

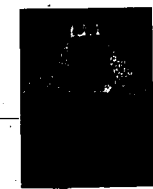
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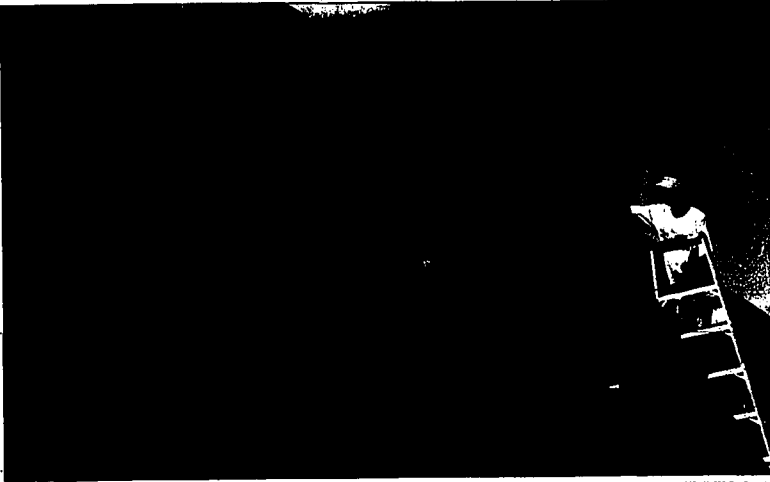
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Aging gracefully



Senior Eric Maughan paints a building at Twin Falls High School last week. Proper maintenance is a big reason for the relatively good condition of the 50-year-old school, officials say.

T.F. High School holds up well

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

Twin Falls High School facts

- Square footage: About 274,840, counting auxiliary buildings.
- Electricity use: 2,010,109 kilowatt hours (March 2003-March 2004).
- Electric bill: \$91,265.
- Natural gas use: 128,507 therms (March 2003-March 2004).
- Gas bill: \$92,073.
- Excluding the "S" building. Source: John Miller, director of operations

TWIN FALLS — Principal Ben Allen can always tell Twin Falls alumni from a certain era when they come into the school: They won't step on the school seal.

Allen said the tradition of staying off the floor seal died out years ago, but the blue and white tile square with a bruin in a circle remains, memorializing the "Twin High Bruins Class of '60 and '61."

This year marks the 50th year since the first class graduated from the current high school campus. When it was built, the facility was considered innovative, and it has held up well over the years, Allen said.

The building was finished in 1953, and the first class graduated in 1954.

The Twin Falls School District's long-term plan is to build

Future could bring a second high school.
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a result of a tradition of commitment to maintain it well and with some additions and modernization projects over the years.
"I'm hopeful that we can use the building for another 50 years," Superintendent Wiley Dobbs said.

The 'new' high school

The current high school replaced the city's original dedicated high school building, built on Shoshone Street in 1912. The new high school building was known for being state of the art.
"It was like a Cadillac," Allen said.

Allen said the building has accommodated growth well — the wide hallways have made it easy for students to get around. Having lockers built into the walls added even more space.

The fact that the school is one story made it easy to extend the hallways. However, Allen said the days of adding onto the main building are over, because new fire codes would require the district to install a costly sprinkler system. Allen said the building is safe because of the abundance of exits.

Harold Gerber, a Twin Falls architect, worked as a draftsman when the high school was being designed by Holmes Lash. The Paradise and Lash firm also supervised the construction starting in 1951. Gerber remembers having to divert a canal that ran across

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Burley native takes the Guard to 'Iraq'

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Early next month, local soldiers with the Army's 116th Brigade Combat Team train at Fort Bliss, Texas, and get a taste of what Iraq is really like.

"They'll be awakened at dawn in the 'village of Al-Mattar' by the Islamic call to prayer. They'll spend their days patrolling the streets of 'Iraq,' where, they'll encounter

"Iraqis" in their traditional dress. Some will ask for their help. Others will want to hurt them.
"The challenge for the soldiers is to know who are the good guys and who are the bad guys.
Some will be good and some will be shady," said Sgt. 1st Class John Feller, a 1989 Burley High School graduate and a combat engineer with the 91st Infantry Division.
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Courtesy of U.S. Army Staff Sgt. DANIEL SMITH
Army Sgt. 1st Class John M. Feller, a Burley native, is a combat engineer now training Magic Valley soldiers at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Soldiers with the 116th Cavalry Brigade, now the 116th Brigade Combat Team, have begun an 18-month deployment that will include a one-year tour of duty in Iraq.

Idahoans in Iraq
The Times-News is putting a human face on the deployment by following a few of the soldiers and their families as the soldiers go to Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Polk, La., and then overseas.
Keeping in touch
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Desertion case originated in land dividing two Koreas



Charles Jenkins

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army's desertion case against Charles R. Jenkins seems to hinge on four notes he left behind that cold morning on Jan. 5, 1965, when he disappeared while on patrol in a wooded no man's land.
"I am going to North Korea," he wrote in one of the notes, this one to his mother.
The Army says Jenkins deserted inside the Demilitarized Zone separating

North and South Korea. Doubtless he wondered if the 24-year-old sergeant was kidnapped. Some clues — but no clear answers — to this strange case rooted in the Cold War are found in dozens of pages of Army records on Jenkins. The material was released at the request of the Associated Press after the Pentagon disclosed in January 1996 that he and three other former U.S. soldiers were still alive inside

North Korea. Largely ignored for years, the case has risen to the level of a diplomatic crisis today.
The government in Tokyo is trying to reunite Jenkins, 64, with his Japanese wife, who is now free after being kidnapped by North Korea 26 years ago. Washington has threatened to arrest Jenkins if he comes to Japan.
Among the documents is an intel-

ligence message to the Army's top general, saying Jenkins "apparently defected." The message was shared with the CIA three days after Jenkins' disappearance.
It also says a search of Army counterintelligence records yielded no "evidence" that Jenkins might be a communist agent.
The same document says Jenkins left behind four notes "indicating
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7 days, 7 reasons to read

Red-hot sneakers
Ready for \$250-a-pair "smart" running shoes?
Monday

Off-line but still in touch
Learn how.
Tuesday

The whole hog
This cook is smokin'.
Wednesday

Rising mist
Time in Idaho's Outdoors reveals assorted climates.
Thursday

Art in the park
One of Idaho's oldest outdoor art shows returns with a Centennial theme.
Friday

Power up
It's time for vacation Bible school.
Saturday

Climbing, camping
Old photos show Twin Falls folks reveling in Idaho's outdoors.
Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Fair during morning hours, mostly cloudy and scattered thunderstorms in the afternoon. High mid 90s.
 Tonight: Scattered evening thunderstorm, then partially clearing. Low low 60s.
 Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with a chance of an afternoon or evening thunderstorm. High near 90.

BURLEY RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms. High near 90.
 Tonight: Scattered evening thunderstorm, then partially clearing. Low low 60s.
 Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with possible afternoon and evening thunderstorms—High near 90.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Scattered showers and thunderstorms are likely for today with storms possible on Monday. A few strong storms could develop each day with brief heavy rain, gusty winds and frequent lightning.

BOISE

Partly cloudy with a daily chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms through Tuesday. There is a low to partly cloudy and hot with little moisture expected the rest of the week.

NORTHERN UTAH

Partly to mostly cloudy with early afternoon and evening thunderstorms through the middle of next week.

Yesterday's State Extremes: 104 at Lowell, 44 at Stanley. Weather key: ts=rain; pc=partly cloudy; mc=mostly cloudy; c=cloudy; th=thunderstorms; sh=showers; r=rain; sn=snow; fl=furries; w=wind; m=missing.

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TWIN FALLS 5 DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Partly cloudy with afternoon and evening thunders High 93	Evening thunderstorm then clearing Low 62	Thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening hours 90/59	Partly cloudy, 6 p.m. thunderstorms possible 89/56	Mostly sunny and quite warm 90/55	Fall to partly cloudy and continued quiet 97/59

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Yesterday's Low: 55	Month to Date: 0.14"	Yesterday's Maximum: 23%	Yesterday 29.97 in.	Monday Sunrise: 6:18 AM Sunset: 8:10 PM	Grass, Pine, Stinging Nettle
Record High: 96 in 1994	Year to Date: 5.85"	Today's Minimum: 25%	Wednesday Sunrise: 6:19 AM Sunset: 8:09 PM		Cicadapodan, Smuts,

MOON PHASES

July 25	July 31	Aug 7	Aug 16
First Moon	Full Moon	Last Moon	New Moon

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Donner	83 57 mc 83 53 th 81 54		
Elgin	84 54 th 80 54 th 81 53		
Challis	84 54 th 80 54 th 81 53		
Elgin	83 56 pc 80 54 pc 82 52		
Gooding	85 53 th 82 50 th 81 51		
Idaho Falls	86 51 th 83 50 th 82 51		
Idaho Falls	86 51 th 83 50 th 82 51		
Jackson	81 61 pc 86 56 pc 85 54		
Letovian	81 61 pc 86 56 pc 85 54		
Malheur	88 58 th 87 52 th 85 54		
Masa	88 58 th 87 52 th 85 54		
Moose, MT	84 58 th 86 50 th 81 54		
Portland, OR	82 63 th 79 62 mc 78 58		
Reid	87 57 th 82 54 th 86 52		
Rogers	83 63 th 80 60 th 89 57		
Salt Lake City, UT	83 72 pc 93 70 pc 92 67		
Stanley	80 61 th 79 61 th 74 61		
Timpanogas, MT	75 45 th 73 45 th 72 41		

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	81 64 th 84 62 mc	Philadelphia	83 67 th 84 70 mc	Albany, NY	81 64 th 84 62 mc
Anchorage	75 65 pc 80 64 mc	Portland, ME	78 64 th 71 60 th	Anchorage	75 65 pc 80 64 mc
Aspen	78 64 th 74 62 th	Portland, ME	78 64 th 71 60 th	Aspen	78 64 th 74 62 th
Bakersfield	81 60 pc 85 58 pc	San Diego	81 60 pc 85 58 pc	Bakersfield	81 60 pc 85 58 pc
Bozeman	72 61 th 78 62 th	St. Paul	85 65 pc 88 57 pc	Bozeman	72 61 th 78 62 th
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CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	85 55 pc 86 53 th	Toronto	70 61 th 70 61 th	Calgary	85 55 pc 86 53 th
Edmonton	85 55 pc 86 53 th	Vancouver	78 60 su 30 20 r	Edmonton	85 55 pc 86 53 th
Halifax	97 55 th 89 52 su	Victoria	78 60 su 30 20 r	Halifax	97 55 th 89 52 su
Regina	83 59 th 85 61 th	Winnipeg	83 59 th 85 61 th	Regina	83 59 th 85 61 th

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Burley	90	49	0.00"
Donner	93	55	0.00"
Elgin	83	62	0.00"
Gooding	104	63	0.00"
Idaho Falls	90	67	0.00"
Letovian	82	53	0.00"
Stanley	80	44	0.00"

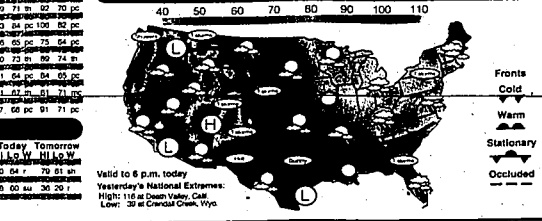
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Low	Moderate	High
Monday	Moonrise: 8:13 AM	Moonset: 10:56 PM

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	81 64 th 84 62 mc	Philadelphia	83 67 th 84 70 mc	Albany, NY	81 64 th 84 62 mc
Anchorage	75 65 pc 80 64 mc	Portland, ME	78 64 th 71 60 th	Anchorage	75 65 pc 80 64 mc
Aspen	78 64 th 74 62 th	Portland, ME	78 64 th 71 60 th	Aspen	78 64 th 74 62 th
Bakersfield	81 60 pc 85 58 pc	San Diego	81 60 pc 85 58 pc	Bakersfield	81 60 pc 85 58 pc
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Desertion

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 that he did not intend to return." One of the notes was addressed to his mother, Pattie, allegedly saying, "I am going to North Korea."
 The basis of that statement, and little else that is apparent from the available personnel records, the Army concluded within weeks of his disappearance that Jenkins was a deserter and in violation of Article 85 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.
 If convicted of desertion, Jenkins could face life in prison. Desertion is punishable by death only in time of war.
 Portions of the released Army records on the Jenkins case are blacked out. The rest of the documents provide no indication of a motivation for deserting.
 They say Jenkins had a spotless record after joining the Army in 1955. In November 1961, shortly after completing his first tour of duty in Korea, Jenkins was given a Good Conduct Award for "exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity."
 The Pentagon has said little about Jenkins over the years.
 In 1986, however, Pentagon official In Sung Lee told Congress that a North Korean defector had said he met Jenkins in a coffee shop in Pyongyang, the North's capital, and that Jenkins had told him he was "ready to return to America."
 For years after that, Pentagon officials repeatedly asked North Korea for permission to talk to Jenkins and the three other known former American soldiers living in the communist country. The North Korean government has refused.
 The Pentagon suspects that in addition to those four, there may be other Americans in North Korea — possibly military personnel being held against their will, dating to the 1950-53 Korean War.
 The Army has not released

Guard

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 based at Fort Carson, Colo. "You can trust everyone, but you also have to check everyone out."
 The mock Iraqi village is part of combat training at Fort Bliss. And part of Feller's job was to help set it up.
 Feller, son of former Burley resident Mike and Janet Feller, and his fellow combat engineers got the assignment to set up the mock Iraqi village early in May. But they've been training soldiers for weeks a while.
 "A couple weeks after 9/11, we began training soldiers for Afghanistan, and we basically have been going non-stop," Feller said. "Eighty percent of us are combat veterans, and the mission of our unit is to do nothing but train. We've trained literally thousands of soldiers."
 It took them two years to build a mock village at Fort Carson. But Fort Bliss was a rush job.
 "We accomplished the same thing in two months," Feller said.
 As soon as they landed in Texas, Feller and his fellow combat engineers went right to work, starting from the ground up.
 "We re-created that atmosphere," Feller said. "We found a chunk of land in the middle of nowhere and brought in a bulldozer."
 Officers and enlisted soldiers who recently returned from Iraq also lent their expertise.
 "A lot of people had experience and had just left the theater a couple months ago," said Feller, a veteran of the first Gulf War.
 Raising a village
 A lot of thought went into setting up a village in the middle of a Texas desert. Combat engineers wanted to make the soldiers' experiences as real as possible. There were some challenges. For instance, where does one find an audio of the Islamic call to prayer?
 "You can't just go out to your local mosque and buy up a microphone," Feller said.
 Feller found just what he needed on, of all places, the Internet, where there was a computer program that hooks into an amplifier system. Soldiers cumped out in the mock village will hear the Islamic call to prayer at the same time

Family tradition

The military is something of a tradition in the Feller family. Feller said his dad is his grandfather, Robert Feller, a retired lieutenant colonel and a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. A soldier in the 91st Division in World War II, his grandfather was part of the African campaign that fought Germany's General Irwin "Desert Fox" Rommel.
 "He still is truly an inspiration," Feller said of his grandfather, who lives in Boise. "His patriotism runs incredibly deep."
 Feller's father Mike, a former newspaperman, served in the Army Reserves.
 Feller, now 33, signed up with the Army on the delayed entry program his senior year at Burley High School. He left for basic training just a month after graduation.
 "When Feller got his choice of stations, he chose Germany. "I'd heard a lot of good things about it," said Feller, whose father had spent much of his childhood in Germany. "I wanted to find my family's roots."
 Feller had only been in Germany a year when he was deployed to the first Gulf War. He was just 19 years old. He was stationed in Saudi Arabia.
 "It's tough, but fortunately we were well-trained and prepared," Feller said. "It's not like the fear goes away, but you can set it aside and do your job. The best moment for me was seeing the end result — to see the Kuwaiti people and how happy they were to be liberated. It's such a good feeling to see the kids in the street just as happy as they could be."
 Today, he trains other soldiers for other wars, and his main mission is to help those soldiers come home alive.
 "We want to let people in Idaho know that their people are in good hands and we'll do the best we can to return them home safely," Feller said.

More important than physical strength

When it comes to surviving a one-year tour of Iraq, "It's 90 percent mental and 10 percent physical," Feller said.
 well as how to control things with the local population," Feller said.
 Soldiers will be encouraged to offer help, such as medical attention to the "Iraqis" whenever possible.
 "On the reverse, if you deny medical attention, the populace starts to get upset," Feller said.
 "They'll learn how to get along the best they can with people who live in a much different culture than theirs."
 Soldiers in the 116th will have every opportunity to win the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people, Fellers said.
 Feller said the most important thing soldiers learn in combat training are individual survival skills.
 "You want to make sure each individual soldier — from the private to the commanding officer — knows how to keep themselves alive so they can come home to their families," he said.
 Training in the mock village will help assure that when soldiers touch ground in the Iraqi desert, they'll be ready for whatever they might encounter.
 "We're putting them in a desert environment," Feller said. "We want to make it a seamless transition to go from here to Iraq. They'll be able to go in with self-confidence and without a doubt in their minds that they can perform their missions."
 Mental strength will be even

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NATION

Stewart faces a different world

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The Danbury Federal Correctional Institution is only about 20 miles from Martha Stewart's home in Connecticut, but it will seem like a world away from her usual lifestyle.

If Stewart loses her appeals, she will be in all likelihood end up at the low-security prison that is home to 1,300 female inmates. The queen of high-thread-count sheets will get military-style linens for her bunk bed. She will have to trade in her wardrobe for prison khaki jumpsuits. She could get stuck on kitchen detail — backbreaking work that pays about 12 cents an hour and requires inmates to be up before the crack of dawn.

The women at Danbury have been closely following Stewart's legal saga and anticipating her arrival in months. "I can guarantee you they're watching anything or everything concerning Martha," Joyce Ellwanger of Milwaukee, who served time last year there for trespassing during a military protest demonstration, said Friday. "I'm sure it will be the prime topic of conversation at the table at Danbury."

Stewart was sentenced Friday to five months in prison and five months of home confinement for lying about a stock sale that has tarnished her

Martha Stewart sentenced

Martha Stewart received a 5-month sentence at one of several women's facilities. The Bureau of Prisons will determine her destination — most likely a minimum-security facility in Danbury, Conn., or Alderson, W.Va. Stewart was allowed to remain free while she awaits her conviction.

Sleeping rooms hold six or more inmates. Cubicles for two people in large living areas are another option.

Inmates wear khaki uniforms.

Nothing is allowed on the walls.

Open areas include visiting room, work stations and recreational areas.

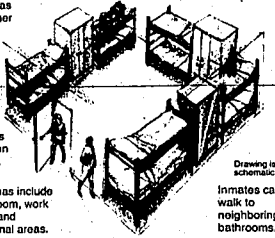
Monday through Friday inmates follow a routine schedule.

Rest Breakfast Work Lunch Work Dinner Recreation Education

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a media empire. A federal judge said he would recommend she serve her time

Pictures and personal items can be posted inside lockers.



Drawing is schematic.

Inmates can walk to neighboring bathrooms.

in Danbury. The federal Bureau of Prisons has the final say, although officials try to place

inmates within 500 miles of home.

For now, the sentence has been delayed pending an appeal.

Stewart's living situation will depend on whether she is assigned to — Danbury's barracks-style prison camp or to its traditional cellblock housing. Either way, Stewart, 62, will have to spend her nights in a bunk bed.

"She's lived a millionaire life. I lived a poor life," said Dorothy Gaines, 45, who served time at Danbury before President Clinton — committed — her drug sentence in 2000. "She's going to have to live like I lived."

Inmates can take classes, including crafts. The prison camp has a baseball field, volleyball net and walking track.

The woman who taught America how to decorate will not be able to decorate Danbury's concrete walls. Inmates can personalize their space only by hanging up to four photographs in their lockers.

Still, her homemaking talents could prove valuable: In some parts of the prison, inmates with the cleanest cells get to eat meals first.

It has been called Club Fed, but all inmates are required to work. They can request certain jobs such as plumbing, electrical or maintenance work.

Feds say prisoners want to see tribunal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most of the 594 U.S. prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, appear willing to go before a tribunal that would give them a chance to convince military officers they have been wrongly detained, the Navy secretary said Friday.

Gordon England, who is overseeing the tribunal process at the Navy base, said the first hearings will begin late next week or early the following one. He offered no assessment of the prisoners' chances for release but said anyone found to be wrongly held would be returned to his home country.

The Guantanamo tribunals were set up soon after the Supreme Court ruled the prisoners there have a right to go to U.S. civilian courts to challenge their detention. The Pentagon said the purpose of the tribunals is to prepare for those court challenges by showing that a panel of military officers has reviewed each prisoner's case.

No contacts, held with little or no contact with the outside world for two years or more, were told of the Supreme Court's decision on their rights during the past several days, England, briefing reporters at the Pentagon, said most reacted positively and wanted to meet with the military officer who will serve as their personal representative during the tribunal.

"Most of the people who received this information listened, read and asked questions," England said. "And their most commonly asked questions were: 'When can I meet with my personal representative?' And when will the tribunal process begin?"

Of the rest, he said, "About 5 percent of the people responded negatively. That is, crumpled up the notice and threw it on the floor, whatever."

Every prisoner's case will be reviewed, whether he wants to take part in the quasijudicial process or not.

FBI warns al-Qaida may recruit non-Arabs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al-Qaida may be recruiting non-Arabs less likely to attract the notice of security personnel to carry out attacks inside the United States, the FBI warned on Friday.

The terror network especially seeks operatives who have U.S. citizenship or legal residency status, the FBI's counterterrorism division said in its weekly bulletin to 18,000 law enforcement agencies nationwide.

"Finding operatives with U.S. status is a great facility," said Qaida's ability to carry out an attack within the United States," said the bulletin, obtained Friday by The Associated Press.

The new warning comes amid a continuous stream of intelligence indicating that al-Qaida is determined to strike the United States in the summer or fall. U.S. officials have said the terror network blamed for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks hopes to inflict mass casualties again and disrupt the U.S. political process in the latest federal election year.

The latest FBI bulletin again makes no mention of possible time, place or method of attack. Security is expected to be especially tight at this summer's political conventions, which begin July 26 with the Democra-

tic Party's gathering in Boston. The GOP convention is in late August.

Using non-Arabs might make it easier for al-Qaida to circumvent security measures in Europe and the United States, the bulletin said. Of special concern are people with ties to Islamic extremist groups in North Africa and parts of Asia outside the Middle East.

Still, the FBI said, almost all al-Qaida operatives in the past have traveled at least once to South Asia, particularly Afghanistan and Pakistan, for "consultation and training."

Afghanistan was the site of al-Qaida terror training camps before the U.S. invasion of that country in 2001 and al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden is believed to be hiding out in remote regions of Pakistan, where the terror network has many sympathizers.

Because of its hardline Muslim views, al-Qaida favors using male operatives between the ages of 18 and 35 in its attacks, the FBI said. But women could also be recruited, especially from areas considered more liberal on the subject such as North and East Africa and the eastern Mediterranean, the FBI bulletin said.

Rising mist
Idaho's outdoors reveals many climates
Thursday In Outdoors

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Car bomb targets Iraqi official

Suicide car bomber kills five bodyguards

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A suicide car bomber on the Iraqi justice minister's convoy as he left home Saturday, killing five bodyguards but leaving Malik Dohan al-Hassan unharmed. Three people, including a police chief, died in other attacks throughout the country.

"In a second suicide bombing, attacks on the Iraqi National Guard headquarters in Mahmudiyah, 20 miles south of Baghdad, killing two people and wounding 47, hostages officials said. Gunmen also ambushed and killed the Iskandariyah police chief as he drove to work in the town south of Baghdad.



A U.S. Army soldier watches while Iraqis collect human remains in a box at the site of a car bomb which was detonated on the convoy of Iraqi Justice Minister Malik Dohan al-Hassan in Baghdad, Iraq, on Saturday.

enter into the pavement, and flames lapped the charred skeleton of one car, while a second burned nearby.

A helicopter hovered above and emergency workers loaded a limp body into the back of an ambulance. Among the dead was the minister's nephew.

In claiming responsibility for the killing, al-Zarqawi described al-Hassan as a "traitor" in the apostate "pagan government."

al-Hassan's son, Alastair, reacted with anger.

"Those criminals seek instability in this country, so they can destroy this country and kill innocent Iraqi civilians," he said.

Later Saturday, a Web site statement signed by the military wing of al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad group claimed responsibility for the Iraqi National Guard bombing and vowed to continue attacks.

"We assure all Muslims in Iraq and the world that we will not become tired or weary in targeting the enemies of God, the prophet, his apostles, the prophets and their followers," the statement said.

Shortly after the attack on the justice minister, insurgents set off another explosion targeting a police patrol near al-Hassan's house, badly injuring two police officers, said police Maj. Hashim Raed.

The explosion was part of a wave of attacks against police Saturday.

In the Mahmudiyah bombing, Iraqi troops stopped the car at a checkpoint after becoming suspicious and shot at the driver, who set off the blast 15 yards from the building.

Militants also attacked and killed Lt. Col. Rahim Ali, the Iskandariyah police chief, as he drove to work Saturday, said Lt. Ali Obeid, a police officer in the town.

In Hawijah, 30 miles southwest of Kirkuk, gunmen opened fire on a police station wounding two officers in a 30-minute gunnatic, said police Col. Sarif Qader.

In western Baghdad, a roadside bomb exploded near a police vehicle, wounding four officers, police Lt. Alaa Adnan said.

Also Saturday, a security officer who guards oil infrastructure

in the north was kidnapped, police said. Farhat Abdullah was on his way home in Kirkuk when he was snatched by men in two sedans near Rashad, 40 miles to the north.

The employer of an Egyptian man held hostage by insurgents told Al-Jazeera television that he would be freed Sunday, days after the company said it had agreed to an insurgent demand to leave Iraq.

Al-Jazeera played a video Saturday showing Alsayed Mohammed Alsayed Alqabawi kneeling in front of four masked men, some of whom he knew.

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Hostage crisis changes policy

Philippines challenges ties with allies

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Two weeks ago, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo was one of Washington's best friends. Angelo dela Cruz was toiling in anonymously 5,000 miles away, starting a dangerous drive into Iraq with a truckload of fuel.

Then, with a rattle of gunfire, Iraq insurgents hijacked both their lives, setting off a chain of events that has left Arroyo isolated and criticized by her closest allies even as dela Cruz, a poor father of eight, has emerged as an unlikely national icon.



A Filipino Muslim carries a television image of his abducted brother, delia Cruz, during a rally in Manila this July 8 photo.

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The victim's everyday stature grew as relatives described a man who only wanted a better life for his family and went on his father's pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia in April 2003 to pay for surgery for a son with an eye injury.

On Saturday, with the deadline 12 hours away, Arroyo's office issued a statement, clearly aimed at the kidnappers, that the peacekeepers would leave when their mandate expired Aug. 31.

The statement was ambiguous. There had been talks about extending the mandate, but no decision. The statement suggested the troops could return under U.N. auspices.

At first, it appeared to have worked.

Labor Secretary Patricia Santos Tuesday said that delia Cruz's family, with live on television around midnight Saturday, saying Arroyo had called with news that the hostage was free and headed to a Baghdad hotel.

Hours passed without confirmation. Suspicion grew that the kidnappers had backed out. Celebration faded to a prayer vigil.

The next day, the kidnappers announced they were giving Manila an extra day to provide concrete proof. It was withdrawing by July 20. Delia Cruz would be held as a prisoner of war until the pullout was complete.

