. The cost of drying and transporting a livestock feed dubbed distiller's grain - a product of an ethanol plant - is another factor to be considered, Stevenson said.

"There are not enough (Mini-Cassia) dairies and feedlots to get rid of it all," he said. "You can afford to truck it about 50 miles."

It might be better to locate a plant in Gooding County where there are more dairies, Stevenson said.

Another ethanol-friendly advantage Nebraska has is a substantial energy subsidy, Stevenson said.

"Here it would be difficult to get a state subsidy," he said. "But we'll look at that (regulative) session to see what people want."

It was discouraging to see a proposed Payette plant go across the river recently to locate in Oregon, Stevenson said.

As long as a feasibility study shows benefits, Stevenson would

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DNA endeavors

Firm works to streamline storage of genetic material

The Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif. - Crime labs, drug companies and academic researchers store blood, urine, cheek cells and hair as if they gold. And in a way, they are.

A method with potential to be a billion-dollar business - beginning with a streamlined storage of DNA of human body samples - is being developed by the new Carlsbad company GenVault. Its process has attracted the interest of federal health officials.

From each body sample researchers can extract the genetic material that is a unique identifier and a map to the makeup of the individual human being. It's one of the keys to developing a drug. The same information can also be used to link someone to a crime.

For years, the storage method of choice for DNA has been deep freezers, which are space and energy hogs. Blood specimens have also been stored for years on Guthrie Cards or FTA paper, both chemically treated materials that preserve the genetic properties of cells for years.

But whether in freezers or on Guthrie Cards, storing these samples and preparing them to remove the DNA can be cumbersome and time consuming.

GenVault, a private startup company, is offering researchers another option: dry storage with an automated retrieval system.

It's a technique that has attracted the interest of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which is testing GenVault's technology for use in an annual national health survey.

"Think of these biological samples as a steak," said Michael Hogan, GenVault's chief science officer. "You can freeze a steak or turn it into jerky. They both might not be something you'd want to put on the grill, but they're still steak. That's what we are doing, but in a more skillful way."

GenVault, started with \$10 million in venture capital from Domain Associates, is using the older science of Guthrie Cards, mixing it with a little modern chemistry and cutting-edge robotics. The result is a reduced-size, increased-speed storage and



retrieval system that the company's founders say can protect the integrity of biological samples for more than a decade.

The company's proprietary robotics system drops a small amount of the biological sample, such as blood, into one of 384 tiny wells in a hand-size plastic plate. The DNA in the sample is absorbed by FTA paper, a patented chemically treated paper lining the bottom of the well.

The paper deactivates other biological properties of the sample, including any that would be considered biohazards, said Mitch Eggers,

GenVault's chief executive.

Also inserted into each well is a bar code, which will later serve as a way to double check the identity of the sample.

The plates are stacked eight high in storage trays and placed into what look like two-story high file cabinets. The file cabinets and robotics system are themselves stored in a climate-controlled vault the size of two-car garage.

DNA samples from 500,000 people can be stored in a vault of that size. By comparison, more than 500,000 square feet of freezer space would be needed to store

the same information. In its mostly empty 65,000 square feet of office space, once home to Lucent, GenVault has plenty of room to build dozens of vaults as needed.

A computer keeps track of where each particular sample is stored, by well location, tray and storage shelf.

If someone storing 10,000 samples decided they wanted to test a specific 100, that request would be typed into a computer, Eggers said. The computer would locate the samples and the robotics system

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OfficeMax cuts losses for quarter

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND - Office products retailer OfficeMax Inc., the third biggest U.S. office products retailer, on Tuesday reported a narrower loss in the second quarter.

OfficeMax President Michael Feuer says the company's acquisition by Idaho-based Boise Cascade Corp. is moving toward fruition.

The loss amounts to \$26.7 million, or 21 cents per share, down from a loss of \$33.4 million, or 27 cents per share, for its second quarter last year.

The second quarter is traditionally the company's slowest sales time.

Sales were \$1.05 billion, up from \$1.01 billion in the year-ago quarter.

Excluding a tax benefit, the second-quarter loss would have amounted to \$16.2 million, or 13 cents a share, compared with \$20.2 million, or 16 cents a share, a year earlier. On that basis, analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call expected OfficeMax to lose 12 cents a share in the latest quarter.

OfficeMax, which has a Twin Falls store, is being bought by wood and paper products maker Boise Cascade. The deal offered 30 percent cash and 70 percent stock for OfficeMax in a July deal valued at nearly \$1.2 billion.

