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A time to catch-up



First-grader Skylar Snarr, right, listens as fourth-grader Gustavo Salinas reads to him during summer school at Paul Elementary School Friday.

Summer school pushes basic skills

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

PAUL — Sitting along the walls in pairs, Paul Elementary School pupils read books together Friday, the fourth-graders reading out loud and the first-graders following along — and sometimes vice versa.

Estefani Valdez, who will enter fifth grade in fall, read "The Ugly Duckling" to Janet Paz, who will enter second grade. Both said they liked the summer school, which ends Thursday.

"I think it's fun," Estefani said. She likes being able to get more explanations of things from teachers.

Susan Paul teaches summer school pupils who will enter fifth

grade in fall. She said the 300-student program helps them maintain their skills and gain confidence as they improve in reading and math.

"Sometimes what it's about is that confidence level," Paul said. Minidoka County's summer school programs are in such demand that the school has a waiting list.

For many districts around the Magic Valley, the summer is a chance for students to get extra help instead of sending their brains on vacation. And summer classes are an extra tool for districts to help students improve their scores on the Idaho Standards Achievement Test, as required by the No Child Left Behind Act, and the Idaho Reading

Indicator, as required by the state.

Encouraging data

A couple of districts tout the effectiveness of their summer programs with student testing data.

John Kontos, principal of the Mini-Casita Opportunity Center, who also oversees summer programs, said about three-quarters of Minidoka County's summer school students held their own or improved their scores from the spring to the fall 2003 ISAT.

For the approximately 300 grade 7-12 students in Minidoka County's summer program, that sets a good precedent, but Kontos said he'll wait to see the

new data.

The secondary students finish this week. Kontos said the program has grown by about 100 students because middle-level students who need help are being better identified. High school students are required to earn a "C" or better in their core classes, and thus need more chances to make up classes.

In Kimberly, the summer school program is already over, and Interim Principal Kathleen Noh said many pupils in it showed gains on reading and math tests since they started. Last year, she said, when the district compared the fall and spring 2003 ISAT scores, 38 percent of pupils who had summer

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Report says CIA analysis was false

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The CIA has not repaired ingrained problems that led it to provide false information and conclusions that the Bush administration used to justify last year's invasion of Iraq, the Senate Intelligence Committee said Friday.

The panel's Republican chairman said Congress might not have approved the Iraq war had lawmakers known the truth. The committee's top Democrat said there was no doubt: There would have been no approval.

The report, which was highly critical of departing Director George Tenet, said the CIA kept key information from its own and other agencies' analysts, engaged in "group think" by failing to challenge the assumption that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction and allowed President Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell to make false statements.

"Most, if not all of these problems, stem from a broken corporate culture and poor management" — which won't be fixed simply by giving the agency more money or people, the report said.

Although senators from both parties agreed in harshly criticizing the CIA, Democrats and Republicans clashed over whether Bush administration officials had pressured intelligence analysts to overplay the case. Democrats said there was pressure. Republicans said there were tough questions but no inappropriate influence.

Democrats also said the investigation should have examined whether the House had twisted the intelligence it received — a second phase of the probe that probably won't be finished until after the November election.

Sen. John Kerry, the Democratic presidential candidate,

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Court rejects Nevada's opposition to waste site

Lawyers: Rejection of radiation limits could doom project

—WASHINGTON (AP) — An appeals court on Friday upheld the government's decision to single out Nevada as the site of a nuclear waste dump but ruled that the federal plan does not go far enough to protect people from potential radiation beyond 10,000 years in the future.

While the court dismissed virtually all of the arguments raised by Nevada and environmentalists against the Yucca Mountain project, its rejection of the radiation standard raised new questions about whether the waste repository will be built — or at least meet its target of 2010 to begin operation.

Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham said the court's rejection of the radiation exposure standard could be resolved. He said Friday's court ruling had "dismissed all challenges to the site selection of Yucca Mountain" and the project was moving forward.

But lawyers for Nevada and environmental groups said the court's rejection of the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed radiation exposure limits could doom the project.

"We think we put a stake through the heart of this project," said Joe Egan, an attorney for Nevada in the Yucca Mountain litigation.

Antonio Rossmann, who argued the EPA radiation matter before the court on behalf of the state, called it "the first domino" on which the project could fall, depending on whether it is resolved.

The three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals rejected Nevada's claims that it was unconstitutional to single out the



Members of the Northern Nevada Development Authority tour the Yucca Mountain Project in this Jan. 9, 2003 photo. See C-4 for a related story.

chose the site, although Nevada had argued the process was illegal. Citing these rulings, Abraham said he was pleased the court ruling had removed any question about the legality of the site selection process.

But a senior Energy Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, acknowledged the court's rejection of the radiation standard — as well as recent budget problems for the project in Congress — could cause delays. He said fixing the radiation standard may require more congressional action.

The three-judge panel said the EPA acted illegally when it limited the radiation exposure requirements to 10,000 years into the future when Congress directed the agency to develop a rule "consistent" with recommendations from the National Academy of Sciences.

Cleaning woman hits jackpot



Geraldine Williams of Lowell, Mass., is shown after being presented a check for \$294 million at the Massachusetts State Lottery headquarters in Braintree, Mass., Friday.

The Associated Press

BRAINTREE, Mass. — Geraldine Williams, a 67-year-old cleaning woman, can afford to hire her own help now — she stepped forward Friday to claim \$294 million, the second-largest undivided lottery jackpot in U.S. history.

Williams recalled staring at the television, clutching her ticket and muttering, "Oh, God Oh, God Let it be! Let it be!" as the winning numbers in the multi-state Mega Millions drawing were announced last week.

She will take her winnings in a lump sum of \$117.6 million after taxes — that ought to buy a lot of Ajax and Lemon Pledge — and said she plans to travel and give money to her three children and to charity.

Williams cleaned homes after retiring as a custodian at the University of Massachusetts-

Lowell, where she worked for 15 years. She said she fully intended to keep an appointment to clean someone's home this week until she was told she had to meet with financial advisers in Boston.

A grandmother of eight who moved to the former mill city of Lowell more than 40 years ago, Williams said she planned to continue living in the area.

"She's had a rough life, just working hard all her life, and (she's) so genuine. Just as you saw her on TV today, she's no different than like that at home and she hasn't been any different all week," her son Dick Williams said.

Peacock said Williams picked up trash in their neighborhood of two- and three-family homes. She added that Williams, "takes care of people that are elderly. If I know Gerry, she'll want to go and take care of them."

DEQ chief aims for peace with lawmakers

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE — Toni Hardesty has some fence mending to do.

Hardesty is the new chief of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. And right off, she recognizes it's important for her to get some better communication going between the DEQ and the Legislature.

Appointed earlier this week by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, Hardesty said Friday she had not personally experienced any hostility at the Legislature since she was appointed to head the DEQ's water quality division in October.

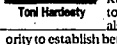
"But, I certainly recognize some contentious issues, some communication breakdowns," she said. "I want to make sure

the Legislature and the DEQ have a good, solid working relationship."

In a recent interview for the job, Hardesty said, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said "she also has a priority to establish better communication between the agency and lawmakers."

DEQ board member Don Chisholm said the animosity that is apparent between the agency and some legislators is simple to explain. Legislators hear from industry that DEQ is being unreasonable in pro-

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Toni Hardesty

Candidates campaign with kids

Practice provides a boon for politicians, but at what cost?

WASHINGTON (AP) — The images are inviting: 4-year-old Jack Edwards riding a mass of red, white and blue balloons off the plane as his dad joins John Kerry's presidential ticket; Kerry playfully chasing Jack and his 6-year-old sister, Emma Claire, across the airport tarmac; the Kerry-Edwards team smiling a grassy expanse with seven of the families' eight combined children in tow.

Family is very much part of the package as John Edwards is being introduced to the nation as Kerry's running mate, helping round out the image he tries to project as a youthful leader who's in touch with regular Americans. Now comes the challenge of striking the right balance in deciding when children should be part of the campaign and when they should be protected from it.

It's a question every parent-politician must face, dating to the hearth-and-home prints that James Garfield distributed in the 1880 campaign depicting his children in blissful domestic settings.

Six-year-old Amy Carter spent much of the summer of 1976 with her grandmothers while her dad was running for president, but she wasn't shy about including her in campaign photos.

When she was home with her parents in Plains, Ga., Amy turned the campaign into a money-making enterprise, charging reporters 10 cents for a glass of lemonade, 50 cents for peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and a quarter an hour to rent her frisbee. She clocked journalists with a kitchen timer until Dad put a stop to her entrepreneurial ventures.

The Clintons were determined to keep 12-year-old daughter Chelsea largely off-stage when her father ran for president in 1992. But she was there on the podium in July 1992 as her father and mother paid a surprise visit to Madison Square Garden when Democratic National Convention delegates nominated him for president.

President Bush's twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara, now 22, steered clear of politics when their father ran for president.



Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., waves as he arrives with his family at the Pittsburgh airport on Tuesday. Family members, from left to right, his wife Elizabeth, son Jack and daughters Emma and Kate.

and then settled into college while he took up residence in the White House. Recent graduates, Jenna made her first campaign outing with her father on a "bus" tour of Pennsylvania on Friday, and Barbara plans a campaign trip with her dad in the coming week.

Vice President Dick Cheney, whose two daughters are grown, took long 10-year-old granddaughter Kate on his weekend campaign bus trip, hoping to soften his stern image. Cheney's wife, Lynne, gave Kate a special introduction at campaign rallies, and she happily waved to the crowds like a pol.

At ages 4 and 6, Jack and Emma Claire are almost veterans of the campaign trail. During the early Democratic primaries, they traveled the states with their parents in an RV stocked with peanut butter, jelly and snacks. The children were summoned to their father's side during a local television interview, and coached to wave out the window as the bus rolled out of an Iowa town.

Unfazed by it all, Emma Claire seemed content to watch "Dumbo" in the back of the bus with one reporter while another

was interviewing her father about his presidential ambitions. In Iowa Falls, Iowa, she wandered the room and tapped her father's side as he addressed the Elks Club. "Let Daddy talk, sweetie," her father cooed as she tiptoed up to him during his speech.

On Day One of the new Kerry-Edwards ticket, the children provided Kodak moments for newspapers across the country. Kerry couldn't resist working the children into his speeches, telling crowds that the team was announcing a new campaign manager: Jack Edwards is taking over everything.

The Edwardses have three children: in addition to Jack and Emma Claire, they have a 22-year-old daughter, Kate. They decided to have the two younger children after a teenage son, Wade, died in a car accident in 1996. Kerry has two grown daughters, Vanessa and Alexandra, from his first marriage. He has three grown stepsons from his marriage to Teresa Heinz Kerry. To varying extents, most have been working for the campaign.

At a photo session of the Edwards and Heinz-Kerry families on Wednesday, Emma Claire briefly buried her head in her mother Elizabeth's skirt. "Emma

Claire's a little nervous," her dad hurried to explain.

As for Jack, Edwards says, "I think he kind of mugs for the cameras sometimes."

Kids, of course, cannot be completely scripted. Jack, for example, firmly resisted when Teresa Heinz Kerry tried to tug his thumb out of his mouth at one campaign appearance.

Political scientist Charles Jones said the family scenes provide a "nice visual" for the campaign, and one that reinforces the persona that Edwards is trying to project. He cautioned, however, that politicians walk a fine line in determining how often to put their children in the public eye.

Lisa Caputo, who helped shield Chelsea from publicity when she was Hillary Rodham Clinton's press secretary in the White House, said it's "absolutely appropriate" for candidates to have their children be part of important events such as the announcement of the Democratic ticket. But she said, "It gets dangerous when there are staged events around the kids," such as a child's first day at school.

"You just have to draw firm boundaries and lines around the children's privacy," she said.

Detained terror suspects get new right

WASHINGTON (AP) — All 594 terror suspects held at the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, will be notified next week of their right to contest their detention in U.S. federal court and of their option to appear before a military panel to challenge their status as an "enemy combatant."

Gordon England, the Navy secretary who is overseeing the process at Guantanamo Bay, told a Pentagon news conference Friday that he chose James McGarran, a rear admiral in the Navy Reserve, to be the "convincing authority" who will select the panel members, whom he called a "neutral party."

The Pentagon had announced Wednesday that Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz had ordered that all Guantanamo Bay detainees be notified within 10 days of their opportunity to appear before the panel.

The purpose of the panels is limited to determining whether a detainee is properly classified as an "enemy combatant," if

not, then the detainee would be released to his home country, England said.

This is separate from a more elaborate military tribunal, which the Pentagon calls a military commission, which was established by President Bush in 2002 and is designed to conduct trials of non-American terrorist suspects at Guantanamo Bay. No such trials have been held yet, although the U.S. government has designated 15 people at Guantanamo Bay as eligible for trial.

The Pentagon, which has held most of the detainees at Guantanamo Bay without charges for more than two years on grounds that they are "enemy combatants" with no right to contest their detention in U.S. courts, hastily added the panel process this week in response to last week's Supreme Court decisions that said all such detainees have a right to contest their case in a civilian court.

The Pentagon has yet to work out many details about providing detainees access to civilian courts and lawyers.

Marine who vanished arrives in Germany

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AP) — A U.S. Marine who vanished in a reported kidnapping in Iraq and resurfaced in Beirut more than two weeks later arrived Friday in Germany for a debriefing and a medical evaluation, a spokesman said.

Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun arrived aboard a C-17 transport and was immediately whisked away in a green ambulance to nearby Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, said Air Force Master Sgt. Jon Hanson.

"He was expected to stay 3-4 days for 'debriefing and evaluation' before returning to the United States," hospital spokeswoman Marie Shaw said.

"His health and mental state are the primary concern," said Maj. Tim Keefe, a spokesman for the Marine Corps in Germany. "As well, he needs to be debriefed by specialists."

Hassoun, 24, was reported missing June 20 from his base near the troubled city of Fallujah. On Thursday, he arranged with American officials to pick him up in Beirut and bring him to the U.S. Embassy, according to U.S. officials.

While he was missing, conflicting reports emerged about

Hassoun — first that he was beheaded, then that he was alive. Arab television on June 27 showed a videotape of him blindfolded, a sword held above his head.

In the latest twist to Hassoun's story, there was speculation he might have deserted his base and headed to Lebanon when he was abducted. The Navy was investigating whether the entire kidnapping might have been part of a hoax.

Hassoun's brother Mohamad told reporters from his West Jordan, Utah, home Friday that he didn't believe Hassoun could have deserted, and the family hasn't sought legal counsel.

"We haven't done anything wrong that we would need a lawyer for," he said.

He said Thursday that he'd spoken by telephone with Hassoun, and his brother sounded well. He expected another call later Friday.

Before he boarded the jet in Beirut, Hassoun embraced some people and shook hands with others. His mother, Halimah, and wife, Rana, were at the airport to see him off. Hassoun's brother, Sami, told The Associated Press.

Dean appeals to Nader to end presidential bid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Howard Dean argued, flattered, cajoled — all to no avail.

In a lively radio debate Friday, the former Democratic presidential candidate tried to get Ralph Nader to abandon his long-shot White House bid. Nader, the man Democrats blame for George W. Bush's election in 2000, declined and vowed to continue his independent campaign.

"Ralph, I think you're being disingenuous about your candidacy this year, and let me tell you why," Dean began at start of the debate. "Forty-six percent of all your signatures to get you on stage in the ballot in Oregon are from Arizona ballot carriers who are Republican supporters. You accepted the support of a right-wing fanatic Republican group that's anti-gay in order to help you get on the ballot in Oregon."

"This is not going to help the progressive cause in America," said Dean, who has been urging his supporters to stay within the party and vote for Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry.

Nader quickly dismissed the criticism, telling the studio au-

dience that Dean was engaging "in a desperate attempt to smear our campaign."

The former Vermont governor then tried flattery.

"You have an extraordinary career in standing up for the American people. You have saved lives with your extraordinary work with automobile safety," Dean told the consumer advocate. "I wish you were on our team, Ralph, because we really need you."

Nader again was unmoved

and promised not to surrender for the sake of his supporters.

There were some lighter moments during the hour-long debate, which was sponsored by National Public Radio's "Justice Talking" program.

Nader drew laughter when he called Dean "an insurgent who is now adopting a role of being a detergent of the dirty linen of the Democratic Party." Even Dean chuckled over that remark.

"The crowd also roared when

Dean was asked if would accept a Cabinet position in a Kerry administration." Dean said the bid "made any sense like that, but if Ralph comes on board maybe we can both get Cabinet positions."

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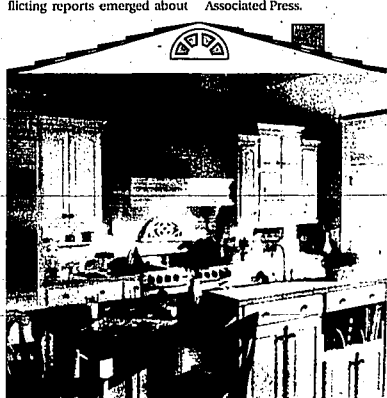
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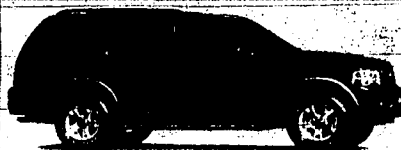
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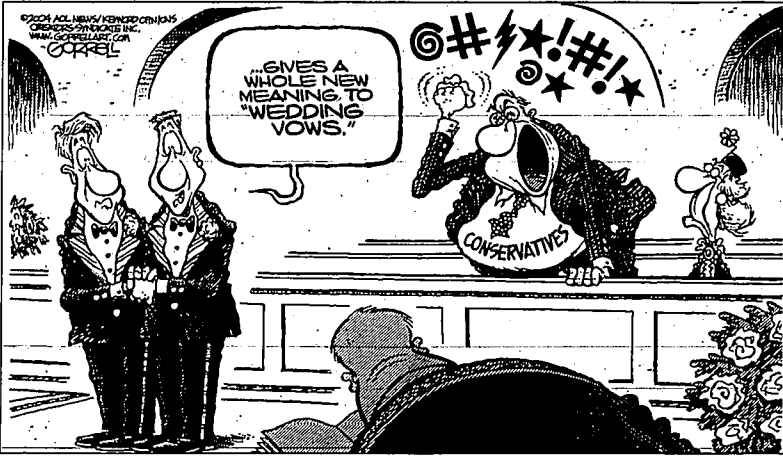
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Any ban of individuals' commitment is unconstitutional

The self-proclaimed "uniter" and his congressional cohorts are doing it again. Dividing the country in time for full election season.

The issue this time is gay marriage. The proposed Federal Marriage Amendment is a willful attempt to play politics with the U.S. Constitution. The amendment would invoke a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, thus inserting bigotry into history's most inclusive and democratic document.

President Bush said: "Government, by recognizing and protecting marriage, serves the interests of all."

A ban on same-sex marriage falls miserably in serving to the common welfare. It simply creates a sub-class of individuals. Not only are same-sex couples denied the right to marry, thousands of benefits ranging from pensions, health insurance, and inheritance that other couples enjoy are not available to same-sex couples.

The intent of our Constitution is not to protect and expand the rights and protections of individuals. This proposed amendment would seek to limit and restrict individual liberty by discrimination.

The Federal Marriage Amendment is an unnecessary and counterproductive approach to the debate on same-sex marriage. Most important, it is inconsistent with the history and tradition of our Constitution.

Marriage is a union of two people and traditionally has involved a man and woman. Opponents of same-sex marriage often cite tradition as a reason to ban same-sex marriage. However, traditions change and tradition is not an adequate rationale for preserving bigotry and injustice."

As Thomas Jefferson wrote, "I am certainly not an advocate for frequent changes in laws and constitutions. But laws and institutions must go hand in

hand with the progress of the human mind. As that becomes more developed, more enlightened, as new discoveries are made, new truths discovered and manners and opinions change, with the change of circumstances, institutions must advance also to keep pace with the times. We might as well require a man to wear still the coat which fitted him when a boy as civilized society to remain ever under the regimen of their barbarous ancestors."

The Federal Marriage Amendment does not represent "the progress of the human mind" but rather the fear and hatred of progress so prevalent in those who would have us mirror our "barbarous ancestors."

Chief Justice Earl Warren, in delivering an opinion declaring Virginia's "tradition" of banning interracial marriage unconstitutional, said, "The freedom to marry has long been recognized as one of the vital personal rights essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness by free men. Marriage is of the 'basic civil rights of man,' fundamental to our very existence and survival." The statement is equally valid for heterosexual and homosexual couples alike.

Even Vice President Dick Cheney feels this sort of discrimination is bad. "The fact of the matter is we live in a free society, and freedom means freedom for everybody. And I think that means that people should be free to enter into any kind of relationship they want to enter into. It's really no one else's business in terms of trying to regulate or prohibit behavior in that regard... I think different states are likely to come to different conclusions, and that's appropriate. I don't think there should necessarily be a federal policy in this area," Cheney said during the 2000 election campaign.

"Traditions" evolve or dissolve, however, there is certainly one tradition we should embrace, the American tradition of equality and progress.

America should follow the tradition of progress by allowing gay couples to enjoy the same rights and protections as others. America should follow the tradition of protecting rights and promoting equality rather than discrimination.

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Yes

Without a civil union ban, amendment is meaningless

ANDREA LAFFERTY

The Federal Marriage Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which is scheduled for a vote this month in the Senate, is a grand gesture in the most important battle of the "culture war" — the battle to save marriage from being blurred to include homosexuals. The amendment says important things, but it leaves much undone.

The well-intended proponents of this legislation have made a political calculation that restrictions on civil unions must be compromised in order to win the necessary votes in the Congress. The current version of the amendment allows states to enact civil unions.

Even with this compromise, the amendment is nowhere near the two-thirds vote requirement for its passage in the Senate and, according to media reports, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, has already conceded that the votes for the amendment are lacking in the House and he, therefore, will not schedule it for a vote there.

Yet Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., continues the march toward the pending

vote. Some attribute this to election-year politics, votes against the amendment could be used to embarrass and unseat liberal politicians.

The fact is the original calculation about permitting civil unions in order to win passage underestimated the power of the publicly expressed will of the American people.

Before any substantial communication occurred with the grassroots, the leaders decided that they would not respond to the complete argument that included the dangers of civil unions — gay marriages by another name.

The amendment's proponents relied on rhetorical pabulum about "every child deserves a mother and a father" and other poll-tested mantras, while ignoring the more-to-the-point arguments about civil

unions and the homosexual agenda toward marriage. In their efforts not to arouse the homosexuals they neglected to inform our own people that this amendment ducks on civil unions and leaves that large battle to every state to fight.

This has caused a "fog of war" to descend on this debate with few of the rank and file grassroots activists across America understanding that this marriage amendment is not a final battle but an incremental one. It symbolically reasserts the traditional definition of marriage but substantially leaves it open to distortion by civil union and domestic partnerships.

It is particularly frustrating to watch this scenario play out after an identical strategy in Massachusetts produced disastrous results. Well-meaning pro-family groups relied on the same toxic "wifely phrases" there and avoided any discussion of civil unions. They focus grouped every phrase in the on-line, good pro-family activists were confused. The legislators' sponsors dropped anti-civil unions language from their bill

even before the first vote was cast. Church activists fleeing with legislators were asked about civil unions and they responded, "We don't care about civil unions, we're here to talk about marriage."

Civil unions wrongly evolved as a centrist alternative to the polar positions between those who favor and oppose homosexual marriage.

And pro-family activists said nothing about civil unions, all the time repeating numbly the mantras about "every child deserves a mother and a father."

The final outcome of their efforts to override an illicit court decision imposing homosexual marriage was a constitutional amendment which simultaneously enshrined traditional marriage and civil unions.

No one in Massachusetts is satisfied with the outcome. We are on the road to the same unsatisfactory conclusion in the Congress.

The Federal Marriage Amendment offers lip-service to traditional marriage at a time when anti-family activists are dismantling this vital institution.

We need to pray and then fight a whole battle to save marriage, not just a symbolic partial skirmish that proponents have already declared lost.

Andrea Lafferty is executive director of the Traditional Values Coalition.

Civil unions wrongly evolved as a centrist alternative to the polar positions between those who favor and oppose homosexual marriage.

LETTERS

Senator's staff comes to the rescue

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Sen. Mike Crapo and his office assistant, Heather, for the effort they made in getting a large number of savings bonds re-issued to me after I had accidentally destroyed them.

For two years, I wrote back and forth to the Treasury Department and filled out dozens of papers and still had no assurance I would get the bonds back. After one phone call and a detailed letter to the senator's office, I was surprised and very pleased to get a personal phone call from Washington, D.C., and, within a short time, the re-issued bonds were in my hands.

In the meantime, I had relocated to Utah, but that did not affect the prompt service we received. I had hesitated even bothering our senator with my personal problem but was assured by his office staff that our state representatives were there to serve us. Now I am a believer.

Thank you again, Sen. Crapo

and Heather, for your help. BARBARA N. BROWN, Orem, Utah

(Editor's note: Barbara Brown was a Bentley resident for more than 40 years.)

U.S. freedom doesn't live up to its promise

Freedom in the United States of America — what a joke! Our boys are getting killed and for what? We are no longer free. We have so many laws. We aren't free. It's this way you calling being free!

You have to have a license to drive or go to jail. You can't smoke wherever you want (smokers have rights, too). You can't make your child behave or you go to jail. You have to wear a seat belt or you go to jail (some people are on total disability because they wore a seat belt). Some people would be better off dead than being on SSI or Social Security due to seat belts.

We have to pay taxes. Why? Because of our government and its laws, not the people's law — the government's laws. Do our sons have a right to say

no on going to war? No, they have not. Our sons' dads have been killed for more than 60 years and why? Because of our government and its laws. Can we sit in our parks after 9 o'clock at night? No. We pay to use the park. Our taxes. Can we use it when we want? No again. Can we go camping? No, because we have to pay. Why? Because we are not free here in the good old United States.

The people don't see what they are doing to our homes, our lives. We no longer have rights.

Even the government tells us who our children belong to them. Anyone can claim your child if our government says so. If you call this being free, you have another thing coming. Our country's becoming worse than what Hitler did. Our government and our laws are another Hitler act.

Why are our dads and sons getting killed? To make our government richer and the poor people poorer. In 1950, you never saw people in jail like you do now. You did not see children homeless or taken from their moms and dads.

Why do you see it today? Because of the way our government is run. We have nothing. We aren't even Americans anymore. The whites are gone just like the Indians are. Is English our language now? No, we have everything but English in the United States. So tell me if we are free.

DEB K. CASTER, Jerome

Gay marriage notice unleashes intolerance

It is amazing how much controversy and hullabaloo has been generated by the fact that the paper had an announcement about a gay couple planning a wedding.

There is still a right to freedom and free speech in this country. I served in the United States Army doing my small part to protect the freedoms we enjoy. Just because we personally don't approve of a lifestyle does not give us the right to try and control.

There are a lot of people who wrote letters opposing the announcement talking about God and his words on the sub-

ject. I believe perverting the word of God to try and justify a person's own intolerant and closed-minded behavior is reprehensible and morally wrong. A lot of the time, I think people like to believe they are better than someone else just to give themselves a sense of self-worth.

I have always understood that tolerance, forgiveness and

love for all of our fellow man are the basic ideas that religions promoted and tried to get out.

By the way, does anyone else find it ironic that a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints wants others to "quit showing their ideas and lifestyles down their throats"?

DENNIS BLACK, Twin Falls

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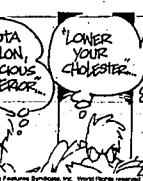
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Palestinians praise barrier decision

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinians called Friday's decision by the International Court of Justice on the massive West Bank wall "historic," while Israel rejected the world court's authority in judging the matter.

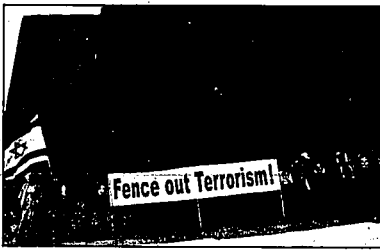
Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia hailed the court's ruling even before it was official as details leaked out ahead of time.