After an emergency Cabinet meeting Sunday, Foreign Secretary Delia Albert announced Manila was sticking with the Aug. 20 pullout date.

Washington has already bent on his Spanish pullout over the Madrid train bombings. Secretary of State Colin Powell called Arroyo to make sure she wasn't wavering.

On Monday officials said they believed the insurgents were giving them another extension, for 48 hours. Then a new video surfaced, slashing the deadline to just three hours away. It showed delia Cruz in an orange jumpsuit like those worn by other hostages before beheading, and carried a statement that he had been moved to his place of execution.

Marines try payments to ease Iraqis' loss

Knights Ridder News Service

AL-KARMAH, Iraq — Capt. Jonathan Vaughn had 15 cases to go through and he was in no mood to take it slowly. He sat on a wooden armchair, behind a squat, black desk in the local police station, a pile of files in front of him.

One by one, the complainants were led into the sweltering room and sat down meekly on a brown velour couch opposite the man who would tell them how much their child or injured loved one was worth in the view of the coalition forces.

Next to the desk sat a corporal, counting out hundred-dollar bills and handing them to Vaughn when the moment was right.

Vaughn rarely changed his script with the applicants.

"I understand your brother was killed in a frontal gunfire between mujahideen and coalition forces," said Vaughn, a judge advocate with the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, whose members have been based in this hostile town in the restive Sunni center of Iraq. Vaughn's tone, by his own admission, lacked much warmth as he addressed the man sitting silently on the couch.

"We wish to offer something by way of sympathy and sorrow."

Vaughn explained that he had been authorized by his senior officer to offer \$500.

"We understand it is not enough money and nothing can replace the loss," he continued, deadpan and businesslike as before. Then he stood up, offered the man his hand and gave him the money. Next.

It's not easy for the Marines to help the people of Al-Karmah. Reconstruction projects aren't really possible in the area because of the security forces. And training local security forces is hard, mainly because whenever the Marines leave their base in the town's schoolhouse, there will be someone nearby who wants to kill them and may well try to do so.

But giving out compensation to people who have suffered in the ebb and flow of war is one way the Marines can do something that accords with the tribal custom of paying "blood money" and perhaps helps to ease the anger locals feel toward the U.S. troops in their midst.

Nothing in the new Iraq, however, is simple. A handout from a military lawyer comes with its own set of problems.

Some of the quick meetings Vaughn held last week in the police station had the bitter taste of a victor's discretionary largesse to the Iraqis who came to sit on the couch. It was a one-size-fits-all form of justice — \$500 per life, \$250 per injured person that Vaughn said was granted because of the lack of funds available for compensation.

Each case was the result of an initial complaint filed by an Iraqi family that claimed a death or injury by the hands of coalition troops. Most cases arose from the fighting between the Marines and insurgents that began in April in the nearby city of Fallujah, he said. The families had worked through a local lawyer, Majid Hamid, who had worked with Vaughn and the local police to obtain death certificates and medical records that could help verify the claim.

Vaughn's decision is the key one, although his battalion commander authorizes the payments.

He said he insists on extra scrutiny of claimants who are of military age, in an attempt to avoid paying compensation to direct enemies. But verification of claims is extremely hard, he said, because of the violence faced every day in the region by the Marines.

Vaughn's suspicion of some of the claims oozed through his voice. And when asked about his tone after the meetings, he acknowledged that he hadn't been very warm and fuzzy for a reason — the lack of cooperation from the Marines receive from the community, especially in regard to gathering intelligence on the insurgents.

But politics will influence the

lawyer in Vaughn only so much. At one stage during the meeting, the commander of the India Company, Capt. Brett Clark, showed up to ask whether Vaughn could pay special attention to the case of a powerful local tribal leader who was demanding compensation. In the constant struggle to make important contacts in the neighborhood, India Company could do with the help of men such as Sheikh Abdel Salaam.

Vaughn listened to the man's claim of kidnapping, imprisonment and property damage and said he would consider the case. The sheik did not look amused.

"I'm not going to cut corners," Vaughn said after the sheik had left the room.

As he was winding down his business for the day, Vaughn was suddenly faced with another unsatisfied customer, Saif Taha Hamed and his uncle Hamed Ibrahim wanted a word with the man who had just given Hamed \$500 for the death of his father and the destruction of livestock and other property.

It wasn't enough and he wanted more — or Vaughn could take it back, Hamed said through a translator.

"Vaughn tried to persuade him to keep the money. It would feed his children for months, he said. It would help the family rebuild."

"It's not going to do anything," Ibrahim said. "We have many children."

Translator documents the growing graffiti scene in Iraq

Chicago Tribune

BAGHDAD, Iraq — On the brick wall of the parking lot adjacent to one of the largest mosques in the city, several anonymous Iraq observers of modern-day Iraq have spray-painted their commentary in black and red.

"Where is the mustache of Saddam?" asked one writer, who was insulting the deposed leader by using an Iraqi expression for challenging one's manhood.

Another states that, "the killing of Americans is halal," or acceptable under Islamic law. And a third writes scrawled in English that the "USA Rocks."

Under the former regime, tagging a wall with a controversial political message was punishable by a long jail sentence and, sometimes, execution.

The walls of post-Saddam Hussein Baghdad, however, have become a canvas for political dialogue and colorful self-expression.

From the sluffs of Saad City to the pond, Mansour neighborhood, graffiti has sprouted wherever writers can find a flat surface. Iraqis have weighed in on politicians, the American presence, and the reputations of their enemies' sisters.

In Saddam's time, maybe occasionally you would see slogans written on the wall that were in his favor, said Amir Sayed, 22, a young Iraqi local who said he was documenting graffiti in Baghdad since shortly after the invasion last year. The graffiti he see now is pure expression, he said, written in the darkness of night. It is straight from the heart to the wall.

And it's all over the place.

Twice a week, al-Sayegh sets out on foot with a pen and a can of new graffiti. So far, he has documented more than 1,700 messages scrawled on walls, highway underpasses, buses and other surfaces.



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Future could bring second high school

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS ISN'T overbuilt. Twin Falls High School falls over crowded, but building a new high school might be the answer to help solve a space problem, Superintendent Willey Dobbs said.

In several years, the district might propose building a second high school, then converting each school to

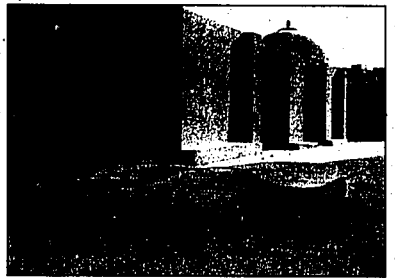
houses about 1,000 students in grades 9-12. That would create grade 6-8 middle classrooms and free up room at the elementary schools. As it stands now, the high school is for grades 10-12, and the city's two junior high schools serve students in grades 7-9.

The district level only has two unused classrooms at the elementary level because of population growth and the conversion of some classrooms to computer labs.

Twin Falls High School Principal Ben Allen said the creation of a four-year high school would have several benefits. He said a lot of junior high ninth-graders have to go to the high school for activities already, but it is hard to get them to think of their schoolwork in terms of high school.

This rearrangement would be motivated by academic needs, not because of overcrowding, although it would provide a cushion for future growth. Allen said moving up sixth- and ninth-graders makes them work harder, and test scores are on the way out nationally; he could only think of five in Idaho.

"We'd really like to have 9 through 12 high schools," Allen said.



An Iraqi man rests on a plaza in Fallujah, Iraq, on Saturday.

Fallujah savors rare peaceful spell

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — Two months after U.S. Marines pulled out, residents of Fallujah feel safe again, sleeping on their roofs to escape the heat without fear of the once-constant nighttime gunbattles, and traveling the streets without worrying they could be stopped or detained.

The city began to see peace again when U.S. Marines lifted the siege and handed over security to a new "Fallujah Brigade" made up of local residents and commanded by officers from Saddam's former army. Many of those who fought the Marines joined the brigade.

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Instead, residents say the city is doing just fine.

Things came to a head in Fallujah soon after the March 31 killings of four U.S. contractors whose bodies were mutilated — two were hung from a bridge by an Iraqi mob. The incident led to a three-week siege of the city by the Marines during which heavy fighting took place.

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the site, and even after it was diverted, there were mud problems. Gerber said the building cost less than \$10 per square foot, but now it would cost 10 times that to build a school.

Gerber's firm also designed the cafeteria, and the "E" wing of the school, and built wings in Malta, Declo and Arco.

Gerber remembers drafting the 20-foot-wide hallways for Twin Falls.

"I thought, 'Oh, that's ridiculous,'" Gerber said. "In later years the wide hallways have helped the school accommodate a lot more students."

A proposal to have a combination "gymnasium" and auditorium at the school was dropped because it was thought the school would never get a separate auditorium if it had one in that building. Instead, it took 40 years to get Roper Auditorium built.

Jerry Kleinkopf, who taught physical education and health for 46 years and coaches track at the high school, said keeping the buildings in good condition has been a priority at the district. He doubts many people think the school is 50 years old when they walk inside it.

Former principal and superintendent Carl Snow who retired in 1998, said the district has always been willing to spend the money necessary to keep his buildings in good shape. He said the community has also supported by approving 10-year plant sale certificates since 1958. In 1998 the levy generated \$509,792, and it will work its way up to generating \$790,855 when it will come up for renewal in 2008.

"As for the high school itself, it was built right to start with," Snow said.

Kleinkopf can remember when students can lunch in what is now the library because there was no cafeteria. His area, the gym, hasn't changed much over the years, except for rooms being added.

"It's been kind of an ongoing project since it's been built," Kleinkopf said.

Past crowding

John Miller, the district's operations director, said the building was meant to hold about 800 students when it was first built. He said he has about 1,400 students now, and 1,500 would be the building's capacity.

Duane Stands, a math teacher who retired in 2002 and still helps coach track, said he remembers crowding at the school when he started teaching in 1968. He said the school ran a 250-student study hall class in what is now the library, in order to give students enough credits.

Larry Lewis, who taught U.S. history and body development since 1976 and retired this year, said he remembers there being three or four teachers who did

TFHS timeline

- 1953: Main building finished.
- 1954: First class graduates.
- 1956: Bann Gymnasium built.
- 1963: Cafeteria built.
- 1974: Quad wing built.
- 1989: Administrative offices renovated and enlarged.
- 1994: Auxiliary Gymnasium and "G" wing built.
- 1994-1995: Roper Auditorium built.

What makes up the campus

- "A" wing: Starts at the main entrance to the school and includes the main office.
- Administrative offices—faculty lounge, counselors' offices, library, media center and cafeteria.
- "B" wing: Language arts and business classrooms.

- The Quad: Language arts classrooms at the end of "B" wing.
- "D" wing: Newspaper, yearbook, drama, debate, art and language arts classrooms.
- "M" wing: Music classrooms at the end of the "D" wing.
- "C" wing: Science classrooms.
- "E" wing: Math and foreign language classrooms.
- Bann Gymnasium: Gym, training rooms and locker rooms.
- "S" building: Shop, agriculture and art classrooms.
- Roper Auditorium: Technical classrooms and auditorium.
- New Gym and "Q" wing: Social science classes, gym, lockers and supplies.

Source: Principal Ben Allen

not have their own classrooms. They carried their belongings on carts to move among rooms. Lewis said the construction of the "G" wing really helped.

Lewis said he has visited schools that are never but has found that they don't have hallways or lockers as large as Twin Falls or, "I really think it's in great condition," Lewis said.

Heating and air conditioning

Allen said the biggest complaints he gets about the buildings are about heating and air conditioning. The buildings are heated by steam, which is slow to turn on and hard to regulate. The main building also has a system that allows outside air to ventilate the building. Allen said he gets some complaints because it brings in cold air in the middle of the winter, but it was actually innovative for when it was built.

The radiant heat system was originally powered by geothermal heat, but was replaced with a coal-fired boiler radiant heat system with a smokestack that is still standing. Allen said in the 1950s coal energy was cheap and abundant, so people didn't worry about buildings being energy efficient.

The school converted to a natural gas boiler about three years ago, said Bob Paar, the district's maintenance director. Only the "C" wing is air-conditioned, but the lack of air conditioning is only a problem about five or six weeks a year. Allen said the district has done a lot to cut down on the impact of the heat by adding ceiling fans and awnings on windows that face south.

But while some classrooms can get up to about 90 degrees in the fall and in the winter, the building is typically cold on

Monday's until the heat circulates.

"That's just part of being in an older building," Allen said.

Energy efficiency

The district just finished a monthlong \$150,000 asbestos removal project in the school. The building has a system of tunnels for heating pipes under the main hallways that range from walkable to little more than crawl spaces. Many of the pipes were insulated with asbestos, which is now replaced with modern insulation.

The next step is making the steam system more efficient by creating separate heating loops for different sections. With only one loop, the school sometimes has to heat the entire empty building to warm the gym.

Miller, district's operations director, said these improvements to the heating and air conditioning systems were planned to start last Thursday and last until mid-September. The school is also installing a climate control system that will allow the different parts of the heating and cooling systems to be controlled by a computer program that even includes six or seven other schools. Miller said the control system project will cost about \$160,000 and will be paid over several years. The savings in energy efficiency will pay for the project over 10 to 20 years.

Miller said the district is looking into finding an energy performance company to create and enact a plan to make district buildings more energy efficient over a longer period.

Additions

One of the issues with having an old building is keeping it up with building codes. If the district were to make a large addition to one of the buildings, it would have to do substantial remodeling to bring it up to code, Allen said. The newer buildings on campus are built to more current codes.

The main building does not

have a sprinkler system, but Allen said that is only a hazard in the middle of the night if something were to catch fire. Allen said any major construction will have to be on a different building.

About 10 years ago, the school added onto a science room in the main building and was required to add driveways for cars that had about 22 fire doors and a through street, Paara said.

Around that time, the school added an alarm system and the "C" wing and the auditorium. Stands said. Before the auditorium was built, the school would stage plays in the cafeteria or at the College of Southern Idaho.

The canteen center was also an addition to the school — that's why it has windows inside the building, Stands said.

"It's just kept evolving," Stands said.

Allen said over the years all the classrooms have gotten phones, intercoms and fiber optic cables, so the building is technologically up to date. A lot of the cable is put in the ceilings, or in metal pipes attached to walls and ceilings, but cable may be on the way out as wireless technologies become more prevalent.

The next step in the continuing upkeep of the high school campus will be renovating the "S" shop building to accommodate new programs and technical programs.

Allen does have a few other items on his wish list for the school. He would like to have a larger cafeteria, as the school is going to have one lunch period next year. The lunchroom holds about 250 students, he said. He said the gym bleachers are so old that it takes four or five people to set them up, when it used to take one or two. He said it's also hard to find parts for them, but it can be done.

"I think the building is serving us well," Allen said.

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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., waves at convention goers after speaking at the American Federation of Teachers convention in Washington Friday. Kerry hopes there is enough economic uneasiness to amplify his message.

Kerry pushes the economic issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — When it comes to voters' anxiety about the economy, this election year is a far cry from 1980, when Ronald Reagan famously asked: "Are you better off today than you were four years ago?" Nor does 2004 measure up to 1992, when Bill Clinton's team summed up the campaign's theme with the memorable phrase: "It's the economy, stupid."

This year, Democrats John Kerry and John Edwards are gambling that there is enough lingering uneasiness about pocketbook issues that their message about a struggling economy and loss of jobs will resonate despite rising public optimism.

"It's the best issue they've got, especially in some of the swing states," said Democratic consultant Dane Strother.

But the senators have a bigger selling job than Reagan had in 1980 when he defeated President Carter or Clinton had in 1992 when he beat the first President Bush.

In June 1980, three-fourths of Americans disapproved of Carter's handling of the economy at a time of rising inflation and little growth.

In June 1992, three-fourths disapproved of the elder Bush's economic performance when the economy was just starting to revive.

An AP-Ipsos poll this month found that voters were about evenly divided about the current president's handling of the economy, with 49 percent approving and 50 percent disapproving. Also, consumer confidence has been on the rise.

In a twist on the old Reagan question, those in the AP poll were asked: "Compared to four years ago, is your family's financial situation better today, worse today or about the same?"

Four in 10 respondents said better, 34 percent said the same and 26 percent said worse.

In July 1992, only one-quarter of Americans said they were doing better than four years earlier.

Bush has yet to outline agenda

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As he campaigned around the country last week, President Bush asked voters to give him another four years to make the nation "safer and stronger and better." But with the election less than four months away, one of the biggest mysteries surrounding the president's campaign is what he would actually do if he wins a second term.

Bush's failure to detail a second-term agenda — beyond his pledge to keep waging an aggressive war against terrorism — represents a stark contrast to all his previous campaigns, in which he set out a handful of priorities almost from the opening day of his candidacy and rarely deviated from them the rest of the campaign.

Throughout the year, Bush has focused on Iraq and terrorism and on drawing attention to improved economic statistics, but has barely begun to make the case about second term priorities. Whether there is room for a bold domestic agenda, given the fiscal strains his first term has created, and whether Bush has fresh ideas on issues like health care, education and the economy are questions yet to be answered.

Bush's advisers, in a series of interviews in recent days, were quick to rebut those questions. They asserted that there will be a vigorous new agenda and challenged those who have suggested that a second-term blueprint could be little more than a warmed-over version of what Bush ran on in 2000 but has failed to enact in his first term.

They said Bush plans to use the period around the time of the Republican National Convention in late August to put forward the main elements of a new agenda in an effort to draw a clear contrast with Sen. John



President Bush

Kerry, D-Mass., and seize control of the debate during the final two months of the campaign.

"After their (the Democrats) convention is over and we're into the August phase and into our convention, we will begin aggressively talking about the president's vision for the next four years," said White House communications director Dan Bartlett.

Said another adviser, "We are going to have a window after the Democratic convention and at our convention where people are going to say, what are you going to do the next four years? We will robustly seize that opportunity."

The details remain closely held. Presidential advisers said some elements of the plan have been agreed to, with debate still underway on others. Fighting terrorism remains paramount to the president, and on domestic issues, there is a consensus outside the administration that Bush probably will renew his call for changes in Social Security.

Outside analysts are in far less agreement on whether beyond calling for making his tax cuts permanent, Bush will push for significant tax law revisions or simplification. Bush's education focus may shift to higher education, while his health care agenda is likely to focus on some combination of medical liability reform, efforts to curb rising costs with the help of information technology and programs to reduce the number of Americans without health insurance.

Bush began this campaign year sketching out several

initiatives, including manned exploration of the moon and eventually Mars and immigration reform. Neither, however, captured any sustained attention or support. Another major proposal, a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, was soundly defeated in the Senate last week.

Waiting until his convention to offer a campaign agenda represents a major strategic shift for Bush. Some administration allies worry that the time is late to introduce a new agenda and expect voters-to-digest-it-and-give-the-president-a-mandate-to-implement-it. And Bush's political team won't say whether they will use their advertising dollars this fall to push that agenda, or continue to attack Kerry.

But former House speaker

Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said he agrees with the White House decision to wait, and predicts an ambitious package when it is unveiled. "I am told by people who have heard him talk privately that it is very powerful, that he's deeply passionately committed and in many ways wants to stake his place in history in achieving substantial change in the country, not just as the president who led the war on terror," he said.

One Bush adviser said, "The general feeling is we've got to have the same ambition and clarity we're bringing to the international agenda to some important domestic policy issues... I don't think it's accurate to say we're making a turn. It's accurate to say we're filling out a message."

By far, Kerry and Edwards have a harder case to make.

— Marlin Fitzwater, spokesman for Ronald Reagan

"By far, Kerry and Edwards have a harder case to make," said Marlin Fitzwater, a spokesman for Reagan and the elder Bush.

In 1980, it was a successful argument for President Reagan because everybody in the country felt the weight of the falling economy on a daily basis. It was a truly fearsome reality to see low inflation was taking hold," Fitzwater said.

Should the economy continue to improve, it could complicate the Democrats' message of protecting jobs and reviving the economy.

"The economy's still a big issue," said Mark Zandi, an economist at Economy.com.

"But it's diminishing as the economy continues to improve."

The improving jobs situation is a mixed bag for the administration, Zandi said. "The quality of job creation is relatively poor. The job market will continue to resonate as a political issue right up to the election," he said.

While more than 1.5 million jobs have been restored since the economy's low point, Zandi said, the total is still more than 1 million lower than when Bush took office.

Some people have lost jobs and found other jobs at much lower wages.

"I'm certainly not doing better," said Garry Holden, a 54-year-old supervisor of a telemarketing company from Parma, Ohio. "I had to change jobs and got a lower-paying job with less satisfaction. I was a computer salesman. Now I'm supervising telemarketers."

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Sunday melts into every other day

The Associated Press

Once, within living memory, it was a day apart in many places: a 24-hour stretch of family time when liquor was unavailable, church was the rule, shopping was impossible and—in some towns—weekend staples like tending the lawn and playing in the park met with hearty disapproval.

But America changed, and it dragged Sunday along with it. Though Sunday still means worship and family-time for millions of Americans, today it means things it once didn't—12-packs of Bud, the NFL on TV, catching up with the week's accumulated errands, picking up some CDs at Best Buy, moving through a 24/7 culture.

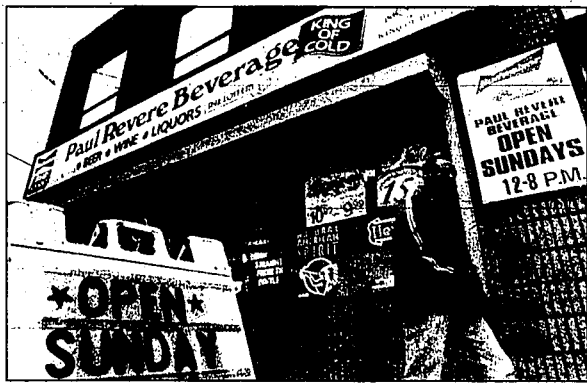
"Today, for a lot of Americans, Sunday's just another day you have to go just work at Wal-Mart," says John Hinshaw, a labor historian at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa.

Last week, the Virginia legislature fixed a loophole it accidentally created when attempting to abolish old "blue laws," it gave workers the right to take Sundays off as a day of rest. In the few days that the loophole was on the books, employees around Virginia started telling their supervisors that they wouldn't be coming to work on Sundays.

The legislative mistake was a quirk, nothing more. But its quick and definitive correction by Virginia lawmakers summoned back in special session illustrated how markedly Sunday's place in American culture has evolved.

In a land where the pursuit of happiness is part of the national charter, Sunday's evolution attests to both Americans' hurried lives and their determination to wring every drop of fun out of every day of the week.

The Protestant change of Sunday began to change in the 1800s with immigrant laborers, many Roman Catholic, who saw things differently. Many were devoted to "a Sunday that took a very different shape"—church in the morning and leisure in the afternoon, says Alexis McCrossen, author of



A pedestrian walks past Paul Revere Beverage on Jan. 4, in Somerville, Mass. Liquor store owners in Massachusetts communities that have enacted the legal change have the option of staying open Sundays to sell alcoholic beverages.

"Holy Day, Holiday: The American Sunday" by Alexis McCrossen.

The 20th century brought pushes toward a shorter working week, and a major work-reform law passed in the 1930s created more down time and made Sunday less pivotal—at the same time commercial culture really took hold.

"You have a commodification of everything in American life—our time, our space, our experiences," McCrossen says. "And that puts a lot of pressure ... to open up Sunday because there's so much profit to be made on this day that most people don't work."

Across the nation, laws gov-

erning Sunday conduct—some dating to the 17th century—have fallen. In some places, like South Carolina, the changes created a crazy-quilt patchwork that allows some stores to open at some hours while others can't.

In Maine, it wasn't until 1990 that voters repealed a law barring Sunday shopping at supermarkets and department stores. In Texas, as late as 1985, everything from kitchenware to air conditioners to curtains couldn't be sold on two consecutive weekend days—a move designed to outlaw them on Sunday.

These days, it's unimaginable to many Americans, particular-

ly younger ones: A mall closed on Sunday? The supermarket unavailable? Even laws governing Sunday alcohol, though they remain on some states' books, are falling away.

Today, 31 states permit Sunday sales of liquor, according to the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States. In the past two years, nine states initiated Sunday sales—including Massachusetts, where some of the earliest moral-conduct laws were passed. New Jersey-based Commerce Bank—a bank—has focused an entire promotional campaign around doing business on Sundays.

One of the most ubiquitous characters in America's weekend landscape—a Sunday paper, with its color-plashed comics, coupon pullouts and paperweight girth—is changing, too. Sunday circulation dropped by nearly 596,000 in the past two years, according to Editor & Publisher magazine.

9-11 panel leaves many questions unanswered

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — It has uncovered new details on the tactics and weapons of the Sept. 11 plotters, disclosed Osama bin Laden's intended target and a court of the tension that gripped the White House as the hijackers struck with planes turned into missiles.

But as the independent panel investigating Sept. 11 prepares to release its final report next week, tantalizing questions remain unanswered about al-Qaida's quest to terrorize America and how the country responded.

The panel has identified at least nine al-Qaida members who may have been assigned to a second wave of hijackers on the West Coast and others who may have assisted the hijack team in the United States, raising the possibility that some of the foot soldiers remain at large. In its analysis of the American air defenses, the commission found that flight controllers lost track of one of the planes, American Airlines Flight 77, which crashed into the Pentagon, for 36 minutes. Military officials say the problem has been fixed, but the commission has yet to weigh in on that point.

The panel concluded on June 16 that Iraq and al-Qaida had not joined forces, but has yet to explain why it chose in its staff report on the subject to disregard testimony from former Defense Secretary William Cohen that the Clinton administration suspected Iraq had jointly developed a nerve-gas factory in Sudan with bin Laden.

In a 19-month-long probe, the panel investigated events of Sept. 11, 2001, known officially as the Center for Defense Information Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States; has interviewed thousands of witnesses, issued 17 interim reports, and held a dozen public hearings. It has provided vivid detail of bin Laden's plot, and the uneven ef-

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— Mark Burgess, analyst at the Center for Defense Information

forts by U.S. intelligence agencies, law enforcement and immigration authorities to stop him.

But it also has disclosed many facts that beg for further explanation, triggering complaints that the panel has occasionally sown confusion and discord. "I have mixed feelings about the commission to the extent that it often appears to be more about process than outcomes," said Mark Burgess, an analyst at the Center for Defense Information. "America has a long tradition of scapegoatism, and it may be something we are in danger of becoming inured to."

The extent to which the Sept. 11 panel can wrap up loose strands could go a long way toward establishing whether its final report carries weight with Congress and the American public, experts on terrorism and intelligence gathering say.

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If the kids are going to have friends overnight, I make sure it's on a night when he'll be gone. Our children can't go down in the yard and our shoes must be removed at the door and kept in perfect alignment. If the children eat cookies at the kitchen table, he complains about the crumbs.

He was gone this weekend. The children and I cleaned the house, picked lemons from our trees and baked him a homemade pie, and prepared a nice dinner for him. When he got home all he did was yell because someone had tracked mud on the porch. He never said hello. My 3-year-old kept saying, "Daddy, we made you a pie and cooked supper," but he wouldn't stop goggling.

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Please don't wait any longer to assert yourself. Do not back down. When a 3-year-old can identify that your husband's behavior doesn't make sense, it's time to draw the line.

Foxy burglar steals newspapers

OTTAWA, Kan.—Neighbors in a subdivision in this small eastern Kansas community have been out of the loop for weeks. Some say fox had been stealing their Kansas City Star newspapers.