In the deal, OfficeMax shareholders will get \$9 a share, which is 25 percent more than its closing stock price July 11.

Feuer, OfficeMax's chairman and chief executive, said Tuesday that the merger into Boise Cascade is continuing as expected, subject to approvals under antitrust laws and by shareholders of both companies.

"The transaction is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter."

In the first half, OfficeMax lost \$16.9 million, or 14 cents per share, compared with earnings of \$30.2 million, or 24 cents per share, in the first half of 2002. A tax refund in the year-ago period allowed the company to avert a loss.

Sales for the first half in 2002 totaled \$1.95, or \$2.27 billion, from \$2.18 billion for the same period in fiscal 2002.

Congress pushes goal to give women openings in federal contract process

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN FRANCISCO - Female business owners who have long felt left out of the lucrative federal contracting process have new reason to be encouraged.

Both the House and the Senate have introduced legislation to put some bite into a 3-year-old law that aims to have at least 5 percent of federal contracts go to small, women-owned firms.

At stake is \$235 billion in government contracts, of which female-headed firms received only 2.1 percent in 2002, said Barbara Kasoff, co-founder of the San Francisco-based advocacy group Women Impacting Public Policy.

The small percentage has remained constant despite years of effort to improve it, but the latest action would force bureaucrats to implement the law and penalize agencies for falling short of the target 5 percent, Kasoff said.

"The House is making certain that this bill is going to be enacted," she said. "If it doesn't, it's giving the Office of Federal Contracting the right to designate contracts to women-owned businesses, which they've not been able to."

"It's going to open up contracting opportunities that women-owned businesses have not been able to get before," Kasoff said. "For the first time, we are getting

accountability."

There were 10.1 million firms at least half-owned by women, which employed 18.2 million workers and took in revenue of \$2.3 trillion, according to the Center for Women's Business Research.

One of the major barriers women face is that federal contracts often stipulate that companies provide a certain number of services, granting favor to "prime" bidders such as Halliburton and Bechtel, which recently landed deals to rebuild Iraq, said Erin Fuller, executive director of the National Association of Women Business Owners, or NAWBO.

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Be prepared for your children's money queries

When kids ask real-life money questions, parents are often at a loss for a response.

You never know when the next hot potato from your kids will be lobbed into your lap.

With that in mind, I've compiled a few typical money questions kids may ask sooner or later - and some suggestions on how to respond.

• I have an overdue DVD from the video store, and they want to charge me a \$10 late fee. Will you pay it?

Does this plea really deserve an answer? I think not.

After all, the video was their responsibility to return, not yours, and the same goes with paying



KIDS AND BUSINESS Steve Rosen

the fine.

But if you feel compelled to say something, make it perfectly clear, that the fine must be paid immediately.

If the issue is that your child does not have the \$10 to pay, provide a loan with the understanding that the money will be deducted

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CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract type, price, and change.

BEANS

Table of bean prices for various types such as navy beans, pinto beans, and lima beans.

GRAINS

Table of grain prices including wheat, corn, and soybeans.

POTATOES

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TWIN FALLS COUNTY COURTS

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TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included the following:

Driving under the Influence sentencing

Brian Kelly Stringer, 43, 1111 S. Pinedale, Arroyo, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty, \$1,000 fine with \$400 suspended, 175.00 court costs, 375 public defender fees, 180 days in jail with 175 days suspended, driving privileges suspended for 180 days...

Misdemeanor dismissals

Maria P. Flores, 44, 2002 Highway 30, Bub; harboring a victim, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbaugh.

Felony sentencing

John P. Peterson, 39, 274 Monroe, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine; pleaded guilty, two years indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction...

Misdemeanor sentencing

Sheri L. Watkins, 36, 342 Jefferson, Kimberly; violation of parole, probation, plea of guilty, 50 court costs, 442 Lucas St. Apt. No. 1, Hofffield; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

several; one court restraining/observing an officer, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbaugh.

Thomas William Taylor, 22, 515 Palomina, Filer; aggravated battery, felony; pleaded guilty, \$300 fine with \$150 suspended, 175 public defender fees, 175 court costs, 175 days suspended, credit for 28 days served, 12 months probation, 335 per month supervision fee, 12 months probation, counseling; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbaugh.

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TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS

The Times-News

Twin Falls arraignments

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Todd Richard Summers, 40, Box 4814 The Meadows No. 10, Kenosha, petit theft, public defender appointed; pleaded innocent/pretrial conference set for Sept. 16, \$360 bond.