"The international high court decided clearly today that this racist wall is illegal to the root and Israel should stop building it and take down what has already been built of this wall. We welcome this decision," Qureia said.

"This is a historic day and a historic decision," he said.

The court in The Netherlands ruled that Israel's planned 425-mile-long barrier in the West Bank violates international law and urged the United Nations to take action to stop its construction.

It dismissed Israel's argument that the barrier was essential for its security and said



Israelis hold portraits of their loved ones, who they say were victims of Palestinian aggression, during a demonstration supporting the construction of Israel's separation barrier next to a section of it near the West Bank village of Atur in the outskirts of Jerusalem on Friday.

the system of walls and fences are non-binding but bear moral, historic and political weight, and they can be the basis for U.N. action.

Israel also was ordered to pay reparations to Palestinians harmed by the barrier and return land seized to construct it. The court's advisory opinions

its decisions.

"The International Court in The Hague has no authority to deal with disputes between Israel and the Palestinians," Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Jonathan Peled said.

Arafat, speaking to reporters as he met with Palestinian youths, said the Palestinian leadership was meeting to discuss its next steps.

"He called the court's decision a victory for justice in the land of peace."

Though the ruling is only advisory, Arafat compared it to the international will that led to the fall of the Berlin wall in 1989. This wall will be removed to build our own state," he said confidently.

The judges were unexpectedly united in backing the decisions, by a vote of 14-1 for most paragraphs, with only the American judge dissenting. Israel maintains the barrier is needed to protect its cities from Palestinian suicide-bombers, but Palestinians consider it a land grab.

Bulgaria, Philippines won't back down

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Two mortar shells targeting a hotel housing foreigners in the capital hit a house instead Friday night, killing a child and wounding three others. A third mortar hit a nearby road, causing no damage.

Crowds including panicked parents searching for children gathered — at the scene — as police fired Kalashnikovs into the air to push people back.

The twin blasts, which shook much of the center of Baghdad, were aimed at the al-Sadeed Hotel, police said. The house that was hit was empty, witnesses said, and the casualties had been in the street at the time of the attack.

One child, aged 5 or 6, was killed, police said. Three other people were injured.

"Suddenly, we heard a big boom, and I thought the ceiling was going to crash on my head," said Abbas Jawad Mohammed, who was inside a nearby home.

Witnesses said children had been playing in the street just before the blast. One barefoot woman raced out, frantically looking for her child.

"We lost him...we lost him," she wailed.

Also Friday, Bulgaria and the Philippines stood fast in the face of Islamic insurgents' threats to kill their citizens taken hostage in Iraq, refusing demands to pull out troops or to pressure the United States to release Iraqi detainees.

As the two governments struggled with the hostage crisis, Iraqi clerics rallied against

emergency laws the government introduced this week to battle the insurgents, calling them undemocratic.

The Filipino hostage, Angelo dela Cruz, 46, and the two Bulgarians, Iyavlo Kepov and Georgi Lazov, were working as truck drivers when they were captured.

A group calling itself the Iraqi Islamic Army-Khaled bin al-Waleed Corps threatened to kill dela Cruz within three days if the Philippines fails to withdraw its 51 troops from Iraq. The deadline expires this weekend.

Jordanian militant Abu Mussab al-Zarqawi's group had also claimed responsibility for the beatings of two captives — threatened to kill the Bulgarians if the United States does not release all Iraqi detainees in 24 hours. The threat was made in a video broadcast Friday.

"Philippines Vice President Noli de Castro said the government will not be cowed and be blackmailed by acts of terrorism."

But dela Cruz's family appealed to Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to meet the deadline.

"Help us," dela Cruz's 24-year-old son, Julius, tearfully begged on Philippine radio. "Please pull out. We want to see him alive."

The family later met with the president. According to Labor Secretary Patricia Santo Tomas, dela Cruz's wife, Arsenia, hugged Arroyo and cried on her shoulder.

Assailants kill Russian

Forbes editor

MOSCOW (AP) — Paul Klebnikov, the American editor of Forbes Magazine's Russian edition and author of a book about tycoon Boris Berezovsky, was shot to death late Friday near his Moscow office, an employee of the magazine's publisher said.

Russian news reports cited Moscow police as saying Klebnikov, 41, suffered four pistol shots and died in a rescue-squad vehicle. The radio station Ekho Moskvy said shells of two different caliber were found at the scene, indicating at least two assailants.

A woman who answered the phone at the offices of Axel Springer Russia, which publishes the Russian edition of Forbes, confirmed the killing but said she has no details, she declined to give her name. Police and Forbes officials could not immediately be reached for comment.

Forbes started its Russian-language edition in April. Klebnikov, U.S. born of Russian heritage, previously had been a senior editor with the U.S.-based Forbes.

In May, the magazine attacked wide attention by publishing a list of Russia's wealthiest people, claiming that Moscow had more billionaires who worked there or amassed their fortunes there than any other city in the world.

"Here people fly and fall with staggering speed," Klebnikov said at a news conference when the list was released.

His 2000 book "Godfather of the Kremlin: Boris Berezovsky and the Looting of Russia" described how Berezovsky, now living in exile in Britain, allegedly siphoned hundreds of millions of dollars out of Russia.

Bulls gore four in Pamplona



A runner is chased by a pack of fighting bulls and steers during a San Fermin bullrun in Pamplona, Spain, on Thursday. The San Fermin fiesta, famed for its daily bullfights and all-night street parties, dates back to the late 16th century but gained world fame from Ernest Hemingway's 1926 novel, "The Sun Also Rises."

Officials say two Americans among the trampled

PAMPLONA, Spain (AP) — Four people — including two Americans — were gored Friday during the running for the bulls at this year's San Fermin festival, officials said.

The third day's run — also was marred by injuries to at least five other participants in the two previous days of the popular festival, there have been no serious injuries.

John Doyle, 22, of Dunwoody, Ga., was gored in the groin and would probably be hospitalized for a day or two, said Dr. Wilfredo Soler of Virgen del Camino Hospital.

The other injured American was a 22-year-old man from Louisiana who was gored in the left knee, Soler said. The American requested that his name not be disclosed.

The worst injured was Juan Vallbona Serra, 23, of Sabadell, Spain, who was struck by a bull, which then fell on him. As he struggled free, two other bulls hit him in the back and side, lifting him into the air.

He suffered a 6-inch gash in his right thigh, said Begonia Lopez, a spokeswoman for Pamplona City Hall.

A 58-year-old Spaniard was gored in the left forearm, according to news reports. Runners were knocked off their feet, trampled or pushed against barricades all along the 900-yard route on narrow cobblestone streets from a corral to a bullring.

The bulls — one weighing 1,300 pounds — charged out of the corral faster Friday than on preceding days, with several

going off on their own rather than lumbering along as a pack.

There were so many runners that it seemed impossible for the bulls to squeeze through the crowd. But the mass of people — moving just a little faster than the bulls — repeatedly parted just in time to let the animals pass safely through.

About a dozen bulls — some docile, some bred for fighting — tried to avoid hitting the runners and appeared to concentrate on staying upright as their hooves clattered along the uneven, slippery cobblestone.

Most made it to the bullring about 2.5 minutes after the start of the run. But two had to be coaxed into the ring and the run didn't officially end until about four minutes after the beasts charged out of the corral.

at least 500 killings in Colombia.

The cartel used bribery, kidnapping and murder in their operation and even had their own wiretaps in Colombia to monitor conversations of rival drug traffickers, the indictment said. The cartel has used trucks, aircraft, speedboats and fishing boats to smuggle cocaine.

The cartel's founding leader, Diego Leon Montoya, appears on the FBI's most-wanted list. Montoya, however, is locked in a bitter turf war in the southwestern city of Cali against a rival drug gang led by Wilber Varela, leaving some 230 dead in the past six months alone.

Accused army deserter reunites with wife

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — In an emotional reunion far from his extradition to the United States, a North Korean soldier wept Friday as he embraced his Japanese wife and two daughters. The family — he allegedly deserted his unit in 1965 and she was kidnapped by North Korea — journeyed thousands of miles to see each other and still avert his arrest.

"I'm very happy," Charles Robert Jenkins, dressed in a suit and tie, his white hair swept back, later told a large group of journalists in the lobby of a five-star hotel in Jakarta. He held a bouquet of tiger lilies.

On his lapel, the slender 64-year-old Jenkins wore a pin bearing the image of Kim Il Sung, the late founder of North Korea who is the subject of a personality cult.

Jenkins still wanted on U.S. desertion charges, landed at Jakarta's international airport on a Japanese plane that picked him up in North Korea earlier

In the day, Indonesia was chosen for the reunion because it has no extradition treaty with the United States.

At the airport, Jenkins' wife, Hiromi Soga, buried her face in his shoulder and embraced him. Soga then turned to each of the two daughters and hugged them as Jenkins looked on with tears running down his face.

Soga, who is Japanese, was abducted by North Korean spies in 1978. She had not seen her husband and daughters since 2002, when North Korea allowed her to travel home to Japan. Jenkins did not accompany her, fearful he could be extradited to the United States and tried for desertion. Their teenage daughters decided to stay with their father.

The family was taken by police escort to the Jakarta hotel, where toddlers gave them each a bouquet of flowers. The eldest daughter, Milka, kissed one youngster on the cheek.

Egypt's cabinet resigns; Mubarak appoints P.M.

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak's cabinet resigned Friday and the long-time leader appointed a relative outsider as prime minister, further consolidating his power at a time of growing calls for political, social and economic change.

State-run television interrupted its programming to report that Mubarak named Ahmed Nazief, a 52-year-old former state minister for communications and information, to replace the prime minister of the past four years, Atef Obeid, 72.

Mubarak's choice follows a pattern of appointing technocrats — rather than more politically inclined lawmakers — to the post, a situation critics say is designed to ensure political power is not placed into the hands of a potential challenger to his presidency.

The 76-year-old Mubarak, a

close U.S. ally and president since 1981, has no chosen successor. His length of time in office and concerns about his health — he recently had surgery to repair a slipped disc — have fueled calls for him to designate a replacement. Many believe he is grooming his son, Gamal, to take over, though both deny this.

The resignations of Obeid and 32 ministers were announced after an emergency cabinet meeting late Friday. It was the first cabinet reshuffle since July 2002, but had been expected for some time.

Obeid's ministers had been blamed for failing to address the needs of this Arab country's beleaguered economy, which during the past four years has suffered from its floating of the Egyptian pound, a shortage of foreign currency and a drastic lack of exports against rising imports.

Police capture top Colombian cocaine kingpin

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Luis Hernando Bustamante, a leader of Colombia's largest drug cartel that is suspected of smuggling more than \$10 billion worth of cocaine into the United States, has been captured in Cuba, Colombia's police chief said Friday.

The Cuban government informed Colombian authorities that Bustamante, better known by his alias "Rasguño," was detained July 2 after entering Cuba on a false Venezuelan passport. Gen. Jorge Daniel Castro told reporters.

"At this moment he is being held by the attorney general in Cuba and we are involved in

discussions to bring him back to Colombia," the police chief said. "He is one of the biggest Colombian narco-traffickers."

There was no immediate confirmation from Cuba's communist government, which has not reported on the arrest in its official media.

Bustamante is among the top leaders of the Norte del Valle cartel, which supplanted the Medellín and Cali drug organizations in the early 1990s and is the source of as much as 60 percent of the U.S. cocaine supply, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

U.S. officials have offered a \$5 million reward for informa-

tion leading to Bustamante's capture. Colombian authorities, meanwhile, estimate that Bustamante is personally responsible for as much as half of the cocaine shipped from Colombia to the United States.

A U.S. grand jury indictment unsealed in Washington in May alleges that Norte del Valle cartel leaders sent more than 1 million pounds of cocaine from Colombia's Pacific coast to the United States through Mexico since 1990. Acting in concert with a violent right-wing paramilitary organization called the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia, or AUC, the DEA says the cartel is responsible for

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Increasing traffic worries Texas town

ALPINE, Texas (AP) — The truck's gears growl and a puff of brown smoke shoots into the clear blue sky. The driver tugs on the steering wheel and the 18-wheeler creeps through a tight turn on the two-lane main street of this little West Texas tourist town.

It is hard to ignore the behemoth in this remote outpost of about 5,600, where art galleries outnumber gas stations.

"When an 18-wheeler makes a turn, people literally have to back up to accommodate the truck," said Brewster County Judge Val Beard, whose offices are in a turn-of-the-century building.

Residents fear the occasional trucks winding through town soon will be joined by hundreds of others, spewing pollution, drowning out conversation and clogging the streets.

Alpine sits on a developing 600-mile trade route known as the Gateway to the Pacific. The route, made up mostly of existing roads that are being improved, will stretch from Mexico's Pacific Coast to the Midland-Odessa area when it is completed sometime in the next decade.

The town's main street also is expected to see a dramatic increase in commercial traffic following a Supreme Court ruling last month that opens U.S. roads to Mexican trucks under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"We'll have more traffic, more noise, and it's going to damage the highways, but there's nothing I or anyone else can do about it," said Alan Gerson, who owns Gerson Artworks and Tattoo Studio.

Many residents are worried that traffic will destroy a growing tourist economy that once centered almost exclusively on Big Bend National Park.

"It is disgusting," said Peggy Martin, manager of the Kiowa Gallery in Alpine. "It's progress, I guess. What else can you say? It's stinky and it's noisy."

The trade route will enter the



Alan Gerson stands in front of his art gallery and tattoo parlor, June 15, in Alpine, Texas. Residents say an increase in traffic will damage the town's tourist economy.

United States at U.S. 67 in Presidio along the Mexican border. It will then climb over two mountain ridges north to Marfa, then west through the mountains to Alpine and on to Midland and Odessa.

The highway from Presidio to Marfa averaged 50 trucks per day in 2002, according to the most recent Texas Department of Transportation figures. That number is estimated to increase to as many as 500 a day in the next five years, according to U.S. and Mexican projections.

Planners say the Gateway to the Pacific will be a faster route into the U.S. interior for Asian

imports, and not as busy as California ports. Officials in Midland and Odessa have built a business park between the cities in hopes the route will help the area become a warehouse and distribution center to supply Dallas, Chicago, St. Louis, Denver and other cities. Once the trade route is complete, Mexican trucks will have to stop for a customs check at Presidio before traveling the 260 miles to Midland-Odessa. In Presidio, where Mexican trucks have long crossed, the trucks have been a boon.

"They eat, they get their tires fixed, they stay in a motel," said

Merville wants to know if the seizure of videotapes and computer hard drives from investigator Bradley Miller's office in November 2003 violated Jackson's attorney-client privilege. The defense says Miller was

working for the pop star's lawyer at the time, Mark Genagos. District Attorney Tom Sneed said Friday he did not know Miller was working for Genagos when authorities with a search warrant broke into Miller's office with sledgehammers.

Casino bid pits Trump against Bird

FRENCH LICK, Ind. (AP) — Larry Bird, the beloved "Hick from French Lick," has competition these days on his home court, and it's coming from The Donald.

Former NBA star Bird and billionaire Donald Trump are principals in investment groups vying for the state contract to build a casino near the struggling southern Indiana community.

Each is betting his group can bring much-needed jobs to an area that once was the playground of high-rolling movie stars but now consistently poses one of the state's highest unemployment rates.

But the Indiana Gaming Commission needs a decision. Orange County residents are anything but unified in their choice.

For some in and around this community of 1,900 people located about 60 miles northwest of Louisville, Ky., Bird is the sentimental favorite. The former Indiana State University and Boston Celtics star, now president of the NBA's Indiana Pacers, has a house on the outskirts of town. He is often spotted mingling with locals at

places like the Colonial Bar, where framed magazine covers of Bird line a wall.

Others say Trump, who already owns casinos in Atlantic City, N.J., Gary, Ind., has the flash needed to put Orange County on the gambling map.

The proposals from the Bird and Trump groups and a third applicant, Lost River Development, promise to bring thousands of jobs to the area. Orange County, population 19,000, had an unemployment rate of 9.3 percent in May.

Besides jobs, residents say they want the casino operator to help restore both the vacant West Baden Springs Hotel and the French Lick Springs Resort & Spa, which is in operation but needs restoration. Both hotels catered to clients like Lana Turner, Bob Hope and Al Capone when the area was a thriving gambling destination with 17 casinos.

"I just want somebody who continues to keep the focus," said Jeff Lane, president of the West Baden Historical Society. "I just love the history, and I don't want anything to come in that would deteriorate that at all."

Court sentences man who lied to FBI to five years

NEW YORK (AP) — A New Jersey gas station owner was sentenced Friday to the maximum of five years in prison for lying to FBI agents about his ties to a Yemeni sheik who prosecutors say raised money for al-Qaida.

Numan Maffahi, a Yemen-born U.S. citizen, told agents that he had limited contact with Sheikh Abdullah Satar and no involvement in Satar's fund-raising for al-Qaida and Osama bin Laden.

But prosecutors said FBI agents had watched as Maffahi spent almost every waking hour with Satar during a 1998 trip to New York, arranging his speaking engagements at mosques, driving him to ap-

pointments and helping collect and hold money. The terrorism tie brought Maffahi, 31, an unusually stiff sentence for lying to the FBI, which ordinarily would carry a maximum six-month sentence.

The proof here is overwhelming that the defendant was lying about facts relevant to the investigation of a federal crime of terrorism. U.S. District Judge Nina Gershon said.

Maffahi's attorney, Hassen Abdallah, argued that he was unproven, because Satar has not been indicted in the United States and the charity he was raising money for, the Charitable Society for Social Welfare, has not been designated a terrorist organization.

Judge orders Jackson prosecutor to take stand

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — In a highly unusual move, the judge in the Michael Jackson child-molestation case ordered the district attorney Friday to take the stand and explain a mid on a private investigator's office. Superior Court Judge Rodney

Merville wants to know if the seizure of videotapes and computer hard drives from investigator Bradley Miller's office in November 2003 violated Jackson's attorney-client privilege. The defense says Miller was

working for the pop star's lawyer at the time, Mark Genagos. District Attorney Tom Sneed said Friday he did not know Miller was working for Genagos when authorities with a search warrant broke into Miller's office with sledgehammers.

“When an 18-wheeler makes a turn, people literally have to back up to accommodate the truck.”

— Val Beard, Brewster County Judge

Presidio City Manager Tom Nance, who says sales tax revenue has increased and unemployment has dropped dramatically. "It's good for this city."

But Alpine residents are not expecting such a windfall.

Many fear the trucks will fill up with cheaper and dirtier Mexican diesel before entering the United States. Then they would have no reason to stop along the way.

"They'll get way past us burning dirty fuel," said Alpine resident Don Dowdrey, chairman of the Big Bend Regional Sierra Club. "This is a special unique place."

The state has started to collect data and meet with people in the area about their concerns, said Judy Ramsey of the Texas Department of Transportation. She said the South Orient railroad, owned by the department, is being refurbished and will take some trucks off the road.

Another way to ease the effects would be to build bypass routes around the towns, but Ramsey said money is scarce.

Martin, the Kiowa art gallery manager who has lived in the town for 10 years, said she wishes the town could just stay the same.

"We don't even have a functioning red light and we don't want one," she said. "We don't even want to be that big."

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Section B

MORNING LINE**SPORTSQUOTE**

“It’s a good day to be a Cowboy.”

— Twin Falls Class A American Legion coach Devin Kunz after the Cowboys won two Friday

TRIVIA QUESTION:Fernando Valenzuela, who will manage the World team in the All-Stars Futures game on Sunday equaled Carl Hubbell’s feat in the 1986 All-Star game. Which five AL stars did the former Dodger left-hander strike out in order?
.....answer below**TODAY’S SCHEDULE****Amateur golf**
Sinclair/Kerbs Oil Burley Amateur, 7:30 a.m.
Magic Valley Speedway
Modifieds, Grand National, Ponys, Twin Falls “100” RMCS NAPA Late Models, 6 p.m.
Legion baseball
Buhl at Highland (2), 4 p.m.
Rigby at Minico (2), 11 a.m.
Meridian A Tournament**IN BRIEF****Nine-year-old cards hole in one**TWIN FALLS — Kyle Milley, 9, of Twin Falls carded his first ace on Hole No. 6 at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course on July 6.
He used a 5-wood for the 142-yard shot witnessed by Damon Jones on July 6.**Wake board competition is today**BURLEY — Pinetree Sports will be hosting the annual “Wake in the Snake” wake board competition at the Burley Golf Course Marina today beginning at 8 a.m.
The event brings about 40 competitors from several Western states to compete in classes ranging from beginner to expert, said Carol Warr, Pinetree’s business manager.
The event is free for spectators and Al’s Pizza will operate a food concession stand.
The cost to compete is \$30 and boarders can register at the event. Pinetree will supply the boat but competitors must provide their own wake board.
For safety reasons the boat ramp at the golf course marina will be closed during the event.**Rulon Gardner will instruct at camp**

KIMBERLY — Rulon Gardner, the 2000 Olympic Greco-Roman wrestling champion, will be in Kimberly Monday to instruct at the 2004 Bulldog Wrestling Camp.

The camp runs Monday through Wednesday. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Monday with the camp beginning at 9 and finishing at 4 p.m.

The camp also runs 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Tuesday before concluding with a 9 a.m.-1 p.m. session on Wednesday.

The cost of the camp is \$100, with the cost \$90 per participant for groups of seven or more.

The fee includes lunch each day, a camp T-shirt and secondary accident insurance.

Notice of attendance must be received by the end of the weekend for those who have not yet registered.

Participants should bring a T-shirt and shorts, wrestling shoes, head gear and a mouth guard to camp.

For more information, please call Tony Palmer at 423-4566 or 539-3214.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Don Mattingly, Cal Ripken Jr., Jesse Barfield, Lou Whitaker and Teddy Higuera. The AL won that game, too, 3-2.

Pepsi 100: Race of the century?

By Eric Larson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The smell of melting rubber, meeting hot blacktop, the roar of wide-open engines and the throaty cheers from the throng of onlookers. Throw in a handful of cars turned to sheet metal from the rollover contest, and Saturday night at the Magic Valley Speedway sounds more like a Detroit Pistons championship celebration than a night at the races.

But the 2004 Twin Falls Centennial 100 race looks to be more civil — ignore the rollover contest — than a band of rioters. There might be a little bumping, and surely a whole lot of jockeying for position though, as the drivers of the Rocky Mountain

Challenge Series look to go the distance in the 100-lap main event.
Saturday will mark the second RMCS race of the year at MVS. It was Boise’s Lee Hackney and his No. 91 car that took the checkered flag in the 75-lap race in early May.
Series points leader Zan Sharp of Logan, Utah, was impressive that day, earning 101 series points after starting the race in the No. 20 position, and climbing all the way to No. 4 by the end of the race.

“He’s had an incredible year,” RMCS founder Mike Binklick said. “He’s had some bad luck in

the past, but if there’s a Cinderella story this year, it has to be him.”

Sharp and his No. 84 car have since taken a commanding lead in the RMCS points standings. His first-place total of 477 points is 184 ahead of second-place Dennis Wuertz, Jr. of Kuna.

“Dennis is a great shoe too,” Minegar said. “He’s a nine-time champion in Meridian and he’s raced everything. He drives a Dodge too, which is unusual in our series, as most guys drive Chevrolets.”

The RMCS is in its first year of operation, after Minegar founded a governing body for late model racing between the Boise Valley and Salt Lake City area. “Tired of the disorganization of club races, Minegar and others worked to make a rule book and

raise more than \$22,000 for the year’s final driver rewards.”

“It’s been a track announcer in Meridian for 15 years and I’ve been around the sport for 25, so it was kind of a natural progression,” Minegar said.

When compared to the series’ other tracks, which are three-eighths of a mile long, the one-third mile oval at MVS will make for some tight racing.

“MVS is unique that it doesn’t have a great setup for two-groove racing,” Minegar said. “You may see some bumping and grinding, but passing on the outside is tough to do. These guys will have their cars set up to turn up and underneath, that’s how you’ll see most of the passing.”

Points leader and Twin Falls native Bruce Quale in the No. 92

car will look to widen his lead in the Grand American Modifieds race. Quale leads Kuna’s Steven Jones by 65 points, while Twin Falls’ Mike Buidenburgh and the No. 19 car are 71 points out of first.

The race for the Budweiser Grand Nationals points lead will also heat up, as Twin Falls’ Jerry Rice and the No. 4 car will have a 17-point lead over Dan Oake and his No. 71 into Saturday’s action. Another Twin Falls driver, Jeff Meads, rounds out the top three points leaders in the series.

But the closest points race has been led by NAPA Auto Parts’ Ponsy driver, Kivan Larson of Kimberly. Larson and his No. 88 car held a slim five-point lead.

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COWBOY UP



Twin Falls batter Luke Hawkins doubles into right field to lead off a four-run fourth inning during the Cowboys 6-3 win over Rigby Friday at Walker Field.

Cowboys outlast struggling Cyclones

By Dustin Lagray
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Cowboys are streaking.

Since the Twin Falls Cowboys AA American Legion baseball squad lost to the Billings (Mont.) Royals last Sunday they have won six consecutive games.

“The aluminum bats have helped us tremendously,” Twin Falls coach Tim Stadelmeir said. “We have a lot of confidence right now. I just hope we can carry that through to the district tournament.”

The Cowboys (22-12, 16-2) are winning the important conference games at the right time. The district tournament begins July 22 and the Cowboys swept Madison and Minico earlier this week. Friday, it was the struggling 1-19 Rigby Cyclones’ turn for a doubleheader.

Twin Falls tallied 10 hits to take Game 1 of the doubleheader at Walker Field 6-3. In Game 2, six different Cowboys had at least two hits in a 22-0 rout in five innings.

Nate Robertson connected for a solo home run while Twin Falls scored 11 in the fourth inning to blow the game open.

In Game 1, seven Cowboys tallied hits led by lead-off hitter Todd Rehbein. Rehbein went 3-for-3 with an RBI, two runs scored and a stolen base in Game 1.

Drew Bernhard, Alex Hill, Rehbein and Tim Mealer each hit RBI base-hits in the fourth inning to blow the game open.

Nick Carr pitched six innings and allowed three runs on four hits. Carr struck out nine Cyclones. Joey Martin pitched the seventh inning to get the save for Twin Falls.

“He has struggled lately,”

Stadelmeir said. “I was really glad to see him throw well. He got his fastball and his slider over the plate. We’re going to need him in the long run.”

Cyclones starter Chase Bazil struck out three batters, while giving up six runs and ten hits through six innings. Bazil is slated to play baseball for the College of Southern Idaho this fall.

Cyclone center fielder Kobe Spencer contributed to all Cyclone runs. His double in the fourth inning set up Tanner Wray’s sacrifice fly and Spencer scored and drove in a run in the sixth.

“The remainder of the Cyclone roster is filled with young faces. Rigby started five freshmen Friday.

The team only brought 10 players on the trip to Twin Falls.

“For the most part we try to get them to relax and we work

on a lot of things to try and get ready for next year,” Rigby coach Aaron Bailey said.

“We’re very young, so we look at this as a building season, a chance for them to get experience. Obviously, with 10 guys you’re going to get a lot of playing time.”

Rigby plays Minico today. Twin Falls hosts the Idaho Falls Reds for a twin bill Monday at 5 p.m.

The final regular season home games for the Cowboys are Tuesday against Pocatello.

Twin Falls 6, Rigby 3
8:00 PM — 2-4
Twin Falls 20, Rigby 8
7:00 PM — 2-10
Chase Bazil and Bo Young, New Carr, Joey Martin, Tim Mealer and Alex Hill — 20 Runs, 10 Hits, 10 Errors, 10 Strikeouts
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8:00 PM — 0-12
Twin Falls 50 (11) — 24-0
Chris Rehbein, Kobe Spencer, Tim Mealer, Drew Bernhard, Alex Hill, and Joey Martin — 20 Runs, 10 Hits, 10 Errors, 10 Strikeouts

Armstrong survives bike crash

The Associated Press

ANGERS, France — To Lance Armstrong’s dismay, the Tour de France is turning into a demolition derby, with crashes galore — including one that took down the five-time champion.