The bold burglar crept onto driveways while subscribers slept, grabbed a paper and ran.

The case was finally cracked this weekend when Steve Thompson caught the culprit: a red fox.

The fox had been taking the papers to a hollow behind the subdivision, Thompson said. He tracked the furry felon to a large pile of newspapers near its den.

"We always thought it was an early morning jogger," said Lionel Sutton, another subdivision resident.

The newspaper carrier even staked out the neighborhood to catch the canny criminal, Sutton said.

Aaron Scheve, a Kansas Wildlife and Parks ranger for the area, said such behavior is unusual, but not out of the ordinary. He said the fox probably used the papers to insulate its den.

Liquor store owner pulls hammer on robber

ARDMORE, Okla.—Gene McMahan put the hammer down on a would-be robber.

The 68-year-old McMahan was behind the counter at Taylor's Liquor Store when he saw a man walk into the nearby Boy's Food Store and point a weapon at the clerk.

He grabbed his claw hammer, locked the liquor store and went next door to confront the robber.

The man threatened to shoot him, a fight ensued and both lost their weapons. The money was dropped and the robber ran away.

Christopher Ray Smith, 22, was arrested by police in connection with the Tuesday robbery.

Odds and ends

Agency threatens court action over five cents

EAST WENATCHEE, Wash.—Sandi Bryan gave the state her two-cents worth over the five cents they claim she owes.

When the Washington state Department of Employment Security notified her that she owed money for an unemployment compensation over-payment more than six years ago, she picked up the phone.

She was being threatened with court action over a nickel.

Bryan said she asked the state employee who took her call on a toll-free line whether she should mail in a nickel taped to a piece of paper.

"I said, 'Do you realize for this nickel, you paid an employee to type this ... (spent) 37 cents for postage, and you want me to pay for a money order and the postage?'" she said.

The response was that the money had to be paid properly.

Bryan said she was overpaid when she was on unemployment for about three months more than six years ago but thought she had paid it all back.

That was until she got a notice dated June 18 that demanded payment of five cents, after which "the Superior Court warrant will be satisfied immediately."

Employment Security spokeswoman Kristin Alexander said the overpayment notices are sent to about 70,000 people a month with the average amount about \$1,000.

"Typically we do require payment to be made in whole, (but) in the case of a nickel, we would usually make an exception," Alexander said. "Had she spoken to me, I would have taken a nickel out of my purse and paid it for her."

—compiled from wire reports

Cancer: Make effort to be congenial

HOROSCOPE

Jeralaine Saunders

IF JULY 18 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You should get go and have fun! Recent inspirations and opportunities can be the springboard to success. Don't let a temporary dip in your confidence or concerns about responsibilities impede birthday celebrations. Maintain an assertive attitude and banish gloom by enjoying physical activities. Challenge others to games and test their prowess on the playing field.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Others find your aggressiveness charming, but those who toy with your affections today may turn out to be less than sincere in a clinch. Make others put serious intentions on the dotted line.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You might be a real hot tamale where the opposite sex is concerned. But keeping up with the competition can be costly, so remember to stay within your budget.

ful attention to details can help you sidestep any problems.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Early-morning enthusiasms may peter out by late afternoon. Use your typical Virgo caution to watch your words—others may misinterpret them or take offense. People may not always believe what you say, but they will believe what you do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Social matters have a flirtatious edge, but the challenge to complete may tempt you to spend more than you should. Burn off excess energy with sports or physical exercise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Playfulness can brighten face-to-face meetings, and the spice of healthy competition may be invigorating. Don't follow any come-hither glances today. A little warmth goes a long way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It is easy to be sidetracked by social gatherings. Keep your focus and fulfill obligations to

maintain momentum toward your long-range plans. Watch out that you don't overdo.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Work on soothing your own fears or worries so you won't be a wet blanket. Accuracy and following the rules will keep you on the straight and narrow. Be patient if you are required to temporarily agree with disagreeable ideas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Informative discussions may provide the seeds of fresh ideas, but there is a lack of fertile ground for planting now. Don't let temporary and unrealistic dissatisfaction with your appearance make you feel awkward. Spending may prove disappointing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Too much chatter can spoil the peace and tranquility of a key relationship. Trust in your feelings and listen to the heart, not the words. A stern and austere mood prevails.

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Arafat agrees to change security

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JERUSALEM — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, facing the resignation of his prime minister and a spate of recent kidnappings in the Gaza Strip, agreed Saturday to a long-negotiated overhaul of his security forces.

Arafat also fired Police Chief Ghazi Jabali, who was kidnapped by gunmen on Friday and then released when Arafat promised to investigate corruption charges against him. The gunmen accused the police chief of exemplifying rampant corruption within the Palestinian Authority.

The reforms will merge a dozen Palestinian security branches into three agencies with a new chief at the helm, a change demanded for more than a year by the United States and Israel.

Many Palestinians said the changes did not go far enough. Key among the complaints is that Arafat's appointment of his nephew, Moussa Arafat, as the new national security chief smacks of cronyism.

Thousands of demonstrators rallied in Gaza City on Saturday

night to protest the appointment of Moussa Arafat as security chief, accusing him of being corrupt and insulting him by calling him a collaborator.

"He's one of Arafat's guys, he's not respected and he's similar to the others," complained Abu Fadi, a leader of the twin Martyrs Brigades, which kidnapped Jabali. "What we want is for those who rule us to be clean and to act lawfully. This corruption — it's another kind of occupation."

Such frustration led Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia to submit a letter of resignation to Arafat in the West Bank city of Ramallah on Saturday. Arafat immediately rejected it. He also reinstated two other senior security officials in Gaza who quit Friday over political interference in their jobs and the lack of meaningful reforms.

Qureia was firm in his resolve to resign if Arafat fails to implement more stringent reforms in the coming days, said Jamal Shobaki, minister for local government.

"The interests of the Palestinian people require President Arafat to carry these reforms out right now," Shobaki said. "In

order to convince the international community to help, we have to live up to our commitment" to reform.

Tension over the Palestinian security apparatus has been building for more than a year. While political and financial reforms prescribed by the U.S.-backed "road map" to peace have "quietly forged ahead," Arafat has resisted domestic and international pressure to consolidate the security branches and hand over their control to an independent interior minister. Such a reorganization would lend transparency to agencies now accused of aiding terror operations against Israel.

Arafat's refusal has helped stall Israeli-Palestinian negotiations and caused the previous Palestinian cabinet under Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas to collapse. It is also contributing to the burgeoning chaos in the Gaza Strip, where radical militants rule the streets and challenge the Palestinian Authority.

Last week, U.N. Middle East envoy Terje Rieed-Larsen warned the Security Council that the Palestinian government

was "in real danger of collapse."

"Arafat" is walking a tightrope," said Hisham Ahmed, a political science professor at Birzeit University near Ramallah. "He has to take the bold step to remove corrupt officials once and for all and then tell the Palestinians, 'I'm sorry, but here's why he did it.'"

Yet officials within the Palestinian Authority are only willing to challenge Arafat so far in a system in which his name and face overshadow any possible political rival.

They also don't want to be seen as doing Israel's bidding. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has long pushed for Arafat to be ousted.

The extent to which the Palestinian Authority has been crippled by inaction was evident Friday when gunmen — some of them loosely affiliated with Arafat — kidnapped six people, including Jabali and four French aide workers, for several hours.

As part of his agreement to get the police chief sprung, Arafat promised to fire Jabali and have him investigated for stealing millions of dollars in public funds.



Girls light candles at a memorial for the children who died in a fire at a school in Kumbakonam, about 215 miles southwest of Madras, India, Saturday.

Europeans adjust to unusual weather

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Snowed-fights for July chilled wine instead of wine coolers. Thermostats set on high. Spring has come and gone, fall approaches — and Europeans are still waiting for summer.

Much of the continent awoke to yet another day of chilly temperatures and rain Thursday, adding to the weeks of miserable weather gripping Europe from Scandinavia to parts of the Balkans.

On Thursday, the mercury dipped as low as 46 degrees in Stockholm. The Swedes weren't the only ones with the midsummer shivers: Temperatures dropped to 50 in Geneva, 51 in Budapest, 53 in Warsaw and 52 in Copenhagen.

"And this on a continent that had feared a recurrence of last summer's deadly heat wave."

This year's May was fitful, and June promised a summer that could go either way. But except for southern Europe, July has been wet and almost glacial.

"On many days, temperatures have been half that of last year, when the mercury sat at 95 degrees or higher for weeks, resulting in crowded swimming pools, record ice cream sales, and stores emptied of fans and air conditioners."

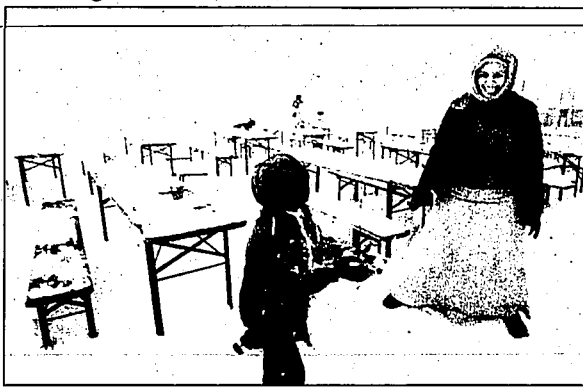
Meteorologists say the comparison with last summer is misleading because 2003 was unusually hot and dry.

"It's a little cooler than it should be, but it's not too bad," said Vienna weatherman Ernst Rudel, describing the rains sweeping Austria as "a little more precipitation than normal."

But the wacky weather has in some areas led to virtual winter in July.

Instead of hiking, tourists in Germany's Bavarian Alps have worked up a sweat with snowball fights and sleigh rides after snowfalls that dusted peaks — and in some cases valleys — under 6,500 feet.

In central Germany's Thuringia forest, guests recently gathered for an open-air theater performance clasped icy fingers around cups of mulled wine usually served at winter apres ski parties. Apparently it's no at-



An unidentified boy and his mother from Kuwait, members of a tourist group, enjoy romping in the snow on Germany's highest peak, the Zugspitze mountain near Garmisch Partenkirchen, southern Germany, Tuesday.

traction: Stefanie Losser of the regional tourist office in Erfurt said cool temperatures and two weeks of rain have hit tourists hard.

Britons — whose summer weather is the envy of no one — have even less to laugh about than usual.

The July cold snap prompted British Gas to put its winter emergency contingency plan into operation to meet a surge in demand as people turned on central heating.

Shrewsbury in northwest England had a temperature of 53 degrees on July 8 — the coldest ever for the month.

The sun shone a miserly three days in July in most of Britain, and on Thursday much of the country was murky and drizzly yet again. It was a particularly bad sign, being St. Swithin's Day, when folklore holds that rain means another 40 consecutive days of downpours.

Elliot Frisby of the VisitBritain tourism board was nonetheless resolute. "We don't sell Britain as a sun, sea and sand destination," he said.



A pedestrian passes empty deckchairs on the beach at Bournemouth, England, on Thursday, where the scene last year, was crowded sands and hot temperatures.

Persistent rain also left parts of Scandinavia wishing for relief.

Swedish ice cream producer Ingemar Polksson said he was considering laying off nine of his 46 workers because of a drop in demand.

Lars Fenner, managing director for Nestle in Denmark, said ice cream sales were "10 to 15

percent below normal."

In France, where 15,000 people died in last year's heat wave, the government has spent \$82 million to hire staff and install air conditioners at retirement homes, a Health Ministry official said.

But this summer, weather in the Paris area has been mostly chilly and overcast.

Parents in India cremate children

Government will investigate school buildings

KUMBakonam, India (AP) — Parents of the dead went home, silently weeping. Others sat in the sun Saturday outside a hospital, hoping their children will survive burns they suffered in a school fire in southern India that killed 90 children.

Many were the first in their families to go to school, escaping generations of illiteracy in this country, where one-third of more than 1 billion people still can't read or write.

The fire Friday at the private Lord Krishna Middle School was sparked by dry coconut leaves used as firewood at a makeshift kitchen, which prepared free food subsidized by the government.

While poor, Indian families have increasingly come to rely on private schools, paying a tuition of about \$5 a month.

Tens of thousands of ill-equipped private schools have mushroomed across Indian towns and cities in the past decade, as the cash-strapped government cut spending on education and stopped building additional schools to curtail its burgeoning budget deficit.

Public schools, while often better equipped than their private counterparts, can be miles away, and impossible to reach on foot.

Almost all of the children at Lord Krishna Middle School came from poor families, and the grieving parents included mental laborers, shopkeepers, low-paid government servants and villagers.

"I have lost everything I had," said Simon Anthony

Dass, a porter, who lost both his sons — a 15-year-old Aravind and nine-year-old Anish Kumar. Dass had never been to school, and had hoped his children would have a brighter future.

He said witnesses told him Aravind had initially escaped, but returned to the burning building to rescue his younger brother. Both died.

By Friday evening, 45 bodies had been cremated in mass ceremonies. The rest were cremated Saturday.

Many injured were still being treated at the town's 390-bed, government-run hospital.

Residents of Kumbakonam, 2,100 kilometers (1,300 miles) south of New Delhi, India's capital, demanded action against the culprits.

"This was sheer murder," said M.A. Kumar, who sweeps the town's streets for a living. "Those responsible for this must be hanged."

Police arrested five school officials: the principal, his wife, who is part of the school's management; his daughter, who helped run the school; and two kitchen workers. They were being held on negligence charges.

In the wake of Friday's fire in Tamil Nadu state, its top elected official, Chief Minister J. Jayalalitha, ordered safety inspections of all schools in the state.

Most of these schools are located in crowded buildings that often lack basic safety measures, such as fire alarms and sprinkler systems. They rarely have playgrounds, athletic fields or open space.

At Lord Krishna school, its long, narrow, windowless classrooms each had only one exit. The flames jumped quickly to the thatched roofs of the building, and many children were unable to escape.

Italy rejects the asylum bids of African immigrants after trip

ROME (AP) — Authorities have denied the asylum bids of 37 Africans who landed in Italy after a three-week odyssey aboard a humanitarian agency's boat, but many of them might be allowed to stay for humanitarian reasons, state television reported Saturday.

Earlier, 14 asylum-seekers were flown from Sicily to Rome, where they were taken to a detention center to await expulsion.

Rai state TV said that while fourteen had been ordered to leave Italy, the rest, still in Sicily, might win permission to stay on humanitarian grounds — even though they didn't qualify for political asylum.

The Interior Ministry, which oversees the government's crackdown on illegal immigration, said it could not immediately confirm reports about the asylum

commission's decisions. Refugee aid groups said they would try to keep the fourteen immigrants in Italy.

"We will try all kinds of legal remedies," said Christopher Hein, head of the Italian Refugee Council.

A German aid group, Cap Anamur, said it had rescued the 37 Africans from a small craft in the Mediterranean on June 20. After a three-week standoff with

the Italian government, the boat docked in Sicily, where it was immediately seized by Italian authorities.

An opposition senator, Antonio Faloml, told the Italian news agency ANSA that he had been informed that many of the Africans being held near Rome are Sudanese, as originally claimed by some aid agencies. The Interior Ministry said it had no information about that.

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After two Iraq wars, pilot's disappearance still mystifies

The Associated Press

Lt. Barry Hull emerged from his F/A-18 Hornet and climbed onto the deck of the USS Saratoga, unhappy with his landing. He knew to expect better when his squadron mate, Lt. Cmdr. Scott Speicher, zoomed onto the aircraft carrier from the sky over the Red Sea.

Speicher's landing, of course, would be perfect. He was the best Navy pilot in the squadron. Cmdr. "Mike" Speck" Connolly had led the squad out of the hellfire over Baghdad. Once over the sea, he had radioed the others. All but Speicher had checked in.

Hull didn't worry at first, he remembers today. They all figured "Speck" was out of range. Hull radioed: "Come in, Spike. This is Skull. Talk to me!" Nothing. So they waited.

It was Jan. 17, 1991, a war with Iraq was beginning, and American planes were in the air. But Speicher, 33, didn't land that day. He never landed, and he never came home.

They declared him dead at first; the Secretary of Defense said it on live TV. His widow remarried, his children grew. But then doubts began to worm their way in. Odd clues surfaced. A shadowy informant told a story. After a decade, the Pentagon changed its mind: Speicher, it said, was not dead but missing or captured.

Did Speicher tumble from the sky to his death, or did he eject and survive to scrawl his initials on the wall of an Iraqi prison? Did he endure another, more intricate tale that, even now, remains untold?

The questions reached Capitol Hill, the Pentagon, the Oval Office itself. Half-truths were wrung like damp washcloths. Speculation, hope, dread, cynicism—all made cameo appearances in the saga of the missing pilot.

But naturally, with another Bush in the White House and Saddam Hussein's Iraq still an enemy, the story transcended one pilot. Speicher's case had become something more—a small part of the rationale for another war.

In late 2002 and early 2003, as the administration of George W. Bush made his case for invading Iraq, Speicher's name began echoing again in the halls of power. Had Saddam Hussein held him captive all these years? Saddam's government said no. But Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said the missing pilot—if he was alive—was one reason to invade. Bush himself raised Speicher's presumed capture to the United Nations.

These were only the latest in years of efforts to determine the airman's fate. But the push didn't start immediately. Friends of Speicher alleged in 1991, he says, Speicher "had been let behind."

On the day Speicher disappeared, the military told his wife that search-and-rescue teams were looking for him, his friends say. But that wasn't happening, Hull contends, bristling at the memory.

"Part of the deal is that if I go down, by God, it's your job to come get me," Hull says. He doesn't buy the Navy's belated argument that, without a distress call from Speicher, a rescue mission would have been futile. He asserts that the Navy knew—or should have—that Speicher's new radio didn't fit in its pouch and had probably been blown out of his survival vest when he ejected. Why, he wonders, didn't the military follow information from a fellow airman who had marked the coordinates of the fireball that investigators later linked to an air-to-air missile fired by an Iraqi MiG?

But as the 1991 Gulf War ended, ephemeral clues to Speicher's fate planted seeds that would sprout into a fragile culture of hope.

Tim Connolly was an army captain with the 405th Civil Affairs Battalion during Desert Storm. After the shooting stopped, he told The Associated Press, he was summoned to talk to a man who claimed to be a Kuwaiti secret police colonel.

The Kuwaiti said he had been



Capt. Michael Scott Speicher

taken to a hospital in Nasiriyah four months earlier after being captured by the Iraqis. There, he said, an American pilot was in the next bed.

The colonel offered to look at photos of captured American pilots. Connolly said he was told not to bother. With Speicher officially dead, all U.S. pilots were accounted for.

By 1994, Connolly, then a deputy assistant secretary of state, learned of a discovery in the Iraqi desert. A group of Qataris, ostensibly in Iraq on a falcon hunt, had discovered the wreckage of an F/A-18 American warplane. They gave U.S. authorities a metal plate stamped 163470—the ID number on Speicher's Hornet.

A Defense Intelligence Agency satellite pinpointed the wreck site, its coordinates matching those where David Renaud, a Navy flyer, saw a brilliant flash of light in the sky the day Speicher disappeared.

Finally something tangible to work with—if anyone could get to the place.

Connolly urged an undercover mission to the crash site before the Iraqi government could tamper with anything that might reveal Speicher's fate.

According to Connolly, a special operations team had a plan. Slip in by helicopter at night, recover evidence and be back in Saudi Arabia before dawn. On Dec. 23, 1994, Connolly made his case to Secretary of Defense William Perry.

At that meeting in Perry's Pentagon conference room was Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who confirmed Connolly's account. Shalikashvili told Perry: "I don't want to be the one to write letters home to the parents telling them that their son or daughter died looking for old bones."

A month later, Perry notified Connolly that he had decided, instead, to ask the International Committee of the Red Cross to arrange for Speicher for a U.S. team to visit the site.

After postponing the visit three times, the Iraqis escorted investigators to Speicher's plane, Connolly said. As he feared, the site had been picked over—either by looters or government agents.

Some items remained: the jet's data storage unit, fragments of life-support equipment and, later, a flight suit turned over by the Iraqis. But what did these items suggest about Speicher's fate? Defense Department officials could agree.

That didn't sit well with Sen. Pat Roberts, a Republican from Kansas. He pressed the issue, and things began to happen.

Both Roberts and the evidence suggested Speicher had survived and might still be a prisoner of war.

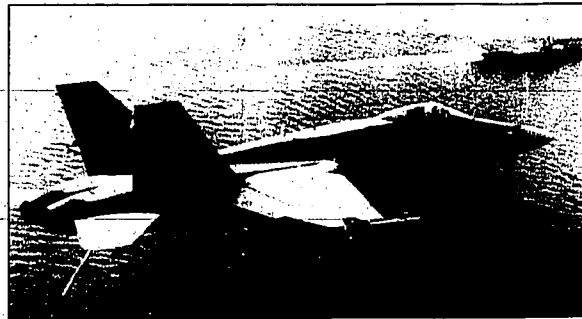
Roberts held closed hearings; and on March 27, 2001, his committee released a report re-evaluating all the evidence collected over the years. It dismissed the lack of an emergency call from Speicher as definitive evidence that he was dead. Because "press reports" during the war said that Speicher had been killed, "Baghdad probably did not feel compelled" to account for him, the report said.

"Speicher probably survived," the report added, and if he did, "he almost certainly was captured."

Weeks earlier, the military, in an executive decision, changed Speicher's status from killed to missing—10 years after he was pronounced dead. Evidence cited in the committee report contributed to the decision.

Then, in October 2002, the military changed Speicher's status again, this time to "missing-captured."

Five months later, the United States invaded Saddam-held Speicher was not found. In the midst of it all, a man surfaced to talk to U.S. officials. His name was Eduard, and he reportedly



An F-18 Hornet flown by Navy pilot Barry Hull flies over the Red Sea in 1991. Capt. Michael Scott Speicher or flew a similar fighter when he went down over Iraq in the first Gulf War.

claimed he had information that Speicher was alive.

It was stunning if true: An Iraqi secret-police captain attesting to the pilot's continuing imprisonment. But for those who had started to believe the memory of Speicher was being manipulated for political ends, the story smelled bad. One of them was Scott Ritter, a former U.N. weapons inspector.

Ritter told the AP he had been asked in late 1997 to assist with the Speicher search by adding Hakmiya Prison in Baghdad to the list of sites being inspected for weapons of mass destruction.

There, a tantalizing clue turned up: carved into a cell wall were the initials MSS.

Were they etched by a prisoner named Michael Scott Speicher? Ritter doesn't think so. The prison walls were inscribed with other initials that meant nothing to the Americans.

Earlier this year, Ritter says, he was made aware of Eduard by a witness to his final debriefing by U.S. authorities. As Ritter tells it, Eduard had come forward as an informant in the months leading up to the Iraq war, claimed to be a captain in the Iraqi secret police, and asserted that he knew Speicher

was alive.

Many questions hung over Eduard. He was a Christian, making it unlikely he would have moved in such inner circles. More damning, according to Ritter, was information from a top Iraqi intelligence official arrested in April 2003 by U.S. occupation forces. He told interrogators Eduard was a "born liar" who knew nothing about Speicher's fate.

Eduard, it turned out, was a phony, Ritter said. His only connection to the secret police was that he once waited tables in their dining room.

Ritter, a controversial figure since he declared his opposition

to the invasion of Iraq, thinks someone put Eduard up to it. Most of the evidence pointing to Speicher's being alive was manufactured by advocates of war, Ritter asserts.

"This isn't just an accident," Ritter said in an interview. "This was done by people who fully knew what they were doing."

Among them, he says, was Roberts—a charge the senator, through a spokesman, says is "unworthy of comment." Ritter also suspects the discredited Iraqi National Congress leader, Ahmad Chalabi, who provided prewar intelligence about the Saddam regime that is now considered unreliable.

Zaib Sethna, a spokesman for the Iraqi National Congress and Chalabi, replied that neither ever gave the United States any information about Speicher.

Today, with more than 130,000 American forces occupying Iraq, Speicher is still nowhere to be found.

"A joint Iraq-U.S. committee has just finished its work on determining the fate of the pilot," said George Sada, spokesman for interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi. "The result of the investigation will be announced by the Pentagon." He wouldn't elaborate.

There is talk now of making Speicher officially dead again. Hope has dimmed. People have moved on. He has become a footnote to war, a man whose story stopped in the middle—and whose ending may be forever beyond reach.

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Sudan peace talks collapse

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — Talks to end the unbridled violence that has killed tens of thousands of people in Sudan's western Darfur region collapsed Saturday with two rebel groups charging the government had not kept its end of the bargain.

Mediators worked late into the night trying to save the negotiations — which began Thursday at the African Union headquarters in the Ethiopian capital.

But the rebels, insisting the government fulfill a list of previous commitments first, walked out Saturday without having

met the Sudanese government delegation.

"These talks are now finished," Ahmed Hussain Adam said on behalf of his Justice and Equality Movement and the Sudanese Liberation Army. "We are leaving Addis Ababa."

Ibrahim Ahmed Ibrahim, spokesman for the government delegation, said Sudan was not prepared to accept preconditions.

"The demands of the rebels are not acceptable and it is a disrespect to the Africa Union," Ibrahim said. "It is a delaying tactic ... The rebels

are not serious."

But Sudanese Foreign Minister Mustafa Osman Ismail said the government remains open to further negotiations.

"This round will not be the last one," he told reporters in the Sudanese capital, Khartoum.

African Union mediators were working to bring both sides back to the table. "Nobody told us the negotiations have ended," AU spokesman Adam Thiara said.

The rebels' main demand was an internationally supervised timetable for Sudan to make good on its promise to

disarm shadowy Arab militias accused of killing tens of thousands of black Africans and driving more than a million from their homes in a systematic campaign of terror.

The insurgents also were seeking government commitments to respect previous agreements, allow an international inquiry into the killings, prosecute those responsible, lift restrictions on humanitarian workers and release prisoners of war. Finally, the insurgents wanted a more neutral venue for future negotiations, arguing that Ethiopia has close ties with Sudan.

Tijuana cartel still proves a danger

Los Angeles Times

TIJUANA, Mexico — Despite the arrests of key figures in the Arellano Felix drug cartel and the encroachment of rival gangs, Tijuana's dominant narcotics traffickers are as dangerous as ever — if not more so, U.S. law enforcement officials say.

Evidence of the mayhem wrought by the so-called Tijuana cartel is plentiful and appalling. Last month, Francisco J. Ortiz Franco, an editor at the crusading *Zeta* newspaper, which had recently detailed alleged dealings by the gang, was gunned down in front of two of his children.

U.S. law enforcement officials believe the cartel has been weakened by the arrest of a dozen top members, including leader Benjamin Arellano Felix, in 2002 and, more recently, lieutenants Efraim Perez and Jorge Aureliano Felix last month. But some U.S. authorities' recent assertions that the cartel is in full retreat have been made prematurely. Although the arrests have

loosened the group's once-ironclad grip on heroin and cocaine smuggling along the western U.S.-Mexico border, the gang has moved into other violent enterprises, including kidnapping and the production and export of methamphetamine, said Special Agent John Blake of the FBI's San Diego office.

"The guys whom we arrested were the ones doing the cocaine deals with the Colombians, the ones who made things go smoothly, key operators in a well-oiled machine. Those connections don't exist anymore," Blake said.

Although the cartel is not the major trafficking organization it was, its capacity for brutality is undiminished, he added.

"The Tijuana cartel is still highly dangerous and committing atrocious acts of violence that threaten the stability of the region," Blake added.

Drug-related violence is as common now as at any time since the mid-1980s, when the Sinaloa-born Arellano Felix clan took over the world's busiest and most lucrative drug-smuggling corridor.