Samuel L. Standish, 29, 405 Diamond, Kimberly; possession of a controlled substance, private counsel; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 15, \$500 bond, driving under the influence, open container, private counsel; pleaded innocent/pretrial conference set for Sept. 16, released under own recognizance.

Lenny L. Bright, 37, 645 Paradise Place No. 1, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, no counsel listed; pleaded innocent/pretrial conference set for Sept. 16, \$300 bond.

Chad A. Swedeen, 20, 1771 E. 3900 N., Bub; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent/pretrial conference set for Sept. 16, \$300 bond.

Justin Royal Hammond, 26, 171 Lake Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls; driving under the influence, leaving the scene, malicious injury, public defender appointed; pleaded innocent/pretrial conference set for Sept. 16, \$1,500 bond.

Caris Arredondo, 40, 436 Walnut, Twin Falls; domestic assault, damaging a telecommunications device, malicious injury to property; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent/pretrial conference set for Sept. 16, released under own recognizance.

Troy Jon Jucker, 39, P.O. Box 1029, Riguan; taking, malicious injury to property, public defender appointed; pleaded innocent/pretrial conference set for Sept. 16, \$500 bond, possession of a controlled substance, no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 15, \$500 bond.

Daniel Heppach, 40, no address listed, aggravated battery, public defender appointed, no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 15, \$500 bond.

Steven D. Hall, 21, 600 S. Pilmour, Jerome; possession of a drug paraphernalia, possession of burglary tools; public defender appointed;

pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 16, released under own recognizance.

Larry Dustin Rodriguez, 24, 330 Grandview No. 16, Twin Falls; delivery of a controlled substance, no counsel listed, no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 15, posted bond.

Erica E. Gerard, 40, 1100 N. 2nd Ave., Twin Falls; battery, public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 16, released under own recognizance.

Dennis Glen Clifford, 44, 1187 Northern Pine, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 16, \$200 bond.

Hollie M. Smith, 20, 2109 Highway 30, Twin Falls; probation violation, possession of drug paraphernalia; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 15, bond set per warrant.

Lesley E. Hardy, 29, 550 3rd Ave. W., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 15, bond set per warrant; burglary, two counts grand theft; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 15, bond set per warrant.

Raymond R. Cuelias, 19, no address listed; aggravated assault, possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 15, \$5,000 bond.

Martin L. Mace, 43, 116 Sawyer Dr., Bub; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 15, \$200 bond.

Richard M. Smith, 30, 1322 Washington St., Twin Falls; battery, public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 16, released under own recognizance.

Christopher James Williams, 20, no address listed; three counts violent conduct with a child under 16; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 15, \$200 bond.

Nina Noren, 18, 185 Canwell, Twin Falls; petit theft; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 16, \$300 bond.

Chad L. Wahl, 35, 3600 N. 3650 E.; Kimberly; driving without privileges; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 16, \$1,000 bond.

Michael Philip Martinez, 35, 1122 Blue Lakes N. No. 6, Twin Falls; aid and abet burglary; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 15, \$500 bond.

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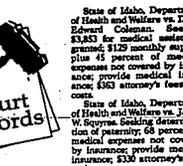
State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. David Edward Coleman. Seeking \$283 for medical assistance granted; \$120 monthly support plus 45 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$30 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. James W. Spry. Seeking determination of paternity; 68 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$30 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Tiffany JoAnne Alford. Seeking \$157 for support for a prior period; \$157 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$30 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Samuel Lowell Alford. Seeking \$119 for support for a prior period; \$119 monthly support plus 43 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$30 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. James S. Sabe. Seeking \$202 for costs of birth; \$175 monthly support plus 55 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$30 attorney's fees and costs.



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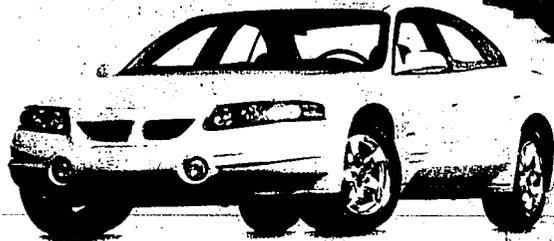
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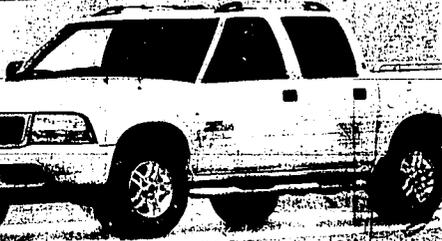
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