After largely avoiding the bumps, bruises and scrapes that plagued other riders, the Texan tumbled off his bike early in Friday’s sixth stage but quickly recovered to rejoin the race.

“It was a typical early race crash,” Armstrong said. “There’s nothing you can do. You hit the brakes, but bikes don’t stop that fast, so I just went over.”

While he wasn’t hurt, the spill was Armstrong’s biggest scare in his bid for a record sixth straight Tour de France crown.

“It wasn’t bad, a little bit on the arm, a little bit on the hip,” he said, listing his bruises after the 122-mile stage from Bonneval to Angers in western France.

Tom Boonen, a former teammate of Armstrong riding in his



U.S. Postal Service team leader Lance Armstrong, of Austin, Texas, center, rides in the pack with a slightly injured right knee after he fell with other riders of the pack outside Lognon, during the 6th stage of the Tour de France cycling race between Bonneval and Angers, western France, Friday.

first Tour, won the stage in a sprint, while another crash delayed him took out or held up dozens of riders near the finish line.

Armstrong was among those delayed and ended up 34th. His major rival, German Jan Ullrich, Please see ARMSTRONG, Page B2

Tomjanovich agrees to coach the LA Lakers

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Rudy Tomjanovich and the Los Angeles Lakers have had an adversarial relationship since 1970.

He played against the Lakers; he was punched and almost killed by one of them; sued them, and coached against them.

After all that, the parties have joined forces.

Tomjanovich, who guided the Houston Rockets to NBA championships in 1994 and 1995, has agreed to coach the Lakers — a move expected since Monday.

“We expect that he’ll sign a contract and we’ll hold a press conference tomorrow to announce it,” Lakers spokesman John Black said Friday.

Tomjanovich succeeds Phil Jackson, who coached the Lakers to three titles in five years. The team announced June 18, three days after losing to the Detroit Pistons in the NBA Finals,

that Jackson wouldn’t return next season.

The 55-year-old Tomjanovich coached the Rockets for 12 years before stepping down in May 2003 — two months after being diagnosed with bladder cancer. He negotiated settlement of the remaining two years and \$12 million left on his coaching contract.

Reportedly in good health now, he worked as a scout with the Rockets last season — his 34th year with the organization he joined in 1970 as the second overall selection in the NBA draft.

Tomjanovich was the winningest coach in Rockets history with a 503-397 record, but they failed to make the playoffs in his last four years there.

Newly hired Tomjanovich agreed to terms of a five-year contract worth about \$30 million — a deal similar to the one Jackson signed in June 1999.

SPORTS

Perez pinch hit propels Phillies' win

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Tomas Perez's pinch-hit, RBI single in the 10th helped the Philadelphia Phillies overcome a five-run deficit and two three-run homers by Rafael Furcal to beat Atlanta 7-6 in 10 innings Friday night.

Chase Utley hit a solo homer off John Smoltz with one out in the ninth to tie it at 6 and Mike Lieberthal had two RBIs, including a three-run homer in the eighth.

Billy Wagner (3-0) got the final two outs in the 10th for his second win in two nights. Ricky Ledee led off the 10th with a single off Antonio Alfonseca (5-3).

David Bell hit into a fielder's choice. Lieberthal walked. Perez then lined a single down the right-field line, scoring Bell.

Cardinals 6, Cubs 1
ST. LOUIS — Jason Marquis kept the Chicago Cubs reeling and the St. Louis Cardinals got home runs from Edgar Renteria, Albert Pujols, Jim Edmonds and Tony Womack.

Greg Maddux (7-7) gave up three homers as the Cardinals won their ninth in a row at home, including the first seven games of a nine-game homestand. Marquis (9-4) faced his former mentor, Maddux, for the third time this season.



Mets 6, Marlins 3
MIAMI — Ty Wigington homered and had an RBI double and Mike Cameron also homered off the Mets, who scored four runs in the eighth inning to win for the seventh time in nine games.

The defending World Series champions have gone the other way, losing seven of nine. The Marlins are 500 (43-43) for the first time since starting the season 1-1.

Pirates 11, Expos 0
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Jason Bay homered twice and Tony Lincecum pitched a complete game, helping to shut out Montreal for the 13th time this season. It was Pittsburgh's fourth shutout.

For 4-5, with a single, double and two homers. He drove in four runs, hitting solo shots in the fourth and the sixth. It was Bay's third multihomer game of the year, and the fourth of his career.

Reds 3, Brewers 0
MILWAUKEE — Aaron Har-

rung led his career high with 10 strikeouts and Wily Mo Pena homered.

Since spending most of June on the disabled list with a sprained ligament in his right elbow, Harung (5-2) has allowed just one earned run in 19.2-3 innings.

He gave up five hits, all singles, walked one and didn't allow a runner past first base until left fielder Adam Dunn's throwing error on Chris Maguider's bloop single with two outs in the eighth.

Danny Graves pitched the ninth, giving his career high with his 32nd save in 39 chances.

Chris Capuano (3-5) set career highs with nine strikeouts and 7-1-3 innings. He allowed three earned runs on six hits with three walks.

American League
Yankees 5, Devil Rays 4
NEW YORK — Paul Quantrill and Mariano Rivera made sure the New York Yankees held off Tampa Bay for the second straight night.

Mets and Detroit.
Indians 5, Athletics 4
CLEVELAND — Pinch-hitter Lou Merloni's two-run single capped Cleveland's three-run ninth inning off Octavio Dotel.

Merloni ripped the first pitch from Dotel (1-1) down the left-field line with the bases loaded to score Omar Vizquel and Travis Hafner before being mobbed by his teammates.

The Indians have beaten the A's four straight times at home this season — all in their final at-bat.

Cleveland had been 0-30 in games in which it trailed going into the ninth before the comeback.

Angels 5, Blue Jays 4
TORONTO — Bartolo Colon pitched seven strong innings for his second win in his last 11 starts, and Vladimir Guerrero drove in three runs.

Colon (6-8) entered with the highest ERA among AL starters at 6.57.

Red Sox 7, Rangers 0
BOSTON — Johnny Damon went 4-for-5 with two homers and four RBIs. Bronson Arroyo allowed three hits in eight innings for his first win since May 15 and the Boston Red Sox beat the Texas Rangers 7-0 Friday night.

Boston won its fourth straight, its longest streak since winning five in a row May 21-26. Damon extended his hitting streak to 14 games with a first-inning single.

Royals 7, Orioles 0
BALTIMORE — Mike Sweeney ended Kansas City's club-record streak of 32 scoreless innings with a two-run double in the sixth, and the Royals snapped an eight-game skid.

Darrel May (6-9) pitched a five-hitter for his third career shutout, just 11 days after yielding seven runs and eight hits in a 10-1 loss to Baltimore. The left-hander struck out five and walked one in his sixth career complete game, the second this season.

Tigers 5, Twins 3
MINNEAPOLIS — Jason Smith hit two of Detroit's three homers to help the Tigers beat the Twins.

Carlos Guillen hit a three-run homer in the first inning, and Gary Knotts (5-3) held the Twins to two runs over 6-2-3 innings for his first win in five starts.

Coceres retains lead in John Deere Classic

SILVILS, Ill. — Jose Coceres waited out a lengthy rain delay and played into fading daylight Friday, taking a one-shot lead before play was suspended in the second round of the John Deere Classic.

The 40-year-old Argentine was 2 under through 11 holes for the round and was 11 under overall when play was halted because of rain.

Half of the field was to return and finish on Saturday morning before the start of the third round.

It's not easy for any player, but you just have to accept it, he said through a translator. "I'm playing really well and concentrating well and I'm still leading, so I'm comfortable."

the Scottish Open. With course architect Tom Weiskopf in his group and Prince Andrew following along, Havret made an eagle and three birdies over the final six holes for a 7-under 64, giving the 27-year-old Frenchman a one-shot lead at Loch Lomond.

David Howell also shot 64, making three straight birdies at the start and finish of his front-nine 30. He was at 134 along with Phillip Price (69) and Ian Poulter (67), who has not made a bogey in two rounds.

McCord and Canizares share lead at Players
DEARBORN, Mich. — Gary McCord is going to skip work to play golf.

McCord, better known as a TV golf analyst than an occasional player on the Champions Tour, surged into the lead at the Senior Players Championship on Friday with an 8-under 64.

He was then caught by Jose Maria Canizares, whose 66 also put him at 10 under at one of the senior tour's five majors.

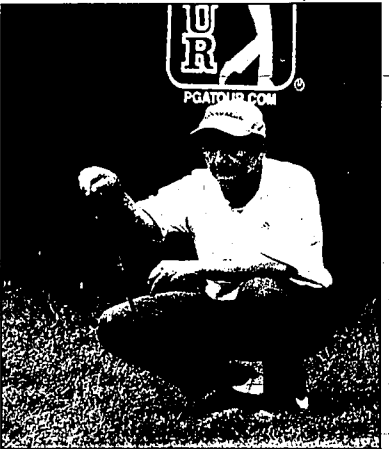
into a player-analyst at least on Saturday when he's in the final group.

First-round leader Gil Morgan followed up his 65 with a 72 under 70 and was at 9 under, tied for second place with Ed Quigley and Mark James. Dan Flori and Doug Tewell will start Saturday's third round another stroke back.

Mallon struggles but leads at Canadian Open
NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario — After having everything go her way on the golf course lately, Meg Mallon showed she's also capable of responding to adversity.

Mallon was resilient — overcoming a shot that struck a tree branch and led to one of her two bogeys — in a 2-under 70 Friday that kept her in the lead after the second round of the Canadian Women's Open.

Mallon, coming off last week's win at the U.S. Women's Open, was at 9-under 135, a stroke ahead of Lorena Ochoa, who had a second-round 67. Defending champion Beth Daniel (68), Gloria Park (70), Dawn Coe-Jones (69) and rookie Aree Song (66) were tied for third at 137, a stroke ahead of Nancy Scranton, who had a second-round (69).



Jose Coceres of Argentina lines up his putt on the fifth hole during the second round of the John Deere Classic at the TPC at Deere Run in Silvis, Ill., on Friday.

Golf

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control their short game. The course isn't particularly long, but the wedge shots to the greens will be important, as the putting surface will be fast.

"We're going to dry the greens a little bit to increase their speed," Williams said. "It should lead to a challenging tournament."

The 10-woman field of the women's championship flight is led by former Twin Falls High School and Current Boise State University golfer Jennifer Hedberg. Play will start Saturday when the first group tees off at 7:40 a.m.

Saturday's tee times follow:

Armstrong

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was 26th but didn't make up time on Armstrong.

Under the rules, competitors held up in a crash in the final kilometer of a stage as given the same time as the winner. In this case, 4 hours, 33 minutes, 41 seconds.

Crashes are nothing new. Riders accustomed to grueling mountain climbs and punishing weather often take tumbles. It's common to see riders competing with bandaged chins, black eyes and stitched-up wounds.

This year, a mix of nervous, aggressive riding and narrow roads made slick by rain have caused several collisions and spills in the first six stages.

The daily medical statement issued by Tour organizers Friday listed a dozen riders who had a variety of injuries, including broken ribs, injured knees, and

cut wrists and necks. Toury Hamilton, a former teammate of Armstrong's, hurt his shoulder. But it was little worry for the thick-skinned American: He worked crowds a year ago by riding most of the

many, T-Mobile team, same time, finished 26th.

Yellow Jersey: French cyclist Thomas Voeckler of Brioches La Boulanger holds on to leader's shirt.

Next Stage: Saturday's seventh stage from Chatozoubert to St. Simeon is 127.08 miles.

Highlights from the sixth stage of the Tour de France
Stage: A 122-mile flat, slightly downhill stretch from Bonneval to Angers.

Winner: Tom Boonen, Belgium, Quick-Step-Davitamon, 4 hours, 33 minutes, 41 seconds.

How Others Fared: Lance Armstrong, United States, US Postal-Berry-Ford, same time, finished 34th. Jan Ullrich, Ger-

Marion Jones begins bid for U.S. Olympic team

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Marion Jones finished second in her quarterfinal heat of the women's 100 meters at the U.S. Olympic trials Friday night, good enough to advance to Saturday's semifinal but far from her dominating form of past years.

Jones began her bid for a spot on the U.S. squad for the Athens Games by finishing behind Larisha Colander in the opening round.

Jones, who dominated the event in the late 1990s and is the reigning Olympic champion, finished in 11.38 seconds at MVS, where ears will be smashed for the sake of saving her.

The night will also feature the first official rollover contest at MVS, where ears will be smashed for the sake of saving her.

The competition is akin to a one-driver demolition derby, where participants will try to

Twin Falls A takes two in Meridian

Two complete games for the Twin Falls Class A pitchers helped propel the Cowboys to a 2-0 start Friday at the Meridian/Kuna American Legion Baseball tournament with a 4-2 win over Walls, Wash., and an 11-0 win over a Logan, Utah squad.

Chance Elam went the distance against Walls while Josh Barnes went 2-for-4 with a double.

"We played really well and clean," said coach Devin Kunz.

"We got the sacrifice and drag bunts down. It just snowballed after we did all the little things right."

Nathan Ramirez struck out five, walked two and allowed only two hits against Mountain Crest of Logan, Utah for the shutout.

"It's a good day to be a Cowboy," Kunz said.

"Twin Falls plays' Kuna at 11:30 a.m. followed by Meridian at 4 p.m. There is an all-star game at Walla Walla, Wash., and an 11-0 win over a Logan, Utah squad.

On Sunday, they face Green River, Wash. at 9 a.m.

The top two teams play that afternoon in the tournament championship.

Minico 9, Idaho Falls Reds 4
IDAHO FALLS — Minico split against the Idaho Falls Reds, led by Canton 19-5 starter Andy Carlisle, in a Class AA American Legion baseball doubleheader Friday.

Kreg Schow cleared the bases with a double in the first inning to spark the 19-5 victory. Minico hosts 1-19 Rigby at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. today.

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without saying a word to fans or reporters.

After qualifying for Saturday's semifinals was Chryste Gaines, one of four sprinters who face a lifetime ban after being charged with steroid use.

Her case is awaiting arbitration by the Swiss-based Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Pepsi 100

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over Bill Mills of Gooding and Jason Whitted of Filer.

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YOUR WEEKEND



Art alfresco

• What: The Magic Valley Arts Council will present the 13th annual Kids Art in the Park. • Where: Twin Falls City Park. • When: Today. The preschoolers (ages 3-5) sessions are from 9-10 a.m., 10-11 a.m., 11 a.m.-noon, 1-2 p.m., 2-3 p.m. and 3-4 p.m. (choose one). The session for grades 1-3 is from 9-9:45 a.m. until noon; for grades 4-6 from 1-4:15 p.m.; and for grades 7-9 from 1-4:15 p.m. Drop-ins are welcome. • How much: \$2 per child.



Friends and neighbors

• What: The 33rd annual Kimberly Good Neighbor Days coincide. • Where: In and around City Park. • When: Breakfast starts the day from 6-9:30 a.m., followed by a flag-raising and the Good Neighbor Days Parade (starts on Center Street West, turns left on Main Street to Monroe Street, right on Monroe to Ash Street, right on Ash to Center, and then right again on Center to Main). Horse-ice-pitching and three-on-three basketball competitions begin at noon, and throughout the afternoon there will be food, games, craft booths and live entertainment. • How much: Breakfast is \$5 a plate; all other activities are free.

Rosin your bows

• What: Mannie's Jamboree fiddlefest will be held in Shoshone. • Where: City Park (north of the railroad tracks). • When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. • How much: Free.

Beauty and brains

• What: The Miss Magic Valley Scholarship Pageant will be held tonight. • Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls. • When: 7 p.m. • How much: Tickets, which are \$8, are available at the door.

Skates of gold

• What: 2002 Olympic gold medalist Alexei Yagudin will headline the Sun Valley Ice Show. • Where: On the rink behind the Sun Valley Lodge. • When: Tonight, about 10:30 p.m. • How much: Tickets, which are \$27, \$38, \$45 and \$50 for Bleacher seats, \$50 for Sun Room seats and \$60 and \$64 for dinner-and-show tickets, can be reserved by phoning (208) 622-2135.

Thank God and Greyhound

• What: Roy Clark will do two shows in Jackpot. • Where: Cactus Petes Resort Casino. • When: 8 and 10 p.m., today. • How much: Tickets, which are \$30, \$35 and \$40; can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.

Art in Shoshone

• What: Shoshone Art in the Park is this weekend. • Where: Lawn of the Lincoln County Courthouse. • When: Today and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. • How much: It's free.

Counties OK Sunday liquor sales

By Mickey Walker
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — Commissioners in Gooding, Jerome, Carnas and Blaine counties have approved the sale of packaged liquor on Sundays at state-owned and state-controlled stores. The counties are the first in south-central Idaho to act on a state law that went into effect July 1. Adopted by the Legislature this year and signed by the governor in March, it allows counties to approve the Sunday sale of liquor by a commission

resolution or by a countywide election. The practice of Sunday liquor sales still is prohibited in Twin Falls, Lincoln, Minidoka and Cassia counties. In Gooding County, the recent vote was not unanimous. Commissioners Rob Sauer and Carolyn Elenguri voted for the resolution while Thomas Bingham opposed it. "I believe it's something that the majority of the county is in favor of," Sauer said. "People are going to buy it regardless, it's better they do it in Gooding County instead of

driving elsewhere to get it." The bill's proponents in the Legislature estimated that Sunday sales could generate a minimum of about \$750,000 in revenue for the state. About \$40,000 would go to drug and family court services, with \$710,000 circulated back to cities and counties. "If that holds true, it would be an added benefit to the county," Sauer said. The vote on the resolution was prompted by Gary Chappel, the owner of Chappel's Market in Hagerman, who requested commissioners review the matter.

State agencies including the Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, as well as Idaho State Police, were notified of the county's resolution. Chappel said that he has not heard from the agencies that he can begin selling liquor on Sunday. And until he does, none will be sold. "This will, however, help the small contract stores make a few more sales," Chappel said. Gooding County has four contract stores including Chappel's Market, Cook's Food Town in Gooding, Simerly's in Wendell

and the Bliss Country Store. Commissioners in Jerome, Blaine and Carnas counties unanimously passed their respective resolutions. Nick File, the manager of a contract store in Hazelton, asked Jerome commissioners to exercise local option on Sunday sales. The commissioners heard public comments on the issue in June and determined there was no significant opposition. Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale also contributed to this story.

REDUCING RADON

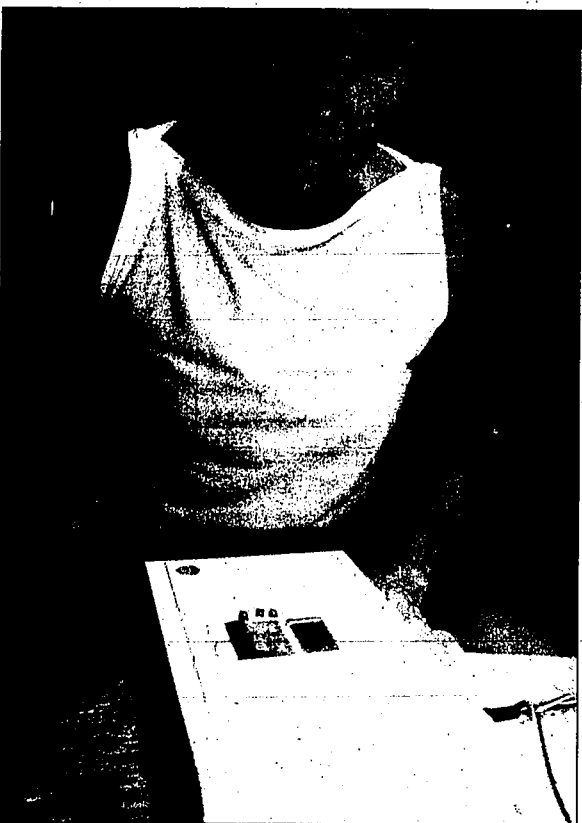
EPA indicates 75 percent of Blaine County have high levels

By Helen Hudson
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — You can't see it. You can't smell or taste it. But it's there in the air you breathe. And it can harm you. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, resulting in 5,000 to 22,000 deaths per year. Though one out of every 15 homes in the U.S. has elevated radon levels, homes in Idaho have six times the national average. Blaine County has the highest levels of radon in Idaho. A recent Environmental Protection Agency survey showed that 75 percent of Blaine County homes had radon at levels above 4 picocuries per liter — the threshold recommended for taking action.

What's radon?

Radon comes from the radioactive breakdown of uranium in the soil. It typically moves up through the ground and gets into your home through cracks and holes in the foundation. It persists upward through construction joints, cracks in walls, gaps in suspended floors and even around basement service pipes. Radon also leaks into the water supply. Though the risk of breathing it poses a higher risk of lung cancer than the risk of stomach cancer from swallowing it, radon experts say homeowners should have their water tested — particularly those using well water. Radon gas decays into radioactive particles that get trapped in your lungs as you breathe. This damages lung tissue and leads to lung cancer over the course of a lifetime. Smokers, in particular, are at



Mary Fisher inspects a radon monitoring box at a home in west Ketchum. After leaving the box for a few days, a radon inspector will pick it up and download its information to her computer for analysis.

City will soon install engraved bricks

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The engraved brick sold as a fundraiser for the Twin Falls Centennial Commission's projects will soon be installed permanently at the new Centennial Plaza near the Twin Falls Visitor Center. Ken Edmunds, Centennial Commission chairman, said time ran out for brick installation when the plaza was being prepared for its May 29 dedication. Some of the bricks that had been purchased and engraved by that time were laid out temporarily around the L.B. Ferrine statue for the event. Organizers thought it would be best not to leave the uninstalled bricks lying where they could be stolen or vandalized. Bonnie Lezamis, Centennial Commission executive director, said 1,010 bricks have been sold so far with

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an order to be submitted next month for another 135. Permanent installation of approximately 600 will begin next week. The bricks will be placed all around the Ferrine statue. Requests for specific groupings of the bricks will be honored where possible. Others will be placed randomly. The bricks are \$50 for two lines and \$55 for three lines of engraving. Order forms can be picked up at the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce office or at the visitor center. For more information, call the Twin Falls Centennial Commission office at 736-0800.

Program offers health care for low-income kids

TWIN FALLS — Working parents now have two more places to find affordable health care for their children. Open enrollment for Idaho's Access Card and CHIP B continues through July 16, according to a news release from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. Income can be up to 185 percent of the federal poverty level. That means a family of four could make almost \$35,000 a year and still qualify for coverage for children up to age 19 from one of the programs. The Access Card is a premium assistance program for families that prefer to obtain health coverage through a private insurance company or through

an employer. A family using the Access Card would receive up to \$100 per child per month — a maximum of \$300 per family — to help purchase insurance. CHIP B is low-cost health coverage for children who don't have insurance and don't qualify for Medicaid or CHIP — Children's Health Insurance Program. CHIP B costs \$15 per child each month. Children up to age 19 within income guidelines may be eligible. Families interested must submit their applications by July 16 or wait until the next open enrollment. For more information, contact your insurance agent or call the toll-free Idaho Careline at 1-800-928-2588. Information is also available online at www.idahohealth.org. — compiled from staff reports

Landlord law draws two lawsuits

By Mickey Walker
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Two landlords with rental property in Filer have filed lawsuits against the city, challenging a recently adopted ordinance that holds them responsible for their tenants' water, sewer and garbage bills. Landshilford Inc., which is owned by M. Lynn Dunlap, and Mitch Campbell filed their separate lawsuits in 5th District Court.

The ordinance in question went into effect July 1. Filer Mayor Jay Fort recently sent letters to rental property owners informing them the ordinance will be enforced Aug. 1. Both Campbell and Dunlap appeared at public hearings on the ordinance in May and June, voicing their objections to the proposed regulation. They're now seeking a permanent injunction to prevent the city from enforcing the ordinance.

City officials say Filer loses about \$150 a month in water and sewer charges at rental properties where tenants leave without paying their bills. Fort declined to comment on the lawsuits, but the mayor has said in the past that Filer simply can't continue to absorb the costs. Campbell, who is representing himself, filed his lawsuit on June 22. "If I have to go to the U.S. Supreme Court, I will," he said. "The bottom line is there's something un-American about making someone responsible for someone else's bill." In his eight-page complaint for declaratory judgment, Campbell argues among other things that the ordinance is unconstitutional. Please see LAWSUITS, Page C3

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■ Last we knew: The Filer City Council adopted an ordinance that holds landlords responsible for water, sewer and garbage bills at their rental properties. ■ The latest: Shortly before the ordinance went into effect July 1, two property owners filed lawsuits in 5th District Court against the city asking a judge to rule the law invalid. ■ What's next: Mayor Jay Fort has said the city will begin enforcing the ordinance on Aug. 1. Hearing dates are yet to be set on the separate lawsuits.

WANTED in the Magic Valley

Name: Chad Loren Wahl. Description: 5-foot-8, 175 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes. Wanted for: Failure to appear for sentencing on felony charge of fleeing or eluding a peace officer. The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department asks anyone with information about Wahl's whereabouts to call 736-4100 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387, where you can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a cash reward.

Heyburn plans to leave pact in August

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPELT — Minidoka County's animal control board has chosen a plan to get through the remaining fiscal year now that one of its largest cities and financial contributors no longer is part of the joint animal control agreement. Heyburn city officials have

told the board that this month's payment will be their last under the pact. The current level of animal control services will be maintained until Oct. 1 by drawing approximately \$5,500 from the board's contingency fund to make up for the loss over the remaining two months of the budget year. Chairman Robert Christensen said.

The fund consists of about \$9,000 that had been earmarked for the eventual replacement of one of the animal control trucks, Christensen said. Heyburn will continue to make debt service payments for the animal shelter in Paul for the two years remaining on the loan. The city plans have police officers and city employees

perform animal control duties and will pay for shelter services as needed. The board will consider three options for the future of animal control at their Aug. 4 meeting. Rupert City Manager Roger Bagley proposed in June keeping both officers and cutting the two part-time shelter workers as well as raising fees for services. Please see PACT, Page C3

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FBI worries about ecoterrorism

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Federal officials said Friday they are worried about escalating violence by ecoterrorists in Utah, especially arson fires that could unintentionally kill people.

The latest event was a fire that caused minor damage Thursday at Brigham Young University in Provo. The letters ALF thought to stand for the Animal Liberation Front, were spray-painted at several sites around the scene. The ALF has not claimed responsibility, and did not immediately respond to an e-mail Friday from The Associated Press seeking comment.

The fire came after at least two other incidents in which animals were released and aquaculture equipment damaged at BYU in the last six weeks. The same initials were spray-painted at the horse barn.

The ALF's sister organization, the Earth Liberation Front, took responsibility last month for the

\$1.5 million arson fire at a West Jordan lumberyard.

"We see more of a trend to the use of arson" and worry about the unintended consequences of such fires, said Ray Mey, who supervises the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force. "We're concerned about the (risk of) loss of life."

Mey said the increase in activity may be tied to the planned stop Thursday in Salt Lake City of the Total Liberation Tour, which he said will feature top leaders of both ELF and ALF. The rally at the city's downtown library will feature speakers, presentations and music.

Thursday's fire was confined to two small areas of a materials handling building at Ellsworth Farm at BYU. It was adjacent to an animal sciences building, but was used by grounds crews. There were no animals in or near the building.

"I think they chose this loca-

tion since it was as far away from the animals as possible," BYU Police Capt. Michael Haroun said.

Damage was limited to a corner of the building where two recycled cardboard boxes were stored and in a nearby stall where two small tractors were set aside.

Damage was initially estimated at about \$30,000, but may be higher if the heat from the blaze damaged the building's structure, said Haroun.