French workers face new reality

'Workers' paradise' gives in to demands

VENISSEUX, France (AP) — In the birthplace of the people's revolution, French workers are renowned for revolting against threats to their lavish vacation, retirement and health benefits.

Strikes, virtually a ritual here, have paralyzed the nation's transportation, interrupted the Tour de France cycling championships and extinguished the lights at President Jacques Chirac's palace.

But the "workers' paradise" is not immune to the harsh realities of a global economy where competition is fierce and work hours long.

Nowhere is this clearer than at the Robert Bosch GMBH plant here, where many employees seem willing to accept unprecedented concessions — like working more than 35 hours a week — to save jobs.

The 820 workers at Bosch's factory are voting on whether to accept new contracts increasing their weekly hours to 36, cutting bonuses and freezing salaries for three years.

If at least 90 percent agree, Bosch France has said it will cancel 190 of 300 planned job cuts and avoid compulsory layoffs for the rest. If workers reject the deal, financial director Eric Bazille said the company would transfer a new diesel pump production line to the Czech Republic.

Bosch is the first company to issue such an ultimatum in France — and more startling than the demand, the workers in this laborers' haven are accepting it.

The reasons are not simple. But like other industrialized nations, France has to come to terms with the need to compete in a global economy where there is no shortage of workers willing to take home lower wages.

Most of the 10 new member nations in the European Union



Bosch employees from left, Rene Fraresso, Bernard Duret, Serge Trucello, in the back, and Guy Fernandez, talk in a union office at the plant in Venissieux outside Lyon, central France, on Thursday.

trade bloc — including the Czech Republic — are in Eastern Europe, where the work force is hungry for employment. If France does not move quickly, the jobs could move east in droves.

"This has to end — us competing with the last country that joins Europe. If this is what they made Europe for, it's not worth it," said Rene Fraresso, a representative of the militant General Confederation of Workers union at Bosch.

But Bosch workers in this town outside the southern city of Lyon appear to be accepting the company's deal.

"It is the only solution — why not? If that guarantees all the jobs for me one hour is worth it," said Bosch employee Deniz Ozant, 27, as he pulled out of the parking lot. "Sometimes they give us bonuses, and sometimes we have to give something. We are well protected, so it's worth it."

At the offices of the union, known by its French abbreviation CGT, the prevailing mind-set was grimmer and angrier.

The CGT says Bosch is taking an ominous step that could ul-

imately threaten cherished social protections and benefits — especially the law setting the French workweek at 35 hours, which employees had felt protected them.

"Workers want to keep their jobs, but not at any price," said Guy Fernandez, a CGT official at the factory. "It's acceptable if it were paid, but it's not paid. This is blackmail. Bosch gave them no choice. This undermines the 35-hour workweek."

Bosch's strong-arm demand attracted widespread attention in France on Thursday, when phones rang off the hook and journalists streamed into CGT offices. But union officials conceded they were fighting an uphill battle, as the vast majority of workers were expected to accept Bosch's offer.

In addition to the cold facts of global economies, the change of outlook appears to be influenced by national

But the 'workers' paradise' is not immune to the harsh realities of a global economy where competition is fierce and work hours long.

soul-searching since last summer's heat wave, which killed as many as 15,000 people, mostly the elderly.

The reasons so many were left to die in the unbearable heat, are far from clear, but one of the factors blamed in a study by the Health Ministry was a sacred institution in France: the summer vacation.

In August, nearly everybody in France from the neighborhood baker to the president clears out of town. The health establishment is no different: with patients gone, doctors, close and head for the beach, and hospitals close down whole sections.

Heat wave sufferers said they could get in line with doctors, and hospitals had fewer beds available. The elderly often were left to fend for themselves.

Palestinians, Israelis screen movies at parallel festivals

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Palestinians and Israelis held simultaneous film festivals this week in Ramallah and Jerusalem — neighboring cities separated by a contentious barrier and nearly four years of fighting.

Liana Saleh, a 17-year-old Palestinian showing her first film, says she is tired of the regional conflict and the negative images being projected about Palestinians.

"We aren't just recipients of foreign aid or victims in a struggle," she said before the screening of "A Boy and a Color Box." "Children here have dreams and hopes, like anywhere else."

Some 500 cinema buffs at the West Bank's first international film festival, gave a standing ovation to the movie about young Palestinians who struggle to overcome hardship to

make dreams come true.

Eighty movies, including 50 by foreign directors, were screened at the weeklong Ramallah International Film Festival.

The event coincided with the 21st Jerusalem Film Festival, some 10 miles south of Ramallah.

The 10-day Jerusalem festival, which ended Saturday, featured 200 films from 50 countries, was opened by Sarajevo-born director Emir Kusturica, who presented "Life is a Miracle," a wry look at the 1992-1995 Bosnian civil war.

Organizers of the two festivals emphasized they weren't trying to upstage each other.

Israeli-Palestinian cultural cooperation, which flourished in the late 1980s after an interim peace agreement, has collapsed since the resurgence of conflict in September 2000.

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EDITORIAL

Simpson wilderness plan keeps tilting to one side

The goal for Rep. Mike Simpson's new Boulder-White Clouds wilderness proposal is to hike through the rough terrain of compromise and create a lasting legacy of land conservation and multiple use.

It appears that path now tilts too far to one side of the mountain.

Simpson announced last week that he will modify his wilderness proposal, the Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act, and could add 100,000 acres to the existing plan for 294,000 new acres of wilderness. All wilderness areas would be roadless and off-limits to motorized use.

The 2nd District Republican said the changes would be the result of two days' hearings he held in central Idaho earlier this month.

But Simpson is leaning too far to the pro-wilderness side. Compromise is achieved when both sides make mutual concessions for the good of the plan. We see more concessions coming from motorized users, multiple-use advocates and locally elected leaders than from the wilderness advocates.

Simpson's offering for more wilderness should please many pro-wilderness parties, but we wouldn't be surprised if it's still not enough to satisfy them. Meanwhile, the proposal to give Custer County an additional 1,000 acres in the Challis National Forest remains meager. The county would also receive federal lands in the Stanley and Sawtooth Valley area valued between \$6 million and \$10 million.

Is that enough for a county with 83 percent of its land owned by the federal government? Probably not. It's worth remembering that Custer County is among those counties that have seen their populations drop between 2000 and 2002. The county needs a fair amount of development land to offset the shrinking tax base.

Simpson continues to impress us as he challenges both sides to envision what the other interests need. Preserving land should include conserving the landscape, as well as the many ways the public enjoys it.

We agree with Simpson that finding local solutions, through tough negotiations and rounds of give-and-take, are the best way to create wilderness compromise.

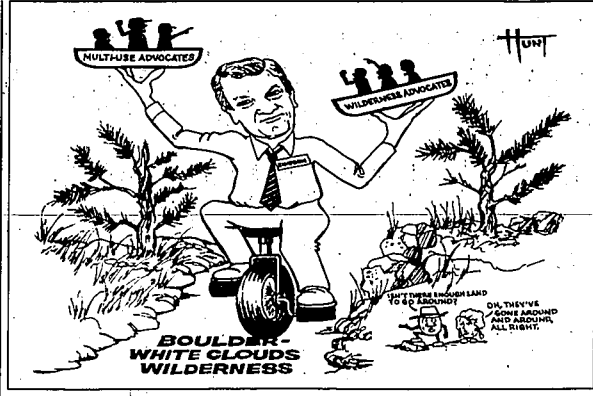
But we fail to see how current regulations in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area are unable to protect the Boulder-White Cloud region. Central Idaho has 2.3 million acres of wilderness in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and 200,000 acres in the Sawtooth Wilderness area. It appears the real goal of pro-wilderness advocates is to squeeze out motorized use as much as possible.

Given the high standards that already exist for multiple use in the Boulder-White Clouds, the practical step would be to approve smaller — not larger — wilderness designations.

Simpson's plan has bent too far in favor of larger wilderness areas. That tilt jeopardizes the consensus needed to make the plan work.

Our view: Consensus for the Boulder-White Clouds wilderness plan could fall short if more acreage is added.

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



Love of soccer could trip up Kerry's run

FRANKLIN FOER

For yellow-dog Democrats, one part of the Kerry campaign has been a particular joy. Whereas some of our presidential candidates have been lambasted as weak-kneed glib-men, Kerry has started in an array of photos illustrating his manliness. Here he is playing hockey with Boston Bruin legends. There he is holding a shotgun with the casual ease of Steve McQueen. The campaign even travels with a bike, never missing an opportunity to slip their man into a helmet and spandex.

But there's a chapter from John F. Kerry's sporting biography that remains curiously uninvoked in this montage: his days as a soccer player. Al-

though he was only an average hockey player, he distinguished himself as a soccer star. At Yale, he made the varsity squad and even scored a hat trick against Harvard. So, why isn't Kerry juggling soccer balls or practicing penalty kicks for the cameras? Mr. Kerry, why are you running from your record?

One possible explanation is characterological. For Four Two, a British soccer magazine, has investigated Kerry's soccer career. Unfortunately, it confirmed the worst stereotype about Kerry: He isn't very decisive.

According to classmates, Kerry preferred dribbling around defenders, rather than using passes to advance the ball. His school team's coach manager would urge him not to "diddle with the ball." Apparently, this exhortation stuck as a nickname, "the Diddler."

Other teammates, mostly Democrats, are more sympa-

thetic. They describe Kerry as a good team player, and they still poke fun at his loping stride. His other soccer nickname is "the Camel."

Kerry is probably running from soccer for another reason: The game is bad politics. Republicans will portray Kerry as an out-of-touch elitist. They will make hay of his days in a Swiss boarding school. Leading Republicans relentlessly rib him for "looking French."

Soccer, let's face it, won't help him rebut this charge.

Sure, soccer moms have long been treated as political gold. But the name doesn't really fit. They may cheerfreak kids to practice, but most couldn't give a toss about soccer.

And even if soccer moms were fanatical about the sport, politicians would still steer clear of it. That's because there's a deep anti-soccer strain in this country. Thick-necked football coaches have spread a nasty form of agit-prop. They claim that soccer players are guys too cowardly to tackle a running back.

Unfortunately, these yokels have wielded disproportionate influence on the American mind. The popular sports shock jock Jiri Rome, for instance, routinely denounces the game. To quote almost at random from him: "My son is not playing soccer. I will hand him ice skates and a shimmering sequined blouse before I hand him a soccer ball."

On a few occasions, conservatives have tried to exploit this sentiment. As former Republi-

can vice presidential candidate Jack Kemp once intoned, "Soccer is a European socialist (sport)."

Political scientists haven't yet identified soccer haters as a crucial swing voting group. But the group exists. To win, Kerry will have to make headway in industrial and rural Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Michigan — places where soccer-hating seems to flourish. I'm afraid that if Kerry were to highlight his love of the game, these voters would consider it akin to stating that U.S. foreign policy requires a French permission slip.

But what may be bad politics will make for good policy. If he were soccer properly, Kerry could use soccer to heal rifts in the world. One can imagine Kerry sweet-talking Jacques Chirac by lavishing praise on the French midfielder Zinedine Zidane. He could coax Spanish troops back to Iraq with descriptions of Real Madrid games watched in the White House.

So, how should soccer fans deal with the cold shoulder that Kerry has thrown our way? I think we should quietly accept our fate, while extracting a promise in return. We should demand that Kerry raze the T-ball field built by George W. Bush and replace it with goal posts.

Many soccer fans, I suspect, are dying to see the Diddler bury the ball in the back of the White House net.

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Fact and farce in the new marriage

To fans of theater, this week's Senate debate about same-sex marriage was a genuine farce.



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Democrats repeatedly invoked "states' rights" — traditionally a Republican imperative — as the lynchpin of their opposition to the Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA), which would have defined marriage as between one man and one woman.

Sen. Richard J. Durbin, D-Ill., even dropped the name Strom Thurmond into an argument about procedural fidelity. Granted, Durbin's remark was in connection with legislative protocol, but no one south of the Mason-Dixon could miss the tragicomic juxtaposition of Thurmond and states' rights in an argument that claims to protect against discrimination.

Thurmond's infamous states' rights position as a presidential "Dixiecrat" (States' Rights Democratic Party) candidate in 1948 was a rather sensitive mask, skillfully donned, to preserve state-sanctioned discrimination against blacks while feigning allegiance to the higher ground of state autonomy. Today's Democrats' sudden affection for states' rights purportedly proffered to protect against discrimination is likewise a Thurmondian disguise that conceals the real issue.

States' rights in this case really means full power to state courts, which are being allowed to create rather than enact laws in defiance of the democratic process and in contempt of the clear preference of a majority of Americans.

Opponents of the FMA also argued that there is no urgency for such drastic action and charged that the amendment was strictly a political move. The case, there was no political in part, an attempt to force Kerry and John Edwards to declare themselves. But as was clear to anyone who listened to the debate, there was a substantive element as well.

Since when are substance and politics assumed to be mutually exclusive? There is legitimate cause for concern as courts move space according to a national strategy to make same-sex marriage the law of the land. A recent lawsuit filed in Massachusetts drew evidence of that strategy and of the fallacy of the states' rights argument.

The suit seeks an injunction against enforcement of a 1913 state law prohibiting marriages in Massachusetts that would be illegal in couples' home states. Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who opposes same-sex marriage, invoked the law as his final legal straw to stop out-of-state couples from coming to Massachusetts as a marital safe haven.

The suit was filed by eight out-of-state couples, who claim the law is discriminatory (because it hasn't been enforced in recent years and was dusted off only to use against gays and lesbians) and violates both state law and the U.S. Constitution. What the suit makes clear is that there is in place a national strategy to rally states to marriage. State-by-state, through court challenges rather than through legislation by officials accountable to the people.

So there you have it. The Senate killed the FMA for this session in a 48-50 vote. Republicans say they'll keep fighting for the amendment, but state courts in the meantime will continue to create laws most Americans don't want.

Whatever ultimately happens, one thing needs to be clear: The FMA stands as the only certain way Americans can be assured a voice in determining how the American family is defined. By sending the FMA to the states for ratification or rejection, it is the people of the American states, not the courts, who will be given a voice.

That's the bottom line. All else is smoke and mirrors.

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Everything rises, except voters' salaries

You're not crazy. I checked with the government. Everything really is going up — gas prices, corporate profits, soda pop prices, gross domestic product, medical prices, household debt, milk prices — except your salary.

Bad job growth wasn't the only thing weird about this economic recovery. The drag was double. It was unusual enough that employers churned out more and more products the last two years without hiring extra help. But they also withheld raises from the workers they already had.

We're finding the first problem. The economy added 1.3 million jobs in 2004's first half. But the wage and salary growth only looks like Interstate 70 leaving Denver and heading toward Tepeka.

"Five out of the last six months the real hourly wage has declined, and probably six out of the last seven months," says Jared Bernstein, senior economist at the Economic Policy Institute in Washington. "The pie is getting larger" in the economy. "But where are the slices going?"

Not into wage and salary increases, so far. Pay no attention to reports that show worker compensation rising at a healthy pace. That's caused mainly by the increasing expense of health insurance, which as an employee benefit for many

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workers, is counted as part of total pay.

But more-expensive health care doesn't put money in your pocket, unless you're a doctor referring patients to his own MRI clinic. Often it removes money from your pocket if an employer increases your deductibles and premium contributions.

What you see in your paycheck is the wage and salary part of compensation, and that's gone nowhere.

This has happened before. Wages have taken a breather at various times in the country's history, especially when held up against inflation, or overall rising prices.

What's bizarre now is that wages and salaries are stagnant even as the overall economy goes great guns. In the last two years economic output has grown faster than at any time since the late 1950s, and normally such acceleration has boosted demand for workers and driven up take-home pay.

of mini-golf. (Even though we talk about "hourly" wages, we're referring to most non-supervisory employees, about 80 percent of U.S. workers — not just people who punch a timecard.)

"We believe there's more slack than there appears to be in the labor market," says Scott Hoyt, an analyst with Economy.com in West Chester, Pa. "Wage growth is still a drag on overall personal income growth."

How come? One factor is that, for various reasons, Hoyt believes, the official unemployment rate of 5.6 percent understates the number of people who want work but can't find it. With relatively more available workers, employers don't have to bid so high for their services.

But why are there so many idle workers in the first place? Why haven't companies hired at a pace to match their growing revenue?

The answer, of course, is productivity, the major U.S. economic story of the past decade. Thanks to computers, robots, division of labor and, yes, layoffs and downsizing, the United States is churning out many more products and services per worker than it once did.

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In the last two years economic output has grown faster than at any time since the late 1990s, and normally such acceleration has boosted demand for workers and driven up take-home pay.

But not now. If you account for inflation, hourly wages and salaries are more than 1 percent lower than they were late last year. And pay isn't doing well even in face-value terms. It's up 2 percent over the past year. Treat yourself to a round of mini-golf.

ed corporate profits. Almost all of the gains of productivity have gone to shareholders, hardly any have gone to workers.

Economists expect wages and salaries to start perking up but they're expecting it a year ago, too. "I think they'll come back. I think they're coming back now," says Mark Vliner, an economist with Wachovia Corp., in Charlotte, N.C., who has been more bullish on the

economic story this year than most of his peers. "The quality of jobs being added is actually doesn't look that bad."

But the longer employee-pay increases delay their overdue entrance, the louder Democratic presidential hopeful John F. Kerry's message about the "abandoned" middle class will sound this fall.

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If Kerry doesn't tell, voters should ask the questions

Same-sex marriage has become a defining presidential campaign issue. Surprisingly, though, a related and equally emotional matter — gays in the military — has not surfaced at all. Yet...

Given the vast differences between John Kerry who favors opening military service to practicing homosexuals, and George W. Bush who backs Bill Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, the current silence is unlikely to last, nor should it.

Moreover, unlike marriage, which has been historically a state matter, the armed forces are solely a federal question.

Their composition is a presidential and congressional decision that requires a policy choice between competing governmental priorities.

Should the rights of the few take precedence over the best interests of the many, as perceived by the Pentagon, which sees changing the status quo as endangering national security?

To be candid, it is another one of those value-laden issues that Bush backers will use to argue that Kerry is out of step with middle America and unfit to be commander in chief.

There are partisan overtones to public discussion of the question, but that doesn't make it any less germane.

In 1992, the issue was not discussed when Clinton, who backed allowing homosexuals to serve in the military open, defeated George H.W. Bush.

After Clinton's election, his effort to change the Pentagon policy led to a dispute that consumed the country for a time. He eventually backed down and offered a solution that satisfied neither side.

The resulting "don't ask, don't tell" standard prevents military commanders from asking about sexual preference, but it allows the discharge of those found to be having gay sex or who publicly proclaim they are doing so.

Clinton's executive order, codified by Congress, ended the practice of actively investigating soldiers suspected of homosexuality, but failed to

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satisfy gay-rights advocates.

That brouhaha occurred during peacetime, although when public support for policies that limited the rights of homosexuals was probably stronger than today. These days, hundreds of thousands of U.S. troops are under fire overseas.

Advocates of military service by gays argue the Pentagon's recent decision to extend service tours is proof that the policy needs revision. They contend gays could meet those manpower needs, although that is by no means clear.

Kerry wants gays to be able to serve openly. He calls it a civil-rights issue, which was Clinton's initial position, and parrots the argument of gay advocacy groups, who are big Kerry supporters.

Kerry's Web site lists "lifting the ban on gays in the military" as one of his "priorities." It continues "John Kerry opposed the Clinton Administration's Don't Ask Don't Tell Policy. He was one of the few senators to testify before the Senate Armed Services Committee and call on the president to rescind the ban on gay and lesbian service members."

But Kerry doesn't discuss the issue in appearances before mostly heterosexual audiences, and so far the news media have not pursued the matter.

Bush backs the Pentagon, which believes that the presence of openly homosexual soldiers would interfere with military cohesion and, therefore, the national defense.

Military leaders mostly believe that integrating gays into the military would be viewed unfavorably by the vast majority of soldiers and, therefore, would be a drag on the Pentagon's prime objective, fighting wars as efficiently as possible.

Kerry argues that inviting open homosexuals into the military is no different than al-

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lowing blacks and women to serve their country. However, the opposition of Black military leaders like Colin Powell, in 1989 the nation's highest ranking officer and now secretary of state, made that a difficult sell for Clinton politically, as it might for Kerry today.

Gay-rights advocates may argue that the thousands (no one has a hard figure) of soldiers and sailors who have been discharged in the decade since under "don't ask, don't tell" could be helping the war effort in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Perhaps. But, this line of thinking might be an argument fraught with peril for Kerry, who has done everything but wear red, white and blue to his campaign events to argue he is not the kind of anti-military Democrat the nation generally expects coming from Massachusetts.

Discussing his desire to open up the military to openly gay personnel might reinforce the stereotype that Kerry wants to avoid. However, he owes it to the country to air the issue, so that, if he's elected, we don't repeat the fiasco of a decade ago.

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Army breaks promises with 'stop lost orders'

Stop lost order. What is a stop lost order? All of the young people that are in the service sign a contract for so many years, then just because the Army is short-handed, they are saying that they are not going to let them out when their contract is up. The people that I talk to said that they didn't want to be an extension of the Army; if they did, they would have joined the Army to start with!

Does this mean that the government doesn't have to stand by its end of the deal? What happens if one of the guardsmen decides not to go — do they have to stand by the revised contract or do they get to make up one that fits their needs, the same as the Army's doing? How much faith and goodwill would you put in the people above you if they had to call you there by lying to you to start with?

Does this put us in the same category with Hussein, where if we need people for the armed forces we can just go out and hire them off the street? When I joined the service, it was for eight years, four of them active and four inactive, with the understanding that I could be called back at any time that my MOS was needed in that four-year time span. But at the end of the four years, we were discharged.

If the Army is desperate, what has happened in calling these people back? I heard of a man with only five days left before he was to be discharged and he was reinstated for 18 months by the stop lost order. I'll bet his morale is among the highest in his unit. I feel that if a person has less than a year left on their contract, they shouldn't be asked to leave the United States; they should be given a choice to re-enlist or extend.

What is a stop lost order? Let's put a stop to this and honor our word to the men and women of the armed forces.

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Comparison of leaders' kids had limited insight

If we were to condone one reader's comment this past week regarding one of Ronald Reagan's children, it is shameful for any child to grow up, use their brain and form their individuality if it is in contrast to family political

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I vehemently disagree with his dissertation and would be ashamed if my child were to appease me by merely reflecting my viewpoint. My preference is for my child to freely develop and express his own view.

That would bring pride to the family. The reader went forward with his comment comparing the two Reagan male children, one a natural child, the other adopted. The implication was made that even the adopted child was representing his father well which brought the shame of the other to new depths. Why is that? Is an adopted child worth less than a natural child? Is it a given that while it is expected, a natural child will live up to that, an adopted child has more of an obligation? I am not citing the reader's name as

a courtesy due to their lack of insightfulness. My natural and adopted children are loved and an equal part of the family. Period!

In summation, I suggest to the reader and the many alike in this community that while you are adamant about your limited political views, they are yours; not everybody's. Just yours. If your views make you comfortable, that's good, but don't shame everyone that has a diverse view and makes you fearful and uncomfortable.

I would urge you to continue reading *The Times-News* opinion page as you will be comforted on an almost daily basis with a reflection of your views like a fax.

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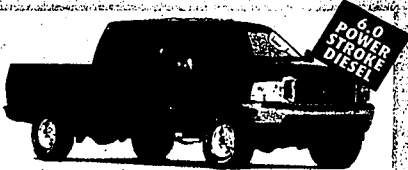
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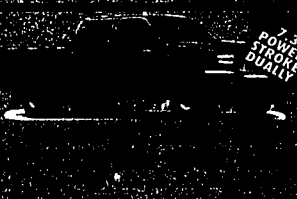
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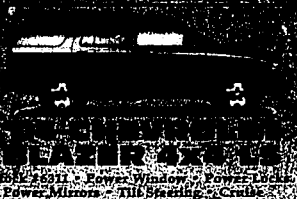
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The madness of measuring the marigolds

'Insanly' is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.

—Albert Einstein
There are echoes in the rafters nowadays when I heft the flats of zinnias into my shopping cart. The greenhouses are empty, their employees, assigned to classroom racks and hose down concrete. They cast sidelong glances — as they would at any madman.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

It is, after all, July 18 — 67 days into Twin Falls' average 133-day growing season. And I'm still planting annuals.

And it's not because I got a late start — I planted early. It's just that the little patch of baking powder that passes for my front yard has thus far killed off two rounds of annuals.

A significant accomplishment, don't you think? It takes a conscious effort to lose marigolds and petunias, even in Idaho's Big Dry.

But I can do so in my sleep. On more than one occasion, I planted flowers in the evening, mulched and watered them. By morning, they were dead.

See, most of my front yard sits in direct sunlight for 9-10 hours a day during high summer. Unremarkable, except that some years ago we installed a liner under all the dirt surfaces in the front yard to keep down the weeds.

As a result, planting anything more than a couple of inches deep requires the skill of a surgeon. So the young plants tend to sit near the surface, dry out quickly and go tendrils-up.

This despite irrigation that ranges from excessive to absurd. I have, if you promise not to tell the Twin Falls Water Department, got up at 3 in the morning to water flowers — even when wasn't my turn, alternate-day sprinkling-wise.

Plus, the soil in my front yard is a joke. You couldn't raise bit-turk on it.

I have, of course, dumped tons of topsoil and steer manure on my front yard over the years, and if anything the dirt has gotten less fertile. I even managed to kill off a Chinese elm this season, which I wouldn't have thought was possible.

But am I downhearted? Not hardly.

It outrages me that I can't even grow marigolds, for pity's sake. Marigolds grow in Superfund sites.

So my new strategy is to plant *any* dark, when the young plants can't possibly dry out, and then as quickly as possible bury them in bark mulch.

In theory, when my baby flowers first see the light of day, they'll be up to their stems in cedar-chips-watered-to-within-an-inch-of-their-lives, and physically incapable of doing anything other than growing opaquely.

And if that doesn't work, I have a trump card.

Two, actually: Coffee grounds and eggshells.

My Aunt Hazel, who lived in Soda Springs and was able to experience an entire growing season in a coffee afternoon, never threw out single grounds or eggshells. She'd save them in a small metal bucket, and once a week, dump them on her flower beds.

Her zinnias and cosmos looked as if they had a glandular problem. They grew so tall and so thick, that Hazel was forever losing her cocker spaniel in them.

I was in a Starbucks in Boise last winter, and they were giving away used coffee grounds, packaged in neat blue bags. I took all I could get.

Then I started canvassing my neighborhood, door to door, for eggshells.

Now, I have compiled a formidable compost pile, and if one — just one — of my newly planted flowers so much as twitches, it's going to Hazelized to high heaven.

If it works — it had better. I've already bought every marigold in town.

Times-News features editor Steve Crump reminds you that kochia will grow without soil, water, nutrients or sunlight. Exhibit A is his back yard.

Fire site struggles to recover

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN — It was September 2001 when a white-hot wildfire whipped by 40 mph winds tore through more than 500 acres at the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area.

Native brush and grasses were wiped out.

The next year, tumble mustard and cheatgrass filled in.

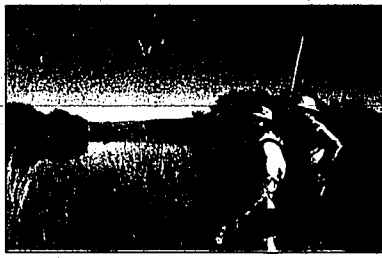
It wasn't a disaster in terms of human life and property lost, but to lovers of wildlife, it was devastating.