"We're definitely grateful it wasn't worse," he said.

The ELF claimed responsibility for the West Jordan lumberyard fire in a June fax to local media.

It also got caught in targeted the lumberyard because it ignored warnings to repair forklifts that emit "far more pollutants than average diesel engines." The initials "ELF" were spray-painted on a truck.

Fairfield approves parking plan

By Amy Ballard
Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD — The City Council unanimously approved a plan creating 30 parking spaces on Soldier Road Thursday.

Drawn up by school and city officials, the plan will organize parking in a historically chaotic parking scene.

"It's all about safety, really," Mayor David Hanks said. "When you've got a ball game at the high school and there's everybody from the other school and everybody from here trying to park, what happens if there's a fire?"

The new arrangement complements the school's building project, scheduled for completion by fall 2005. New fire lanes

will help the school meet safety regulations as well as forcing the city to tackle its parking problems.

Crosswalks will now be more visible due to the parking angle and at least two handicap spaces will be added. Hanks explained that one of the spaces would be wide enough to easily accommodate a van with a wheelchair lift.

Councilmen urged that law enforcement crack down on parking violations as soon as the new lines are drawn.

Other City Council business included:

* Special events — Four special events permits were granted: The Camas County Fair Board for the fair to be held the first weekend in August; Search and Rescue for its barbecue on July 17; the Pioneer

Picnic Committee for a picnic on July 18; and Camas County 4-H for a park paint and cleanup event.

* Sewer project — Hanks announced that the final plan for the sewer lift station project space had been signed and the contract with Challenger Companies had been finalized. City Engineer Rex Harding of J-U-B Engineers said the work would commence in a couple of weeks when the materials are expected to arrive.

* Work day — Councilman Doug Haskinson said he had ordered materials for repairing the front of the city office building.

Volunteers already have committed to help stain siding, which should arrive Tuesday. A final day will be scheduled at a later date.

Officials identify bones of missing hikers

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Sheriff's deputies are "reasonably positive" that bone fragments found in the Uinta Mountains are those of a mother and daughter who got lost and died of hypothermia on a hike last fall.

Carole — Wetherston, 58, of Panama, Fla., and her daughter Kimberly Beverly, 26, of New York, Ga., were reported missing in September after they failed to make their flight home.

The remains were discovered

during a search-and-rescue training exercise on June 24, after intense searches last fall were called off because of cold weather.

DNA tests have confirmed that the bones belonged to one of the hikers, said Summit County Sheriff's Capt. Joseph Offret. He said officials were almost certain that other victims was the other lost woman, but final DNA tests on the remaining bones might not be completed for a few weeks.

Offret said police still believed the women died from hypothermia.

"It appeared they were huddled in a small, kind of a shelter, and looked like they'd removed some of their clothing to dry," he said. "They probably died by the first night, and definitely by the second."

Offret said the remains consisted mostly of small bone fragments, but searchers did find some hair, fingernails and tissue.

California sues makers of lead-tainted candy

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California's attorney general sued 33 companies that make or sell imported candies Friday, after state tests showed the candy contains lead at levels that may be harmful to children.

Attorney General Bill Lockyer asked a Los Angeles Superior Court judge to block sales of the sweets until they include warnings. State law requires warning labels on anything that potentially could cause cancer or birth defects.

Tests conducted by the state Department of Health Services show the candies contain potentially harmful levels of lead.

All the candy is made in Mexico. The product is safe," responded Arturo J. Gonzalez, who is acting both as an attorney for the candy companies and as spokesman for the Virginia-based National Confectioners Association.

He said the candy complies with all food and safety laws, including the California law, which says it requires warnings for trace amounts of naturally occurring lead.

To the contrary, the lead contamination comes during the manufacturing process and reaches dangerous levels, alleged Lockyer and the Center for Environmental Health, which filed its own similar lawsuit.

The candy uses contaminated tamarind and chilies, sometimes is made in contaminated containers, or is wrapped in contaminated packaging, they allege.

OBITUARIES

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Harold Porter Molesworth — Buhl

Harold Porter Molesworth, age 86, of Buhl, passed away July 4, 2004.

He was born Oct. 20, 1917, in Buhl, Idaho, the son of Porter and Kate Molesworth. Harold attended Buhl schools and graduated in 1935. He was the oldest of six children and at a young age he took over as head of the household due to the passing of his father, Harold, his mother, along with the rest of the family managed the farm and dairy operations. Harold also helped with the raising of his brothers and sisters.

After World War II, Harold went into farming and cattle ranching with his brothers, Howard and Robert. In 1965 Harold retired. At an older age he married Mary Young, and fathered three children, Martin, Sam and Kriste. Harold



and Mary later divorced. Harold was an avid league-play bowler, a member of the Buhl Rifle and Pistol Club and a member of the Buhl Methodist Church.

Surviving are his three chil-

dren, Martin, Sam and Kriste; a sister, Alice Martin, Burley, Idaho, her children, Tim, Becky, Julie and their family; brother, Dale and Irene Molesworth of Kimberly, Idaho, and their family; brother, Don and Jeanne Molesworth, Twin Falls, Idaho, their son, Derek and Heather Molesworth, Twin Falls, Idaho, and their family; and a great-niece, Ashlee Ebberts.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Howard and Robert; sister-in-law, Margaret; and nephew, Ferrell Frestone.

A funeral for Harold will be at 11 a.m. Monday, July 12, 2004, at the West End Cemetery with the Rev. Marge Mal officiating.

Services are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl.

Marie Clay — Twin Falls

Marie Clay, 90, of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday, July 8, 2004, at home and went to be with the Lord.

Mariae was born Jan. 28, 1914, in Barnsdall, Okla., the daughter of Lee Oma and Mary McPhearsan Salkil. On March 19, 1934, Marie married William E. Clay in Barsteville, Calif. Marie worked in an L.N., working at nursing homes in northern and southern California for many years. She moved to Idaho in 1991 to be near family.

Marie was a member of the Foursquare Gospel Church in Paradise, Calif. She worked many long hours for her church and the missionaries. Marie was a wonderful mother, grandmother and friend, warm and loving. She loved crafts and sewing. Marie was always busy creating and doing for others until she became unable to do so because of her health. She left an im-



pact on everyone that met her. We shall miss her so much.

Marie is survived by one son, William L. Clay of Twin Falls; one daughter, Shirley Gilford of Twin Falls; one half-brother, Doyle Salkil of Sylvania, Ohio, one half-sister, Leeda Thissel, of Florida. Also surviving are 14 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren,

six great-great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William E. Clay in 1968; two daughters, Joyce E. Shert in 1971 and Mary Janette Hayes in 1997; two grandchildren, Davina Shert in 1971 and Milton Jack Pruehl in 1992.

A celebration of Marie's life will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 12, 2004, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. Monday until the time of the service at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

The family suggest memorials be given in Marie's honor to Alzheimer Disease Research or American Federation for the Deaf & Blind. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Florence Edyth Hieb — Twin Falls

Florence Edyth Hieb, 91, of Twin Falls and former California resident, passed away Thursday, July 8, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

She was born Jan. 2, 1913, in Tappan, N.D., the daughter of Ernest and Emma Schultz. Florence graduated from Tappan High School in 1931 as valedictorian of her class. On Oct. 18, 1934, she married Gustav Hieb in Jamestown, N.D. Florence and Gustav moved to California in 1936 where she helped her husband in the construction business he owned.

She passed away in November of 1991. She continued to live in California until March of 2004 when she moved to Idaho to be close to family. Florence was a member of the Baptist church and was a Christian for



her entire life. She was a good wife and homemaker and had many friends who loved her and will greatly miss her.

She is survived by a niece, Peggy (Ron) Newbury of Twin

Falls; brother-in-law, Alfred (Helen) Hieb of Jerome; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and two brothers.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 12, 2004, at Sunset Memorial Park with the Rev. Gary Gilman officiating. A viewing will be held from 8 to 10 a.m. Monday, July 12, 2004, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls. The family suggests that memorials be given to the American Cancer Society, C/O Hazel Wilder, 359 Orchard Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301 or to the National Parkinson's Foundation. ATTN: Ruth Higestuen, 1501 N.W. Ninth, Miami, FL 33136.

SERVICES

Wilma Faye Johnson of Twin Falls, formerly of Buhl and Kimberly, graveside service at 3 p.m. today at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Parke's Funeral Home).

Shirley Ann Anderson of Hansen, funeral at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Ida Moose of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Buzley 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2200 Oakley Ave.; friends may call from 10:45 a.m. today at the church.

Enid McCauley of Eden, service at 11 a.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Hazelton Ward Chapel. Friends may call to visit family at 9:30 a.m. before the service at the church (White Mortuary).

Connie L. Bly of Star, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Cloverdale — Funeral — Home, 1200 N. Cloverdale Road, Boise.

Edna Martha Wofford of Gooding, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St. in Wendell (Demaray Funeral Chapel).

Barbara B. Lawnsen of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Amazing Grace Fellowship, 1061 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls (Parke's Funeral Home).

Brent H. Crump of Heyburn, celebration of life and memorial service at noon today at the Chesterfield Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Bancroft (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Charles Jack Brown of Hansen, service at 10 a.m.

today at Sunset Memorial Park.

David Lee Dwight of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel; friends may call from one hour before the service today (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Goldie (Kimpton) Stansell, service from 5-8 p.m. today at her home, 1870 Falls Ave. E.

Cindra Ann Henson of Buhl, service to celebrate her life at 2 p.m. today at the Buhl Middle School Gymnasium (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Carolyn Maxwell of Chadron, Neb., formerly of Twin Falls, memorial graveside service at 2 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Mary Miller, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home; friends may call from 6-9 p.m. Sunday and one hour before the funeral at Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Phyllis Schmidt Johnson, visitation from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday at the chapel; service at 10 a.m. Monday at East Lawn Mortuary, 5757 Greenback Lane (East Lawn Stora Hills Memorial Park).

Louis E. Hollday (formerly of Ketchum/Sun Valley, interment at noon Wednesday at the Ketchum Cemetery (Wood River Chapel, Halley).

Audrey Margaret McGinnis Scoggin, celebration of life at 11 a.m. July 17 at the Fairfield Community Church.

Dora Schlunegger, celebration of life at 1 p.m. July 18 at the Beaver Creek Store and Cabin, 1 mile north of Smiley Creek Lodge (Mosdell Mortuary).

Phyllis Kay Tate formerly of Gooding, graveside service at 10 a.m. July 18 at the Elmwood Cemetery. Gooding — Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

OBITUARY — High court limits severance pay

Goldie (Kimpton) Stansell

BOISE (AP) — The state Supreme Court on Friday ruled that simply calling an employment settlement "severance pay" does not necessarily limit the former employee's entitlement to unemployment benefits.

In a unanimous ruling that payments in return for an employee signing a release of any future claims against the employer are not severance since

those payments, regardless of how they are made, are not intended to protect the former worker from economic hardship.

The ruling came on the attempt by the Department of Labor to force Mary Parker to repay over \$12,000 she received in jobless benefits in the year after she was dismissed from Underwriters Laboratories Inc. after 24 years of service.

Memories

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Abion swears in new council member

By Mary Lynne Bristol
Times-News correspondent

ALBION — The City Council has a new member.

Kelly Forsgren was sworn in at the beginning of this week's meeting of the council. He was appointed by Mayor Don Danner with approval of the other council members and was given the oath of office by City Clerk Mary Yeaman.

Forsgren fills the spot vacated by Len Marrs, who tendered his resignation during the June council meeting because of serious health problems.

The mayor said he will assign Forsgren the departments he will be in charge of in city government.

Because two councilmen were unable to attend this week's meeting, a quorum was obtained by having one councilman, Don Bowden, who was home with serious back problems, speak for them.

Councilwoman Jacquie Whiting was unable to attend because she was due to have a baby.

Bill Mendenhall, chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, reported to the

council that the commission had voted unanimously to recommend that property owned by Lesma Hager at the southeast corner of West and Market streets be rezoned from residential to commercial.

She and Roger Jenkins want to put a medical clinic in the building they are remodeling on the land. Mendenhall read a letter of recommendation. Mendenhall noted the process had been rather lengthy because neighbors had expressed concerns about it being rezoned — not because of the medical clinic, but because of what could go into the building in the future.

The commission also had to determine if a zoning change was needed or if a special-use permit could be granted.

The council agreed to hold a public hearing on the zoning change July 27 at 7 p.m. in the City Office.

People living within 300 hundred feet of the property will be notified in writing of the hearing.

Other council business included:

• **Lagoon work** — Danner announced that no bids were

received for upgrading the city lagoon spray field. He reminded the council members that, according to City Attorney Kerry McMurray, they can now hire a contractor of their choice to do the work.

The names of three contractors were presented, and Danner gave permission to contact them to obtain quotes for the work. He noted that when this project is completed the city will be in full compliance with state requirements for the spray field.

• **Water study** — The council discussed a draft copy of the city's water system study being prepared by Galena Engineering and Millennium Science and Engineering. Danner asked council members to review it thoroughly to see if all the information required and desired was in the document, noting that some information he was hoping to obtain was not in the draft. He noted that the study needs to be completed by August or September if the city is going to apply for a block grant from the Department of Commerce.

• **Normal School** — Approval was given for the mayor to

apply for an Idaho Gem Community Implementation Grant of \$50,000 to fund a business plan for use of the former Alton Normal School property and an architectural review of the property. Danner reviewed the \$60,000 budget for the project, noting that the additional \$10,000 will be provided by outside sources and it will not cost the city any money.

• **Flood control** — McMurray reported on how a flood control district is formed. He said it is a petition-driven process by residents who think it is a good idea to form a taxing entity to fund flood control and/or prevention. It is not to be initiated by a city because the district usually involves a larger area than just a city.

Court approval is then needed, and the first commissioners are to be appointed.

He further reported that cities have powers that they can use to deal with flood prevention or flood control outside their jurisdictions in the best interests of the city.

Discussion was held about having a public meeting to see if there is any interest locally in forming such a district.

Report outlines plans to protect sage grouse

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Nevada has a "bundance of sage grouse habitat and healthy populations, but a new state report says a broad spectrum of public-land use restrictions may be necessary in some areas to protect the bird from demise.

The report by Gov. Kenny Guinn's sage grouse conservation team identifies statewide goals and recommendations from local planning groups around the state to address specific threats in specific areas.

The highest priority should be to protect population strongholds and large swaths of healthy sagebrush habitat critical to the bird's survival, according to a copy of the report obtained Friday by The Associated Press.

"Habitat quality has been affected by various factors such as livestock grazing, wild horse utilization, the spread of invasive annual grasses and other exotics, and more recently, the lack of precipitation necessary to carry out good plant growth and provide water resources," the report said.

In Nevada and eastern California, the report estimated the minimum population of sage grouse at between 68,000 and 88,000.

Additionally, it said the average number of males counted at traditional spring breeding grounds ranged from a low of 7.6 in 1976 to a high of 39.3 just four years later.

Last year, volunteers counted about 11 males per lek, as the breeding areas are called.

"We've found there are more

birds and more leks and more habitat than we thought there was," said Terry Crawford, director of the Nevada Department of Wildlife and a member of the team.

Guinn said he would encourage the use of wildlife management practices such as livestock grazing, wild horses and off-highway vehicle use, as well as closer attention to licensed hunting and rights-of-way for transmission lines," the report said.

"The bottom line is we need to identify good habitats and protect them," Crawford said. Guinn said he was encouraged by the findings as the state works to protect the bird and head off a possible federal listing as an endangered species.

Loss of habitat from the power of nature to human encroachment — is identified as the biggest threat to the large game bird first observed by explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark in 1805. Factors such as urban sprawl, highway traffic, communication towers, and oil and gas exploration all disrupt the birds' breeding instincts or provide lookout perches for predators.

But locally, the threats vary from region to region, Crawford said.

"You can't say it's grazing or predation on males or horses. In every unit, you're going to have something different."

The Nevada report echoes the findings of a West-wide sage grouse analysis published last month by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

Starving jail inmate wants to continue fast in prison

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A jail inmate who has not eaten solid food since February has been sentenced to more than 14 years in state prison, where he wants to continue his fast, his lawyer said Friday.

A week Charles R. McNabb, 50, was taken in a wheelchair Thursday to Spokane County Superior Court, where Judge Jerome LeVeque sentenced him to 14 months in prison after McNabb pleaded guilty to single counts of first-degree arson and first-degree assault in a May 23, 2003, fire at his estranged wife's home.

He had been set to go to trial next Monday.

McNabb stopped eating solid food in early February, telling a jail employee it was out of remorse for injuries he the fire caused to his 10-year-old daughter, jail Commander, Capt. Dick Collins said.

The girl, who will soon turn 18, suffered burns over 25 per-

cent of her body, causing permanent scarring on her back and hands, Spokane County Deputy Prosecutor Andi Inkola said. The teen may require additional reconstructive surgery on her hands, she said.

McNabb has lost nearly half of the 180 pounds he weighed when arrested, Collins said. The inmate weighs at least 90, but less than 100 pounds, Collins said.

He will be transferred to state custody within a week, at which point state Corrections Department officials will determine whether he will be force fed, or allowed to continue his fast, Collins said.

Spokane County obtained a court order allowing jailers to send McNabb to a hospital, where physicians could order him to be force fed if they deemed it medically necessary.

A state Court of Appeals panel has agreed to hear McNabb's challenge to the order, McNabb

contends he has a constitutional right to determine what goes into his body.

The county argued its duty is to keep him alive.

McNabb sporadically began refusing to eat last November, but hasn't voluntarily eaten solid food since Feb. 5, Collins said. He drinks water and occasionally coffee. He is on suicide watch, with jailers checking him every 15 minutes.

Jailers sent him last month to Sacred Heart Medical Center, where he received intravenous hydration, but no nourishment, before being returned to his cell.

David Blair-Loy, a Spokane civil rights lawyer representing McNabb, said his client "simply wants to refuse to eat and end his life."

McNabb has declined an Associated Press interview request.

With the sentencing, the lawsuit against the county becomes moot, but Blair-Loy

said he will ask the appellate court to decide the merits of the case, substituting the state Department of Corrections as defendant.

Dr. Marc Stern, the state prison system's medical director, said Corrections Department policy allows inmates to be fed involuntarily.

"We won't let somebody voluntarily die of malnutrition if there is no underlying medical problem," he said. "We will do whatever is necessary to keep them alive."

Corrections officials had not completed plans Friday for McNabb's arrival in the system, Stern said.

Prison inmates occasionally go on hunger strikes to protest conditions or to call attention to themselves, Stern said. Authorities try to get the inmate to eat voluntarily, sometimes enlisting friends and relatives to help persuade, but force is used as a last resort, he said.

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such as boarding and adoption.

But Christensen said a closer review of this proposal showed that it would leave the budget as much as \$20,000 short.

A revised proposal involves keeping one officer full time, one officer part time and cutting both shelter workers.

Christensen said this plan would work with the financial resources available.

Minidoka County Commissioner Dan Stapelman said the county is working with the sheriff's department, which manages the officers, to come up with a third option.

"We would like to make that thing work," Stapelman said, "but it looks pretty scary at this point."

Stapelman said the possibility of integrating one of the officers into the sheriff's department part-time would be difficult because of many times annual control duties, preclude regular police duties.

Several options are being discussed by commissioners and Stapelman didn't rule out Ingham's work with the county's contribution under the joint agreement.

"Because each entity needs to

NewsTracker

■ **Last we knew:** Heyburn officials announced in May that the city planned to withdraw from Minidoka County's joint animal control agreement due to economic difficulties.

■ **The latest:** Officials told members of the animal control board Wednesday that July would be Heyburn's last payment for services, meaning the city will be out Aug. 1.

■ **What's next:** The remaining entities are considering at least three options for continuing the animal and animal control services.

Finalize budgets, Christensen said the board will approve one of the options during their Aug. 4 meeting.

Times-News reporter Chip Thompson was quoted in the newspaper's *Mini-Cassia Bureau* at 677-4022, Ext. 638, or by e-mail at chompson@magicalvalley.com.

Radon

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risk. If 1,000 smokers were exposed to more than 20 pCi/Ls, about 135 likely would develop lung cancer. About eight out of 1,000 nonsmokers exposed to the same risk would get cancer.

Knowing the risk

Though radon is found in offices, commercial buildings and schools, the most dangerous risk is at home. So why don't most real estate agents tell you about it unless you ask?

The public has been slow to catch on.

However, Kara Stevens, head of the EPA's Indoor Environmental Health Department, said Blaine County is ahead of the curve.

"Probably because their radon levels are higher than our state average," she said.

Stevens, who has worked in the department for more than 13 years, says the EPA was aware of the radon problem in the early 1980s. "It's slow process to educate people because you can't see it or smell it," she said.

Because radon is a naturally occurring problem, it also is difficult to regulate.

"It's all voluntary," Stevens said. "You can't force people either to test for radon or fix it."

In January 2002, Blaine County adopted an ordinance requiring that the most dangerous buildings have any new construction done on a pre-existing structure be tested for radon levels. Blaine County is the only county in Idaho with such a law.

Mary Fisher, a radon lead radon inspector in Blaine County, estimates that of the 250 homes she tests per year about 80 percent have elevated radon levels.

Real estate people are finally getting savvy, she said. "Now they have me do a test before they put a house on the market."

Fisher does not do a testing as a matter of course when inspecting homes. Her fee is \$100.



Radon inspector Mary Fisher discovers plastic not properly affixed to the foundation of a high-end home north of Ketchum. The plastic must be sealed tightly to the foundation to keep radon gas from entering the home.

Resources on radon

To learn more about radon in your home visit the Environmental Protection Agency's Web site at www.epa.gov/radon. For information about radon in water, visit www.epa.gov/safe-water/radon.

To contact radon inspectors and mitigators, check for listings in your local phone book.

and seal it tight to the foundation. Perforated plastic ABS pipe is then laid down and fans vent the gas up and away from the structure. Though the EPA stipulates that venting must be done through the top of the house, McBride says that method is not always possible.

"We have such a heavy snow load in the winter here that venting the radon up through the roof is difficult," he said.

Recently, The Community Library in Ketchum paid more than \$20,000 to fix its radon problem. Because there had been so many additions over the years, the underground heating and ventilation systems had to be completely replaced.

However, fixing a radon problem is not that expensive, particularly if it's done at the time of construction.

The cost in labor, plastic sheeting, pipe and fans is relatively small.

The average homeowner shouldn't have to spend more than a couple hundred dollars, radon experts say.

Varying levels

What's important is testing the radon level, particularly at different times of the year. Because radon levels vary, there is a fair amount of seismic activity that affects radon levels differently from season to season.

A low reading in summer might very well mean a higher one in winter.

Real estate agent Tom Drougas explained this firsthand.

home and found the level was above 5."

Drougas has sold real estate in the Wood River Valley since 1975.

"Given this area and the high levels of radon, I would open myself up to negligence if I didn't test as a matter of course," he said. "Though radon has been here forever, the stigma of it has increased with time."

He recommends that homeowners use the long-term test so that they have a true assessment of their risk.

"Radon mitigation is not difficult," he added. "It's really just a matter of who is going to pay for it."

Jim Haney, maintenance supervisor of the Blaine County School District, had a radon-prevention system built into the new Wood River High School at the onset. He also supervises the installation and maintenance of systems in the other public schools.

"The systems we buy run at a continuous level 24-7, mitigating radon," he said. "We do a six-month maintenance and always check the intake screens. Once they're in, they're very low maintenance."

Lawsuits

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things, the following points:

• That the ordinance is "blatantly discriminatory" because it denies service to a class of individuals because they're not property owners.

• It also discriminates against landowners, Campbell argues, by holding them responsible for goods and services provided to third parties.

"The ordinance would hurt economically disadvantaged people who would no longer be eligible for certain types of federal and state assistance when utility costs were passed onto them by the landowner."

"The city, when passing on its duties of providing collecting for, denying service or disconnecting service for non payment," subjects the landlord to legal action by tenants.

• The ordinance does not hold the consumer responsible for consumption, opening the door for waste at a time when southern Idaho communities are encouraging water conservation.

Campbell also argues that tenants will be able to intentionally waste water resources in retaliation against their landlords.

• Requiring a landowner to pay for a service he or she does not contract for is "illegal and

discriminatory."

Filer City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich has since filed a response to Campbell's complaint, refuting the arguments. The city denies each and every allegation contained in the complaint and asks the court for either a summary judgment or a trial, which would determine if the ordinance is valid and enforceable.

Wonderlich declined to comment on the suits.

Campbell, on the other hand, has been outspoken on the subject. He said the city administration "isn't experienced or competent enough" to operate the services efficiently.

"This whole thing is just a bad idea," Campbell said. "Landlords aren't really equipped to go out and run a water service or a utility service."

City officials say they have not received a copy of Dunlap's complaint, which he filed on June 24.

In the four-page complaint, Dunlap argues that a "compulsory contract" for a landlord that ensures benefits for a tenant is "neither reasonable nor appropriate." Further, he argues that the ordinance exceeds the authority of the city and should be ruled invalid.

Times-News Assistant City Editor Troy Foster contributed to this story.

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Nevada officials stop Yucca waste

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Nevada officials declared victory Friday in their fight to stop the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump, saying they don't think the Energy Department can meet a stricter standard to protect the public against radiation releases.

"The people of Nevada should throw up their arms and cheer at this court ruling," said Rep. Shelley Berkley, D-Nev., referring to a federal appeals court decision requiring the DOE to contain radiation for longer than 10,000 years at the Yucca Mountain site.

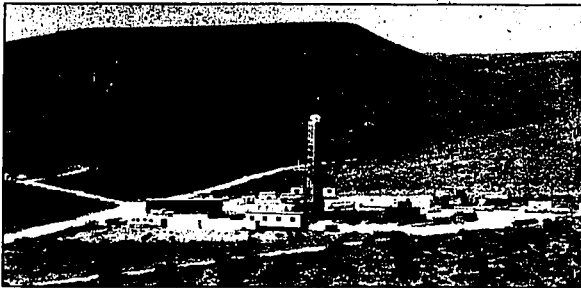
Friday's ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in Washington rejected Nevada's main arguments against the constitutionality of forcing one state to take all the nation's nuclear waste.

But justices did uphold arguments that Environmental Protection Agency radiation standards for the new waste are adequate and would have to be strengthened.

Berkley said that by tossing out the EPA radiation standard, the court has said "the Bush administration's plan for Yucca Mountain will not protect the health and safety of Nevada residents."

Energy Department and Yucca Mountain spokesmen Allen Benson declined immediate comment.

Nevada's congressional leaders called the ruling a "major victory" and citizens' groups were elated. The Yucca Mountain site is located 90 miles



The Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Dump at Mercury, Nev. is shown in this June 20, 1992 photo. A federal appeals court rejected Nevada's arguments against building a nuclear waste site in the state, but ordered the government to develop a new plan to protect the public against radiation releases beyond the proposed 10,000 years, on Friday.

northwest of Las Vegas. "I love it. It means they have to go back to square one and do all this refiguring," said Peggy Maze Johnson, executive director of Citizen Alert, an anti-nuclear group in Nevada.

"Their whole house of cards is balanced against the fact that they only have to comply for 10,000 years," said Judy Treichel, head of the Nuclear Waste Task Force and a longtime Yucca Mountain opponent. "We said that's ridiculous because the stuff will probably get out before, but certainly after that time and contaminate Nevada."

The ruling was a "significant blow to the Department of Energy and the Yucca Mountain project, and I believe enough to effectively kill the project."

"We can't say it's over," Reid said. "These people are bloated with power and have a lobby that just won't stop."

Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., said the ruling "provides Nevada a crucial legal tool to defend the Yucca Mountain project once and for all."

Gov. Kenny Guinn, a Republican whose veto of the Yucca Mountain project was overridden by Congress in 2002, said he interpreted the court decision

to mean there can be no movement toward licensing in the near future.

"You can't do much more without a license," he said.

The governor said the Energy Department could go to Congress for a change in the law or to seek an EPA rule change, adding that either would take time.

Bob Loux, director of the state nuclear projects office and the state's top administrator against the nuclear dump, said it took nine years for the Environmental Protection Agency to set the radiation standard that the court rejected.

Pioneer's descendants plan to restore cabin

GENESEE (AP) — Seventy years after the death of the widower of north-central Idaho pioneer rancher John Lorang, some of his descendants plan to restore the deteriorating cabin, farmhouse and makeshift museum.

About 200 members of Lorang's extended family descend on the ranch north of Geneese this weekend for their every-five-year reunion. But this time the old buildings and their contents are on the National Register of Historic Places and will be opened to the public.

"He was a very talented man," said Janet Lorang, 60, who lives on the ranch and is married to Lorang's grandson, Dan Lorang, 48.

In addition to being a successful newspaper farmer, John Lorang was an amateur photographer, accomplished taxidermist, coin collector and avian expert who looked for and saved everything from owl and otic bird eggs to an eagle's nest.

He displayed all his treasures in his own "curio cabin," as the family calls it, just behind his farmhouse, which was built beginning in 1885 — five years before statehood.

Dan and Janet Lorang along with several other relatives are now setting out to preserve the buildings, which gained historical recognition earlier this year. That made them eligible for state and federal grants to begin restoration.

Several professors and students from the University of Idaho have already explored the buildings and their artifacts and helped catalog many of the items. One architecture student even wrote his thesis on the farmhouse.

In the other buildings, some of John Lorang's animal mounts can be found along with photos of others he probably has. There are two rooster pheasants posed in a duel, and other small animals arranged in natural settings.

"He was also an applying for tax-exempt status to attract tax-deductible donations to help finance restoration."

"It just needs some help and I'm not rich enough to do it," Janet Lorang said.

Groups ask judge to stop salmon spill

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Conservationists, fishing groups and Indian tribes are asking a federal judge to stop the Bonneville Power Administration's plan to reduce the amount of water spilled over Columbia and Snake river hydroelectric dams to help young salmon migrate to the ocean.

Lawyers for Earth Justice filed a motion Friday in U.S. District Court asking that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which operates the dams, be added as a defendant in a long-running lawsuit over dam operations, said Todd True, an attorney for Earthjustice, an environmental public interest law firm representing the groups.

Next week, they will file another motion seeking an injunction stopping the corps from implementing plans to reduce "spill" and "bypass" flows. Rearden has scheduled a hearing for July 28 to consider the issue, True added.

Corps of Engineers spokesman Matt Baker said they have not seen the motions, but have been expecting them.

The Bonneville Power Administration, which sells power produced by the dams, has gained approval from the corps and NOAA Fisheries, which oversees protection of salmon under the Endangered Species Act, for a plan to reduce the amount of water spilled for salmon in order to save \$28 million.

Panel tries to clarify succession order of governor

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The state Constitutional Revision Commission is studying ways to clarify the order of succession of the governor.

Questions came up last year when former Gov. Mike Leavitt was appointed administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. It was unclear whether Glenn Walker, the lieutenant governor, was to be "acting" governor or assume full rights and responsibilities of the executive office.

Members of the Constitutional Revision Commission were unanimous in their desire that language in Utah's constitution be clarified.

Wine connoisseur slashes into Guinness world record book

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Dean Opsal just found out he set the world's record for cutting open champagne bottles 2 1/2 years ago — and he can't even remember doing it.

Though he has a vivid memory of everything before and after the record-shattering 60 seconds where he used a big, shiny, and sharp knife to lop the tops off 20 bottles of bubbly — the actual feat is still somewhat of a blur.

"It went so fast, and I was whacking so hard, I don't remember anything," said Opsal, special events coordinator for the Odom Corp., the Press' wine columnist and starting next year, an official Guinness world-record holder. "I don't even remember getting hit in the face with glass, I was so mesmerized. It was almost a euphoric state."

Did he say hi in the face? Flying glass?

"This is extremely dangerous — it's not just chopping the top off the bottle," Opsal said. "The bottle has to be hit just right, in the right spot. If it's too warm it will explode, and if it's too cold you won't get the right pop."

He then points out tiny scar on either eye from his hands, forehead, and face, earned after many failed attempts to master the skill that was discovered in the 1800s when Napoleon's soldiers discovered a unique method to party down after a successful battle.

"I just missed an artery once, and I've had two bottles blow up in my face," Opsal said. "I think I was picking glass out of my neck for two days afterward."

He also shares the story of a botched effort a few years ago, where he was not only planned to wield a big sword for the Fall-Festival of Wines, but a flaming sword.

But during a photo shoot to publicize the event, the flammable fluid slid down the blade a bit too far, and he ended up burning his hands and wrists.

"My boss says no more fire," he said, although he confesses that someday he'd like to tackle the even more dangerous — and potentially more lethal — trick of fire-breathing.

Opsal's interest in sabering started out in 1994, initially by sitting through a series of seminars by Joe Vitale on the topic of "The Power of Outrageous Marketing." Soon after, he was in a sales meeting watching a video



Dean Opsal of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho now officially holds the world record for cutting open champagne bottles.

about the history of Moet champagne.

"It showed a guy cutting open a bottle, and I thought that was the coolest thing," he said.

"He tracked down one of his friends, John Overleese, who knew the art of sabering, and asked him to teach it to him."

"He said it's real dangerous, but didn't really discourage me from doing it," he said. "John taught me and I progressed, but my first bottle really scared me to death."

Opsal practiced and practiced, and even wore big leather gloves in the early days.

"It really is dangerous, and I also try to make sure there's a safety zone around me because of the glass," he said. The glass can come shooting out at 60 mph, and in any direction.

His skill progressed, and soon he was using different-sized bottles and different-sized sabers. Sam Lange at the Coeur d'Alene Resort was also helpful

in providing him tools and space to try his talents.

Opsal's novel skill is highly in demand in this area.

"Since I started doing it, I get called a lot for things like birthdays and weddings," Opsal said. "I think one of the coolest things I've done was sabering a big 6-liter bottle for Dutch Otter at the Congressional Ball."

These special bottles are 3 feet high, weigh 120 pounds and are one-quarter of an inch thick. He also sabered a similar bottle for a New Year's Eve party in 1999, with a sword custom-made in England. The sword remains stored at Beverly's for Opsal's future use.

Once he felt a bit more comfortable with his skills, Opsal began wondering how other sabers do it, and if there is any kind of sabering record out there.

Eventually, he was able to contact Guinness officials in England.

Teen accused of murder of family claims abuse

HONDO, N.M. (AP) — A 14-year-old boy accused of shooting to death his family at ABC's newsmen Sam Donaldson's New Mexico ranch denied the charges in children's court Friday.

Cody Posey was charged with three counts of murder and one count of tampering with evidence in the slayings Monday of his father, who managed Donaldson's ranch, his stepmother and his stepister. He had authorities his father regularly abused him.

"I suspect there's going to be a lot of questions as to why people ignored the signs that should have told them we had a young man desperately fighting for his sanity and help," said his attorney, Gary Mitchell.

A judge granted District Attorney Scot Key 30 days to consider whether to prosecute Cody as an adult. Key said the boy could get up to 30 years in prison if tried and convicted as

an adult.

Posey was taken to a juvenile detention center in Albuquerque.

According to court papers, Cody told sheriffs his father often abused him and on Monday slapped him across the face for not cleaning horse stalls fast enough. He then allegedly shot to death his father, Delbert Paul Posey, stepmother Tryone Posey and 14-year-old stepister Mary Lee Posey.

Donaldson came across the crime scene Tuesday, and deputies found the bodies in a shallow grave near their home at Donaldson's Chavez Canyon Ranch.

Donaldson said that he never witnessed Delbert Paul Posey abuse Cody.

But the father of two of Cody's friends, Faustino Salcido, said the abuse was well-known to his sons and to others in the community.

Labor union launches new drive to repeal right-to-work

BOISE (AP) — A labor union will ask Idaho voters to repeal the state's right-to-work law.

AFL-CIO President Dave Whaley filed a proposed ballot initiative Friday with the secretary of state's office. The union still needs to get the signatures of 40,772 registered voters, something it tried but failed to do for this November's ballot.

The referendum is at least two years from appearing on Idaho ballots.

Advocates will have 18 months to gather the needed signatures after state officials sign off on the language of the referendum.

Right-to-work laws ban established unions from requiring that employees join or pay dues as a condition of employment. Idaho's Republican-controlled Legislature approved it in 1985 over the veto of then-Democratic Gov. John Evans, and voters ratified it the following year by a margin of 51,000 votes.

Supporters maintain it has energized the Idaho economy by eliminating noncompetitive wage barriers, but labor leaders have argued that the law has only served to depressed wages for working-class families.

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A large pontoon boat in the shape of a sea monster ferries visitors for a tour of Bear Lake, north of Garden City, Utah, June 22. The Bear Lake Monster has been talked about, debated and scouted since its first reported sighting in 1888.

Lake 'monster' sparks debate

GARDEN CITY, Utah (AP) — Nothing can bow to a slow tourist season like claims that the Bear Lake Monster has resurfaced. Its very existence has been debated at coffee shops and campfires since the first published report of its existence in 1888. The only thing is, people can't seem to agree on the details. Some say it looks like a walrus minus the tusks; others are adamant it's a dinosaur or a big alligator that swims really fast.

The only thing not in question is the monster's ability to make cash registers sing at stores ringing the lake on the Idaho-Utah border.

"Yes, it's good for business," said Vic Till, who along with his wife owns Glady's Place combination convenience and liquor store, deli, post office and gift shop in nearby Fish Haven, Idaho.

The Tills have no firsthand sightings to confirm the creature's existence, but are quick to say anything is possible.

"I believe in the tooth fairy," said Glady's. "I love having these things to think about."

The 168-year-old tale got new fans when Bear Lake business owner Brian Hirschi recently announced that he had seen the creature. But skeptics were quick to point out that his recounting of the 2-year-old sighting appeared in a Salt Lake Times article on Memorial Day weekend — the start of the summer tourist season.

If you go ...

- **Directions:** From Salt Lake City, take Interstate 15 north 54 miles to the Logan exit. Take U.S. 91 north 27 miles, then U.S. 89 north for 40 miles to Bear Lake.
- **Nearby attractions:**
 - **Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge:** Located on the north end of Bear Lake. The refuge is 17 acres of marsh, open water and grassland that is home to large numbers of waterfowl.
 - **Minnetonka Cave:** Located nine miles up St. Charles Canyon in Idaho. Open for tours daily.
 - **Highland Trail:** A 55-mile long National Recreation trail is accessible from many points within the Bear Lake area.
 - **Oregon Trail:** The Oregon Trail crosses Bear Lake County. Although much of it is paved over, parts of the original trail are visible parallel to U.S. 30 north of Georgetown, Idaho. The Oregon Trail Rendezvous Pageant is scheduled in Montpelier July 24.
 - **Paris Tabernacle:** Built by Mormon pioneers over a century ago, the tabernacle is open to daily tours.
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 - **For more information,** call (800) 448-BEAR (2327).
 - **On the Net:** <http://www.bear-lake.org>

It happened, he insists, one night in June 2002 as he was anchoring his large pontoon boat — shaped like a sea monster — about 100 yards from the shore. He was with two other people around the 20-mile long, 8-mile wide and 208-foot deep crystal blue lake.

After throwing the anchor, he saw "these two humps in the water about 100 yards from the boat. At first I thought they were lost water skis, but they disappeared. Then, his boat lifted up."

"I started to get scared," said Hirschi. "Once you've seen the creature, you really don't care what other people say."

Others won't take the bait. "They way I interpret it, it's got more to do with tourism than belief," said Steve Spinrin, a professor of English and history at Utah State University in nearby Logan. "It seems like an awful lot of vacation lakes have their own monster. A local symbol of pride. What self-respecting lake can there be without its own monster?"

The origins of the Bear Lake monster go back to a series of articles written by Joseph C. Rich, a Mormon colonizer at Bear Lake. His articles in the Deseret Evening News claimed several upstanding citizens, but not Rich himself, had seen the creature. However, in 1888 he recanted the stories, saying he had made up the monster.

Like any good ad campaign, the creature may have been created to boost tourism. Rich owned the first general store in Bear Lake City, Idaho.

One person who hopes that the yarn is true is tourism director Judy Holbrook, who invites people to come look for the monster themselves.

"But you will need to stay at least a week," she says, coyly.

Besides, Holbrook notes, there are other things to enjoy when you're scouting for the Bear Lake Monster: famous raspberries; the natural resources of the lake, mountain scenery and clean fresh air.

"The lake is nice," he said, "with or without a monster."

House passes \$389M California water bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House passed a \$389 million California water bill Friday, taking a major step forward in long-fought plans to restore the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and ensure water supplies for millions of people.

The bill to authorize the California Federal Bay-Delta Program, better known as CalFed, passed on a voice vote. It authorizes numerous water projects including connecting the fragile delta area that provides drinking water for two-thirds of the state and irrigation water for crops in the Central Valley. It would also increase water flows to thirty Southern California areas.

The bill has been stalled for years as legislators, environmentalists, farmers and others clashed over its cost and provisions.

"For over 10 years we have been trying to move this process forward to develop a comprehensive water plan to benefit all of California, and this legislation does just that," said Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Tulsa, chairman of the House Resources Committee. "This legislation addresses the water needs of California, bringing adversaries together for the first time on many of the most vexing issues."

The bill has yet to pass the Senate, and there are differences between the House and Senate versions. Perhaps most importantly, the House version contains a measure opposed by some Democrats and environmentalists that would allow the secretary of the interior to approve water projects without congressional sign-off. Congress would be given 120 days to disapprove of projects, but would not be asked to approve them.

"This bill sets the dangerous precedent of authorizing large-scale projects before they've undergone comprehensive review and analysis," said Rep.

Ellen Tauscher, D-Alamo, House Minority Leader. Nancy Pelosi, D-San Francisco, also opposed the bill because of the so-called "preauthorization" language. Tauscher and Rep. George Miller, D-Martinez, said the bill would get the House Resources Committee to get rid of that language, but their effort failed on a vote of 255-133.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., has been working closely with Pombo, and hopes to get the bill through the Senate before Congress recesses for summer at the end of July. But she said Friday that the bill would not pass the Senate with the preauthorization provision, and a compromise would need to be reached.

"The preauthorization language is a real problem. It cannot go through the Senate that way. The authorization would see it as a precedent and object," Feinstein said. She described a compromise as "doable."

Labor and water user groups welcomed passage of the bill. "The House's action today is a milestone in California water, and will help deliver the water we'll need tomorrow," Steve Hall, executive director of the Association of California Water Agencies, said in a statement.

The cost of the measure was slashed from previous CalFed bills as their price tags as high as \$2.4 billion. The cost was reduced by leaving out projects that have been dealt with individually over the years. Projects in the bill include feasibility studies for enlarging Los Vaqueros reservoir in Contra Costa County, and the new Reservoir in Colusa County raising Shasta Dam, and increasing storage areas on the Upper San Joaquin River in Fresno and Madera counties.

Congressional appropriators would have to determine exact funding levels for projects in the bill later. But without the authorization bill, no money could be appropriated. The bill spans six years, whereas previous versions covered four.

Spokane businessman faces charges in river evacuation

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A Spokane, Wash., businessman faces criminal charges in the unauthorized excavation of the Spokane River near his home.

Thomas Hamilton is charged with three misdemeanors for digging a 150-foot channel for a boat slip at his riverfront home without the proper permits.

The work in May stirred dirt and clouded the river downstream, prompting a flood of complaints from neighbors.

The Idaho Department of Lands has issued an order to refill the dredged area.

He's charged with performing work without a permit, failing to maintain erosion control measures and improperly storing sediment removed from the river.

Hamilton has called the state's charges against him "ridiculous" and "completely out of proportion." He has hired a team of independent scientists to prove that leaving the site alone is the best bet for the river.

Hamilton said he and his architect, Spokane City Councilman Al French, had spent a year and a half clearing the project with county planners, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, the Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Rural Idaho fishes for recreation dollars

LEWISTON (AP) — An Idaho Fish and Game Department survey shows anglers spend \$430 million last year on fishing trips, pumping much-needed dollars into stumping local economies.

"Sport fishing in the state is a tremendous economic engine," said Fish and Game Fisheries Chief Virgil Moore. "Most of us fish because it's just fun, but in the process of having fun we spend money, and that is important to our local economies; and perhaps more important than anything, the rural economies of this state."

The Clearwater region saw the most benefit, where anglers spent \$87 million on food, lodging, guides and equipment. Clearwater is a haven for salmon and steelhead anglers, who fish the Salmon and Clearwater rivers.

Tourism spending is critical to small communities like Riggin, where fishing is just slowing down after a bustling

two months of spring and summer chinook salmon fishing. "It's been a real economic boom for our town," said Bob Zimmerman, the mayor of Riggin and owner of tackle shop and liquor outlet.

The second-highest region was the Upper Snake River, home of the Henry's Fork and numerous world class trout streams. Anglers spent \$77 million in that region.

The biggest beneficiaries of the spending appears to be restaurants and grocery stores, which garnered an estimated \$148.3 million. Transportation came in second at \$91.2 million.

Individually, the 400,000 anglers each spent an average of \$1,100 in 2003; about \$112 per day while averaging nearly ten days of fishing.

The mail-in survey was sent to more than 12,000 anglers asking where and how frequently they fished, and how much they spent on their trips.

Special unit provides refuge from prison life

ORONO (AP) — The fighting spirit that landed David Wilson in prison for murder has left his aging blue eyes.

When he first came to the Idaho Correctional Institute in Orofino in October of 1987, he was a self-described "hellraiser." But as time went on, the reality of his life sentence for murder and armed robbery became clear. Wilson grew tired of fighting and watching his back.

"All my life I was a career criminal," Wilson, now 48, said while sitting at his computer in a booth just outside the prison's recreation yard. "This is my first time in life giving back."

Wilson is a founder of the prison's new Honor Unit, a refuge from the violent life of a convicted felon that he and others found to be life-changing.

For them, it's a chance to build meaningful lives behind razor wire.

The unit takes up a wing of a former mental hospital. The inmates' lives are colorful reminders of incarceration, but colored linoleum tiles and makeshift drapes on the windows are in contrast to the cold, sterile common areas in the prison's block. Instead of featureless concrete and plastic, unmovable furniture, Honor Unit inmates share a room with bright windows and a pool table.

"The wing looks and feels more like a retirement home than a prison."

On a hot Friday afternoon in late June, prisoners dressed in blue jeans and button-down shirts circulate freely through the wing.

Some are returning from work. They unbutton their shirts, lie down on their beds and flip on their small personal televisions. Some read and others work on art projects. Their living spaces resemble a military barracks: neatly made beds, bathrobes on the wall, small fans clipped to beds. Some have calendars with pictures of classic cars. Others have photo collages of their families.

The atmosphere was so relaxing, a reporter circulated among prisoners as warden Kevin Kempf wandered to other parts of the floor, talking to inmates and listening to their

concerns.

Inmates find the unit a sanctuary from a prison life many cannot handle.

"We're trying to find things to do to make life better for us," said Robert Johnson, 35, who was convicted of double murder and is serving a life sentence without parole.

Since the program started this year, there hasn't been a single inmate requiring officer intervention.

Back in the A Block, officers typically handle at least one such situation every week.

In exchange for the less restrictive living environment, prisoners are kept on a strict schedule of working, volunteering and schooling. They hold traditional prison jobs, like kitchen work and floor cleaning.

They mark all of their hours on time sheets which are approved by supervisors.

The hours earn them points they can spend like money on rent for staying in the Honor Unit. Points can also be spent on art supplies and other goods.

"I plan my day now," Wilson said, displaying a small notebook with detailed descriptions of jobs and the time they took. "Before I just did my time."

Prisoner reward systems aren't uncommon, but the Orofino idea is among only a handful of such units in the nation, said Edward Latessa, head of the Division of Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati.

"The p-s and vinegar is out of them at this point," Latessa said. "It's not an uncommon concept to take lifers and put them in programs to help stabilize them."

When inmates aren't working, they often occupy themselves doing artwork. Prisoners spend off-hours crocheting, drawing and making other crafts.

Robert Wilhelm, in prison since 1995 and serving a life sentence for drug trafficking, made a model ship out of mastic sticks, a hairnet and corn dog sticks. In the commissary, Jerry Barrella creates large colored pencil drawings of wildlife.

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T.F., MVRMC Foundation recognizes Legacy Society, outstanding supporters

TWIN FALLS — The annual Legacy Society dinner of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation recognized businesses, organizations and individuals who promote improved health-care-through-gifts to the foundation.

Members of the Legacy Society each have provided accumulative gifts of at least \$1,000.

The April 20 dinner recognized past foundation donors, as well as 39 donors who moved up to a new donor category. All Legacy members are recognized in one of three areas: The McKain-Kinney Remembrance Rose Garden, Cancer Center

Wall of Honor and Legacy Society Wall of Honor. These areas represent more than \$7 million in gifts that have been given or bequeathed to support the health care programs of the foundation and medical center.

The Large Business Award of the Year went to Wells Fargo Bank. It has supported the foundation through participation in several events for more than a decade in part through First Security Bank.

Magic Valley Distributing was awarded the Small Business supporter of the Year. It has supported many foundation events since 1990, including the Epicurean Dinner, and donated

thousands of dollars through in-kind gifts.

Cindy Collins, associate broker/co-owner of Prudential Idaho Homes & Properties, received the Volunteer of the Year Award. She has contributed to numerous committees, including the hospital board and foundation board as liaison member and several event committees.

The efforts of these individuals and of the Legacy Society members are reflected in the financial support the foundation is able to provide to the county hospital and the community, the foundation reported. Between Jan. 1, 2003, and Sept. 30,

2003, the foundation awarded \$276,960 in health-related grants for education, equipment, hardship assistance and wellness programs for all ages. Overall, the foundation has provided more than \$7 million in support of health-care programs.

The foundation is a nonprofit charitable organization, separate from the medical center. Its purpose is to cultivate gifts from donors in support of local health-care needs.

For more information concerning the foundation or the Legacy Society, call Larry W. Baxter, executive director, at 737-2480.

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Answering phones — The Retired Seniors Volunteer Program needs volunteers to answer telephone calls from seniors needing transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping and making arrangements with volunteer drivers.

Volunteers must be age 55 or older. The hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday; closed on holidays. Call 736-2122 or 878-0725.

Quilt material — An individual is seeking donations of quilt material to make quilts for the Veterans Hospital and the Womens Crisis Center. Call Ellen at 736-4869.

Helping the elderly — Volunteers are needed in the Hagerman area to assist the elderly with simple tasks so they can remain independent. Call the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers/Faith in Action, at 733-6333.

Yard work — Volunteers are needed to assist the elderly, chronically ill and disabled with summer-lawn-care and yard work. Call Faith in Action at 733-6333.

Yard work, painting — A volunteer is needed to help a Jerome resident with summer yard work and house painting. Call Faith in Action at 733-6333.

Dryer — A clean, electric clothes dryer in good condition is needed for an elderly man with diminished capabilities. Call Donna at First Choice Hospice, 736-0900 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday or Friday.

Woodworkers — Woodworkers, carpenters or hobbyists are needed to build bird houses, doll houses, or playhouses for Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley. Call Rosemary Fornsfield at 734-4090.

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help.

If you need a volunteer, call the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 328. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho.

Please submit your request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Call weekly to retain request.

Wheelchair ramp — A disabled woman needs a wheelchair ramp built for her. She has materials. Call Muriel at 829-4215.

Entertain, play chess — Individuals or groups are needed to entertain, help with activities, or visit with residents at Heritage Retirement Center. Volunteers are also needed to play chess and pool with a male resident. Call Doc at 733-9064.

Computer — Port of Hope needs older computers that can be refurbished, a small desk for an adult, curtains, twin size sheets (flat and fitted) and fresh produce. Call Karen at 754-9076.

Visiting — First Choice Home Care and Hospice needs volunteers in the Jerome and Twin Falls area to visit patients, relieve caregivers and assist the elderly with simple tasks. Call Donna at 736-0900, or stop by the office, 147 Main Ave. E.

Air conditioner — First Choice Hospice needs an air conditioner and/or a fan, lockable counter with storage unit for sharp knives, stove knobs and someone to pick up, deliver and install a clothes dryer. Call Donna at 736-0900, or stop by the office, 147 Main Ave. E.

HARRISON MEDALISTS



Photo courtesy of Harrison Elementary

Harrison Elementary announced its 50 in a Minute Math Medalists for the fourth quarter. Kindergartners through first-graders are, from left, back row: Katrina Budden, Conner Finney, Samantha Jordan, Austin Morales, Gabriela Alvarez, Colette Goemmer, Sarah Nava, Riley Shindle, Casey Campbell, Daniela Gutierrez, Zachary Simmons, Jasmine Thompson, Kodie Edwards, Charlie Hardin, Logan Henderson, Bobbi Hudson, Severino Hernandez, Scott Miller, Makayla Schulz and Tyler LaFleur; middle row: Sydney Cota, David Jimenez, Alessandra Wilson, Kody Calhoun, Carson Merritt, Austin Olson, Brooke Behunin, Troy Brown, Brad Thompson, Rilee Emerson, Draven Flisk, Danielle Katsar, Carolina Santos, Makenzie Sprenger, Brynlee Wells, Kelsey Dohi, Dylan Huffer and Paul Penna III; front row: Alexia Youngblood, Isaac Martinez, Alja Topic, Dylan Williamson, Quersten Schmidlgold, Jordan Henley, Sabrina Faulkner, Emma Goemmer, Matthew Hamilton, Nathan Bodily, Coby Hillier, Julie Mink, Mackenzie Quier and Jamison Budden. Not pictured are Threndoy Robeson, Elma Garcia, Autumn Engel, Arya Gibson, McKenzie Smith and Christopher Overlin.



Harrison Elementary announced its 50 in a Minute Math Medalists for the fourth quarter in the second-through-sixth grade. They are, from left, back row: Zachary Lattin, Stella Saltaga, Matthew Hewitt, Kelsey Johnson, Joshua Lopez, Alma Memlaevic, Morgan Ruggles, Randy Evans, Kayla Jacobson, Jorga Martinez, Shelby Newberry, Christopher Hewitt, Gerardo Arroyo and Gorge Avalos; middle row: Suad Suljic, Marcy Juarez, Jesse Andrus, Mundito Garcia, Igor Jozelic, Alexis Richardson, Connor Stubbelfield, Alonna Medina, Alexis Crawford, Kallen Bracha, Braxton Ziegler, Tonya Alaniz, Chelsea Bonnett, Sabre Stearns, Harley Knopp and Pooyan Seddigh; front row: Anastasia King, Kallea Dudley, Kristina Seawright, Daniel Platt, Alyssa Hernandez, David Leon, Russell DeWitt, Silvester Begic, Zerina Mohic, Kaylee Korotos, Devon Anderson, Fahira Kremic, Shanna Mandan-Stowman, Joshua Downey, Aysha Alves, Halley Dishaw, Sam Jeffers, Nick Lattin, Cesar Loza and Austen Luna. Not pictured is Travis Smith.

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Arizona residents gather for breakfast Monday

TWIN FALLS — Arizona residents spending the summer in the Magic Valley are invited to breakfast at 9 a.m. Monday at the Canyon Springs Golf Course Club House, north of Twin Falls.

For more information or reservations, call 543-5798

Local musician performs at T.F. Farmer's Market

TWIN FALLS — Local musician, Zack O'Connor, will perform today at the Twin Falls Farmers' Market.

The market is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and is located on College Road across from the College of Southern Idaho Expo Building.

Wood River Quilters share company on Thursday

GOODING — The Wood River Quilters will have a business meeting followed by open quilting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Gooding County Extension Office 4-H Building at the Gooding County Fairgrounds, 203 Lucy Lane.