Two major fish hatcheries are located there.

In the winter more than 55,000 ducks and 4,000 geese migrate to the area.

State officials report an average of 2,500 vehicles come through the area each month — an indication of the management area's popularity.

Federal and state wildlife officials soon put their resources toward rehabilitating the area. Because more than 280 acres of



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the burned area belong to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a special team of experts paid for by the federal government was brought in to prescribe rehabili-

ation efforts. The specialists' instructions included a mix of native plants and grasses known to flourish

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Cheatgrass: Blight of the Western wildlands

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Often called the scourge of the West, cheatgrass is an invasive species that replaces sagebrush and other native plants.

It's estimated the low-growing grass covers 3.3 million acres in the Great Basin, while some 100 million acres are either infested with or susceptible to cheatgrass invasion. It was first identified in the United States in the late 1860s. Scientists say it was brought to the United States through the transportation of alfalfa seed, which was introduced from the semi-arid areas of Europe and northern Africa that include Turkey and surrounding countries.

The Eurasian weed was mixed in the alfalfa seed and

first found along the rail lines in Nevada and Utah. It didn't take long for it to spread to Idaho. The reason it spread so rapidly in the semi-arid West is the climate is similar to that of Turkey, Greece and some northern African countries, said wildlands consultant Wayne Patton of Boise.

Cheatgrass rapidly fills the void left vacant by native plants that are consumed by overgrazing. That's because cattle and sheep prefer native grasses and will consume them first. Native grasses, which are perennials, don't re-establish as easily as the annual cheatgrass seed does, Patton said.

Also, cheatgrass provides wonderful fuel for wildfires. Fires destroy some, but not all,

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Truck collision closes Highway 30

By Rebecca Meaney
Times-News writer

MURTAUGH — An accident Saturday afternoon sent two trucks skidding off a highway into trees, sending one man to the hospital and closing the road for three and a half hours.

A hay hauler driven by Jason Watts, 23, was traveling westbound on U.S. Highway 30 around 1 p.m. Behind him was a tractor-trailer driven by Douglas Durfee, 37, of Burley, said Sgt. Doug McFall of the Idaho State Police.

"(Watts) made a left turn into a private driveway as the truck was starting to pass," McFall said.

ISP issued a citation to Durfee for passing on a double yellow line, said ISP Trooper Gary Bergen. Watts was not cited.

Durfee, who was driving the empty Southern Idaho Solid Waste south of Milner in Twin Falls, was not injured in the crash, McFall said.

Dispatchers called an air ambulance to the scene for Watts, but they canceled it in-flight. Instead, he was taken to St. Luke's Valley Regional Medical Center via ambulance.

He was released the same day, Bergen said, after being treated for lacerations to his left arm and forehead that required stitches, and a puncture wound in his right leg.

"It's a very lucky man," Bergen added.

Watts was driving a New Holland Stackcraiser, which had come to rest under a tree in front of his family's rental property.

The yellow metal bars of the wagon were pinned back. Two dozen bales of hay had tumbled out onto the lawn and road.

The driver's side of the cab was bent, and the seat was twisted and covered with broken glass.



Photo by ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Idaho State Trooper Gary Bergen investigates a crash site on U.S. Highway 30 near Murtaugh where a tractor-trailer collided with a hay hauler before both vehicles slid off the road Saturday. The highway was closed for three and a half hours. Neither driver suffered major injuries.

A power pole had come loose from its foundation and was broken in half.

"I smoked the transformer," said Daren Amundson of Idaho Power. "The pole broke and came loose. We have to replace it."

An electrical wire had come down right next to the hay during the accident, scorching metal on the other side of the hay wagon, but failing to ignite the contents.

"The wire functioned properly by shutting itself off and preventing a fire," Amundson said. "We have three engineers in Twin Falls who set the system so if this happens it doesn't stay live on the ground."

Still, Idaho Power personnel

came quickly to fix the lines to err on the side of caution.

"Anytime there's power lines down the public needs to stay away," Amundson said. "Nothing's 100 percent."

After the accident, each truck came to rest on either side of the road, close to occupied houses.

"The impact of the trucks started residents."

"It was loud," said Diane Martin, who, with Leonard Martin, rents the house at 23735 E. Highway 30. "I was looking out the window and saw the truck going off the road."

The cordless phone was dead so I ran in to get the cell phone," she said. "My husband was helping (Jason) out."

Watts had minor injuries but

was alert after the crash, said Dee Hunsaker, an emergency medical technician with the Murtaugh/Hansen Quick Response Team. "He knew his name, he knew where he was, he knew what day it was."

Close to 20 people came to the accident site, including members of the Rock Creek Fire District, Idaho State Police, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department and Kimberly/Hansen Police Department.

Workers placed Floor Dry on the road to soak up diesel fuel or battery acid so the fluids wouldn't trickle into the nearby coulee, McFall said.

Watts is attending pharmacy school in Pocatello, said his grandfather, Earl Watts, but was

home helping unload hay.

Earl was at his home near the accident site when he heard fire trucks coming out of Murtaugh.

Sitting on an ATV as workers cleaned up the crash, Earl sipped water under the shade of a tree and surveyed the accident scene.

He thought about all the near-misses and accidents that could have been, much worse on the highway.

"We've had a lot of escapes," he said, looking down the road toward the line of vehicles making their way around the detour.

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Family celebrates 100 years of ownership

By Loraine Cavenier
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — The farm that Arthur Smith grew up on has been in his family for 100 years.

Some suspect that makes his family the record holder for continuous ownership of a farm in Minidoka County.

Today they're celebrating that milestone.

Smith's father, Harry Smith, homesteaded south of Rupert in 1904.

Harry Smith was the son of a Civil War veteran — Zeke Smith — who got land in Kansas after the war.

Harry Smith was born in Kansas but as a young man he left home to work in the logging camps of Washington and the Sunshine Mine of northern Idaho.

While taking the train back to visit Kansas and to attend the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis, he met a man at Minidoka who was an engineer that had just finished surveying the Minidoka

Project.

"The man told him about homesteading."

"He got to thinking about what that engineer had said," Arthur Smith said.

Homesteading

Arthur Smith's father filed his homestead that same year and then saved his money from mining so he could come back to Rupert to operate the farm.

During his first years on the farm, Harry Smith's neighbor was a man named Swan Young, who had emigrated from Sweden by stowing away on a ship when he was 14.

A group of Swedes had settled in the area after working in mines in other states.

Swan Young's daughter Minnie Young caught Smith's eye. "She was a beautiful lady," Arthur Smith said. "He married her."

Then in 1915 they started developing the homestead that Harry Smith had filed 11 years earlier.

That year Arthur was born. Growing up Arthur attended a two-room schoolhouse at Big Bend.

One room was for grades one through four and the other room held grades five through eight.

"If the boy got out of line the teacher would come over and grab him by the shoulders and shake him in the seat," Smith said.

Smith rode a horse eight miles to school.

"He got such a fabulous education," said his daughter, Deanna-Marie Smith, who is visiting her father from New York. "Daddy has always been well informed."

Farming

Harry Smith raised potatoes as his cash crop.

"At that time it was one row at a time," Arthur Smith said.



LORLAINE CAVENIER/The Times-News

Arthur Smith shares a moment with his sister, Erma McFarland, at the farm that's been in their family for 100 years. The family is celebrating the century milestone with friends and neighbors at the farm today.

At harvest time four horses pulled the digger. School children picked the spuds by hand and put them in sacks, he said.

"It was a cash job," Arthur Smith said.

White potatoes were the main cash crop a hay rotation was used.

"He would grow that five or six years to build up the nitro-

gen then plow it under to make more manure," he said.

Harry Smith also raised sheep.

"In the early days most of those farmers had about 20 sheep," the younger Smith said.

A family photo from about 1920 shows Arthur Smith's

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SERVICES

Dora Schlunegger, celebration of life at 4 p.m. today at the Beaver Creek Store and Cabin, 1 mile north of Smiley Creek, Lodge (Mossell Mortuary).

Eloise Dannenhauer of Twin Falls and formerly of Kimberly and Rogerson, celebration of life at 3 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Ernie Jordan of Buhl, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at Eastman Park, 300 Seventh Ave. N., Buhl (Parke's Funeral Home).

Phyllis Kay Tate, formerly of Gooding, graveside service at 10 a.m. Monday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

George Albert Vold of Caldwell, service of tribute and love at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Karcher Church, of the Nazarene; private family interment at 10 a.m. July 26 at the Canyon Hill Cemetery; friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Karcher Church of the Nazarene for visitation.

Bessie Jane Fahrnl of The Dalles, Ore., and formerly of Jerome County, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Aug. 7 at the Fireside Room of The Dalles Civic Auditorium (Columbia Cremation & Burial).

OBITUARIES

Helen Shirley Leach Cox - Hagerman

Helen Shirley Leach Cox, 82, formerly of Hagerman, Idaho, passed away July 16, 2004, at the Royal Vista Care Center in Ellensburg, Wash.

Helen was born Sept. 11, 1921, in Jerome, Idaho, to Fred and Nettie Leach. She was the only girl in a family with five brothers.

She attended public school in Hagerman and played basketball on the Hagerman High School team. Her team won the "state" tournament which earned them a trip to Los Angeles, Calif. After graduating from high school, she attended cosmetology school and became a beauty operator.

She will always be remembered for her kindness to others and being a diligent worker at all she attempted.

Last year's outstanding accomplishment was receiving an award from the Hospice Association for outstanding service, as she made 200 hospice gowns in a year.

Her most treasured times

were being with her family. She also enjoyed her church activities and attended many Bible study sessions.

Her friends were very important to her. Being creative, and artistic were characteristics of her personality.

She enjoyed painting as well as being an avid sewer. Crocheting, knitting, gardening, baking and reading were hobbies.

With her father, Fred Leach, being a professional baseball player, she was also athletic. She enjoyed fishing and spent a great deal of time following the Seattle Mariners baseball team.

She married Reed Cox in Medford, Ore., and they had three children, Anita Remple and her husband, John of Ellensburg, Wash., William Cox of Edmonds, Wash., and Kenneth Cox and wife, Deborah of Mill Creek, Wash.

She married Sonny Floyd of Bliss, Idaho. They had a son, Don Floyd, and wife, Sophina of Lake Stevens, Wash.

Grandchildren are Mike Matthews of Tukwila, Alaska, Angela Meador of Denver, Colo., Kristine Hale, Cynthia Cox and David Cox of Huntington Beach, Calif., Scott and Kendall Floyd of Winterhaven, Fla., and Kendie Nunez of Lake Stevens, Wash., seven great-grandchildren and expecting two more soon.

Survivors include brothers, Ted Leach of Orofino, Idaho, and Ray Leach of San Antonio, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Nettie and Fred Leach of Hagerman, and brothers, Clark, Dan and Gene Leach.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at the Hagerman Cemetery.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in the Seattle, Wash., area. Demaray Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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Donald Clyde Chamberlain - Rupert

Donald Clyde Chamberlain, age 77, died June 29, 2004, at his home in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was born Nov. 14, 1926, in Rupert, Idaho, the son of Ira LeGrand and Dora Frances Moncur Chamberlain.

Don graduated from Rupert High School and joined the United States Navy, where he served during World War II.

After leaving the service, he worked as an engineer on government road work in Guam.

He also worked on the Glen Canyon Dam in Arizona, with his brothers, Rex and Marion.

Upon retirement, he moved to Hawaii, where he had since resided.

He is survived by two brothers and four sisters, Rex (Louella) Chamberlain of Grand Coulee, Wash., Jerry (Buckham)



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Chamberlain of Honolulu, Hawaii, Lola Whittaker of Kaysville, Utah, Marjorie Chamberlain of Honolulu, Doris Hunsaker of Rupert and, Marie (Duanne) Trebilcock of Boise; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Jack, Vern, Vernon, Lawrence, Richard and Marion; two brothers-in-law, Don Whittaker and Ross Hunsaker; and a sister-in-law, Etta Chamberlain.

Don requested cremation and burial will be private.

Arrangements are by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Chester Hershel Clark - Twin Falls

Chester Hershel Clark joyously entered the presence of his Heavenly Father and Savior on Monday, July 12, 2004, after a long illness.

Chester spent his life loving and nurturing his bride of 49 years, Dottie; his three children, Russell Clark and spouse, Karen, of Missouri City, Texas; Rebecca Lock and spouse, Aaron, of Twin Falls; Ben Ottman and spouse, Mark, of Hazelton; and six precious grandchildren, Kathleen and Ethan, Adam and Hannah, Emmie and Lillie. He is survived by all.

Chester also spent much of his life avidly pheasant hunting, fishing, skillfully landscaping and gardening, boating and playing tennis.

He was an active member of various Southern Baptist churches, where he often served as a deacon, as well as other influential positions. He finally worshipped with Dottie as a member of Twin Falls First Assembly.

He was known for his open hospitality, liberality in giving to others, generous service and help to others; he was especially known as a remarkable family man.

Chester served in the Air Force during the Korean War from 1951 to 1955; he was honorably discharged in November 1955.



He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association.

He established his own business, Designed Storages, as a general contractor, building patios and grain storage structures. He operated his business from 1987 to present. Prior to this, he was district manager for Behlen Manufacturing until 1987.

Chester was born Nov. 1, 1931, the sixth child of a family of 12 children to Dexter and Myrtle Clark of Waverly, Ohio, both of whom have preceded him.

He is survived by sisters, Lois Kochart of Mansfield, Ohio, Helen Flynn of Greenwich, Ohio, and Flora Finley of Queen Creek, Ariz., and brothers, Herman Clark of Waverly,



Ohio, Donald Clark of Greenwich, Ohio, George Clark of Mansfield, Ohio, and Russell Clark of San Ramon, Calif. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Harold Clark, Carl Clark, Charles Clark and Grover Clark.

Chester leaves with us an enduring legacy of faith in God, strong family values, and unconditional love.

A memorial service for Chester will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at First Assembly of God, 189 Locust St. N., Twin Falls, with Pastor Dan Duncan officiating. The family suggests memorials be given to the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Amelia Torres-Dominguez - Jerome

Amelia Torres Dominguez, 81, of Jerome, died Thursday, July 15, 2004, at her home in Jerome.

She was born July 25, 1922, at Capulin, Colo., the daughter of Tobias and Delvina Valdez Torres. Amelia has resided in Jerome since 1994.

She is survived by three daughters, Mary (Bill) Marquez of Seattle, Wash., Irene LaCombe and Anita (Billy) Rodd, both of Jerome; two sons, Leo (Cindy) Trujillo of Wendover, Nev., and Robert Trujillo of Jerome; 21 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren. Amelia was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, two brothers and an infant



son, Michael Trujillo.

We, the family, wish to express our gratitude and appreciation to Dr. David Arthurs for his medical care

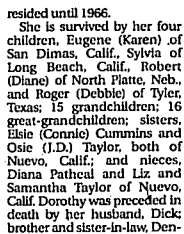
and assistance during the time of our mother's illness. A special thank you for the hospice nurses for their loving care and support they gave to our mother, grandmother and us throughout her illness. To St. Jerome's Catholic Church for the words of comfort, faith and strength they gave to our dear mom and family, thank you.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, July 19, 2004, at the St. Jerome's Catholic Church with Father Ronald Weckerle officiating. Vigil service will be celebrated at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 18, 2004, at the St. Jerome's Catholic Church. Funeral services are under the direction of the Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Dorothy Lee Olson - Nuevo, Calif.

Dorothy Lee Olson of Nuevo, Calif., and formerly of Jerome, passed away Monday, July 12, 2004, in Moreno Valley, Calif. She was the wife of Arnold (Dick) Olson.

Dorothy was born March 15, 1911, in Dodge, Okla., and was raised in Freedom, Okla., area, graduating from Freedom High School in 1928. She moved with her family to Idaho in 1937, where she met her husband, Dick, while working in Fairfield. They were married June 20, 1941, later moving to Jerome, where they



resided until 1966.

She is survived by her four children, Eugene (Karen) of San Dimas, Calif., Sylvia of Long Beach, Calif., Robert (Diane) of North Platte, Neb., and Roger (Debbie) of Tyler, Texas; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; sisters, Elsie (Connie) Cummins and Osie (J.D.) Taylor, both of Nuevo, Calif.; and nieces, Diana Patneui and Liz and Samantha Taylor of Nuevo, Calif. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Dick; brother and sister-in-law, Den-

nie and Genola Bradley; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two nephews; and a niece.

A funeral was conducted Saturday, July 17, 2004, at the Miller-Jones Mortuary in Peris, Calif.

A graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at the Wendell Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome, then gather at the Wendell Cemetery for the service.

Avril F. Hanshev - Rupert

Avril F. Hanshev, an 82-year-old, Rupert resident, passed away July 15, 2004, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

Avril was born March 6, 1922, in Sulphur City, Ark., the son of George Washington and Georgia Adell Taylor Hanshev. His family moved to Oklahoma and then to Idaho when he was 9 years old. He married Altha M. Mack on March 4, 1972.

He was a member of the Rupert Elks, Magic Valley Antique Tractor Puller Association and the Minidoka Historical Society. He enjoyed trail bike riding and antique tractor pulling.

Avril is survived by his wife, Altha "Mac" of Rupert; children, Randy, Hilda, and Sherri (Bill) Anderson of Ohio; stepchildren, Pam (Mark) MacDonald and Ginger (Bill) Crowl; grandchildren, Stephanie Klein, Heidi Shields, Heather Hanshev and Kandice Pague; step grandchildren, Nathan and Whitney MacDonald; and great-grandchildren, Logan and Khloe Lee and Madison and Zack Shields. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Steven; brother, Paul; and sisters, Mary and Luania.

The family would like to thank the Minidoka Memorial Hospital and staff for the care given to Avril.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital, P.O. Box 1100, Boise, ID 83701-9958, and the American Cancer Society.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 19, 2004, at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St., with Darcy Grizmacher officiating. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Margaret Parsons - Buhl

Margaret Parsons, 90, formerly of Buhl, Idaho, died Thursday, July 15, 2004, in Henderson, Nev.

Margaret was born Feb. 17, 1914, in Glen Elder, Kan.

She is survived by her son, Gary of Henderson, Nev., and two brothers who reside in Kansas and Colorado.

She spent many years as a senior volunteer worker at the Buhl Senior Center.

A graveside burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, Idaho. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

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Patricia Thomason
our beloved Mother and Great Grandmother wish to thank our friends for their prayers, flowers, phone calls, food and cards.
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CSI releases honor roll for spring semester

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Judge orders man to pay for investment scheme

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A 7th District Court judge ordered a man to pay for an investment scheme...

McClung was ordered to repay down the operations, shut down the state of Idaho sued investors and pay \$50,000 for the state's attorney fees.

The court's order was entered after the companies failed to make a defense.

Clustain said a hearing slated for Monday would determine whether he has enough assets to cover this judgment.

The judgment will remain valid for the next five to seven years with the opportunity to renew if McClung cannot immediately pay.

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DEATH NOTICES

Monica Eskridge

BURLEY — Monica Lynn Beaver Eskridge, 33, of Hillsboro, Ore., and formerly of Burley, died Thursday, July 15, 2004, on the Oregon Coast from an accidental drowning.

Ruth Mecham Gilkison

JEROME — Ruth Mecham Gilkison, 86, of Jerome, died Saturday, July 17, 2004, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center Long Term Care Unit in Jerome.

Mary K. Wright

BURLEY — Mary K. Wright, 91, of Burley, died Friday, July 16, 2004, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

Julia Adele Ulrich

FILER — Julia Adele Ulrich, 80, of Filer, died Friday, July 16, 2004, at Talamantes Living Center in Twin Falls.

John Steward Williams

JARVICE — John Steward Williams, 79, of Jarvice, died Friday, Feb. 27, 2004, in Buhl. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 24, 2004, at the Jarvice Community Hall.

Elmira May Pool

TWIN FALLS — Elmira May Pool, 84, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, July 17, 2004, at her home. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Duane Falconberg

JEROME — Duane Falconberg, 92, of Jerome, died Saturday, July 16, 2004, in Jerome. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Bill would commemorate Ice Age flood with trail

THE DALLES, Ore. (AP) — A plan to commemorate the route of massive Ice Age floods that reshaped the Pacific Northwest will go before Congress next week, according to two Washington state lawmakers.

Democratic Sen. Maria Cantwell and Republican Rep. Doc Hastings expect to introduce a bill designating a route with trails and interpretive centers through four states following the course of the ancient Missoula floods. The Dalles Chronicle reported in its July 16 issue.

The floods carved the Columbia River Gorge through the Cascade Mountains, deposited Volkswagen bus-sized boulders in eastern Washington and enriched the soil in the Willamette Valley, creating the agricultural conditions that later attracted Oregon Trail pioneers.

Interpretive trail proponents see the project as an economic boost for local communities while focusing attention on key scientific discoveries.

The trail will offer visitors a great opportunity to see first-hand and up-close the results of the phenomenal geological events that helped shape much of the Northwest. Sen. Cantwell said. "The trail will attract tourism dollars, sparking rural economic development and creating jobs for folks all across Eastern Washington."

The National Park Service would manage the trail, which would link existing roads and public sites with signs and informational kiosks.

The interpretive trail would acquire no more than about 25 acres from Missoula to the Oregon Coast, Hastings said, and Middleton emphasized this could only occur on a willing-land basis, and that future legislation precludes any new restrictions on private land use.

Grass

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cheatgrass seed, leaving more than enough to take over an area. When cheatgrass starts growing in an area, it uses necessary nitrogen, phosphorus and micro-nutrients that native plants need to re-establish, Patton said.

Fire

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in a semi-arid environment at about 2,500 or 3,000 feet above sea level.

Crews from the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game panned the mix in the fall of 2002.

But that was two years ago, and people are beginning to wonder when the burn area that is so heavily used by fishermen, bird watchers and other recreationalists will be like it was before the fire.

"These areas are incredible lands," said Kent Fothergill, president of the local Audubon Society.

Renewed efforts?

Yes, some of the rehab efforts are a disappointment, said Gamo. Fish and Game regional wildlife biologist.

There's evidence that not many of the various strains of native grasses planted two years ago have taken hold, he said — at least on the 154 acres of state land that was reseeded. "The thing people need to realize is when you do restoration efforts, it doesn't always work," Gamo said.

Fish and Game's method to re-establish indigenous vegetation was to broadcast the recommended mix after an application of Roundup herbicide to kill the weeds. Couple that with two years of low precipitation, and the result is the appearance of very few tufts of native grasses and no sprouts of sagebrush.

But there was a method to the agency's madness when it decided to broadcast the seeds, he said. While Fish and Game broadcast its seeds, the Fish and Wildlife Service drilled the same mix into the ground and got fairly good results.

"It was an opportunity to see the difference," Gamo said. "We observed that drilling worked better, which isn't necessarily what happens all the time. It's a keep-your-fingers-crossed situation and hope Mother Nature helps out."

Nevertheless, there has been natural regrowth of bushes and the trees that once the Game planted decades ago

The interpretive trail would bolster tourism by establishing interpretive points from Missoula through the Tri-Cities and down the Columbia River Gorge to Astoria, say supporters.

One boulder was carried all the way to McMinville, and much of Portland is built upon flood debris scoured from eastern Washington and the Columbia River Gorge.

The floods, which occurred periodically between about 17,000 and 12,000 years ago, left visible traces in the gorge with a "hanging bar" of flood-deposited gravel visible several hundred feet above Washington Highway 14.

These and other flood features are visible from Earth orbit, and have been used by space scientists as they study comparable features on the planet Mars. The floods originated from "ancient Lake Missoula" in Montana, which periodically broke through a glacier on the Clark Fork River. At least 50 of the floods occurred.

Definitive evidence was reported in 1923 by a pioneering geologist, J. Harlan Bretz, who championed the theory for decades before it won widespread scientific acceptance. The so-called "Missoula" floods are now well-documented, notes Seattle resident Dale Middleton, president of a volunteer organization called the Ice Age Floods Institute, which held its annual meeting in The Dalles earlier this year.

At its largest, Lake Missoula contained more than 500 cubic miles of water, Middleton said — nearly half the volume of Lake Michigan. All that water was released within a period of hours as the glacier failed, unleashing a torrent estimated at 10 times the combined flow of every river on Earth today.

In addition, while cheatgrass re-establishes every year, Patton said, it can take up to 10 years before the low-growing bushes grow after a wildfire. The result is that Idaho's vast sagebrush country is in danger of becoming a monoculture of cheatgrass.

after the agency bought the property that was once a farm. Gamo said. As he pointed to some wild rose and snowberry bushes, a column of tiny quail skittered by in the cheatgrass. "This is the low-growing bushes for nesting," he explained. In future years as the canopy of trees begins to fill back in after the fire damage, there will be more songbirds returning, he said.

"Habitats are dynamic," Gamo said. "And fire is a quick changer. People need to understand it takes time to come back."

Looking retrospect, Gamo said he might have advocated for more pounds per acre of seeding at the outset. Irrigation might have helped, too, though two years ago such an effort didn't pencil out. But this autumn the agency will re-evaluate. He said the most likely scenario will be to reseed, probably by drilling smaller, more manageable parcels.

"We try to make our areas better every year," he said. The fire gave us a bigger challenge, but we're going to do it this again. That's what we do."

Fothergill said his group, along with the Sierra Club, Western Watersheds Project, the Idaho Native Plant Society and Pheasants Forever, wants to be involved in the second round.

"Once something gets going, we can all build from there," Fothergill said.

Signs of success

Retired U.S. Forest Service soil specialist Wayne Patton, now working as a consultant, went back to implement and monitor the reseeding plan on the federal land in the wildlife management area. Monitoring from a year ago indicates decent results on that portion of the rehab effort. He attributed it to the drilling.

The effort on the federal land included about 100 acres. Seven acres of bean ground seems to have become so steady that Patton said he can monitor the reseeding plan on the federal land in the wildlife management area. Monitoring from a year ago indicates decent results on that portion of the rehab effort. He attributed it to the drilling.

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Folk dance festival comes to M-C

The Times-News

BURLEY — The Mini-Cassia area will become an international stage when the Idaho folk dance festival rolls into town July 26-28.

Dancers and bands from far away places such as Belgium, Israel, China and the Philippines will be hosted by local families during the three-day International Folk Dance Festival.

At least one team won't have far to travel. Mini-Cassia's own Rocky Mountain Express Team dancers and their multigenerational band will represent the United States at the event here and in Pocatello and Rexburg.

Rupert will host a parade, dance and wild west shoot-out on the Rupert Square.

The free family event will give the public a chance to meet dance teams and band members.

Youth Culture Day at Burley High School will be an opportunity for children ages 6-16 to learn from and interact with the dancers as they teach about their cultures through dance instruction and games.

It's free but tickets are required and are available at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce.

Festival performances are scheduled at the King Fine Arts Center and tickets are available at the Book Store in Rupert, the Book Plaza in Burley, the Chamber of Commerce and at the door.

Bookkeeper gets sentence in embezzlement

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The former bookkeeper who embezzled thousands of dollars from St. Luke's Episcopal Church in 2002 has been sentenced to six months in prison and up to 14 years probation.

Seventh District Judge Jon Shindurding said the prosecution proved beyond a reasonable doubt that Kathryn Martin, 43, she was found guilty of grand theft, forgery and credit card fraud. If she breaks her probation, she could spend up to 12 years in prison.

enough to make the difference," he said.