The group shares the craft of quilting while enjoying the company of others. For more information, call Ann Jansen at 934-4241 or Phyllis Kochert at 934-8046.

B.J. Duplicate Bridge Club announces results

RUPERT — Results for the B.J. Duplicate Bridge Club for July 6

were, north/south: first, Frances and John Anglin; second, Faun and Warren McEntire; third, Ella Annett and Lola Moorman; and fourth, Vera Mai and Bill Goodman. East/west: first, Bill Novasel and Mildred Wolf; Jane Keisher and Donna Moore; third, Shirley Harris and Marlene Temple; and fourth, Clarence and Sylvia Neiwert.

Play continues at 1 p.m. each Tuesday at the Rupert Elks. The public is invited.

Minidoka Fair books are available at McGregor

RUPERT — Minidoka County Fair books are available in the McGregor Center at the Fairgrounds, 85 E. Baseline Road.

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Master numbers and entry tags are also available to prepare exhibits for the fair which will be Aug. 2-7.

For more information, call 436-9748.

Sewing store announces classes for month of July

BURLEY — Hemstitching Etc., 1238 Overland Ave., announces the following classes for July:

Tuesday — String quilt class, 6 p.m. The cost is \$20 and includes supplies.

Wednesday — Christmas quilt on point, 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 plus supplies.

July 21 — Stack and Slash quilt class, 6 p.m. The cost is \$20 plus supplies.

July 22 — Quilt Night, 7 p.m.

The class is free and includes lessons on making prairie points.

July 31 — Mother-Daughter String quilt class. The cost is \$35 and includes supplies.

For more information, call 878-0236.

Legacy Quilts Challenge kicks off Monday

HEYBURN — Quilts from the Legacy Quilt Challenge will be on display Monday through July 26 at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce building.

The public is encouraged to vote for their favorite.

Winners will be announced at the Legacy Dutch oven dinner at 6:30 p.m. July 28 on the lawn in front of Burley City Hall on Overland Avenue.

The public is invited. Tickets are \$15 each or \$25 for couples and can be purchased at Mill Ends, Hemstitching Etc. and Sandy's Bernina by July 26. Dinner will be catered by Let's Go Dutch. There will also be entertainment.

For more information, call 8780236.

Former Miss M.V. entertains at pageant

TWIN FALLS — Jaime Thietten will entertain at the Miss Magic Valley Scholarship Program, sponsored by the Twin Falls Lions Club.

The pageant will start at 7 p.m. Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center, 315 Falls Ave. E. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at the

door. Ten young women are competing this year.



Thietten was Miss Magic Valley 1994. She has been performing since age 6, won awards and scholarships, released two albums, performed 80 concerts last year, appeared on TBN and this year, her song, "Because You Loved Me" made it onto charts.

The evening's pageant will also feature the current Miss Magic Valley, Aubrey Harding; and the reigning Miss Idaho, Elizabeth Barbach.

UI summer orientation provides tips for students

TWIN FALLS — The University of Idaho's Summer Orientation Program, which runs month provides tips and treasure advice to its soon-to-be students throughout Idaho.

Representatives from UI will visit Twin Falls at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Red Lion Canyon Springs Hotel on Blue Lakes Boulevard.

A UI faculty member will share techniques for being successful in the land of academia, an expert from the financial aid office will offer advice and tips for paying for school and representatives from Greek Life and university residences will answer

housing questions.

Each program lasts approximately an hour. The event is free and no registration is required.

For more details on UI's Summer Orientation, e-mail askjoe@uidaho.edu or phone toll-free 1-888-88-UIDAHO, ext. 6757.

TFHS class of 1949 plans class reunion

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School class of 1949 is having its 55th class reunion July 16-18 at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave.

The reunion starts with a social mixer with hors d'oeuvres from 6-10 p.m. Friday. The cost is \$10.

A banquet will start at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday.

A class picnic will be taken followed by a brunch at 9 a.m. July 18. The cost is \$10.

For more information, call Paul Eastman at 734-6520.

Store offers basic cake decorating class

TWIN FALLS — Kitchen Magic will hold a basic cake decorating class from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 17 at the store, 1347 Filer Ave. E.

The cost is \$20 plus supplies. Participants must register and prepay by Thursday.

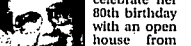
For more information, or to register, call 734-4285.

Valley Orchid Society will hold its annual picnic outing at 6 p.m. Monday in the park at the Twin Falls Dam.

Participants don't need to be a member to attend. The dinner will be potluck. The club will provide fried chicken. Attendees should bring side dishes, salads or dessert and eating utensils for their families and friends.

Burley resident celebrates 80th birthday

BURLEY — Maxine Albertson will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 4-7 p.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27 in



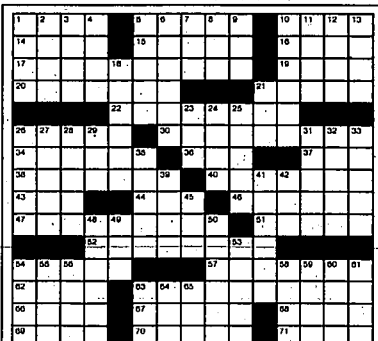
Burley. She has resided in the Magic Valley all her life.

TFHS Brunettes dry, vacuums cars today

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Brunette dance team will work for tips today at the TDK car wash, 2374 Addison Ave. E.

The team will vacuum and dry cars from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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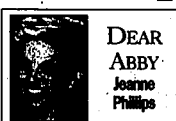
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Friday's Puzzle solved

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Bride-to-be has pre-wedding jitters

DEAR ABBY: I am 24. My fiancée is 28. We have been together for five years and are engaged to be married in August. I love him, but I wonder if I love him enough to marry him. The closer we get to our wedding, the more I want to be free. I want to go out, have fun and not feel so serious about everything. He makes things so much more complicated than they have to be. I can't even suggest a place to go for dinner without him having to think it over. I feel guilty because I feel less attracted to him all the time. Should I marry him?



DEAR ABBY:
 Jeanne Phillips

He hasn't been to a dentist in the 13 years we've been married, and I suspect he hadn't been for some time before that. I have talked to him about how this limits my desire to kiss him. Smelling his breath from 3 feet away is something I can't ignore. I have tried reasoning with him that dental health is part of a total health program, but he also hasn't been seen by a doctor in the time we've been married—despite a family history of heart problems, prostate cancer and diabetes. He appears to be in good health, but I worry about him.

Please give me some advice. Perhaps if he sees this in the paper he'll recognize himself. —LONGING FOR A SWEET-SMELLING KISS IN GEORGIA

DEAR LONGING: Don't bet on it. There is none so blind as he who will not see. Your husband also appears to have selective deafness when it comes to hearing something he'd rather not act upon. Frankly, I don't know how you have stood it this long. Insist on "clearing the air" with a marriage counselor. Your husband's refusal to attend to his oral hygiene is childish and disrespectful. Ask for a referral to a health-care provider who is familiar with medical and dental phobias. The alternative is to spend the rest of your life wearing a clothespin on your nose when your husband feels amorous.

CLAUSTROPHOBIC IN SAN FRANCISCO:
DEAR CLAUSTROPHOBIC: Your fear of entering pre-wedding jitters, but one thing is certain: You shouldn't say "I do" unless you mean it with all your heart. You and your fiancée could

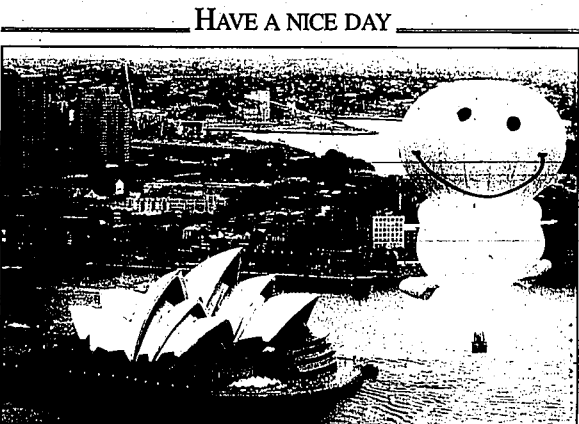
benefit from premarital counseling. It is something that many churches offer and can be valuable for any couple considering a lifetime commitment. Only if you can accept your fiancée the way he is should you go through with the marriage.

DEAR ABBY: I'm embarrassed to admit this, but my husband doesn't brush his teeth every day. To make matters worse, he wears upper dentures, which he soaks and cleans only about once a week.

When I tell him how his lax dental hygiene affects my physical desire, he listens intently, says he understands—and then nothing changes. I love him. We have a good marriage, but he simply won't budge.

Hippos' teeth keep growing

A hippo's teeth just keep on growing. The longer the husbands and wives live together, the farther apart they like to be when they sleep. Generally, a bed manufacturer hired a research firm to come up with that questionable curiosity. Q: Where'd amateur radio operators get the "HAM" nickname? A: From the initials of a magazine called "Home Amateur Mechanic." It devoted an entire issue to radio assembly in 1912.



The glow of the burner lights a cartoon hot air balloon as it floats over Sydney Harbour and past the Opera House in an early morning flight in Sydney, Australia, on Friday.

Capricorn should lie low until tomorrow

IF JULY 10 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... your relentless ambition refuses to accept obstacles, and you are willing to burn the candle at both ends to achieve your dreams. You have the wisdom to follow the rules and play the game of life fairly. Others may attempt to control your actions for the next few weeks, but a few timely compromises will maintain the peace. Be confident that success will be attained and do not take minor setbacks too seriously.

HOROSCOPE
 Jeraldine Saunders

cause further tensions. Others will have little patience for rigid ideas and schemes. Accept the facts and move on. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Beneath the surface, great harmony exists, but weekend plans may seem troublesome. Companions could need exercise to burn off steam, so find outdoor pastimes that require physical exertion and avoid confrontations. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Bide your time if you are annoyed by someone or something. Unleash your passions tomorrow without fear of reprisal. Touchy situations today can require finely honed judgment. **CURB ANGER.**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be as honest as a day is long but others may remain suspicious and attempt to deflate your enthusiasm. Partners will be more receptive to your passions tomorrow. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Complicated situations could be the subject of discussion. Remain skeptical of news and attempts to sway your opinion. Acting now could lead to trouble so lie low until tomorrow. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your desire for excitement may not be satisfied today. You may be inspired to beautify your surroundings or share your money with those who are less fortunate. Be charitable.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): A local crisis could temporarily spoil your fun, but you have the support of loving companions to see you through. A united front acts as a shield against trouble. Tackle projects that require manual dexterity, but avoid travel later today.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You are powerful in ideas and adamant about your opinions. Championing a cause could put you on thin ice where others are concerned, as tempers may be fragile. Save your flag-waving for another day.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May. 20): News can cause stress. Keep your mind occupied with pleasant matters and avoid becoming entangled in conversations that could be misconstrued. Watch your words and take information with a grain of salt.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Financial woes could occupy your mind. Take an objective look at your piggy bank and investigate ways to save some nickels. New ideas will not take flight until later—work on improving them while you wait.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Frustrations and limitations could rub you the wrong way and tempers could flare. Take time to relax and avoid travel or outings that require too much rushing. Choose your words carefully.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Entertainments and romance could be less than thrilling, with a serious mood in place. Fear and skepticism could undermine trust. The mood will shift tomorrow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Refreshing problems—and observing over delays will only



L.M. BOYD

"I personally think we developed language," said the wit Jane Wagner, "because of our deep inner need to complain."

Q. In nature, I know it's the white flower that's generally the most fragrant. Why? A. Both scent and color seem designed to attract pollinators. If either is especially strong or bright, the flower doesn't need the other, evidently. Or so say the botanists.

What's in Afghanistan that's so highly sought by invaders? The westerly city of Herat therein has been laid to ruins by conquerors at least 58 times, according to the historians. Few other towns, if any, have attracted so many looters for so little loot.

When pollsters asked 500 citizens what they feared most in all of their waking work 190 of them said, "Getting fat," or words to that effect.

What's the best thing that ever happened to manufacturers of socks? Nylon, some say. No, it's talking about nylon stockings, but not nylon carpet. It forces up sock sales immeasurably. To people who walk around the house without their shoes on. Nothing else, it's said, so speedily wears out socks.

Q. Quick, name the company that manufactured the most railroad cars?

A. Ford. For toy trains.

Q. Does any pair of swans ever get "divorced"?

A. Not if they breed successfully. And rarely even if they don't. So report the keepers after many generations of scientific observation.

Ants can't stand the smell of mint.

Researchers work on new fizzy fruit

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Your kids want soda pop, but you want them to have fruit.

Some Oregon State University researchers are working on a compromise that will keep everyone happy: fizzy fruit. The researchers are working on carbonated apples, pears and other juicy treats. Texas neurobiologist Galen Kaufman discovered fizzy fruit by accident. He was on a sailing trip and bit into a pear that had been chilled with dry ice. The fruit had absorbed the CO2 and had a fizzy like soda pop.

LAMPHOUSE THEATRE
 Winner Wants to Kill Musical
 Today 4:15-7:15-9:30
 Successful!
 Today 4:30-7:00-9:15

After 30 years, rings turn up in church lawn

ROSENBERG, Texas (AP) — Mary Dybala is showing off her diamond wedding ring set.

She's not a newlywed. She's been married for 50 years, but spent the last 30 without her rings.

Dybala, who celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary this year with her husband, Ben, lost the rings some 30 years ago. She doesn't know how.

She got them back Wednesday, eight months after they were found in the yard at Holy Rosary Catholic School.

Bernard Cunda was volunteering at the church last Oct. 11, helping prepare a dirt surface for resodding grass. He discovered what he thought was an old pop top from a soft drink can, but it turned out to be a set of diamond rings.

Notices about the found jewelry were included in the church bulletin, but no one described the find correctly.

Dybala didn't think they could be hers because it had been so long since she lost them.

Then, on Wednesday, she decided along with the rings, taking along the original box as well as a warranty with drawings of the rings.

Pioneer portraits

New book treats Twin Falls history with personal touch. Sunday in Centennial

Odyssey 6
 All Adults \$9.00 before 5:15 p.m.

Today
 12:00 - 2:15
 4:30
 7:00 - 9:15

SHREK 2

Today
 1:00 - 4:00
 7:00 - 9:30

RIDDICK

Today
 12:00 - 2:15
 4:30
 7:00 - 9:15

The Shepherd Wives

Today
 12:45 - 3:00
 5:15
 7:30 - 9:45

TWO BROTHERS

Today
 12:45 - 3:00
 5:15
 7:30 - 9:45

WHITE

Today
 12:30 - 2:45
 5:00
 7:15 - 9:30

sleepover

Interstate Amusement Movies

Historic Orpheum
 All Adults \$5.00 before 5:15 p.m.

THE NOTEBOOK

Daily 7:00 - 9:20 Sat - Sun 12:45 - 3:05 - 7:00 - 9:20

Jerome Cinema 4
 All Adults \$4.50 before 5:15 p.m.

SPIDER-MAN 2

Daily 7:00 - 9:15
 Fri - Sun 12:15 - 3:30 - 7:45 - 9:30

Twin Cinema 12
 All Adults \$5.00 before 5:15 p.m.

THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW

Today
 1:15 - 4:30 - 7:45 - 9:55

GARFIELD

Today
 1:15 - 4:30 - 7:45 - 9:55

Terminal

Today
 1:15 - 4:30 - 7:45 - 9:55

ANCHORMAN

Today
 12:45 - 3:00
 5:15
 7:30 - 9:45

Harry Potter

ANCHORMAN

Daily 7:10 - 9:45
 Sat - Sun 12:15 - 3:30 - 7:45 - 9:30

KING ARTHUR

Daily 6:45 - 9:30
 Fri - Sun 12:30 - 3:30 - 7:45 - 9:30

Harry Potter

Michael Moore FAHRENHEIT 9/11

Today
 12:15 - 3:45 - 6:45 - 9:30

KING ARTHUR

ADVANCED TICKETS ON SALES NOW FOR ALL SHOWS
 Cinema 45 Today (Fri) 11:15 - 1:15 - 3:15 - 5:15
 Cinema 42 - 1:15 - 4:15 - 7:15 - 9:15
 Cinema 88 - Daily (Sat) 12:15 - 3:45 - 6:45 - 9:30

Motor Vu Drive In
 All Adults \$4.50 on Sunday Nights

SHOVS NIGHTLY 9:30

KING ARTHUR

CO-IT SHOWS NIGHTLY 11:00

THE WILD BUNCH 10 DAYS

OPEN 7 NIGHTS - ADULTS \$5.50 KIDS \$1.50

SPIDER-MAN 2

ADVANCED TICKETS ON SALES NOW FOR ALL SHOWS
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 Cinema 42 - 1:15 - 4:15 - 7:15 - 9:15
 Cinema 88 - Daily (Sat) 12:15 - 3:45 - 6:45 - 9:30

Summer Matinee #7
 Jimmy Neutron (c) or Mos Def Disguise (c)
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 All Seats \$1.50 Without Summer Matinee Ticket

Grand Vu Drive In
 All Adults \$4.50 on Sunday Nights

SHOVS NIGHTLY 9:30

GARFIELD THE MOVIE

CO-IT SHOWS NIGHTLY 11:00

Harry Potter

OPEN 7 NIGHTS - ADULTS \$5.50 KIDS \$1.50

NATION

Colleges prepare for Hispanic boom

Spanish-speaking students increase in North Carolina

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — As the daughter of native Puerto Ricans, Ariana Rivera grew up in Fayetteville surrounded by just a handful of other Spanish speakers.

"I always wanted a Hispanic teacher... growing up," said Rivera, who was often the only Hispanic student in her classes. "I thought it would be the coolest thing."

Now, the 21-year-old Rivera is scheduled to graduate from Fayetteville State University next year with a degree in elementary education, preparing her to be a role model to the booming number of Hispanic students crowding North Carolina schools.

In the 1990s, North Carolina's Hispanic population quadrupled, growing at the highest rate of any state in the nation.

"As Hispanic populations explode in the South and continue to grow in the West, colleges are working hard to recruit high school graduates.

"It's going to keep us busy for many years to come," said Robert Kanoy, associate vice president for access and outreach for the 16-campus University of North Carolina system. "You really have to be aware of the nuances."

Based on current elementary enrollment numbers, officials estimate Hispanics will make up a third of North Carolina's high school graduates by 2013. "I've seen the big spurt," said Rivera whose father was among the many Hispanics who came to the area for assignments at Fort Bragg. "Now, you see a bunch of different names that are Hispanic."

Similar changes are ahead for other Southern states that saw their Hispanic populations boom in the 1990s, including Arkansas (up 337 percent), Georgia (300 percent), Tennessee (278 percent), and South Carolina (211 percent).

In the West, Hispanic populations have deeper roots, so universities there have already dealt with language barriers, said David Longenecker, executive director of the Boulder,



Ariana Rivera, 21, right, looks at family photos with her mother, Nora Rivera, at their home in Fayetteville, N.C., June 28. Rivera is scheduled to graduate from Fayetteville State University next year with a degree in elementary education. She will also serve as a role model to the booming number of Hispanic students crowding North Carolina schools.

Colorado-based Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

Even so, states throughout the region are preparing for huge growth in the number of Hispanic students during the next decade. Arizona expects the number of high school students to rise 65 percent, with nearly all the increase coming from the Hispanic population. Nevada expects a doubling of its high school population, again driven by Hispanic students.

Nationally, Longenecker's group projects that by 2008, Hispanics will account for 21 percent of the country's public high school graduates, up from 17 percent in 2002.

Longenecker said many colleges and universities need to make subtle changes to make Hispanic students feel more welcome.

"Our college campuses in many cases are simply not very conducive to students from different cultures," he said.

A study released last month by the Pew Hispanic Center found that even though Hispanic high school graduates are seeking higher education at the same rate as comparable

whites, they are only half as likely as whites to earn a bachelor's degree.

The study said that is because a disproportionate number of Hispanic students end up at less-selective, "open-door" schools that tend to have lower graduation rates.

In North Carolina, Hispanics comprise 17 percent of the 183,000 students at the North Carolina's public universities. But they are the fastest-growing segment of the student body.

At Fayetteville State, a historically black university with about 5,300 students, the number of Hispanics grew 30 percent between 1998 and 2003. About 4 percent of current students are Hispanic, the highest percentage at any state institution.

At a time when universities compete vigorously for students, Fayetteville State seeks to better understand and target Hispanics.

The school has hired a bilingual counselor to help recruit students from Spanish-speaking families. It translates basic documents into Spanish and advertises in a national college

guide for Hispanics. Recruiters hold receptions for Hispanic families and are partnering with Hispanic community groups to extend their reach.

"We've got to serve that population if we're going to meet our enrollment goals," said associate vice chancellor Jon Young. "We're trying to look at ways we can be more approachable."

As many as 1,450 illegal immigrants graduated from North Carolina high schools this spring, according to an estimate from El Pueblo, a Raleigh-based Hispanic advocacy group. The Urban Institute based in Washington, D.C., estimates 65,000 such graduates nationwide.

But public universities in North Carolina and many other states don't accept applications from illegal immigrants and don't offer them financial aid.

Federal lawmakers are debating a bill that would grant residency to undocumented students, qualifying them for in-state tuition. A Senate committee has endorsed the idea.

U.S. Park Service fires police chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chief of the U.S. Park Police was fired Friday, seven months after she was suspended for publicly complaining her department was understaffed and underfunded.

The Interior Department said Teresa Chambers was dismissed after a review of her case by deputy assistant secretary Paul Hoffman.

The group representing Chambers in her legal struggle, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, confirmed that Chambers had received an eight-page letter notifying her of the decision.

Chambers was meeting with her attorneys Friday and wasn't immediately available for comment, a PEER spokesman said. Interior Department spokeswoman Tina Krelsher did not give specific reasons for Chambers' termination, but she did say that Chambers was fired with complaints that her department did not receive enough money.

"There's been a lot of talk from Chief Chambers about the Park Police budget. I'd like to report that the Park Police operating budget has increased

by 39 percent since the Bush administration took office," said Krelsher.

Chambers was suspended and placed under a gag order on Dec. 5, a few days after telling various news media that she had been forced to cut back on patrols because her officers were required to guard national monuments. Chambers said her department had a \$12 million budget shortfall at the time and needed \$8 million for the upcoming fiscal year.

Two weeks later the National Park Service moved to fire her, charging she broke federal rules against public comment on budget discussions and lobbying. Chambers appealed the move to the Merit Systems Protection Board, a quasi-judicial agency that makes sure federal workers are protected against abuses by agency management. A ruling was expected next month.

The U.S. Park Police patrol the National Mall, parks in Washington, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island in New York Harbor, San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge and Presidio, and some scenic parkways in Maryland and Virginia.

Rain, humidity help Arizona firefighters

SAFFORD, Ariz. (AP) — More rain was expected Friday and into the weekend, a welcome forecast for firefighters protecting multimillion-dollar telescopes at a southeastern Arizona observatory threatened by two wildfires.

Scattered showers were forecast for the mountains Friday, a day after light rain fell on rugged Mount Graham, helping to raise the humidity, said Brent Wachter, a National Weather Service meteorologist.

The low humidity and high temperatures had been driving the wildfires threatening the \$200 million Mount Graham International Observatory and two communities of summer homes.

The higher humidity could slow the wildfires' growth, but it also created the potential for high winds that could spread the flames and lightning strikes that could spark more fires. The fires were both started by lightning.

Firefighters focused their efforts protecting the nearly 100 homes in Turkey Flat and Columbine on the flanks of the mountain. They also reinforced protection for the observatory.

Officials were confident Friday that 74 cabins in Turkey Flat

could be saved. "It seems like we're going to be fighting that battle," said Dean McAllister, fire management officer for the Coronado National Forest.

Officials said the fires, which have charred nearly 26,000 acres, had grown no closer to either community by midday Thursday.

One fire, estimated at 16,300 acres, was burning up a canyon and officials were worried it would reach the 74 cabins at Turkey Flat. The fire also was within a quarter-mile of the observatory.

Another fire, which had burned 9,400 acres, was about 1.5 to two miles from Columbine, a community of about 15 homes and cabins.

The fires were approaching the observatory from different directions, but officials were hopeful they could save the facility. It was nearly surrounded by defensive lines cut by bulldozers and reinforced with burned-out areas and a sprinkler system.

The blazes were considered 35 percent contained, according to authorities, but they were most concerned about firefighter safety as storms blew in with rain and erratic winds.



A 2004 Honda CR-V sport utility vehicle burns on the corner of State Road 312 and State Road 207 on June 27, in St. Augustine, Fla.

Honda investigates reports of CR-Vs catching fire

WASHINGTON (AP) — American Honda Motor Co. said Friday it is investigating reports about a possible defect that has caused at least 27 CR-V sport utility vehicles from the 2003 and 2004 model years to catch fire after getting their first oil changes.

There have been no reports of injuries, although Honda spokeswoman Sara Pines said one woman was injured when she was hit by an engine block falling her burning Honda to the side of a road.

According to records filed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Honda has received reports of 22 engine fires in 2003 CR-Vs and five in 2004 models.

The problem could be more widespread, Pines said there have been 4 warranty claims related to the issue. There are no plans for a recall, the company said.

Around 140,000 Honda CR-Vs were sold in 2003 model year and 70,000 2004 models have been sold in the United States, Pines said.

After a six-month investigation that was closed on July 1, NHTSA determined the problem was caused by vehicle technicians. The agency said that when the oil filter is removed, part of the seal may adhere to the engine block. If the seal isn't removed before the new filter is put in, there is a risk of oil leakage.

Pines said Honda doesn't know why this has been a problem on new CR-Vs, but there have been no design changes from earlier model years. She said Honda has no immediate plans to recall the CR-V. The company also hasn't extended the warranty on the vehicle.

Adelphia jurors deadlock on Rigas

NEW YORK (AP) — Jurors in the Adelphia Communications Corp. fraud trial said Friday they are deadlocked over charges against Michael Rigas, the remaining defendant.

The jury is considering charges of securities fraud and bank fraud against Rigas, the one-time head of operations at the cable company. In a note to the judge said: "Your Honor, we the members of the jury, are deadlocked." U.S. District Judge Leonard

Sand told the jurors: "This case is an important one to the government. It is equally important to the defendant, Michael Rigas. It is desirable if a verdict can be reached." He urged jurors to reconsider their opinions, but cautioned them not to change their minds just to "get the case over with."

On Thursday, Rigas was charged with conspiracy, but jurors said they were undecided on the other counts against him.

Prosecutors want to preserve secret files

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Federal prosecutors worry that classified documents could become public during the trial of a CIA contractor charged in the bombing of an Afghan prisoner who later died in custody.

The school has hired a bilingual counselor to help recruit students from Spanish-speaking families. It translates basic documents into Spanish and advertises in a national college

Wall before his death, prosecutors say. If convicted, Passaro faces up to 40 years in prison and a \$1-million fine.

Passaro, a former Army Green Beret, working as a CIA contractor in Afghanistan while on leave from a civilian job with the Fort Bragg-headquartered Special Operations Command. He is being held without bail pending trial tentatively scheduled for Aug. 2.

The prosecutors' motion was filed last month and made public during these proceedings. In it, lead prosecutor Jim Candelmo wrote that prosecutors anticipate having to share with the defense documents from U.S. intelligence agencies and some of the documents could be classified.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Halley Chamber reschedules event

HAILEY—The Halley Chamber of Commerce has rescheduled its July "Business After Hours" event. The event—originally scheduled for Thursday—instead will be held July 21 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Halley Realty, 416 S. Main St. Co-hosts of the event are Halley Realty and The Red Elephant Saloon. Chamber members are encouraged to bring a potential new Chamber member or a newcomer to the Wood River Valley. For more information, contact the Halley Chamber at 788-2700.