One reason is that the fire burned extremely hot. It was the first time the area had seen a significant burn since it was settled, and it was ripe for igniting. The fuel load included lots of notoriously combustible cheatgrass and produced extreme heat, which in the end reduced the soil's ability to absorb moisture. The drilling "entailed" the soil going to help reduce repellancy, Patton said.

Also, the blaze consumed the organic matter on the top crust. That material would normally provide nutrients for germinating seeds, he added.

Patton oversaw the application of Roundup to eliminate weeds on the federal land, but he noted the herbicide does nothing for seeds below the surface.

"One thing about doing a seeding on top of an old area like this, you have weed seeds in the ground," Patton said.

"When you're looking across a field and you see a lot of weeds, they really show up because they are tall," he said. "You have to really get your nose to the ground and count the seedlings. On an old field you have a weed phase you have to live through. It looks horrible, but the native grasses will reseed."

Patton said he has even seen a few tiny sprigs of sagebrush, which is typically difficult to re-establish.

Getting sagebrush to grow is closely tied to getting just the right amount of precipitation at the right times.

But he's not ready to announce the entire program as a success.

"The jury is still out on the reseeding," Patton said. He wants to finish the second year's monitoring this summer. Then of course, the next question is, if we need to go back, is there enough money?"

If the program is successful, it will provide information to rehabilitate other burn areas at the same elevation and similar latitudes, Patton said.

Times-News writer Julie Penta can be reached at 735-3241 or by e-mail at jpenta@magicvalley.com.



Idaho International Folk Dance Festival

July 26
6:30 p.m. Parade, street dance and wild west shoot-out on the Rupert Square.

July 27
7 p.m. Pre-show at King's Fine Arts Center.
7:30 p.m. Gala performance at King's Fine Arts Center.

July 28
9 a.m. to noon. Youth Culture Day workshops at Burley High School.
1 to 3 p.m. Youth Culture Day workshops at Burley High School.
7 p.m. Pre-show at King's Fine Arts Center.
7:30 p.m. Gala performance at King's Fine Arts Center.
Tickets for gala performances and the Youth Culture Day are available at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce.

Gala performance tickets range from \$5 to \$12.50 and may also be obtained from the Book Store in Rupert and the Book Plaza in Burley. Tickets for Youth Culture Day are free.

For event information or to inquire about hosting visiting dancers call Kristine Hancy at 678-0318.

Some ranchers see 'predator friendly' as a selling point with their customers

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — While some of their neighbors opposed reintroduction of the Mexican gray wolf, Arizona cattle producers Will and Jan Holder came to embrace it. For them, it provided a new marketing opportunity and the prodding to manage their operation in a way that benefits both predators and a ranching lifestyle in the West.

The Holders are part of a small, group-of-livestock-and-wool producers considered "predator-friendly." They view peaceful coexistence with predators such as wolves as a basic principle sound business decision and potentially profitable selling point to consumers.

Their approach goes beyond that of many other ranchers in the West willing to tolerate predators to a certain point: The Holders are among those who have refused to take lethal measures against predators — even those that might kill livestock — and instead change their practices to try to avoid conflicts.

"We don't believe it solves anything by killing a predator, and we like to see wildlife," said Jan Holder, whose family runs a cattle ranch in eastern Arizona and has encountered such predators as mountain lions, coyotes, bears and wolves.

But some livestock industry leaders view this predator-friendly approach wary, seeing it as little more than a novel, niche-marketing opportunity.

Farm

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mother surrounded by a flock of turkeys, which she raised to supplement their income.

"It was meager times," Smith said.

The neighbors would come and help kill the fat turkeys, which were sold to Rosencranz in Rupert.

A stone's throw away

After finishing eighth grade at Big Bend, Smith attended Heyburn High School and graduated along with about 24 classmates.

He eventually got a job at a service station in Rupert until he got married.

"He and Mama wanted to homestead — they were young and in love," Deanna-Marie Smith said.

The couple got a homestead about a mile away from his parents' place.

"I didn't want to run a service station all my life," Arthur Smith said.

"They had a little tiny shack with tar paper on the wall," Deanna-Marie said.

But Deanna-Marie described her mother — Ellen Smith — as avant-garde.

"She got Myrtle Kelly to paint a mural on the wall," Deanna

of life for producers.

"How would you like it if I came up every few weeks and pulled \$500 from your wallet? That's pretty much what wolves do when they kill a calf," said Steve Pletcher, executive vice president of the Montana Stockgrowers Association.

"Ranchers are going to have to get a pretty hefty premium to offset that cost."

Helping "predator friendly" ranchers command a premium price on products such as meat or wool is the idea behind a certification program administered by the Predator Conservation Alliance in Bozeman.

Certified ranchers — and there are only about a dozen so far, scattered from Arizona to Washington state to Vermont — can use a special brand with track marks in advertising and on certain products, said Janelle Holden, program director with the alliance.

The brand cannot be placed directly on meat because of federal labeling requirements, she said. But it can appear on signs at local markets and on restaurant menus, as well as on wool goods.

The idea is to give discriminating consumers with an environmentalist tilt another reason to buy the products. They already raise organically or naturally, she said. The program is too new to say how much of a premium the tag might draw on the market.

"I think you can really say, 'Buy my beef because we don't kill coyotes,' but 'Buy

my beef because it's good for you and the environment,' she said.

For the Holders, part of raising a healthy product and protecting, even enhancing, ranchland conditions is recognizing the role played by predators — in helping keep rodents in check, for example — and managing their ranch to accommodate it.

Their cattle are no longer dorned and are often moved, like the chickens, to keep them from being easy targets for predators. Often someone will camp with the cattle in hopes that the human presence will help keep any predators away.

The family also buys cattle from like-minded producers for Ervin's Grass-fed Beef, their company, which lists the use of antibiotics or hormones in their cattle production and notes their predator-friendly status.

Jan Holder believes that, had they not taken these routes and changed the way their family ranches, they would have had to sell off.

"There are a whole lot more people that care about wildlife more than cattle ranching; that's really," Holder said. "We're outnumbered. And unless we make changes, our lifestyle will cease to exist."

Conservationists like Nina Fascione at Defenders of Wildlife, praise a predator friendly philosophy that promotes coexistence and a greater understanding between the ranching and conservation communities.

Nancy Ady and Roger Turner help churn out the tunes for the Rocky Mountain Express dance team during a rehearsal "Friday in preparation for the International Folk Dance Festival that begins July 26.

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able at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce.

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WEST

Former governor dies

Only man elected to three consecutive terms in Idaho passes away at 89

BOISE (AP) — Robert Smylie, the only man elected to three consecutive terms as governor of Idaho, died early Saturday morning. He was 89.

It was Smylie's decision to embrace the imposition of a tax in 1956 that enabled the tax's key legislative advocates round up the votes needed for passage.

In his autobiography, "Governor Smylie Remembers," published in 1998, Smylie wrote that his support for the 3-cent tax was probably a major factor in his upset defeat in the Republican primary a year later to then-Sen. Don Samuelson.

Still he called it the most important legislative act in the state's first century, creating

what policy-makers now fondly refer to as Idaho's three-legged stool of income, property and sales taxes.

"His passage marked a defining moment in the state's struggle toward political and economic maturity," Smylie wrote in the book.

Smylie was born in Marcus, Iowa, in 1914 and saw Idaho for the first time as a student at the College of Idaho in Caldwell. He graduated in 1938 and then pursued a law degree at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

With his degree in hand, he spent World War II in the Coast Guard and then married before returning to Idaho in 1947 to become a deputy state attorney



Robert Smylie

general. That November, he was appointed attorney general by Gov. C.A. Robins to replace Robert Allshie, who died eight days earlier.

Smylie was elected to a full four-year term in 1950 and then mounted his first successful campaign for governor four years later.

In addition to enactment of the sales tax in the final years of his three terms, Smylie's administration saw an increase in the minimum wage, institution of the five-day work week for state employees, an extensive highway construction program and the establishment of the state park system.

Ironically, it was Smylie who recruited Samuelson into politics, convincing the Sandpoint businessman to run for the state Senate in 1960. Six years later, Samuelson blind-sided Smylie and denied him a fourth term.

In his book, Smylie admitted he was presumptuous after four successful statewide election campaigns.

"I did not take Samuelson seriously and was guilty of tremendous over confidence," he wrote. "This was a gross miscalculation on my part. It was not a defeat. It was a devastation."

Because of his role in helping moderate Republicans nationally regroup following the defeat of Barry Goldwater in the 1964 presidential election, Smylie was being mentioned as a possible vice presidential nominee in 1968. His ouster as governor in 1966 killed that talk.

Knapweed meets its match

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A tiny weevil from the other side of the world could help control a plant that is overrunning much of the West.

About 300 of the creatures were dumped out of a cardboard container near the Coeur d'Alene Airport. Although scientists and government officials have high hopes for the bugs, their release into the weedy wilds of Idaho came with little ceremony or television cameras.

Then again, high drama is not typically associated with insect introductions. The weevils didn't even seem to care about their newfound freedom. Most just clung to their paper-towel home.

"They're quite relaxed," observed Mark Schwarzaender, a biological control expert from the University of Idaho. "It must be the cool weather."

With warmer temperatures and a bit of luck, the larvae weevils will breed and begin chewing tiny holes into the flowers of spotted knapweed. Within five years, there should be enough of the insects to begin taming the field of weeds, Schwarzaender said. Eventually, the weevil offspring will begin flying to nearby spotted knapweed stands.

The insect won't be facing famine anytime soon. Just about every vacant lot, alleyway or neglected piece of dirt in the

West has become home to knapweed, which is distinguished by its spiky, blue-green stems and purple flowers. The Eastern European plant crowds out native grasses and shrubs and is completely inedible to wildlife and livestock. One plant can produce 25,000 seeds.

The natives. The best hope for a long-term fix is by relying on thousands of years of evolution. In Eastern Europe, knapweed grows smaller and is less of a problem because insect predators have kept the plant in check. Schwarzaender said. In North America, the plant has flourished because it has no enemies. More than a dozen flies, weevils, moths and beetles have been brought over from Europe to fight the weed, but the flower-boring larvae weevil appears to have some of the greatest potential with the least risk, Schwarzaender said.

The weevils were released at the Coeur d'Alene Airport and about 15 other North Idaho locations by students who participated in a free weed control class taught by Schwarzaender. The class continued with a focus on another dangerous invader: dalmatian toadflax. Everyone who attend-

ed was given a container with 300 hand-counted weevils.

"Education is important," Schwarzaender said, but "the major goal of the workshop is distribution of the weevils. To reach the private landowners like this is just so fantastic."

In and Carol Jenkins intend to get their bugs free on their 11 acres along Lake Pend Oreille near Sagle, Idaho. "We'd much rather not use any chemicals being near the lake," Carol Jenkins said.

Scientists have been sprinkling potentially dangerous bugs on knapweed without much success since the 1960s. Schwarzaender said. "It wasn't until after the fall of the Iron Curtain that answers were gained into why knapweed in the United States was largely unaffected by the bugs that chewed on knapweed in France and Germany."

"It turns out it was a different plant species," Schwarzaender said.

Some of the newest weevils were released in parts of North Idaho in the 1990s. Because it takes up to five years for a population to become established, it's difficult to tell how successful the program has been, said Carol Randall, a forest entomologist with the Idaho Panhandle National Forests. Most of the changes have been subtle and difficult to measure. Much is dependant on the weather.

St. George builds Dinosaur Ah!torium

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — This city is building a metal building to protect thousands of ancient fossils unearthed in southern Utah.

The 16,000-square-foot Dinosaur Ah!torium is being funded by federal, state and city governments. It will cost more than \$1 million and should be complete by mid-September.

It will be built over a portion of the Johnson Farm Track Site, which has become the focus of fossil excavation and paleontology research since Sheldon Johnson unearthed the first fossils in February 2000.

Since then, the site has yielded some of the most unique fossils in North America.

More than 1,000 tracks have been discovered at the site, including footprints of three-toed Eubrontes and several large "potholes," believed by some paleontologists to be the oldest record of Sauropods — large plant-eaters — in North America.

Archaeologist believes find is proof of lost Indian culture

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A government archaeologist believes ancient fire pits and pottery recently unearthed in south-central Montana are the works of an Indian culture that disappeared hundreds of years ago from its home range in modern-day Colorado and Utah.

Glade Hadden, a Bureau of Reclamation archaeologist, said evidence found at the site near Bridger strongly suggests the area was inhabited by Fremont people, an Indian culture known for its masonry work and fine pottery.

"There is no doubt in my mind," Hadden said.

His could be a controversial conclusion, but it could also be a clue to determining what happened to the Fremont people, who are believed to

have disappeared from their home range in the 14th century.

The Fremont people lived in what is now Utah and Colorado, mostly from about 300 A.D. to 1200 A.D.

"Then they disappeared," Hadden said. "I mean they flat disappeared. No one knows what happened to them."

Last month, while on an excavation south of Bridger, Hadden said he saw a piece of ancient earthenware that he immediately recognized. "I knew right away that it was Fremont pottery," he said. "I grew up with Fremont pottery. I know what it looks like."

Working with students from Montana State University-Billings, Hadden also unearthed an intricate fire pit that further convinced him of the significance of the find.

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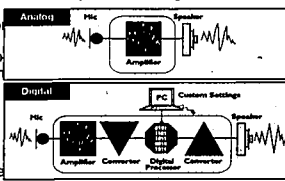
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Romney blasts Olympic costs

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mitt Romney, who took over this city's bribery-tainted Olympic organization, has written a book calling the failed prosecution of two Salt Lake bid executives who beat federal charges "lame."

A federal prosecutor said Romney was misled.

Romney, now Massachusetts governor, was as critical of the U.S. Olympic Committee, calling its top executives "indecent, internally confused and political, and resistant to any change that might affect in the slightest their self-interest."

In the book, "Turnaround," Romney assails the Colorado Springs, Colo., executives for their \$600,000 salaries, perks in-

cluding Cadillac Seville sedans and the "massive, elegantly appointed offices" they maintained but hardly used in Salt Lake City.

Romney said that when it came to protecting perks and privileges, USOC executives were worse than the international Olympic delegates who accepted \$1 million in cash, gifts, favors, jobs for relatives, first-class travel and more from Salt Lake during its successful bid for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Despite those extravaganzas, the international Olympic Committee was "relatively restrained compared to the USOC," he wrote.

The USOC has a new team of

executives, none making more than \$300,000, USOC spokesman Darryl Seibell said Saturday.

Seibell, speaking for acting chief executive Jim Scheer and board chairman Peter Ueberroth, said Romney can claim credit for helping make the 2002 games a "tremendous success" that netted a record 34 American medals.

However, he said, "We will not respond to the criticism leveled by Governor Romney. It is important to remember, however, that the USOC is in the final stages of the most sweeping reform of its governance structure in the history of the organization. Criticism or comments about the past have very little

bearing on the present or the future."

"Turnaround," which Regency Publishing Inc. plans to release next month, is Romney's 377-page account of how he rescued the games from a public-relations nightmare. A Republican widely seen as aspiring for presidential office in 2008, he has raised his national profile lately, attacking John Kerry's Democratic candidacy for president.

A federal prosecutor responded Saturday to Romney's criticism of the Justice Department for failing to convict Salt Lake bid chief Tom Welch or his deputy, Dave Johnson, on 15 felony charges of bribery racketeering, conspiracy and fraud.

Groups seek to rename Lake Powell

PHOENIX (AP) — Calls by environmentalists to drain Lake Powell stirred controversy. The idea of merely renaming it also has people bickering.

The Arizona State Board of Geographic and Historic Names on Monday is scheduled to consider a Colorado woman's request, backed by a handful of conservation and outdoors groups, to change Lake Powell's name to Glen Canyon Reservoir.

Durango, Colo., resident Nancy Jacques argues the Lake Powell name conceals its man-made origin. She also believes federal authority should decide because of confusion over another body of water named Lake Powell in Colorado.

The U.S. Board of Geographic Names has the final say on the proposed renaming, but the federal board asked the Arizona and Utah naming boards and numerous other public bodies and agencies to weigh in.

The board has recommended against the change, and Arizona's board will do the same if much of the state's political and water establishment has its way.

About Lake Powell

Origin: Created by construction of Glen Canyon Dam on the Colorado River, near the downstream end of Glen Canyon and upstream of the Grand Canyon. The dam was authorized in 1956 and storing water by 1963. It took 17 years to fill.

Location: Northern Arizona and southern Utah.

Reservoir: Page, Ariz., population approximately 6,800. Established to house workers building Glen Canyon Dam.

Size: Approximately 180 miles long and the country's second-largest manmade lake.

Shoreline: of more than 2,000 miles.

Visitation: Approximately 2.5 million people a year. Activities include boating, fishing and exploring canyon.

Hydroelectric: The dam provides power to residents of Arizona, Utah, Wyoming, Nevada, Colorado and New Mexico.

matic Congress, state records indicate.

Renaming opponents say it would be expensive to implement, cause economic disruption for those who depend on Lake Powell for their livelihood and generally be confusing.

Some also suggest that the renaming effort stems from the ongoing desire by the Sierra Club and other environmentalists to drain Lake Powell and return Glen Canyon to its natural state.

"To put it simply, it would be easier to drain a Glen Canyon Reservoir than a Lake Powell," wrote George J. Bremer, president of the state board that oversees the Central Arizona Project aqueduct system. "The proposal to rename the lake in the name of linguistic purity masks a deeper motive — to remove Glen Canyon Dam and eliminate Lake Powell from the face of the earth."

SUMMER FUN



Chris Ward, 12, gets a hold of a pig during the piggy scramble at the Kalama Community Fair in Kalama, Wash., on Friday.

Tabernacle Choir enjoys 75 years with program

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Mormon Tabernacle Choir this weekend adds another milestone to its lengthy list of accolades when the famed group celebrates its 75th anniversary of its program, "Music and the Spoken Word."

"It's a great honor," said director Craig Jessop, who joined the choir in the 1970s as one of its singers before becoming director in 1999.

The anniversary culminates Saturday with a sold-out gala concert at the 21,000-seat LDS Conference Center, narrated by television and radio newsmen Charles Osgood.

Gordon B. Hinckley, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will take part along with the group's oldest living member, 97-year-old Margaret Stahl Wilken Hicken. Hicken, who no longer performs, joined the choir in 1929, the same year "Music and the Spoken Word" hit the airwaves.

Hicken, who came to America from Germany, sang in the choir for nine years. She still listens every Sunday and plans to tune in this Sunday for the program's 3,969th broadcast, which will include many songs from the first

show. The spoken word portion of the broadcast will also be narrated by Osgood.

The first broadcast, which aired on July 15, 1929, involved a Salt Lake City radio station KSL radio employee climbing a tall ladder and suspending a microphone above the pulpit to capture the sound of both the choir and the announcer.

In 1962, the program hit television screens. Four decades later, a majestic, 11,623-pipe organ serves as a backdrop to the choir in the conference center, which stands before a 110 piece orchestra.

"Music and the Spoken Word" is broadcast on more than 2,000 radio and television stations for a half-hour each Sunday and includes non-denominational messages by host Lloyd Newell, along with songs sung by the Tabernacle Choir.

The show is usually broadcast from the Tabernacle in Temple Square, but on occasion will broadcast from the conference center when the orchestra accompanies the choir.

This year has been an exciting one for the choir and the army of volunteers and technicians behind each broadcast.

RCA drops ClearPlay DVD content filtering

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — RCA said it is halting U.S. manufacture and sale of DVD players with ClearPlay's content-filtering technology.

It cited a suit by Florida-based Nissim Corp. that alleges the Salt Lake firm's technology for filtering violence, sex and language violates four patents it holds.

Thomson-RCA notified ClearPlay that it was halting manufacturing and sales of the players in the United States because of a patent infringement lawsuit filed by the Boca Raton company.

"Nissim is alleging that we infringe on patents that don't even apply to DVD," said Matthew Jarman, who with his brother Lee founded ClearPlay, said in a statement.

"These legal issues will be sorted out and we will move on."

ClearPlay said it will continue to develop and support filters for the RCA players.

The company also said other ClearPlay-enabled products are scheduled for U.S. introduction later this year, and are expected

to be offered overseas sometime in 2005.

"We are working with many manufacturers and others in consumer electronics," chief executive Bill Aho said.

He said company policy prohibits him from naming the companies.

ClearPlay also faces legal challenges from Hollywood studios and film directors to an unauthorized editing of movies.

"ClearPlay's technology embeds movie-specific filtering files that instruct the player where to cut out unwanted violence and sexual content, or mute foul language. The players come with filters for 100 popular movies pre-installed for \$4.95 per month, or \$49 a year, customers can download and install hundreds more, including new filters."

In its suit, Nissim contends the Jarman had contacted it in 2000 concerning patents related to the Florida company's own CustomPlay-brand DVD applications.

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Nissim is alleging that we infringe on patents that don't even apply to DVD.
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- Matthew Jarman, ClearPlay founder

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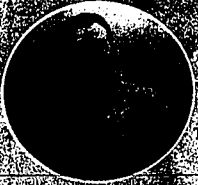
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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“Until then, let’s say we play another round of ‘Where’s Baldo’ or ‘Where’s Baldo Headed?’”

—The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel’s Bob Wolffley, who is amused by the number of NBA teams Michael Jordan has supposedly been in the running to buy an ownership stake in.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who is the only six-time champion of golf’s British Open?

.....answer below

IN BRIEF

Burley Lions holds Spudman Triathlon

BURLEY — The 2004 Burley Lions Club Spudman Triathlon will be held Saturday, July 31, starting at 7:30 a.m.

The triathlon consists of a 1.5-kilometer swim, 40-K bike ride and a 1-K run. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to visit <http://burleylions.org/spudman.html> for further race information and an online registration form.

Goose Creek Run-Off approaches

OAKLEY — The Goose Creek Run-Off will be held Saturday, July 24, beginning at 7 a.m. at the Oakley City Park.

The event includes a 10-kilometer race, a mile fun walk and a 1-mile kids race. For age groups, awards information and a printable registration form, visit www.xeba.com/goose for more information. Otherwise, contact Karla Robinson at 862-3663.

Jerome Recreation offers golf lessons

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District is offering golf lessons for youth and adults beginning Tuesday, July 20 through Thursday, July 22.

Youth lessons for ages 8-14 will be held from 8-9:30 a.m. The cost is \$20 and clubs will be provided.

Adult lessons are from 6-7:30 p.m. and are open to ages 15 and up. The fee is \$20 and clubs will be provided on request.

Lessons will be held at the Jerome Country Club and will be taught by the PGA’s John Peterson. Classes will require a minimum of six participants and a maximum of 12. Registration should be dropped off at the Jerome Recreation Office by Monday, July 19.

For more information, stop by or call the Jerome Recreation District office at 324-3389.

Filer hosts Junior rodeo at fairgrounds

FILER — A junior rodeo will be held at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds for youth 5-18 years old July 31 and Aug. 1.

Costs vary based on age and number of events competed in. Youth ages 5-6 pay \$10 per event while others pay \$15.

Awards include saddles, which will be given to the top four finishers in each event. Sixty percent of the fees will be returned to the participants as part of a jackpot.

The event benefits the High Desert Junior Rodeo Association.

For more information, contact Jolene Nannini at 423-4398.

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TRIVIA ANSWER:

Harry Vardon

Nationals take Cal Ripken state title

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Finally, The Twin Falls Nationals are the champions of the Idaho State Cal Ripken Baseball Tournament. The 12-year-old squad beat the scrappy Nampa Blue All-Stars 10-3 in the championship game for the boys’ first state championship of their young careers. The team had taken second place the previous two years.

There’s no question they are a tough baseball team,” Nationals coach Kent Knigge said. “They proved it out here physically, mentally and fundamentally. Every way they can dominate teams, they did.”

The Nationals’ (30-4) advance to the Northwest Regional in Eugene, Ore. to face other championship teams from Washington, Oregon, Montana and Wyoming. The tournament begins July 30.

“It feels really good,” Nationals catcher Cody



Twin Falls Nationals pitcher Kyle Knigge throws the ball in the first inning of the Cal Ripken State Baseball Tournament 12-year-old championship game with Nampa at the South Park Complex in Twin Falls Saturday. The Nationals won 10-3.

Burgoyne said. “Finally, after three years of battling and battling it out,

we won. Our practices have been a lot better. Our team has grown together

and we’ve stayed together. Instead of worrying about ourselves, we’re playing as

a team and we’re hitting the ball.” Burgoyne caught 35-

plus innings in the tournament and handled four different pitchers in the championship game.

The Nationals outscored their opponents 53-7 in the six games of tournament play.

Brogan Barlett went 3-for-4 in the title game, drove in a run, scored one and made the catch of the day from the pitcher’s mound. In self-defense, he caught a line drive off the bat of Jordan Burley to get himself out of a bases-loaded jam in the fifth.

“For 12-year-old kids, these guys got guts,” Knigge said. “And they put the work out for me and for themselves. But most importantly, they represented our town. You do not see any attitudes on this team. You see sportsmanship. We hope to make some noise at regionals. Let’s go meet Cal Ripken.”

While Twin Falls heads on to further gameplay Nampa is calling it a season after a second-place finish. Please see RIPKEN, Page C2



US Postal Service team leader Lance Armstrong, of Austin, Texas, right, rides ahead of Italian Ivan Basso in the final ascent to Plateau de Beille in the 13th stage of the Tour de France cycling race between Lannemezan, southwestern France, and Plateau de Beille, Pyrenees mountain, Saturday.

Armstrong clears path to record sixth Tour crown

By John LeCaster
Associated Press writer

PLATEAU DE BEILLE, France — Start icing the champagne. Lance Armstrong cleared his path to a record sixth straight Tour de France crown, overpowering rivals to win the 13th stage Saturday. His two-day display of dominant mountain riding has all but decided cycling’s showcase event even before it veers into the Alps next week.

Czech Italian Ivan Basso managed to stay with the five-time champion on the demanding ascent to the Plateau de Beille, the last of seven climbs on a sun-baked, 127.7-mile trek through the Pyrenees.

As Armstrong and Basso rode through cheering crowds along the steep, snaking road, other riders scattered down the mountain, their hopes of dethroning the 32-year-old Texan evaporating with the sweat off their brows.

Jan Ullrich, considered Armstrong’s toughest rival, conceded defeat after the steep 9.5-mile climb mired with hairpin turns. “I have rarely pushed myself so hard,” said Ullrich, the 1997 Tour champ and five-time runner-up to Armstrong. “But after seven mountain days and more than 200 kilometers under conditions that should really be ideal for me, I must admit Lance appears to be unbeatable this year.”

French champion Thomas Voeckler led onto the overall lead and the prized yellow jersey —

Highlights from the 13th stage of the Tour de France

- **Stage:** A grueling, 127.7-mile trek through the Pyrenees from Lannemezan to Plateau de Beille.
- **Winner:** Lance Armstrong, United States, US Postal-Berry Floor, 6 hours, 4 minutes, 38 seconds.
- **How Others Fared:** Ivan Basso, Italy, Team CSC, same time as Armstrong; Jan Ullrich, Germany, T-Mobile Team, 2 minutes, 42 seconds behind.
- **Yellow Jersey:** French cyclist Thomas Voeckler of Brochoux La Boulengerie retains the leader’s shirt.
- **Next Stage:** Stage 14, Carcassonne to Nîmes, 119.62 miles on Sunday.

barely. In Friday and Saturday’s stages in the Pyrenees, Armstrong thinned Voeckler’s lead from more than nine minutes to just 22 seconds.

Two punishing stages and a slightly easier one await in the Alps. Armstrong’s playground in previous Tours, as well as two time trials.