Head of commodity agency resigns

WASHINGTON—The head of the federal agency that regulates the nation's commodity exchanges is resigning to take a top job at the New York Mercantile Exchange, where trading in natural gas futures has been investigated by the agency. James Newsome, who was appointed by President Bush, has been chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission since December 2001 and was acting chairman for most of that year. His term does not expire until June 2006. On Friday, when Newsome's plans were announced, the NYMEX chief executive praised him as having taken a markedly "pro-business stance" as chairman of the regulatory agency. The CFTC, a small agency with about 500 employees, said his resignation would be effective July 23. In a separate statement, Newsome called the NYMEX "a valuable franchise."

"I look forward to building on the successes of the exchange and have confidence the NYMEX will be able to do just that," he said.

Wendy's close to being No. 2 chain

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Wendy's is neck-and-neck with rival Burger King, poised to take over as the nation's No. 2 restaurant chain behind McDonald's, analysts said Friday. Both chains operate several restaurants in Magic Valley. Analysts say the chains' brands and atmosphere attract adult fast-food eaters, a market not covered by McDonald's often kid-focused strategies. Since introducing its Garden Sensations salad in 2002, Wendy's sales have been catching up to Burger King more quickly.

U.S. sales at Wendy's hamburger stores last year were about \$7.3 billion, while Miami-based Burger King's had sales of about \$7.9 billion during the same period, according to estimates by Technomic, a Chicago company that tracks food service industry trends. But Peter Oakes, a restaurant analyst with Piper Jaffray, said his estimates showed Wendy's and Burger King in a dead heat for 2003 sales, at \$7.3 billion each.

Oakes predicted Wendy's sales would exceed Burger King's by about \$200 million in 2004. Analysts agree Wendy's, based in suburban Columbus, is quickly closing the gap. Technomic estimates show that Wendy's was \$1.5 billion behind Burger King in U.S. sales in 2002, compared with \$600 million in 2003.

"It's highly likely that Wendy's will overtake Burger King in 2004," said Bob Goldin, executive vice president of Technomic. "A lot of that depends on how many units Burger King closes."

—compiled from staff and wire reports

Burley firm will be sold at auction

By Loraine Caverer
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY—A Burley company which filed for bankruptcy in April will be sold at an auction Wednesday.

Purely Supreme Foods LLC filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy after reaching a settlement in March with its former president and chief executive officer, Michael Zozula. The company had its assets frozen as part of the bankruptcy proceedings.

Now Zozula—who was named in bankruptcy documents as Purely Supreme's largest creditor—is encouraging interested parties to consider stepping in, purchasing and taking over the company.

Purely Supreme Foods, formerly known as Red Foods Inc., produces and markets refrigerated side dishes—including pre-sliced and pre-diced fresh potatoes—to supermarkets and restaurants.

The company has been in business since 1998 and has a total of about 45 employees at its production facility in Burley and its sales, marketing and administrative offices in Meridian, current Purely Supreme Foods President and CEO Ed Fong told *The Times-News* in April.

Bill Fehr, a consultant for Purely Supreme, said in today's edition in *Ag Weekly* that two of the stockholders have bid the opening bid, which is just under \$2.7 million.

"If nobody else steps forward,

they will buy the company," Fehr said.

But Zozula is concerned about the nearly \$40 million which has already been invested in Purely Supreme. He said he is hoping somebody would be willing to pay more than the opening bid.

"I want to find somebody to take over and do a good job with it," he said. "The company has tremendous potential."

"I believe there is value in this offering for an interested party or associates with synergies in this industry—given the opening bid is just under \$2.7 million."

District of Idaho Bankruptcy Court documents show that Purely Supreme Foods has a lease agreement with Max Her-

Going once, going twice...

* Bidding deadline is 5 p.m. July 12.

* A qualified bid must be submitted in writing in the form of a marked-up purchase agreement to both of the notice parties: Eric L. Olsen and Daniel C. Green of Racine Olson Hye Budge and Bailey, Chartered, P.O. Box 1391, Pocatello, ID 83204-1391, counsel for the debtor;

Dale G. Higer, Stool Rives, LLP 101 S. Capitol Blvd., Boise, ID 83702, counsel for the buyers and Gary L. McCendon, Officer of the U.S. Trustee, 304 N. 8th Street, Rm. 347, Boise, ID 83702.

* The auction will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. July 14 in the bankruptcy courtroom located in the Federal Building, 550 W. Fort Street, Boise, Idaho 83724.

bold Inc. in Burley—the potato supplier to Purely Supreme.

Fehr said that because of the offer from the two stockholders, the company would continue with business and none of the

27 Burley employees would lose their jobs.

Bids can be made in \$50,000 increments, Fehr said. Zozula said he's had several calls from interested parties.

A STERN REPLY



NBA commissioner David Stern talks on his cell phone at the Alien & Co.'s annual media conference Friday in Sun Valley. At rear, former CEO of Columbia Pictures and Major League Baseball commissioner Fay Vincent, right, talks with The Duberstein Group's Michael Berger.

Wal-Mart same-store sales up 2.2 percent

The Times-News

BENTONVILLE, Ark.—Wal-Mart Stores Inc. on Thursday reported a 2.2 percent increase in June sales at U.S. stores open at least a year, at the end of its already reduced forecast, as unusually cool weather hurt demand.

The world's biggest retailer—in Burley and Jerome—said total sales for the five weeks ended July 2 reached \$26.97 billion, up 9.3 percent from a year earlier.

Wal-Mart had cut its June same-store sales forecast to a range of 2 percent to 4 percent, down from its original estimate of 4 percent to 6 percent growth.

The company blamed cool, wet weather for the disappointing sales. Wal-Mart forecast a 2 percent to 4 percent increase in July same-store sales.

The Bentonville, Ark.-based retailer said the best-selling categories in June included food paper goods, pet supplies and electronics.

Pool toys were among the weaker sales items for the month, and the company said higher gas prices also affected its customers.

Costco July same-store sales up 6 percent

ISSAQUAH, Wash.—Costco Wholesale Corp. on Thursday

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said June sales at stores open at least a year rose 6 percent thanks to strong gasoline prices and food demand, but the results fell short of Wall Street expectations.

The largest U.S. warehouse club operator—which operates a Twin Falls store—said total net sales for the five weeks ended July 4 reached \$4.6 billion, up about 9 percent from a year earlier.

Costco said the timing of Memorial Day hurt its results. The holiday fell one week later than it did last year, which pushed it into the June reporting period instead of May.

Costco's stores are closed on Memorial Day, and the retailer estimated that the holiday shaved 3 percentage points off of its June sales.

The company said gasoline sales were particularly strong. The average price per gallon was up 31 percent from a year earlier.

Food demand was also higher, with meat, service deli and fresh produce departments generating the strongest gains.

However, the company said demand was soft for clothing, housewares and media items. Book sales suffered in comparison with a year ago when the fifth Harry Potter book

was released.

Pier 1 June same-store sales drop 4.3 percent

FORT WORTH, Texas—Home furnishings retailer Pier 1 Imports Inc. said this week June sales at stores open at least a year fell 4.3 percent but beat its gloomy forecast.

The Fort Worth, Texas-based store—with a Twin Falls store—had expected a 7 percent to 9 percent drop in same-store sales, a key measure of retail performance.

Total sales in the five weeks ended July 3 were \$172.9 million, up 4.5 percent from a year earlier.

The company's forecast for July same-store sales ranges between a decline of 2 percent to a rise of 2 percent, Marvin Girouard, chairman and chief executive officer said in statement.

Clearance sales drew customers in June and the clearance event continues through July, the company said.

Penney raises its earnings outlook

PLANO, Texas—J. C. Penney Co. Inc. reported strong June sales at its department stores, even as other retailers posted disappointing results, and on Thursday raised its outlook for earnings in the April-June quarter.

The retailer—which has de-

partment stores in Burley and Twin Falls—said it expects second-quarter earnings of 9 cents to 13 cents per share, up from an earlier forecast of 6 cents per share. The company lost 3 cents per share in the last period last year.

Penne, said it raised expectations because operating profit for the second quarter has tracked above previous forecasts due to strong sales and gross profit margins.

Plano, Texas-based company said same-store sales rose 4.8 percent in the five weeks ended July 3, compared to the same period last year. The company said it saw good response to Father's Day sales.

The company said it expects July same-store sales to be "low single digits" higher than a year earlier.

Walgreen sales rise 10.6 percent

CHICAGO—Drug store chain Walgreen Co. on Friday said June sales at stores open at least a year rose 10.6 percent, with total prescriptions filled at comparable stores up 6.6 percent.

The Deerfield, Illinois-based company—with a Twin Falls store—said total sales for the month rose 15.6 percent to \$3.13 billion.

Total June pharmacy sales were up 18.8 percent, while comparable-store pharmacy sales rose 14.4 percent.

Government expands anti-mad cow restrictions to cover cosmetics

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Closing loopholes in protections against mad cow disease, the Food and Drug Administration on Friday banned using brains and other cattle parts that could carry the disease's infectious agent from use in cosmetics and dietary supplements.

The action puts the agency's restrictions in line with those issued by the Agriculture Department to keep those cattle parts out of meat after the brain-wasting disease was found in

December in a Holstein cow in Washington state.

The ban affects products made from animals 30 months of age and older, the age in which the government has said the "brain-wasting" disease can be found.

The restrictions prohibit the use of the brain and spinal cord, where the misshapen proteins blamed for mad cow disease are considered most likely to be found.

Mad cow disease is also known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE. People who eat meat containing of

misshapen proteins, known as prions, face a risk of contracting a rare but fatal human condition, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

Today's actions continue our "strong commitment to public health protections against BSE," said Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson.

The agency also said it would further study adding more restrictions on livestock feed to bolster its buyback 1997 rule against feeding cattle protein made from other cattle. The goal is to block transmission of

the prions through feed.

The proposed restrictions would remove the risky materials from all animal feed, including pet food, to protect against the possibility that feed containing the prions could wind up fed to cattle even though it was meant for other species.

The government also is considering a ban on all feed use of materials from animals that die on farms or which are taken to slaughterhouses but cannot stand up.

The aim is to guard against the possibility that such animals

could have BSE that could get passed into the supply chain.

Another proposal is a ban on the use of all mammalian and poultry protein in feed for coddling animals, which include sheep as well as cattle.

"Sheep can get scrapie, a condition similar to BSE. The feed restrictions are in line with the recommendations made by an international review panel created by the Agriculture Department in February."

The government provided a period for public comment on the proposed rules.

Wheat crop lowest in 30 years

The Associated Press

BOISE—Poor fall and late winter conditions, persisting market uncertainty and the allure of other commodities have combined to hold Idaho's 2004 wheat acreage to its lowest level in three decades.

The fifth year of drought that held winter wheat plantings in check last fall also dampened the enthusiasm of spring wheat growers—although a modest boost in prices convinced grain producers to raise acreage above last year's 13-year-low. The average price has come up nearly 30 cents a bushel since midwinter but is still only around \$3.80 a bushel.

Concern over water and what other major wheat-producing nations intend have made for shaky financial prospects, third-generation Grandview grain producer Jim McDonald said.

"It's still too early to tell," McDonald said on Friday. "It depends on how much wheat Russia decides to export—it has had a good crop—and how much comes from the Europeans."

"I look for the market to stay relatively strong, but that's still an uncertainty," he said. "It depends on what the other countries do."

"Ninety percent of the wheat crop was considered in good to excellent condition earlier this year," the state Department of Agriculture said, "offering prospects for good yields that help maximize profits."

"We still have potential for pretty decent yields," said Joe Anderson, who farms 3,400 acres near Pocatello. "Whether there's enough moisture to fill the crop out, I don't know. If I had my choice, it'd be raining today."

The department reported that farmers anticipate harvesting only 1.15 million acres of spring and winter wheat this year, the lowest since 1973.

No total production estimate will be made until next week. But the winter wheat crop was projected at 55 million bushels last month, and average yields from spring wheat would generate about 32 million more bushels.

That would keep total production around the 87 million bushels over the past two years, a far cry from the nine straight years of 100-million-plus-bushel crops through 2000.

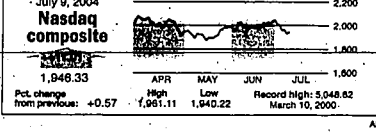
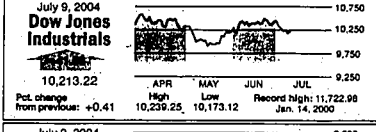
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MONEY

Strong GE results lift stocks despite poor economic reports

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street rebounded Friday as better-than-expected earnings from General Electric Co. brought buyers back to the market, but profit warnings from a number of other companies led to a largely subdued session. The major indexes suffered their second straight weekly loss.



Stocks have fallen recently on mixed economic news and anxiety over second-quarter earnings, which companies will be reporting over the next three weeks. With so much uncertainty, investors have been wary of making commitments, but the good news from GE restored some confidence.

"The earnings reports are largely going to be good because the economy has been decent in the past three months," said Ken Tower, chief market strategist for Schwab's ChiefTrader. "What's worrying the market is what earnings will be like and we've seen a number of economic data in the last two weeks that show the economy cooling off."

The broader gauges also closed higher. The Nasdaq composite index added 11.01, or 0.6 percent, to 1,946.33. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 3.70, or 0.3 percent, at 1,811.91.

Just a few weeks ago, ahead of the Federal Reserve's June 30 decision to raise interest rates, investors were worried about an overheating economy increasing inflationary pressure. The current concerns are a stark contrast to that.

For the week, the Dow was down 0.7 percent. The S&P shed 1.1 percent and the Nasdaq fell 3 percent.

General Electric gained 47 cents to \$52.17 after reporting a 3 percent rise in earnings, beating Wall Street's expectations by a penny a share. Revenues climbed 11 percent, and nine of the conglomerate's 11 business units posted double-digit

Consumers gain confidence despite poor economic reports

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumers' spirits brightened over the past month as Americans felt better about the economy's prospects, an encouraging sign for the nation's economic well-being.

recovery because more solid," said Tim O'Neill, chief economist at BMO Financial Group. "Rather than a boom level of confidence, this is like a boomlet level of confidence — it's moderate and appropriately so."

Consumer attitudes

Here is a look at consumer confidence, based on a composite index of attitudes about the economy, personal finances and job security.



The AP-Ipsos consumer confidence index climbed to 92 in July, up from 91.3 in June. The latest reading — taken after the Federal Reserve's first interest rate increase in four years and a disappointing employment report — indicated that consumers took both pieces of news in stride, analysts said.

Consumer behavior is watched closely by economists because consumer spending accounts for roughly two-thirds of all economic activity in the United States. Although retail sales were lackluster in June, analysts are hopeful they will rebound in July.

"I think the Fed has done a masterful job at packaging and communicating its interest rate increase in a manner that is non-threatening to consumers and to investors," said Carl Tanenbaum, chief economist at LaSalle Investment Services.

A measure of consumers' attitudes about economic expectations over the next six months, including conditions in the local areas where they live or work, rose in July to 95.3, which was up from a reading of 94.1 in June and represented a slight improvement from a year ago, when this "expectations" gauge was at 95.4.

Defense contractor Titan Corp. was down 16 cents at \$11.86 after saying it would post a hefty loss for the quarter on charges related to its failed merger with Lockheed Martin Corp. and a federal investigation over alleged illegal payments to overseas clients.

Economists believe the improvement in confidence reflects a number of factors: a retreat in gasoline prices, somewhat less anxiety over the station in Iraq and the fact that the economy continues to add jobs, albeit at a slower pace.

The latest snapshot of consumer sentiment also shows that Americans' confidence in the economy is considerably more positive compared with a year ago, when the consumer confidence index stood at 80.5. Last summer, businesses were cutting thousands of jobs — something that frustrated job-seekers and made people who still had jobs worry that the ax could come fall on them.

Still, Americans feel better about labor market conditions than they did last July, when this measure was at 95.7.

Computer Associates International Inc. was up 5.2 percent, or \$1.27, at \$25.81, after saying it had reached profit goals for the quarter but saw lower-than-expected revenues. Analysts weren't overly alarmed by the announcement. Banc of America Securities' Robert Sirmion said fundamentals remained intact, and advised investors to buy if the company's stock weakened on the news.

July's overall consumer confidence index reading was based on interviews with 1,000 adults about the economy.

Results of those interviews, which took place this week, had a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

Those interviews came after two important pieces of economic news last week: Last Wednesday, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues, wanting to head off inflation, raised a key short-term interest rate to 1.25 percent, from a 45-year low of 1 percent. They indicated that future rate increases would be gradual.

Two days later, the government released an employment report for June, showing the economy added 112,000 jobs — less than half the number that analysts had forecast.

"We've had a pretty tough week, with the Nasdaq down three and a half percent in just three days," said Todd Clark, head of fixed equity trading at Wells Fargo Securities. "Obviously GE helped (today) ... but it's very tentative. I couldn't tell you that demand for equities is strong. I just think some of the selling pressure has abated."

At the close of trading, the Dow Jones Industrial average had gained 41.66, or 0.4 percent, to 10,213.22, after posting declines in four of the last five sessions.

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Investors have become increasingly pessimistic as profit warnings pile up, notably from the tech sector. Most analysts remain "earnings" however, expecting earnings growth of 18 percent to 20 percent overall for the S&P 500.

growth in what chief executive Jeff Immelt said was "the best economy we've seen in years." Information technology provider Unisys Corp. was among the day's worst performers, declining \$1.99, or 5 percent, to \$40.87, after the company said its profits and sales would miss forecasts because of unexpected contract deferrals and delays late in the quarter.

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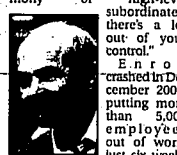
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Feds studied Enron from the outside in

HOUSTON (AP) — When federal investigators began looking at what went wrong with Enron, they started with the obvious — quick riches from sales of inflated stock...



Kenneth Lay

By the time the Justice Department confirmed in early January 2002 that it had launched an investigation, Enron had been revealed as a company that almost never had bad news revealed...

The investigation produced a steady stream of criminal charges and guilty pleas from April 2002 on, as well as pending cases alleging a sham deal to sell Enron's assets...

By getting to the very top took time, and was far from automatic despite public outrage.

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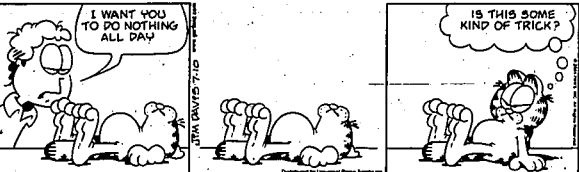
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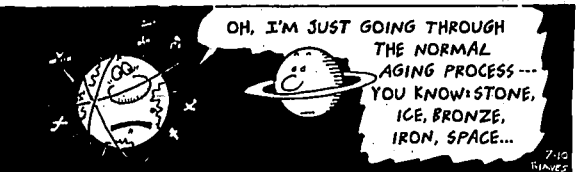
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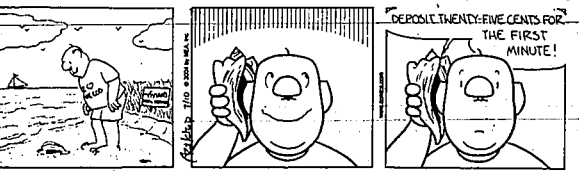
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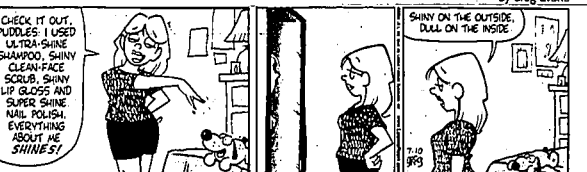
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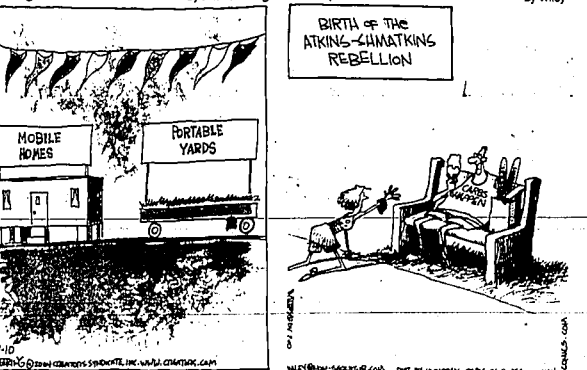


Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Willy



There are still a lot of fireworks to ooh over

Attention members of the clergy: Little brother may be watching you.

According to a Kansas City Star story, a group of volunteers is visiting Kansas City-area churches, starting this month, to find out whether ministers are peeking from the pulpit, in violation of federal tax law.



TOM SCHAEFER

The volunteers are part of the Mainstream Coalition, a liberal group that advocates separation of church and state and civility in politics. They were reacting to a recent meeting of conservative clergy who are seeking to be more active in political issues.

"We're well aware of our restrictions," said the Rev. Dave Cox of Shawnee, Kan., one of the conservative ministers. "We're also well aware of our liberties."

One thing is certain: If a confrontation ensues, don't expect to see a lot of turning-the-other-check. Civility seems to be in short supply these days.

A Knight Ridder News Service columnist referred to a Starbucks publication called "Living Our Values."

"The coffee company, which has 6,000 shops worldwide, promotes itself in the publication this way: 'A Starbucks is really like a third place, beyond home and work, where people can come together.'"

Finman, churches and other religious groups had better take note: You may need to spice up your coffee hour with a Decaf Coffee Gerona or a Colombia Nation Supreme. If you want to stay ahead of the competition, Maxwell House just may not cut it anymore.

For those who like their spiritual celebrity endorsed, Madonna is promoting a new book called *Spirituality for Kids*. The organization bases its teachings on Kabbalah.

"Practitioners insist that Kabbalah is not a religion but a secret oral tradition of teaching that reveals 'all the spiritual and physical laws that govern the cosmos and the human soul.'"

So, what has the Kabbalah-based *Spirituality for Kids* done for the maternal girl, who now refers to herself as Esther (in order "to attach myself to the energy of a different name")?

As she explains on the organization's Web site (www.spiritualityforkids.com): "Since my daughter has been going to the *Spirituality for Kids* program, I have noticed a profound change in her. She has become more loving and much more aware of her behavior and how it affects the world around her. I only wish I had been exposed to understanding the laws of the Universe when I was a kid. I could have saved myself a lot of pain and suffering."

And saved us from more than 20 years of test reformances and over-the-line ridicule of religion.

"For those who prefer spiritual insights from the canine friends, consider 'Dog Psalms' by Herbert Brokering (Augsburg Books, \$8.99).

No, these aren't prayers for our four-legged friends. They're about "what dogs have learned from watching the best friend lying at their feet."

What to learn from dogs in this small paperback? "These teachers wiggle and wag, struggle, chase sticks, beg, depend on others for life, and exchange everything for lifelong commitments of faithfulness and love."

If only the "exchange" didn't include an occasional mess on the floor.

Tom Schaefer writes about religion and ethics for the *Wichita (Kan.) Eagle*.

A REDEEMING REDEMPTION



Jake Schumacher, manager of the new Redemption Center in Jerome, organizes donations at the non-profit business, an outreach of the Calvary Chapel North Valley church.

Church's thrift shop becomes a startup success in Jerome

By Steve Turner
Times-News correspondent

Redemption Center

Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Tuesday through Saturday
Address: 111 Main Ave. E. in Jerome
Phone: 324-5987

JEROME — The Jerome community is discovering a new thrift store with lots of redeeming value.

The Redemption Center opened in mid-June and is already going strong, according to manager Jake Schumacher. "The Redemption Center is an outreach of Calvary Chapel North Valley and provides

support to North Valley Christian School," Schumacher explained.

The church purchased the building that houses the center.

All merchandise for the non-profit store is donated from people in the community. "Those who wish to donate merchandise can bring it in during store hours and pick up a tax receipt," Schumacher said.

The merchandise ranges from clothing to furniture to tools and small appliances.

"We have a large scope of merchandise," Schumacher said. "We've got stuff I've never seen before."

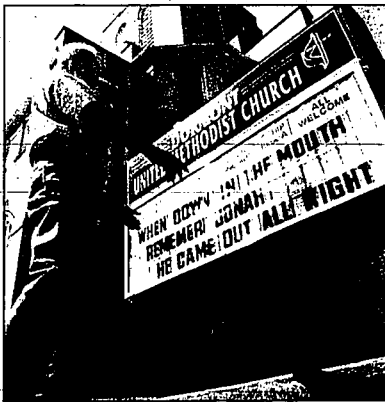
Schumacher declined to provide start-up cost figures, but did said that business is going very well and that the store is getting positive feedback from the community.

The store's main advertisement is word of mouth in the community so far, Schumacher added.

The store is currently staffed mostly by volunteers, and involves some outreach ministry. "Our ministry aspects include

meeting the people from Jerome," Schumacher said, "along with a drug-awareness program for kids that we will start in a back room in the building." Also, some clothing will be donated to the Oxford House, for people just out of jail, Schumacher said.

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Jack Frank, a member of the Dormont United Methodist Church in Dormont, Pa., has tended this changeable sign for several years. He gathers ideas from friends and people who e-mail ideas to him.

SAY WHAT?

Those head-turning church marquee witticisms inspire books, Web sites

By Dan Nephin
The Associated Press

DORMONT, Pa. — "The best vitamin for a Christian is B-1. Or, 'God answers knee-mail.'"

Motorists glance at them for just a moment, but ministers see church marquee messages as a great chance to attract people with a groaner or a pun or a thought-provoking phrase. Coming up with witty messages has even sparked a cottage industry of sorts, inspiring a half-dozen books and lots of e-mail traffic.

Jack Frank, a member of the Dormont United Methodist Church in suburban Pittsburgh, has been posting messages since his church bought a changeable sign to replace a bronze and copper one that had been stolen. A recent message:

"When down in the mouth, remember Jonah. He came out all right."

Frank, who gets ideas from friends and through e-mails, tries to change the sign every couple of weeks. "My favorite is, 'The sign guy's on vacation. Come inside for the message.' I've used that a few times."

L. James Harvey of Grand Rapids, Mich., has had two books published on signs and sees them as a way to reach out to potential congregants. He decided the messages were worth a book when the church he was attending in Maryland got a new sign about six years ago.

"The sign became very successful that it brought people into the church who had never been there," he said.

Mary Katherine Compton, a Goldsboro, N.C., native living in County Cork, Ireland, has written two books with her husband, David. Her favorite sayings are captured in the titles: "Forbidden Fruit Creates Many Jams," "Roadside Church Signs Across America," and "Life Is Short, Pray Hard: Forbidden Fruit II: More Roadside Church Signs Across America."

Occasionally, she finds the messages distasteful — such as "Body piercing saved my life." "I couldn't quite stomach that one," she said. "It makes sense, but it seemed to diminish what happened on the cross."

Last year, the J.M. Stewart Corp., a maker of church signs from Sarasota, Fla., had its best year ever and expects sales to be up again in 2004, said Tim Self, the marketing manager. A basic 4-by-8-foot church sign averages \$4,000 to \$5,000, but electronic signs, which are growing in popularity, start around \$20,000 and can cost four times that, Self said.

Spider-Man's balancing act resonates with leaders

By Jeffrey Welles
The Dallas Morning News

Smack in the emotional heart of the Spider-Man movie is the most famous line ever written for a comic book. It was the center of the first Spider-Man movie, too, as Stan Lee wrote it 42 years ago: "With great power there must also come great responsibility."

For more than four decades, Spidey (and his alter ego, Peter Parker) has struggled to be responsible in the face of personal sacrifice. The theme that responsibility and power are webbed together is also found in many religious and ethical traditions.

The story of Spider-Man was created during a time of great national tumult. More than just an iconic battle between good and evil, it's a tale that includes realistic uncertainty.

Since the first story, Spider-Man has been one of the most popular characters in modern fiction. The first movie, about why Peter becomes a hero, was the top-grossing film for 2002, drawing \$403.7 million in domestic sales.

In India, a reworked version of Spider-Man (civillian name: Pavitr

Prabhakar) will battle a traditional Hindu demon in a comic book later this year. Rabbits recognize something essentially Jewish in Spider-Man. Pastors find a Christian message. Imams identify the tenets of Islam.