Two weeks into the three-week marathon, only a collapse by Armstrong, an accident or a huge surprise from the few riders still with an outside chance, appear to stand in the way of a victory in Paris on July 25.

Kanaan wins Firestone Indy 200

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press writer

GLADEVILLE, Tenn. — Dan Wheldon’s bad luck turned into another victory for Tony Kanaan.

Kanaan saw Wheldon’s right rear tire go flat after a tangle with Buddy Rice’s car and grabbed the lead to himself before holding off Sam Hornish Jr. in a 12-lap shootout Saturday night in the Firestone Indy 200.

It gave Kanaan his third victory of the season, and he said he felt sorry for his teammate who probably had a better car than he did at the Nashville Superspeedway.

“Unfortunately, sometimes



Tony Kanaan

it doesn’t go your way,” Kanaan said. “Tonight it wasn’t his fault. But he was in the wrong place at the wrong time.”

Kanaan led only two laps, but that was enough to pad his lead in the IndyCar Series points race from 28 points to 61 over Wheldon, his Andrew Green Racing teammate. Kanaan also won at Phoenix and Texas.

Hornish Jr. tried to chase Kanaan down. Hornish appeared to be ready to pass Kanaan on the backstretch of the final lap but couldn’t finish and lost his momentum.

Kanaan finished second ahead of teammate Helio Castroneves, who was third for a second straight year here. Darren Manning was fourth with a Toyota engine, followed by Townsend Bell with a Chevrolet engine.

Rice, the pole-sitter who was trying for his second straight victory, led 52 laps before losing the lead to Wheldon, who gambled on a pit stop on lap 165 by not taking any tires on the IRL’s only concrete track and beat everyone out of the pits. Rice finished sixth.

Hamilton leads British Open

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press writer

TROON, Scotland — Todd Hamilton is used to feeling out of place.

It’s strange enough trying to make a living in outposts stretching from Singapore to Pakistan to Kuala Lumpur or showing up at the Troon country school for the eighth time as a 38-year-old father of three.

So he wasn’t fazed by seeing his name atop the leaderboard Saturday at the British Open — or by a collection of the biggest stars in golf who are not far behind and know what it’s like to win a major.

Ernie Els, with two U.S. Opens and a British Open, Masters champion Phil Mickelson.

Two-time U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen.

Tiger Woods, who has won

three times there is no one in this room that would expect me — at least before the tournament started — to win,” Hamilton said after breezing through Royal Troon at 4-under 67 for a one-shot lead. “And probably not too many expect it to happen tomorrow, it may not. But I will definitely be trying 110 percent.”

It might take every bit of that.

British Open

• TV: TNT, 4 a.m.; ABC, 6 a.m.



Todd Hamilton of the United States plays from the 11th tee on the third day of the British Open golf championship at Royal Troon golf course in Troon, Scotland on Saturday.

And not just by Hamilton. “There is pressure on everybody,” said Woods whose 61st hole putt on Sunday.

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Track team shapes up as powerhouse

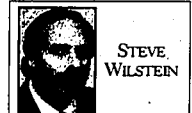
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — As the decathletes labored from one event to the next, and the sprinters ran their heats, the setting sun burnished the clouds over the stadium in brilliant hues of gold, silver and bronze against a blue-ribbon sky.

It was a moment of staggering beauty that trivialized all the ugly little stories about doping that have been drip, drip, dripping out of the U.S. Olympic track and field trials the past week, like water torture for the sport.

Here were some of the world’s best athletes competing passionately, pushing their bodies to the edge of exhaustion, for the privilege of representing their country at the Olympics in Athens next month.

They were young men and women, many inspired as teens watching the Atlanta Games in 1996. They had their share of troubles and triumphs and stirring stories to tell.

Adriane Blewitt, a 24-year-old shot putter, wore a shirt that read “I Kicked Cancer’s Butt.” She spoke of how she had been diagnosed with Hodgkin’s lymphoma last October and went through chemotherapy. She lost 20 pounds and 40 percent of her strength, she said, before she began pumping iron again



STEVE WILSTEIN

In January. She’s been cancer-free since April.

Blewitt didn’t make the team, finishing a credible fifth among 12 in the finals, and her story was obscured by all the attention paid to the latest doping cases and to Marlon Jones, who dropped out of the 200 semifinals Saturday while claiming fatigue. But Blewitt was one of many athletes who deserved attention for the efforts they were giving.

With a dozen finals still to be held Sunday, the U.S. track and field team — even after the drug busts of several high-profile athletes — is shaping up to be considerably younger and potentially better than the one that garnered 20 medals, including 10 golds, in Sydney four years ago.

Some of the athletes who have been sidelined or are accused of using drugs — Tim Montgomery, Regina Jacobs, Kevin Tomp, among them —

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SPORTS

Sprinters who failed drug tests speed into 200 finals

By Rob Gloster
Associated Press writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A couple of sprinters who may be barred from the Athens Games because of positive drug tests sped into the men's and women's finals in the 200 meters Saturday at the U.S. Olympic track and field trials.

Torri Edwards, who faces a two-year ban if found guilty of using a banned stimulant, had the fastest time of 22.38 seconds in the semifinals of the women's 200. She already has qualified for the Athens Games by placing second in the 100.

Mickey Grimes, who faces a lifetime ban if found guilty of a second drug violation, moved into the men's 200 final by placing third in his semifinal.

If she gets to Athens, Edwards won't be facing defending Olympic champion Marion Jones in the 200. Cling fatigue, Jones withdrew from the event Saturday.

Jones failed to qualify in the 100, either, which means that as of now she won't be defending either of her Olympic sprint titles at the Summer Games. She won the long jump at the Olympic trials, which also makes her eligible for the relays in Athens.

But a change in the 100 squad is possible because of Edwards' drug case. If she loses her arbitration hearing set for Monday, Edwards could lose her place on the team.

That would move the fourth-place finisher at the trials, Gail Devers, onto the team. But Devers, who already has won two Olympic 100 titles, has always wanted to win a hurdles title and could skip the 100 to focus on the hurdles. In that case, the fifth-place finisher — Jones — would make the team.

Among those joining Edwards in the women's 200 final Sunday will be — 18-year-old Allyson Felix and 20-year-old LaShaunte'a Moore.

The fastest time in the men's 200 semifinals was 20.00 by Shawn Crawford. Grimes had the sixth-fastest time.

Bryan Clay won the decathlon with 8,660 points, and world champion Tom Pappas was second with 8,517. Paul Terek won the third spot on the U.S. squad for Athens.

In the women's 100 hurdles, three-time world champion Devers moved a step closer to making her fifth Olympic final.

Devers, who has never won an Olympic medal in the hurdles despite being the world's best in that event for most of the past decade, was second overall in the quarterfinals with a time of 12.79. Joanna Hayes was fastest in 12.67.

Former Olympic champion Allen Johnson had the fastest time of 13.25 in the quarterfinals of the men's 110 hurdles.

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Buhl, Minico split doubleheaders

The Times-News

Local roundup

BEAR LAKE — The Buhl Tribe split a pair of American Legion baseball games with Bear Lake, winning the opener Saturday 13-1 before falling 1-0 to remain tied for second place in the Area C standings with Marsh Valley.

Paul Gerriah pitched a complete game to earn the Game-1 win. Gerriah went 2-for-3 in the with a three-run homer and five RBIs to help his own cause.

The Tribe (18-7, 15-5 Area C) host Blackfoot Monday then play two more doubleheaders before the start of the district tournament.

"We've been hitting the ball well all season," Buhl coach Ryan Bobo said. "If we throw strikes and play solid defense behind the pitching, then we stand a chance."

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Bear Lake 014 001 - 0 10 2
Paul Gerriah and Will O'Brien, Chase Jackson, Justin Powell
David and Mike Edwards, Chris Peterson, Matt Johnson, Jason
Inch - 1H, Game 1: 25, 24H, Perry Number 2, Game 1, Game 2
Outfielder

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Zion Lacey and Chris O'Brien, Kelly Lewis and Ron
Fitz - 1H, Game 1: 25, 24H, Perry Number 2, Game 1, Game 2
Outfielder

Minico wins first game, loses second to Russets
IDAHO FALLS — The Minico

Spartans began to wind down their regular season by splitting a doubleheader with the Idaho Falls Russets on Saturday, winning the first game 3-2 before falling 13-11 in Game 2.

In the opener, McCoy Worthington homered on the first pitch of the game and Jared Tracy cracked on an RBI single as Minico topped the offing frame.

Cory Warburton earned the pitching win for the Spartans, giving up one run in five innings before being relieved by Greg Christensen in the sixth.

In Game 2, Minico took an 11-0 lead in the top of the sixth inning, but Idaho Falls rallied for three runs in the bottom of the frame before holding on for the win.

Minico (14-12 in conference) travels to Pocatello for a double-header Monday.

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Cory McCoy (9), Mike McCoy (10) and Jeff Frank (4) - 1H, 2H, 3H, Game 1: 25, 24H, Game 2: 25, 24H, Game 1: 25, 24H, Game 2: 25, 24H

Idaho Falls 13, Minico 11
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Idaho Falls 014 022 - 11 13 1
Matt Tracy (5), Jeff Frank (4), Graham Douglas (3) and Frank
Gardner (2) - 1H, 2H, 3H, 4H, Game 1: 25, 24H, Game 2: 25, 24H, Game 1: 25, 24H, Game 2: 25, 24H

Jones reunites with Shaq

By Steven Wine
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Few NBA players who lead their team in scoring four years in a row have endured more criticism than Miami Heat guard Eddie Jones.

He's timid. He's selfish. He chokes in the clutch. And that's just according to Shaquille O'Neal.

Trashed in O'Neal's autobiography three years ago, Jones now finds himself reunited with his biggest critic.

"I'm sure Shaq has grown up so much that he's not going to take shots at his teammates," Jones said.

Despite their rocky relationship, Jones professes delight about the addition of O'Neal,

acquired in a blockbuster trade Wednesday. They played together for the Los Angeles Lakers from 1995-99, and with opponents preoccupied trying to contain O'Neal, Jones thrived and twice made the NBA All-Star team.

But after the Lakers traded Jones to Charlotte, O'Neal had harsh words in his book about his ex-teammate. According to O'Neal, Jones didn't want the limelight in important situations and was unhappy when Kobe Bryant became the Lakers' primary perimeter option.

A blum rap from the world's greatest rapper? Jones said he asked the Lakers to trade him during the 1998-99 season, which may have contributed to O'Neal's ire.

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finish at state. "We fought hard and these guys really came together to play the game as a group."

Nampa head coach Ken Nicodemus said. "We haven't placed in a few years, so this gives the kids something to buy into."

Meridian won the 10-year-old division and the 11-year-old division in emphatic style.

The Meridian 11-year-olds scored 11 runs in the top of the ninth inning to blast their way past Moscow.

The 10-year-old team pulled away from a 7-6 game against Caldwell with late-inning rallies to take a 13-5 win and the state championship.

Caldwell had knocked the Twin Falls Pioneers out of championship contention earlier in the day with a 12-11 win in the semifinals.

Caldwell scored eight runs in the first two innings, then watched as the Pioneers picked their way back into the game.

Twin Falls eventually took a 10-0 lead going into the top of the sixth inning. But then Caldwell

countered with a four-run rally to take a two-run lead.

The Pioneers scored one run in the sixth, but with the bases loaded, a full count and a pair of outs, the Pioneers couldn't get the tying run home.

"They have a lot of heart," Pioneers coach Rocky Eller said.

"They never gave up. I told them that they could have rolled over and let (Caldwell) have the game very easily, but they battled back. It is heart-breaking to lose, but they did it a great job."

The Pioneers will compete in both the Wood River and Twin Falls invitational tournaments later this month, as will many of the teams from the state tournament.

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Jordan Burley, Kody Ormer (2), Luke Austin (1), Bryan (1) and
Curtis (1) - 1H, 2H, 3H, Game 1: 25, 24H, Game 2: 25, 24H, Game 1: 25, 24H, Game 2: 25, 24H

Caldwell 12, Twin Falls Pioneers 11
Caldwell 110 024 - 12 11 1
Twin Falls 010 000 - 11 11 3
Joel Gomez, Tom Sawyer (2), Jacob Borenstein (2), Garret
Ely (2), Matt Goff (2), Ryan (2), Luke (2), Kyle (2), Sawyer (2),
John Soderstrom (2), Matt (2), Kyle (2), Sawyer (2), John
Sawyer - L, Soderstrom - Extra base hit - 2B - Nampa, Jacob
Borenstein - 2B, Twin Falls, Sam Cowie (2)

Venus tops Frazier to reach Stanford final

The Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — Venus Williams overpowered Amy Frazier for a 6-3, 6-1 victory Saturday to reach the final of the Bank of the West Classic.

Williams recovered from a slow start and advanced to the tournament's title match for the fifth time in seven years. Frazier double-faulted 14 times and made 33 unforced errors under oppressive sun at Stanford's Taube Family Tennis Center.

Williams, seeded first and ranked fourth, will face the winner of the semifinal between second-seeded Lindsay Davenport and Venezuela's Maria Ventoz-Kabchi.

Frazier earned consecutive service breaks on Williams in the first set, taking a 3-2 lead — but her game fell apart. She made nine double-faults in her first set, while losing four straight games.

Canas reaches third Stuttgart final
STUTTGART, Germany — Unseeded Guillermo Canas of

Tennis roundup

Argentina reached the final of the clay-court Mercedes Cup for the third time in four years Saturday with a 3-6, 6-1, 6-2 win against Nikolay Davydenko.

Canas will be playing in his first final in two years. He took control of the match after the 15th-seeded Russian was treated for exhaustion during the second set.

The Argentine will face either French Open champion Gaston Gaudio or David Ferrer in the final.

Hometown favorite upsets champ in semis
AMERSFOORT, Netherlands — Martin Verkerk beat top-seeded and defending champion Nicolas Pietrangeli of Chile 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-3 Saturday to advance to the final of the Dutch Open.

Verkerk will face second-seeded Fernando Gonzalez, a 7-6 (5), 6-4 semifinal winner over Dennis van Scheppingen, in Sunday's final.

Verkerk won the first set with



Venus Williams celebrates after beating Amy Frazier 6-3, 6-1, in a semifinal match Saturday, at the Bank of the West Classic in Stanford, Calif.

a break in the eighth game, and appeared to improve in the second set, surviving a single breakpoint in the sixth game.

In the other semifinal, Van Scheppingen broke Gonzalez

in the first set, and had a set point in the next game. But Gonzalez recovered, and at breakpoint stopped the game to have his ankle taped after a fall.

conceivable that this team will match that.

The steroid stories haven't scared away talented young athletes. On the contrary, the punishment of the dopers may have created an opening for clean athletes trying to break into the ranks of the international elite.

"Participation at every level of the sport is up," Masback said. "Our ratings are up. The atten-

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him four shots behind. "Everybody has to play well. You can't get out there and play poopy and win this championship."

Hamilton will be under the spotlight from the start today, holding a one-shot lead over Els. The Big Easy birdied three of the last six holes for a 68 and is playing in the final group at a major for the second straight time.

"A lead doesn't mean a whole lot right now," Els said. "There's 18 holes to play, and anything can happen."

The man to beat might be Mickelson.

No longer bedeviled by links god, Lefly has gone 37 consecutive holes without a bogey and got two big breaks down the stretch for a 68, but put him at 6 in the next-to-last group with Goosen, the South African who beat him last month at Shinnecock Hills. Goosen had a 68.

Also at 207 was Thomas Levett, who got to 9 under until

two gaffes cost him three shots a three-putt from 12 feet for double bogey on No. 12, and two shots to get out of a pot bunker on the 17th for a bogey.

Barry Lane also had a share of the lead at one point, but the 44-year-old Englishman who cost Europe the Ryder Cup in 1993 took double bogey on the 17th and bogeyed the 18th for a 71 to finish at 208.

Woods hasn't been in Sunday contention at a major since the British Open last year, and he gave himself a chance with four birdies on his first seven holes for a 68. Still, the world's No. 1 player has made only one birdie on the back nine all week, and that left him further back than he would have liked.

"I've got a fighting chance," said Woods, who will play with Scott Verplank (70).

No longer champion Mike Weir birdied two of the last three holes for a 71 and was at 210 with Collin Montgomerie (72) and Skip Kendall, the 36-hole leader who failed to make a birdie in his round of 75.

Track

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were not expected to win medals again. The ones who were, including sprinters Kelli White, Christy Gaines and Michelle Collins, won't be missed all that much.

The goal is to send a clean team to Athens, but more than that it is to send a clean team that can win.

since 1992," said Craig Masback, CEO of USA Track and Field. "Nobody is a lock, but we've got a great combination of wise veterans who know how to get it done and have proven that and some really exciting newcomers."

On their home turf in Atlanta, American track and field athletes won 13 golds and 23 medals overall. Four years earlier in Barcelona, they won 12 golds and 30 overall. It's not in-

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

Auto Racing

SCCA SPEED GT Championship, SPEED, 11 a.m.

American Le Mans Grand Prix of Sonoma, CBS, 4 p.m.

SCCA SPEED Touring Car Championship, SPEED, 4 p.m.

NRA Mile-High Nationals, final round, ESPN2, 7 p.m.

RIA World Rally, Rally Argentina, SPEED, 7:30 p.m.

Baseball

Expos at Braves, TBS, 11 a.m.

Brewers at Cubs, WGN, 12:20 p.m.

Indians at Mariners, FSNW, 2 p.m.

Dodgers at Diamondbacks, ESPN4, 4 p.m.

Cycling

Tour de France, Stage 14, QLN, 7 a.m.

Golf

British Open, final round, TNT, 4 a.m.; ABC, 6 a.m.

American Century Championship, final round, NBC, 1 p.m.

PGA Tour B.C. Open, final

Track & Field

U.S. Olympic trials, track & field, NBC, 5 p.m.

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Pinetree Sports

sponsors competition

BURLEY - Pinetree Sports will be sponsoring an Idaho Amateur Golf Association tournament July 18 at the Burley Skate park...

Equestrian champion heads to Greece

BOISE, Idaho - A Huley woman ranked No. 2 in the world for handling horses is headed to Athens.

T.F. Teror finish fourth at state tourney

CALDWELL - The Twin Falls Teror U-18 softball team finished at the American Softball Association Idaho State Tournament with a 3-2 record...

Hamilton pulls out of Tour de France

PLATEAU DE BEILLE, France - Tyler Hamilton pulled out of the Tour de France because of an ailing back.

Elephant's Perch runs take place

KETCHUM - The 23rd Annual Elephant's Perch Backcountry Run concluded Saturday in Ketchum.

GOLF

British Open

AT Royal Troon Golf Club Saturday. Tiger Woods won the British Open for the second time.

Major League Soccer

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Anti-Doping Agency suspends Regina Jacobs

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Regina Jacobs, who announced her retirement earlier this week, has become the fourth U.S. track and field athlete to receive a multiple suspension after a positive test for the steroid THG.

Byrd holds slim lead among challengers

ENDICOTT, N.Y. - Jonathan Byrd shot a 4-under-par 68 on Saturday to maintain his one-shot lead after three rounds at the PGA Tour's B.C. Open.

Gardner wins first tourney since 2001

WARSAW, Poland - Olympic champion Roman Gardner won his first Greco-Roman international title in three years on Saturday capturing the 264.5-pound class at the Pydasinski wrestling tournament in Warsaw.

Transactions

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RIDING THE WAVE OF GOOD PITCHING



Chicago White Sox pitcher Freddy Garcia pitches in the first inning against the Oakland Athletics in Oakland, Calif. on Saturday.



Chicago White Sox relief pitcher Shingo Takatsu, from Japan, makes the final out on a comebacker hit by Oakland Athletics' Adam Mathews to end the ninth inning in Oakland, Calif. on Saturday. Takatsu got the save as the White Sox won 5-2.

White Sox get sterling pitching

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Freddy Garcia won for the third time in four starts since his trade to the White Sox, leading Chicago over the Oakland Athletics 5-2 Saturday.

Paul Konerko, Carlos Lee and Aaron Rowand homered for the White Sox, who won for the second time in their last 17 games at Oakland.

Garcia (7-8) is 3-1 with a 3.95 ERA since Seattle dealt him to the White Sox on June 27. He allowed two runs — one earned — and two hits in 6 2/3 innings, striking out six and walking two.

Shingo Takatsu finished the four-hitter to remain perfect in six save chances.

Mark Redman (6-7) allowed five runs and six hits in seven innings.

Twins 4, Royals 1
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Johan Santana allowed one hit in eight innings, while Lew Ford

and Justin Morneau hit back-to-back home runs for Minnesota.

Santana (8-5) improved 6-2 with a 1.43 ERA in his last eight starts, allowing only a leadoff double to Angel Berroa in the second inning as the Twins stopped

a five-game losing streak.

Santana, who pitched a three-hit shutout against Kansas City on July 6, struck out nine to raise his league-leading total to 145. He walked four and hit a batter.

Joe Nathan finished for his 24th save in 25 chances.

Orioles 3, Devil Rays 2
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Miguel Tejada had three hits and an RBI, leading Rodrigo Lopez and Baltimore past Tampa Bay.

Earlier in the day, Tampa Bay designated Fred McGriff for assignment, ending his comeback with the Devil Rays. The 40-year-old slugger is seven homers shy of 500.

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Lopez (7-5) allowed only one run despite walking five in 5 1/3 innings. He got help from four relievers, and Jorge Julio worked the ninth for his 14th save in 16 opportunities. Julio gave up a solo homer to Aubrey Huff.

Paul Quantrill, Tom Gordon and Mariano Rivera finished. Gordon struck out four in 1 2/3 perfect innings, and Rivera got three straight outs for his AL-leading 33rd save in 34 chances.

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Houston Astros starting pitcher Roy Oswalt reacts to giving up a two-run homer to San Diego Padres' Mark Loretta in the fifth inning Saturday, in Houston. Oswalt pitched 4 2/3 innings, giving up eight hits and six runs.

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DON'T USE YOUR HEAD

Astros ban headfirst slides in minors

By Ben Walker
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON — As soon as Ben Zobrist launched himself toward the bag, he knew he was out.

Out of the game, that is. Determined to cut down on risky headfirst slides, the Houston Astros are doing something about it. They've put a unique policy into effect for all of their minor leaguers: If any of them try to hit first base or home plate, their manager is required to immediately pull them.

While All-Stars Roberto Alomar, Derek Jeter and Scott Rolen have gotten hurt in the past going headfirst — and inferior Spivey, Rafael Furcal and Carl Everett were banged up this year — the Astros want to teach their young players to avoid the game, that is.

"We tell our guys that it's a low-percentage play, and that you can get injured doing it," Astros director of player development Tim Purpura said.

Only a week into his pro career, Zobrist got an early exit recently with the Tri-City Valley-Cats of the Class A New York-Penn. League. Hoping to beat out an infielder from the dugout, Zobrist was already back on the bench.

"As soon as I did it, I thought, 'Oh, no,'" said Zobrist, picked in the sixth round of the June draft. "I knew I was getting taken out."

Langbehn said: "He was trying to make a hustle play, and I can't fault him for that. But there may sprainers dive across the finish line? You're better off running through the bag."

The Astros make exceptions for plays in which runners go headfirst trying to avoid tags. Diving into second base and third base is allowed, although not encouraged.

Purpura said the policy went into effect after Manager Lito Cedeno broke his hand on a headfirst slide into first base in May 2000. The Houston speedster spent nearly three months on the dis-

abled list, and the Astros looked to cut down on dislocated digits and jammed joints.

The merits of going headfirst are debatable. Coaches, fans and media members usually rail against it.

Base physics professor Robert Adair, the author of "The Physics of Baseball," once looked at the topic and saw a possible benefit.

"Runners tend to lean some what forward, and to go from a somewhat forward lean in the run to a headfirst dive has a certain efficiency," he said then.

Pete Rose made the style popular on his way to becoming baseball's all-time hits leader. Rickey Henderson did it often while running for a record number of stolen bases.

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Major League Baseball

	All Times MDT									
	AMERICAN LEAGUE					East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	
New York	57	32	.640	-	2-7.3	W-1	30-12	24-20	10-8	
Boston	49	39	.557	7.5	2-7.3	W-1	30-15	19-24	9-9	
Tampa Bay	47	47	.478	14.5	6-7	L-1	24-20	19-27	15-3	
Baltimore	39	49	.443	17.5	2-5.5	W-1	20-28	19-23	5-10	
Toronto	39	51	.433	18.5	2-4.6	L-5	23-23	16-28	8-10	

	Central Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	
Chicago	47	40	.540	-	W-1	29-17	19-23	7-10		
Minnesota	46	42	.533	5	2-5.5	W-1	26-22	22-20	11-7	
Cleveland	43	46	.483	8	4-6	W-1	26-20	17-26	10-8	
Detroit	43	47	.478	8.5	6-6	L-1	22-21	21-26	9-9	
Kansas City	33	55	.375	14.5	4-6	L-1	21-25	12-30	6-12	

	West Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	
Texas	51	37	.580	-	2-7.3	W-3	27-12	24-25	10-8	
Oakland	49	40	.551	2-7.3	L-1	23-13	20-27	10-9		
Anaheim	48	41	.539	3.5	6-4	L-1	20-23	13-32	9-9	
Seattle	33	55	.375	18	1-9	L-1	20-23	13-32	9-9	

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Philadelphia	48	42	.533	-	2-5.5	W-2	22-20	22-20	9-9	
Atlanta	47	43	.522	1	2-8-2	W-1	24-20	23-23	8-10	
Florida	45	45	.500	3	4-6	L-2	24-22	21-23	7-11	
New York	45	45	.500	3	4-6	L-2	25-18	20-27	10-8	
Montreal	32	58	.356	16	4-6	L-1	19-27	14-31	7-11	

	Central Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	
St. Louis	56	34	.622	-	2-8-2	L-1	28-18	28-16	11-11	
Chicago	49	41	.544	7	2-4-6	W-1	27-17	22-24	8-4	
Cincinnati	48	43	.527	8.5	4-6	W-1	25-17	22-22	5-7	
Milwaukee	46	43	.517	9.5	2-5-5	L-1	25-20	21-23	8-4	
Houston	44	48	.489	12	2-8	L-4	22-22	22-24	7-5	
Pittsburgh	41	47	.466	14	2-6-4	W-2	20-22	21-25	2-10	

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	AMERICAN LEAGUE									
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Minnesota 4, Kansas City 1	Chicago White Sox 0, Oakland 2									
Baltimore 3, Tampa Bay 2	N.Y. Yankees 5, Detroit 3									
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Boston at Anaheim, late										

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Philadelphia 8, N.Y. Mets 2	Chicago 2, St. Louis 5									
San Diego 7, Houston 4	Chicago Cubs 5, Milwaukee 0									
Atlanta 6, Montreal 2	Pittsburgh 4, Florida 2									
San Francisco 4, Colorado 0	Los Angeles at Arizona, late									

	Sunday's Games									
	Montreal (Downs 1-3) at Atlanta (Thomason 6-7), 11:05 a.m.	Philadelphia (Meyer 5-6) at N.Y. Mets (Lester 5-3), 11:10 a.m.								
St. Louis (Suppan 8-7) at Cincinnati (Acosta 6-7), 11:15 a.m.	Boston (Schilling 1-4) at Anaheim (Lester 5-6), 2:05 p.m.									
Chicago White Sox (Loziza 4-4) at Oakland (Larkin 12-2), 2:05 p.m.	Minnesota (Silva 8-7) at Kansas City (Wood 1-2), 5:10 p.m.									
Toronto (Baltas 8-8) at Texas (Rogers 12-3), 8:05 p.m.										