David is one of the Bible's examples of a conflicted superhero, said Rabbi Irvin Kula, president of the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership. Armed with the power of his faith and a smooth stone from the river, David takes down Goliath. And yet David is willing to have Bathsheba's husband, Uriah, killed in battle so he can bed Bathsheba.

"Those are religious superhero stories," Rabbi Kula said. "To the extent that the superhero has flaws, he's more interesting."

Christians hear an echo of the power/responsibility line in the book of Luke: "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required, and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded."

The ultimate Christian example of the responsible use of power is Jesus on the cross (there's a faux-crucifixion Please see SPIDER-MAN, Page E2



Actor Tobey Maguire, right, actress Kirsten Dunst and producer Avi Arad pose for the photographers prior to the European premiere of "Spider-Man 2" in Berlin Tuesday.

RELIGION

Women on Missions meets today

TWIN FALLS — The Women on Missions group of Eastern Baptist Church will meet at 11:30 a.m. today at Rock Creek Park. The meeting will include officer elections, missions discussions and "Loving the Unlovely" by Audrey Kinch and Marge Lawley. In case of bad weather, the meeting will be held at the church. All women are invited. Bring a sack lunch.

Hawkins will perform at M.V. Gospel Opry today

TWIN FALLS — Molly Hawkins will perform songs from her new album, "The Magic Valley Gospel Opry" at 7 p.m. today at the First Assembly of God Church, 189 Locust St. N. Hawkins

Local church news

was nominated for the Horizon Award for Best New Female Vocalist in Christian Country Music, and she will appear on the International Country Gospel Music Association program. Admission is free, but freewill offerings will be accepted.

Cellist will perform and speak at First Assembly

TWIN FALLS — World-renowned cellist Doug McClure will perform and speak at the 6 p.m. worship service Sunday at the First Assembly of God Church, 189 Locust St. N.

McClure, formerly of Twin Falls, plays a rare cello from the 1700s, using the instrument in his music ministry around the world. He has performed for former President Jimmy Carter, King Juan Carlos I of Spain and Pope John Paul II at the Vatican, where 300,000 people were in attendance.

Ladies fellowship will hold guest night

HEYBURN — The Ladies Life Fellowship will hold a non-denominational guest night from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Connor's Cafe. The theme will be "Happy Golden Anniversary, Homesteaders." George Falkner will present a program, music will be by Dago Martinez and the speakers will be Ed and Jo Hillis. Cost is \$8.95 per person.

For reservations, call Lila at 438-5376. For prayer concerns, call Ruth at 438-5380. Prayer circle will be held July 21 at Charlene Patterson's home; call 438-5376 for directions.

Reverend will speak at Hollister Presbyterian

HOLLISTER — The Rev. Bruce Stevens of Twin Falls will speak at 11 a.m. worship Sunday at Hollister Community Presbyterian Church.

Members of the Hollister High School reunion will be served

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send to Ellen Thomason, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Trena Tegen, The Times-News Burley Bureau, 230 E. Main St., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on Saturday.

MISSIONARIES

Several Magic Valley-area residents have been called to serve or returned from serving missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Called to serve:



Wayne Christenson will serve in the Indiana Indianapolis Mission. Christenson is the son of Norval and Karen Christenson of Burley and is in the Burley 5th Ward.



Cody Orchard will attend the College of Southern Idaho and Idaho State University.



Elder Tyson Frodin served in the Mexico Mexico City East Mission. Frodin is the son of Bill and Karin Frodin of Jerome and is in the Jerome 5th Ward. He graduated from Jerome High School and will continue his education at Idaho State University.



Justin Baker will serve in the Guatemala Guatemala City Central Mission. Baker is the son of Stanley and Sandy Baker of Burley and an Eagle Scout. He graduated from Burley High School and attended Idaho State University, where he was on the dean's list.



Elder Jeremiah Funk served in the Spain Madrid Mission. Funk is the son of David and Shilene Funk of Hansen and is in the Hansen Ward.



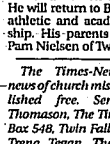
Sister Jeyll Thurston will serve in the Mexico Mexico City East Mission. Thurston is the daughter of Kevin and Julie Thurston of Burley and is in the Burley 5th Ward.



Elder Brandon Clark served in the Spain Madrid Mission—Nielsen graduated in 2001 from Twin Falls High School, where he was a co-salutatorian and played varsity basketball and football. He attended Big Bend University, College in Moses Lake, Wash., where he played basketball and was on the dean's list. He will return to Big Bend on an athletic and academic scholarship. His parents are Kim and Pam Nielsen of Twin Falls.



Sister Tasha Hansen served in the Ecuador Quito Mission. Hansen is the daughter of Brian and Darla Hansen of Almo and is in the Almo Ward.



Joseph Preston served in the Alaska Anchorage Mission. Preston is the son of Kim and Renee Preston of Burley, a 2001 graduate of Burley High School and is in the Burley 11th Ward. He will attend Brigham Young University.

COMING TOGETHER India, Pakistan look to better relations over Kashmir

By Bill Tammeus The Kansas City Star

Religion and politics are complexly intertwined in the current negotiations between India and Pakistan over the disputed Kashmir territory, experts say. In fact, former U.S. diplomat Dennis Kux compares the tensions to the Catholic-Protestant struggles over Northern Ireland because both involve "two different religious groups who for political reasons can't get along." "It started, in a way, political, and then it got religious," Kux said of the long and bloody hostilities over the beautiful Himalayan territory of Kashmir, which both India and Pakistan claim and over which they've fought two wars. India is predominantly Hindu, while Pakistan is mostly Muslim.

In the recent round of talks, the two nations agreed to work toward settling differences over Kashmir, notably each other before testing missiles and open consultations. Kux, a scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, said it's too soon for unbridled hope, but the situation has changed. Hindus and Muslims have lived together on the Indian subcontinent for centuries, and though there have been several notable exceptions, they have tended to get along reasonably well.

"It really was only the coming of elections and the decisions to have separate electorates (in which Muslims voted only for Muslims) that started in 1946 (under British rule) that created the con-

sciousness of being separate politically," Kux said.

In 1906 the All India Muslim League formed to promote feelings of loyalty to the British and push Muslim political interests. The 1908 India Council Act honored this Muslim loyalty to British rule by giving Muslims separate electorates. This may have foreshadowed the birth of Pakistan, which was created for Muslims by partitioning India when the British left India in 1947. Many Muslims living in India moved to the new Pakistan, while many Hindus living there moved to India.

Kashmir, the northernmost Indian state, was among the hundreds of area states ruled by princes who were asked to choose whether to be part of Pakistan or India. Kashmir's ruler did not decide immediately, so as

Kux explains, "the Pakistanis try to grab it, and they almost succeeded. The British could have handed this off if they had moved swifter, faster, harder, earlier."

Pakistan's move to gain control of Kashmir led the Kashmiri leader to turn the territory over to India, but Pakistan and India fought over the territory until a cease-fire in 1949. That left about two-thirds of Kashmir in Indian hands and one-third controlled by Pakistan.

In 2002 India and Pakistan, both nuclear powers, came perilously close to nuclear war over the Kashmir issue, as each country massed troops on the border. Eventually international diplomatic help and pressure convinced both countries to back down.

More India-Pakistan meetings are to begin this month.

Leaders gather to tackle worldwide problems

By Genevieve Abdo Chicago Tribune

BARCELONA, Spain — Learned Muslim clerics, Buddhist monks and Roman Catholic cardinals rarely find themselves in the same place at the same time with gurus, cult followers and mystics. But the Parliament of World's Religions, convening a weeklong conference here this week, is out to change all that.

The religious globalization or spiritual summit, The Chicago-based organization expects to draw about 6,500 religious leaders, activists and followers of Buddhism, Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism and

Islam to the assembly. Billed as part of a "cultural Olympics," the conference is being held on the grounds of the 100-acre site of the "Universal Forum of Cultures," a more secular, five-month-long humanities festival that began in May along Barcelona's sea front.

The world's great faiths have interacted in the past. But in gathering traditional religions with those of a more New Age flavor, the organizers hope to write commitments from the faithful to help tackle four worldwide problems: refugees, water shortages, religious violence and increasing debt.

"The hallmark of the conference is to help put a human face

on these four issues," said the Rev. Dirk Ficca, executive director of the parliament.

At the opening assembly Wednesday evening, thousands gathered to listen to chanting Buddhist monks, dressed in orange and red tunics. Shrin Chossu, a prominent lawyer and human-rights activist who won this year's Nobel Peace prize, gave the keynote address.

"Human rights can be achieved only through democracy," said Ebadil, a longstanding critic of the authoritarian rule of Iran's hard-line clerics. "But democracy also requires a framework. A majority has no right to govern as they please." Skeptics have criticized previ-

ous parliaments for engaging in too much talk and ritual, protracting the debate over the world's problems. But the parliament leaders note that the organization has no legislative authority.

At a time of rising Islamic extremism around the world and the war in Iraq, the parliament's organizers are under more pressure to produce action. Discussions will include seminars on Islam, the Middle East and how a Muslim can practice the faith while living in a Western country. Renowned speakers, including best-selling author Karen Armstrong and Islamic intellectual Tariq Ramadan will lead seminars.

Group that opposes pulpit campaigning plans to monitor churches

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. — An advocacy group for separation of church and state plans to send volunteers to area church services to make sure there's no one-year campaigning from the pulpit.

The Mainstream Coalition, headed by Caroline McKnight, is sending letters to more than 400 churches in the area reminding them of IRS rules, which forbid tax-exempt groups including religious organizations from participating in political campaigns for or against candidates. Coalition

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volunteers will also visit churches and report any major violations to the IRS. After the Kansas House voted in May against a referendum on a state constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage, prominent Kansas ministers vowed to paralyze their congregations to defeat lawmakers who opposed the measure. The Rev. Jerry Johnson urged about 100 ministers at a June meeting at his 3,000-member First Family

Church in Overland Park to help out targeted lawmakers.

Faithful go to Pittsburgh chapel to see relics

PITTSBURGH — Administrators at a 124-year-old chapel in the city's Troy Hill neighborhood say its collection of relics is the largest outside the Vatican, with more than 5,000 items that devotees believe date back to Jesus, Mary, all 12 apostles and numerous other saints. For instance, gold reliquaries at St. Anthony's Chapel contain 22

slivers that are claimed to come from the cross on which Jesus was crucified and two small pieces purportedly from the table at the Last Supper, as well as two thorns from Jesus' crown of thorns and a slice of Mary's veil.

People have been flocking to the chapel for years in search of miracles, inner peace and history. Some believe they have been healed of cancer, said Sister Margaret Liam Glencane, assistant director. Glencane said she or the pastor, the Rev. David Schorr, will say healing prayers. — compiled from wire reports

Spider-Man

Continued from E1 scene in Spider-Man 2). But there's also Jesus as servant, washing the feet of his disciples. And the parable of the Good Samaritan.

"Spider-Man reflects other aspects of Jesus' example, said the Rev. Kendall Harmon, an Episcopal theologian from South Carolina: "You don't see Spider-Man interacting with the powerful because he has power. Jesus was never seen courting the powerful."

What makes this comic book good guy different? The early Superman was a powerful alien with a satisfyingly simple soul, filled with small-town altruism. Spider-Man was an unimagnably rich guy, driven by an intriguing, slightly creepy obsession to get revenge on all criminals for the murder of his parents. The X-Men, persecuted but powerful, fight self-defense and partly to demonstrate their essential humanity to a world that's inclined to reject anyone different. Harry

Potter, wizard by inheritance, is all about loyalty and friendship. Peter Parker, on the other hand, starts out as a meekly every-guy decade before Bill Gates made geekdom potentially cool. In the original telling of the tale by Stan Lee and artist Steve Ditko, he gains his powers and decides to make a buck. He sees a robber run by and discovers a few comic panels later that the same criminal has subsequently murdered his beloved Uncle Ben. Stan's line about power and responsibility is almost a throwaway, squeezed into the last panel. (Images of the pages from the original "Amazing Fantasy 15" comic are archived at Marvel.com.)

In addition to religious traditions, the idea for the line could have emerged from the current events of the day. President George W. Bush's Kennedy Inaugural told the nation to "ask not what your country can do for you..." The Cold War was near-hot with the Bay of Pigs invasion and the Cuban Missile Crisis. The Civil

Rights movement was leaping into the headlines. The space race was flinging Americans and Soviets into orbit.

"I'd love to say that I was inspired by things happening in the world such as the civil rights movement or an impending

war, or even a previous war, or politics or whatever," Stan, now 81, says. "But I really think it was the comic books that came to me and if I figured that out, I wrote it down and continued writing without giving it much more thought."

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Doubleday will publish the Book of Mormon

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has agreed to allow Doubleday to publish the Book of Mormon, which the church commonly has provided for free in paperback editions.

"The reason why the church agreed to do this is simply to make the Book of Mormon more available," church spokesman Dale Bills said Wednesday. Doubleday will publish the \$24.95 hardcover book in November.

Its version will be without the lengthy footnotes and cross-references that may be daunting to those not familiar with the faith, said Michelle Rapkin, director of Doubleday's religious publishing division. Rapkin would not estimate the size of the print run, but said, "It will be a significant printing. By our standards, it will be rather large." The church will continue to

use the free copies as a "gospel teaching tool," Bills said.

Elder Henry B. Eyring, a member of the Church's Council of Twelve Apostles and a member of its Scripture Committee, said that if people are introduced to the book through a missionary or a member, "there's a warmth that wouldn't be there if you got it in a bookstore, but most people can get it from a bookstore."

The church and Doubleday have not finalized details of the agreement, including distribution of profits.

"The Book of Mormon is a scripture that church founder Joseph Smith claimed to have translated from a set of golden plates he found. It is one of four books that comprise the canon of the church. It tells of Lehi, a prophet who with his family and others flees from Jerusalem to the New World, where they found a civilization.

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RELIGION

Small Christianity under new management?

By David C. Steinmetz
The Orlando Sentinel

Commentary

It's no secret, of course, that Christianity is an international movement. But it is an international movement that has been dominated by Christians in the developed West. Christians from Asia, Africa and Latin America (the region known as the Global South) have taken their cues from the settled churches of Europe and North America.

There are signs, however, that this relationship is changing. Take, for example, the recent debate in the United States and Canada over gay ordination and same-sex marriage. While mainline churches in the West have taken an increasingly liberal stance on gay and lesbian issues, churches in the Global South have not. With very few exceptions they oppose the ordination of gay clergy and the blessing of same-sex unions.

The English newspaper, the Guardian, urged Anglicans in the developed West to "ignore the bigots" in the Global South and to continue to support gay and lesbian issues. But ignoring the Global South is increasingly hard to do.

At its triennial convention, the Anglican Church of Canada decided to postpone its debate on the approval of same-sex unions until 2007, even though the liberal provinces of Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia have already approved same-sex marriage. The main reason for the opposition of the Global South.

The case for postponement was argued by the Rev. Canon Gregory Cameron, speaking on behalf of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Such a postponement could buy time for the beleaguered Anglican Communion and reduce the strains

brought on by the unilateral decision of the Episcopal Church to consecrate an openly gay man, the Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson, as the bishop of New Hampshire. The Canadians grudgingly agreed to wait.

The Global South is hard to ignore because it is the fastest growing area in Christendom. In 1900 there were only 10 million Christians in Africa. Africa now has 360 million. Latin America—860 million—and Asia—313 million. There are at least 30 million Christians in China, perhaps as many as 80 million. There is a large Christian minority in India and Korean missionaries can be found throughout Asia.

The figures for attendance at Sunday worship are even more striking. Archbishop Peter Lechner presides over an Anglican Church in Nigeria with more than 17 million members. But Anglican services in Nigeria can be attended on any Sunday by twice that number of worshippers. In contrast the Church of England with 28 million members and the Episcopal Church with 2.3 million have an average Sunday attendance of roughly 800,000.

Christians in the West are well aware of the reaction against Western values by Islamic militancy but seem far less sensitive to the anti-colonial thinking of Christians in the Global South. Africans in particular regard the imposition of the sexual morality of the West on their traditional societies as a new form of colonialism that must be resisted.

As painful as the cross-cultural argument between Christians in the West and Global South

may be, it is unavoidable. One of the oldest tests for authentic Christian teaching is to ask whether it is universally accepted. The old rule was it should have been taught "everywhere, always, and by all."

According to that rule a theological opinion was thought to fall the test of universality if it could be embraced in Canada but not in Kenya, or in England but not in Hong Kong. On the other hand, it passed a crucial test if it showed staying power over time. Even then, it could not be accepted as correct if promoted by only one sociological group — by men but not by women, by whites but not by blacks, or by rich but not by poor. Christians thought truth is by definition boundary-transcending or it is an error. "Local option" is another name for heresy.

Judged by the ancient standard of "everywhere, always, and by all" the international debate in mainline Christian churches over human sexuality is a long way away from achieving a consensus. The temptation of the liberal West will be to give up in dialogue with the more conservative Global South, surrender any hope of consensus, and fall back into the comfortable old ways of colonial thinking. We teach; they listen.

But falling into the bad old ways is a formula for disaster. Unless the emerging consensus of the churches over human sexuality is international, it will not last.

You can count on it.
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Ralph Bagley, president and CEO of N'Lightning, a Christian video game software development company, is shown with an image from one of his company's games. Christian video and computer games currently make up a tiny fraction of the \$11 billion gaming industry, but the market is expected to grow.

Players get to 'smite' enemies in Christian video game industry

By Sarah Linn
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — In the world of Christian video games, players sport the armor of God, the best weapon is a ball of holy energy known as a "smite," and demon-possessed Roman soldiers drop to their knees in prayer when they're hit.

Right now, the religious-themed games represent a tiny fraction of an \$11-billion industry, but developers expect the market to grow with the popularity of faith-based movies and books such as Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" and the "Left Behind" novels. Just how to make the lump to the mainstream, finding producers for Christian games and getting them on store shelves, will be the focus of a conference this month in Portland. Event organizer Tim Emmertich said Christian game developers — mostly evangelical Protestants — want to provide a clean, safe alternative to shoot-'em-up games like "Grand Theft Auto."

The target audience ranges from Christian gamers eager for new thrills to teenagers and 20-

something who have never picked up a Bible, said Emmertich.

To Canadian developer Mackenzie Ponech, the idea is creating a fun, entertaining game that doesn't condescend to its non-Christian players. "It's not about taking a Bible, rolling it up and showing it down the person's throat while they're playing the game," said Ponech, who co-founded Two Guys Software in Edmonton, Alberta.

In the company's most popular game, "Eternal War: Shadows of Light," players assume the role of Mike, an angel charged with saving a suicidal teen. They battle demons and the teen's own doubts — with spiritual weapons that include "soul disks," "Trinity blasts," and the "smite," a ball of liquid holy energy that vaporizes bad guys. "Eternal War" also references the "armor of God" mentioned in St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

Unlike some of their secular counterparts, Christian video games avoid "all that blood and guts and gore," said Ralph Bagley, CEO of N'Lightning Games in Medford. Enemies

vanish, vaporize, or, in the case of the Roman soldiers in N'Lightning's "Catechumen," start praying as Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" rings out.

But most retailers are reluctant to pick up Christian video games because the products don't have a proven track record, said Dave Turner, of Christian Supply Centers. Companies also struggle to find investors for game development, said Bagley. His game "Catechumen" took 15 months and \$230,000 to create — often demanding a 16-hour day from his 11-person team.

To boost interest, the industry is pinning its hopes on video game versions of established properties such as "Left Behind" and "VeggieTales" — based on the children's video series.

There's a huge world and a tremendous opportunity for growth," said Troy Lyndon, who helped found the Murietta, Calif.-based Left Behind Games last October. Left Behind Games' first effort, "Eternal Mission," will follow the plot of the apocalyptic thriller series and is to be released in late 2005.

Contemporary Christian CD offers variety

By Dean Owens
The Wichita Eagle

Various artists. "Chillout: A Time to Worship" (Waterfront). Tired of compilation CDs that have the same songs with little variety? Waterfront Music is offering a refreshing change with its "Chillout" worship series. "A Time to Worship" is one of two CDs currently released with the purpose "to help you find some

quiet and calm, some time to worship, time for prayer and time to chill out after a long day." The disc boldly goes where others fear to tread. It takes Christian pop hits and an occasional secular selection and gives them an "acoustic makeover." With techno-pop sounds, jazzlike trumpets, keyboard programming, light guitars and subtle aly vocals, every song is a complete 180

from the original. From DC worship "Jesus Freak" and Out of Eden's "I've Seen Days" to Lenny Kravitz' "I Belong to You" and U2's "Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For," you wouldn't recognize any of these songs if you didn't know the lyrics. Check out samples at www.chilledworship.com, or listen to the first CD, "Chillout: The Worship Experience," at www.worshipmusicradio.com.

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The Dallas Morning News

WEB SITE
www.wannaknowwhy.com

How do you pick a church? For most visitors, it's the people they meet — and personal testimonies about the community — that make a church a home. This savvy Web site, offered by Lovens Lane United Methodist Church of Dallas, makes the first introductions. You don't see lists of programs and activities. Instead, you simply meet "people and hear" their stories of how Lovens Lane became part of their lives. The stories are touching without being sappy; a deaf woman who moved from another city and discovered a community of deaf and hearing friends; a man gratified by the warm embrace of his disabled son.

Each profile illustrates an idea: "You can change the world" or "Joy is possible." The church has a conventional Web site (www.lumc.org) that offers the usual lists. But this site grants virtual visitors by addressing two top-of-mind questions: Why are we here? And why would you want to make this church your home? — Mary A. Jacobs

BOOK
"The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation" by Barbara A. Rossing (Westview Press, 208 pages, \$24)

Rossing believes the theology of Hal Lindsey, John Hagee and "Left Behind" is a gross misinterpretation of Scripture. She explains difficult words and concepts — such as apocalyptic revelation, premillennial dispensation, and prophesy. The book exposes the origins, assumptions and the framework of premillennial dispensational theology. Premillennialist is before the thousand-year reign of Christ. Dispensationalist refers to the division of history into seven in-

tervals. This theology originated in the 19th century with John Darby. Darby believed Christ will come twice. The first time in secret to "rapture" the church before the seven years of tribulation, the second time to establish a Jerusalem-based kingdom.

Rossing argues there is neither a "rapture" nor a "countdown to Armageddon" in Scriptures. The Book of Revelation is not a road map to the end times, she writes. She challenges Christians to look at biblical texts regularly used as proof texts for rapture theology. — Jeff Zail

BOOK
"If the Buddha Came to Dinner," by Hale Sofia Schatz (Hyperion, 302 pages, \$14.95)

Imagine that you've been asked to be the personal chef to Jesus, the Buddha, Allah or God, Schatz writes. What would you prepare? She contends that most people would not serve the foods they put in their bodies on a daily basis, from french fries to KFC. She argues that true spiritual nourishment includes diet as well as meditation, prayer and exercise.

"We are hungry for the nourishing foods and activities that feed our bodies, hearts, minds and spirits as one integrated being," she writes. This book is mostly about eating, from what to eat to how to eat mindfully. She argues that organic produce is the best and nonprocessed foods are the choice of spiritually enlightened eaters. The back of the book is full of recipes — French-lentils, tofusalad, black-eyed peas. — Susan Hogen/Albach

BOOK
"Twelve Months of Monastery Salads" by Brother Victor-Antoine d'Avila-Latourrette (The Harvard Common Press, 256 pages, \$22.95)

Even monks have to eat. And,

like everything else, you do it mindfully. This book of salad recipes, collected by a Benedictine monk who resides in Millbrook, N.Y., offers a glimpse into the deep and quiet rhythms of monastery life. Following up on "Twelve Months of Monastery Soups," Brother Victor has assembled a wide variety of salad recipes for each season. There are light summer salads (Kiwi and Peach Salad, Tomato and Parsley Salad), hearty fall ones (Roasted Potato Salad, Wild Rice and Barley Salad) and a few recipes that have religious significance (the St. Piere Salad with fresh string beans, tomatoes and bell peppers and a light oil and vinegar dressing — named after the patron saint of gardeners). — Mary A. Jacobs

BOOK
"At the Edge of the Village," by Lisa Leidenrost (Canon Press, 224 pages, \$15)

Christian missionary work can be full of promise and peril. It's the chance to spread God's love while soaking up a different culture. Then there's the hostility and ridicule, the venomous snakes and plagues of bugs and disease. For Leidenrost and her family, the chance to translate the Bible for the Bakwa people of Ivory Coast, West Africa, more than outweighs the fears for comfort and safety.

Her essays, culled from letters to the church back home, offers a hilarious and moving portrait of life at the edge of the village. God's hand is apparent in the trials and joys. He gives the family the sense of humor to overcome encounters with roving driver ants, dangling tarantulas, house mice, cobras and even vinyet monkeys.

The writing is so vivid that the reader can't help but yearn for a personal experience with African missionary work in all its agonies and ecstasies. — Sara Campbell

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3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths.
\$274,900
Hostess: Jeanne 539-4061

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5 bedrooms, 3 baths, w/ finished basement. Sawtooth School
\$255,000
Hostess: Audrey 280-5336

575 Wildrose Loop
4 bedrooms, 3 bath, 3 car garage, new construction!
\$239,900
Hostess: Oksanna 280-5336

662 Morning Sun Drive
4 bedroom, 3 bath, wonderful floor plan
\$224,900
Hostess: Nikid 308-1459

3045 Woodridge
5 bedrooms, 3 baths, in Woodridge Subdivision.
\$224,900
Hostess: RoseAnn 480-4893

510 Rosewood
3 bedroom, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage. Private location.
\$215,000
Hostess: Susan 731-7210

494 Whispering Pine Drive
3 bedrooms, 3 baths, home also 1st LEVEL. Quarry porch, fully landscaped & fenced. Walking distance to Woodland Hills Park.
\$207,900
Host: Ray 734-9715

3356 N. 3500 E., Kimberly
2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage. Home property.
\$189,000
Host: Kathy 980-0502

1941 Tamarack Loop
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 3 car garage, great neighborhood.
\$179,900
Hostess: Cheryl 980-5252

859 Canyon Park
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Lots of amenities
\$174,900
Hostess: Sue 280-5336

3952 Canyon Place
3 bedroom, 2.5 baths, 9.5 bath, 3 stall barn & tack room. Close to town.
\$163,500
Hostess: Darlene 280-5336

2343 Garey Lane, Filer
3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths on 1.35 acres.
\$159,500
Hostess: Nikid K. 980-0502

606 Buckingham
3 bedroom, 3 baths. Handicap features.
\$131,900
Hostess: Cebile 731-9000

1205 Parkview
Remodeled interior, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, air conditioning, great condition!
\$119,900
Host: Dick 208-4207

821 5th St. West, Filer
3 bedroom, 1.5 baths, 3 car garage, nice landscaped.
\$104,900
Host: Frank 480-4893

1065 Park Meadows Dr.
3 bedroom, 1 bath, RV parking. Newly painted.
\$99,800
Hostess: Heather 980-0592

238 Avenida Del Rio
Nice, clean and ready to move into! 3 bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood yd, 3 car garage.
\$82,500
Host: Jeff Harris 980-1459

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3 bedroom, 1 bath, large fenced yard. Close to schools.
\$81,900
Hostess: Nadine 980-5336

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JEROME 73 Tamarc 14x66, 2 bdrm, 1 bath, wood stove, deck, w/2000 sq. ft. lot...

KETCHUM 3 bdrm, 2 bath 97' Oakwood mobile home, Newly built, 1000 sq. ft. g a cooking, Needs to be moved by Sep. 4th...

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
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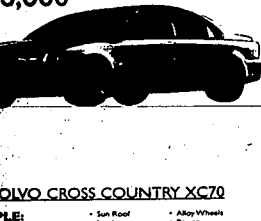
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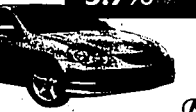
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