Aqua resurgence



Swimmer Amanda Beard swims toward a new world record in the women's 200 meter breaststroke at the U.S. Olympic swim trials in Long Beach, Calif., Monday.

U.S. looks strong again in the Olympic pool

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press writer

LONG BEACH, Calif. — With fireworks exploding above their heads, America's Olympic swimmers took one last stroll around the pool.

There were plenty of familiar Olympic faces. Gary Hall Jr. Jenny Thompson. Lenny Kravtzeburg. Amanda Beard.

And plenty of new ones. Brendan Hansen. Natalie Coughlin. Katie Hoff. Tara and Dana Kirk. They all should have a grand ol' time in Athens.

The Olympic swimming trials, which ended Wednesday, confirmed what everyone already suspected — the United States has the strongest, deepest group of swimmers in the world. This is hardly a one-man team.

Sure, Michael Phelps got much of the attention at the portable trials pool, which was set up in a parking lot next to the Long Beach Arena. Rightfully, he's setting off to the Olympics with hopes of tying or breaking Mark Spitz's record of seven gold medals.

But Phelps should have plenty of help in Athens. Over the course of the eight-day trials, six world records fell. Hansen set two of them in the breaststroke. Aaron Peirsol and Ian Crocker defeated Phelps with record-breaking performances. Phelps established one new mark during his grueling week. So did Beard, heading off to her third Olympics in top form.

The men's team, in particular, appears to be downright loaded. Phelps, Hansen, Peirsol, Crocker and Hall are strong contenders for gold.

"This team could be strongest men's team since 1976," predicted Texas coach Eddie Reese, who will direct the men in Athens.

For the record, that team won 12 of 13 golds. In today's world, such a performance seems unlikely. The Australians, led by Ian Thorpe, have assembled another imposing team. Dutch stars Pieter van den Hoogenband and Inge de Bruijn are medal contenders again. The Japanese, Russians and Italians should be in the mix.

But the Americans expect to approach — if not exceed — their remarkable showing in Sydney four years ago: 14 golds, 33 medals overall.

Phelps should give the Americans a good start on matching that total all by himself. He became the first U.S. swimmer to qualify for six individual Olympic events, and he'll swim five of them in Athens — another first. If he gets a spot on all three relays, Spitz's record will be vulnerable.

Phelps, the 19-year-old phenom from Baltimore, is the overwhelming favorite in three individual events, the 200-meter butterfly and 200 and 400 individual medley. He's the leading challenger to Crocker in the 100 fly. The 200 freestyle appears to be a reach, but Phelps was determined to have a spot in what should be the most glamorous events of the Olympics.

It will be the only head-to-head, individual showdown between Phelps and Thorpe, the world record-holder. On youth, there's also van den Hoogenband, the defending Olympic champion, and Australian distance stud Grant Hackett.

As it turned out, Phelps decided to drop the 200 backstroke after putting his body through an enormous test at the trials — 17 races in a week, eight of those over a two-day period that mimicked what he would have gone through at the Olympics.

Reese thought it was a good call to scale back the schedule just a bit.

The women's team will have lower expectations in Athens. Beard was the only female swimmer to break a world record (200 breaststroke) and Coughlin decided to focus her individual program on just two races, giving up others that might have produced medals.

In several events, the Americans are far behind the best times in the world.

"We need to improve a lot between the trials and the games," women's coach Mark Schubert conceded.

But there's still plenty of medal prospects. Beard, who was America's teddy bear-lugging sweetheart at the 1996 Atlanta Games, has never looked better, and could contend in three events. Coughlin is among the world's best in her two races. And Look out for Baltimore's other swimmer.

STANDING GUARD

Protecting the games against hackers, worms and Trojan horses

By Brian Murphy
Associated Press writer

ATHENS, Greece — Everyone is on the lookout for Olympic infiltrators.

Greek police get no vacation this August. The military has warships and anti-terrorist commandos primed. NATO will offer surveillance planes. Washington has sent over radiation scanners.

Another security front line is quietly watched over by a French executive team with only a clipboard and flow charts. His files include distant hackers, invisible computer viruses, code-burrowing worms and the Trojan horses of the cyber age.

"We can't let our guard down for even a moment," said Claude Philpits, program director for major events at Atos Origin, a Paris-based technology firm that first took over Olympic data services at Salt Lake City in 2002.

The job description for Athens is essentially the same: providing sports results, tracking credentials, and distributing doping reports and other background information. But the intensity and interest makes the Summer Games a bigger show and a bigger target.

Atos expects to deliver more than 50 million pages of results and statistics to Internet sites and on paper. Another 50,000 pages of material on the games and athletes will be available on an intranet network.

"Just since Sydney (in 2000), the threats have increased a lot. There are more hackers and viruses," Philpits said. "But the technology has improved, too."

It was put to the test last month.

For five days, they threw everything they could at the \$400 million system. Hackers tried to slip in internal "dissidents" typed in bogus passwords. Nearly every hour some new headache scenario was dished up: blackouts, bomb threats, canceled events, crashing servers, emergency re-programming.

Then the real thing hit in the early afternoon last Monday, Greece's worst power failure in decades left Athens and the rest of southern Greece without electricity for hours.

Atos was forced to shut down its system because the generators and auxiliary power were not in "games-time mode," Philpits said.

The verdict? Philpits declined to talk about specific blemishes or worries.

"Let's just say there's not much that could happen that would surprise us now," he said.

"That's pretty much the feeling of everyone associated with Athens' preparations for the Olympics, Aug. 13-29. Greek organizers have rewritten the manual on scraping by.

On the technical side, that's meant testing results systems and sensitive uplinks while work crews fitted sections of the half-built roof of the Olympic stadium and measured for new seats.

The hacker culture, however, is global and can exploit any vulnerability.

The Olympic computer network is mostly a closed system with limited points of entry from the outside," Philpits said.

"This reduces our exposure to hackers," he explained. "But some will try. I'm sure of that."

A more probable security breach would be an inside job. "You know, a disgruntled employee or maybe someone on the staff paid to try to corrupt the system — that sort of thing," said Vladimir Todorovic, a security specialist for the Olympic system.

He taps the keys on a small but powerful virtual detective called eTrust. Its job is to instantly hunt through possible security threats, consolidate them and, finally, list them in order of concern. It may sound simple, but planners predict up to 2 million security "events" a day — ranging from a failed password to a serious virus attack.

"Look at this," Todorovic said, hitting a few keys.

A list of potential violations runs down the screen. "OK, here," he pointed. "This is one password failure. Not a big deal. Here's three failures. We pay more attention. If we see a pattern of failures in the same work area, then we think someone's trying to break in. That's when we alert someone."

Athens readies airship for Olympic terror patrol

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The airship looks more like a giant beach toy than the cutting edge in the war on terrorism.

But Athens has big hopes for the inflatable spyware, which is being prepared to float over the city during next month's Olympics.

The 200-foot airship, which coasted in from Switzerland this week, will provide aerial images of greater Athens to help police direct the most expensive security operation in Olympic history.

Images from the blimp will be used with footage streaming from 1,300 new street and venue cameras, surveillance vans and nine police helicopters for the \$1.2 billion security blitz.

The airship, filled with non-combustible helium, is fitted with dome-shaped sensors, including chemical "sniffers" and ultrahigh resolution cameras that also work at night, as well as detectors to pinpoint unexpected changes in image patterns.

"We'll provide the police com-

mand center with some of the many images they get from the cameras," said George Spyrou, head of Airship Management Services Inc., based in Greenwich, Conn., which is operating the blimp.

The airship is expected to adopt the name Phoenix, after Athens' bloated Olympic mascot.

"We can zoom in on what's being on," Spyrou told The Associated Press by telephone. "They might tell us to hover over a parking lot for 20 minutes because there's someone we're not sure about taking something out of his car."

Airships, used to watch over Allied navy convoys in World War II, are bidding to make a major comeback with the heightened need for security after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and offer a cheaper and more flexible alternative to unmanned satellites.

"The advantage is that they're very stable and can remain in the air for eight, 10, 12 hours without refueling," said Spyrou, whose company trains helicop-

ter pilots to fly the six airships it operates around the world.

Spyrou's firm leased blimps for surveillance and use as overhead billboards for Olympics at Los Angeles in 1984, Seoul in 1988 and Atlanta in 1996, and were also used by the British military to track the Irish Repub-

lican Army in Northern Ireland. In Athens, the airship will spy on venues scattered around this heavily built-up city of more than 4 million and the port of Piraeus, where luxury cruise ships will be moored for visiting dignitaries and Olympic officials.

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SPORTS

Earthquakes snap five-game skid with win over Rapids

The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Brian Ching scored twice to help the San Jose Earthquakes snap a five-game winless streak with a 3-1 victory Saturday over the Colorado Rapids.

In the 22nd minute, Landon Donovan collected a long pass and dished the ball to Ronnie Eklund. The Danish midfielder found Ching, who beat former San Jose goalkeeper Joe Cannon.

Ching gave San Jose a 2-0 lead in the 50th minute, and Donovan scored from six yards in the 55th minute.

Crew 1, Revolution 1

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Kyle Martino scored late in the first half to help the Columbus Crew to salvage a tie with the New England Revolution.

New England's Clint Dempsey opened the scoring in the 31st minute with his team-leading sixth goal of the season. He used his chest to play Richie Baker's pass and poked the ball past goalkeeper Jon Busch from 3 yards.

MLS roundup

The Crew tied it in the 45th minute on Martino's second goal of the year.

Jeff Cunningham's passed to Martino at the corner of the 6-yard box, where his shot across the goal mouth beat goalkeeper Matt Reis inside the right post.

New England (4-8-5) is unbeaten in its last three games. Columbus is 5-5-5.

Wizards 1, Burn 0

DALLAS — Tony Meola made three saves for his MLS-record 55th career shutout, and Diego Gutierrez scored in the 42nd minute to lead the Kansas City Wizards to a victory over the Dallas Burn.

Meola, the MLS leader this season with seven shutouts, helped Kansas City (9-4-4) push its unbeaten streak to eight games.

Gutierrez scored his second goal of the year, firing a shot from 10 yards into the right corner of the net. Defender Chris Klein helped set up Gutierrez by

clearing the ball from outside the penalty box to forward Davy Arzouf.

Dallas (5-6-5) has been shutout in consecutive games at home.

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Galaxy 1, United 1

WASHINGTON — Carlos Ruiz scored his MLS-leading 10th goal on a second-half penalty kick, lifting Los Angeles to a tie with D.C. United.

Before Ruiz's goal in the 66th minute, D.C. had held the highest-scoring offense in Major League Soccer in check, allowing the Galaxy only one shot.

Los Angeles is unbeaten in five games (3-0-2) to improve to 9-5-5, while D.C. improved to 4-2-3 at home and 5-6-6 overall.



San Jose Earthquakes' Brian Ching, left, and Colorado Rapids' Net Borchers, right, battle for a head ball during the first half in San Jose, Calif., Saturday.

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The guys and gals from United Dairymen and Idaho Dairymen's Association were on hand to help fair goers remember the importance of including dairy in a healthy diet.

Commerce saluted the dairy industry by hosting its annual Dairy Days festival.

The festivities started with a parade down Idaho Street, featuring numerous floats, motorcycle stunt riders, antique cars and emergency crew vehicles all throwing candy for the children. After the parade, Wendell City Park came to life with carnival rides and game booths, craft and food booths, and music. The United Dairymen of Idaho and the Idaho Dairymen's Association once again teamed up to

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What would a Dairy Days parade be without the "Got Milk" Bug?

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Information provided by the United Dairymen of Idaho and the Wendell Chamber of Commerce

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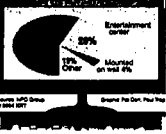
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SLOWING DOWN FROM 2003



Chad Paokham, of Paokham and Sons Concrete Construction, secures a form for the foundation of the Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy in Twin Falls Thursday. The project is slated to be completed in October.



BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Forum Issues call for presenters

BOISE — The Boise Metro Economic Development Council is calling for entrepreneurs to present at the 6th annual Inter-mountain Venture Forum to be held in Boise, Oct. 6-7.

The mission of the forum is to initiate relationships with and to create opportunities for start-up companies in the Intermountain West and Pacific Northwest. Last year 15 companies from six states, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Utah — presented business plans and participated in panel discussions during the forum.

Organizers are accepting applications from early-stage companies interested in showcasing their businesses to both angel investors and venture capital firms at the 2004 forum. About 15 companies will be chosen from the applicants to make formal presentations to three panels.

"A new panel — a government panel — will be added to the existing VC and angel panels," said Mark Solon, managing partner of Highway 12 Ventures and this year's forum chairman. "This panel's primary focus will be on start-ups and the government market."

Matt Mosman, president, chief executive and chairman of Cerberus Inc. and an Idaho native, will deliver the welcome address. Carl Ledbetter, managing partner of UV Partners and former senior vice president and chief technology officer of Novell, will be the keynote speaker.

To present business plans at the event, submit an application to the economic development council by Aug. 13. For information or an online application, visit www.venture-boise.org.

CSI center offers research workshop

TWIN FALLS — The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a free Occupational Research workshop.

The workshop aims to help participants sort through their options for training and careers, and weigh the factors of expected pay and required investment in training.

"Many people have narrowed down their career choices, but just need more information to help them make an educated decision," organizers said in a statement. Participants "will have a hands-on approach to researching areas of interest for an occupation, and compare occupational choices."

The informal free workshop is set for 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday. The session is open for individualized help. Time spent in the session depends on the amount of information each participant needs.

To sign up, call 732-6680 or 1-800-680-0274, ext. 6680. Registration deadline is Tuesday.

Two authors will give portfolio presentation

TWIN FALLS — California authors Bobble and Eric Christensen will present "Building Your Financial Portfolio on \$25 a Month (or Less)" for the College of Southern Idaho from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Aug. 13.

Participants will learn how to invest safely and for growth without using a stock broker, organizers said. Cost is \$30 per person.

For location and to enroll, call the college at 732-6680 or contact the authors at ELPBooks@aol.com for information.

— compiled from staff reports

First-half T.F. construction drops

By Megan Hinds and
Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writers

TWIN FALLS — Builders around town are starting new homes much less rapidly than in record-breaking 2003. But residential building had plenty of room to retreat from last year's levels and still be in hearty growth territory.

"Last year was so over the top," city building official Marianne Barker said. "This year, monthly tallies of new single-family home permits within Twin Falls city limits have remained well above the 10-year averages for the first six months of the year, with June showing a significant quickening of the pace."

"It's really picked up, which is good," Barker said. July is shaping up as a strong month, too. "Overall construction values are lagging the 2003 level, despite boosts from a new warehouse, a pharmacy, a space of mini-storage units and a shell building permitted in June."

The city last month issued permits for projects totaling an estimated \$5.41 million for combined construction types. That's \$2.51 million, or 31.7 percent, less than in June 2003.

In all of 2003, Twin Falls construction values for combined types posted a stunning 43 percent year-over-year increase. But January-June 2004 values declined 20.3 percent from the first half of 2003.

The city's monthly reports of building activity give economy watchers a good indication of local vigor — and an indication of what's to come in the market for construction labor.

Twin Falls issued 42 permits for new single-family homes inside the city last month, averaging \$91,924 each in estimated value. That total falls short of the 53 permits for new single-family homes a year ago, but it beats the 24 such permits in June 2002.

The June report

Estimated values for construction that received permits in June from Twin Falls city:

Type	June '04	June '03	June '02
New single-family homes:	\$3,860,790	\$4,876,578	\$2,572,477
New multifamily units:	0	\$1,717,024	\$210,586
New commercial projects:	\$990,169	0	0
Commercial alterations/additions:	\$371,611	\$920,580	\$80,250
Total (including such things as mobile homes, residential alterations, and additions and signs):	\$5,411,722	\$7,623,701	\$3,433,828

Sources: City building department

Recent numbers at a glance

Here's how Twin Falls' total construction values in the past six months stacked up against the same months a year earlier:

June '04	down 32 percent
May '04	down 20 percent
April '04	down 9 percent
March '04	down 22 percent
February '04	down 39 percent
January '04	up 21 percent

And 42 new single-family homes is no shabby showing for June. The month's 10-year average is 25.6 such permits, building officials say.

Each month's permit list also provides a window into local business investment. Highlights from June follow.

Growing with the city

Twin Falls Storage has 600 rental storage spaces, but it's just not enough, owner Lory Easterday said. Of those, 600, only five are available to rent.

So the company last month filed a permit to expand its storage capability by 100 units, Easterday said.

Twin Falls Storage has started construction on three buildings on three acres off Eastland Drive already owned by the company. Construction is slated to be completed in early September, Easterday said.

According to the building permits, the buildings are valued at more than \$340,000. But the

total investment will be much more than that, Easterday said.

He said the company also plans to turn part of the land into a gravel parking lot for outdoor storage for trailers and recreational vehicles.

"By the time we get the gravel part done, we'll put quite a bit more (money) into it," Easterday said.

As Twin Falls continues to grow, demand for rental storage is high, Easterday said.

"Twin Falls is growing, you know," he said. "We might as well grow with it."

Room to grow

Construction has started on a new building for Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy on Fler Avenue. The business now shares a building at 434 Blue Lakes Blvd. with The Wild Hair beauty salon, said Kent Jensen, owner of the pharmacy.

The pharmacy will move into the new 6,474-square-foot building at 615 Fler Ave. in Oc-

GOING UP

tober. The salon will move with the pharmacy.

Jensen said. The project is valued at more than \$170,000, according to its building permit.

The move will allow the pharmacy which has seven employees — to add another pharmacist and two more pharmacy technicians, Jensen said. The new building also will feature a "clean room," a sterile work space for the mixing and compounding of medications.

Jensen said the move will benefit the pharmacy's estimated 4,000 regular customers by making it easier to access. The building will have two drive-through pick-up windows.

"It'll be good to be off Blue Lakes," Jensen said. "It'll make it easier for customers to get in and out, without all the traffic."

More office space sprouts up

Construction will be under way soon for another new shell building on Eastland Drive.

The office building, part of Eastland Heights LLC's complex of office buildings, will be at 780 Eastland Drive.

Doug Strand of Strand Construction filed for a \$180,703 permit for the building last month.

June's other commercial building permits of note in Twin Falls included:

- Finishing Touch's estimated \$58,000 warehouse at 592 Locust St.
- Lamb Weston's nearly 3,000-square-foot addition to its plant at 56 Russet St. The addition is valued at \$71,051.

- Auto Phone Communications' \$25,000 wireless communications tower at 1171 Lincoln St.
- Two remodeling projects at Magic Valley Mall: Hot Topic and Tuesday Morning.

Is the big airline concept a dinosaur?

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — When AirTran Airways chief executive Joe Leonard told federal lawmakers last month they should let some of his competitors fail, the nation's major carriers might have found his comments self-serving.

But was he right? Some industry observers say the big carrier concept is an endangered species as competition increases from low-fare airlines.

The need to reduce wages and increase employee efficiency has been the mantra at several major airlines, particularly Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines Inc., as they try to meet the challenge. But analysts, academics and even some airline executives believe that may not be enough to save these carriers 'because of their size, the low ticket prices people want and the government's unwillingness of late to step in and help.

"There's no doubt that the overall health of the airline industry would benefit from some carriers shutting down and going out of business," said Philip Baggaley, an airline industry analyst with Standard & Poor's in New York.

"Most of the carriers that remain to lower their costs, he said. "Over time, there will probably be fewer large airlines."

Known as legacy carriers, the six airlines — Delta, United Airlines, American, Northwest, Continental and US Airways — had a large presence in multiple regions prior to deregulation in 1978. US Airways before deregulation was a collection of regional carriers that merged into a legacy carrier.

The big carriers have benefited in the past by operating a hub-and-spoke system, using big cities as bases from which connecting flights to smaller markets are routed.

Most of the low-fare carriers have succeeded by operating a point-to-point system focusing on large markets. While that has given the legacy carriers greater competition, it has also allowed them to maintain their niche, raise additional revenue through price premiums and increase the number of passengers per plane through connections to the smaller destinations.

But the low-cost airlines are moving onto the big companies' turf. Orlando, Fla.-based discount carrier AirTran has expanded into a single hub-and-spoke "type" system centered around its Atlanta base, and CEO Leonard recently said AirTran is eager to expand into small markets.

Another low-fare carrier, JetBlue Airways, has said it plans to receive next year the first seven of 100 mid-sized jets that will allow the New York-based company to fly to smaller cities. Deregulating, merging with another large airline or folding could be inevitable for some legacy carriers, said Paul Bleasdale.

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The Associated Press

SAUGATUCK, Mich. — At 27, Kristin Gebben made a decision that cut against the flow: She started building in Seattle and moved back to her native Michigan.

The lure was Saugatuck, a quaint artists' haven near the shore of Lake Michigan, where she now takes early morning strolls with her yellow lab pup named Pete. It's one of a few cities that Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm is counting on to bring more young people to the state — stopping up the brain drain that's a common worry around the country.

"I feel like people work all their lives to settle down in a place like this — and I've done it

now," says Gebben, who found work at an art gallery and eventually bought it with the help of an East Coast business partner. "But I'm one of the lucky ones."

Between 1995 and 2000, Michigan lost an estimated 43,000 young college graduates, who left the state for everything from jobs to warmer year-round weather. It's a story mirrored in many other cities, from expensive New York to crowded Los Angeles, which both lost more 25- to 34-year-olds than they gained during those same years.

Now officials in some cities and states are looking to reverse the trend — by marketing themselves as hip places to live and giving college graduates a reason to stay.

In Michigan, Granholm has launched the "Cool Cities" initiative, a grants program that she insists is more about economic development than just bringing "lattes and bookstores and nightclubs" to her state.

Saugatuck, where residents are renovating an old pie factory into a center for the arts, was among the first to receive one of the state's \$100,000 grants. Already, the unfinished center houses the new Mason Street Warehouse theater, where 25-year-old Kelly Carey found a leading role in this summer's first musical.

"They not only created opportunities for us — they're good opportunities," says Carey, who commutes to Saugatuck from Grand Rapids.

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Cities, states look to retool their images, lure young professionals

Magnetic metropolitan areas

An analysis of migration data indicates many young people in recent years moved to cities with warmer climates and a relatively low cost of living.

Largest net increases in migration, 1995-2000

Age 15-24	Age 25-34
Austin, Texas 49,156	Atlanta 95,079
San Diego 45,916	Dallas 88,774
Phoenix 43,050	Phoenix 95,774
Raleigh, N.C. 35,758	Denver 53,799
Atlanta 31,875	Las Vegas 47,824

Metropolitan areas with population less than 500,000

SOURCE: Brookings Institution

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Jan Zollinger

HAGERMAN — The National Federation of the Blind named Jan Zollinger of Hagerman, a teacher at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, as its 2004 "Distinguishing Educator of Blind Children." The award carries a \$1,000 prize.

A teacher of blind children for 28 years, Zollinger has helped teach Braille to more than 250 Idaho teachers and teacher's aides. She also travels around the state teaching parents and teachers how to work with and train blind children.

Zollinger is a graduate of Brigham Young University with a dual major in elementary education and special education with an emphasis on visual impairments.

She began her career at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind 28 years ago as an elementary classroom teacher. After two years, she was asked to start the first infant blind outreach program in the region working with the parents of blind infants and preschoolers. Years later, she began to visit and teach blind students and created "The Living Braille Cell" as a way to teach Braille to adults and children with vision. Most recently, she has started Braille classes at schools with at least one blind student around Idaho.

Zollinger is currently working as an outreach teacher traveling daily to help children in kindergarten through 1st grade learn Braille and alternative techniques that will allow them to fully participate in their learning environments.

Rita Roth — Rita Roth joined Class Act Salon at 270 Falls Ave. W. on June 1.

Roth graduated from the school of Cosmetology in Pocatello in 2000 and was awarded first place in the colorist category in the yearly competition held at the school.

She worked for Power Engineers in Italy before attending the school and worked in Pocatello for a short time after graduation, then returned to Twin Falls in April 2003. She was with the Jagged Edge Salon in Twin Falls before joining Class Act.

Roth offers hair color, cutting and weaving. She can be reached at 734-3052.

Postal Employees

BURLLEY — Burley Express Post-

master Gene Egbort presented awards for attaining unused sick leave balances of 500 hours or more to these post office employees:

- Patricia Eck, clerk, 500 hours, eight years of service.
- Mathew Johnson, clerk, 500 hours, seven years of service.
- Jeff Bergstrom, clerk, 1,000 hours, 19 years of service.
- William Garcia, carrier, 500 hours, 10 years of service.
- Kenneth Robinson, carrier, 500 hours, five years of service.
- Jason Cook, carrier, 1,000 hours, 13 years of service.
- Renee Samples, rural carrier, 1,500 hours, 29 years of service.
- Dan Frasier, postmaster, 2,000 hours, 26 years of service.

Virginia Leach executive director for South Central Community Action Center. She came here from northern California five years ago. She has five daughters and 10 grandchildren.

Church office hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Leach can be reached at 733-7023.

Shawn Marrs — TWIN FALLS — Professional Truck Driving School announced the graduation of Shawn Marrs from its training program on July 2.

Marrs acquired his tankers, doubles-triples and hazardous materials endorsements. He rode tested with Glanbia Transportation on July 8 and started working for Glanbia Wednesday.

Steve Sallsbury — TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls County Extension office will host a farewell open house for Steve Sallsbury, extension educator for Twin Falls County, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Friday at the Twin Falls County Office Building, 246 Third Ave. E.

Sallsbury will move to Salem, Ore., where he will be director of production and research for Oregon Meadowfowl Growers.

Dr. Mark C. Lambert — TWIN FALLS — On June 18, Dr. Mark C. Lambert, a dentist practicing in Twin Falls and Gooding, was appointed vice chairman of the Blue Cross

Dental Services Advisory Board.

The board is composed of dentists from across the state and works with Blue Cross to ensure quality programs are offered to patients using Blue Cross dental insurance. Lambert said.

He began practicing in Magic Valley last year when he joined Dr. Kevin Hamblin's dental practice after completing an overseas tour in the U.S. Army Dental Corps.

Beckie Kukal — JEROME — The Idaho Real Estate Commission reappointed Beckie Kukal of Jerome for another four-year term as South-Central District representative to the Idaho Real Estate Education Council.

Kukal has four years of experience on the education committee, including serving as chairwoman in 2003-04, and 16 years of real estate experience. She was licensed in 1988 and earned a broker's license in 1990.

Kukal is an associate broker with Western Real Estate Group in Jerome, and she holds the accredited buyer representative, certified residential specialist and graduate Realtor Institute designations. She served on the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors board of directors from 1997-99, during which time she held the position of Education and Orientation Committee chairwoman.

MILESTONES

Eight M.V. companies get notified for awards

BOISE — More than 70 companies and organizations statewide — including eight in Magic Valley — have been notified for five awards in the Eighth Annual Integrity Counts awards program sponsored by the Better Business Bureau of Southwest Idaho, the Idaho Business Review reported.

Nominations were entered by employees, vendors and customers. Nominees must formally submit applications to the BBB by Aug. 6 to be considered for an award.

The nominees will be judged on their company philosophy and how they do business with integrity, providing testimony from employees and vendors, said Beve Bryant of the BBB.

Judges will choose a winner in each category: independent contractor/self-employed up to two employees; three through 20 employees; 21-99 employees; 100 or more employees; and nonprofit organization.

Award recipients will be notified by mid-September. An awards banquet is set for 6 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Boise Centre on Grove. Cost is \$50. Reservations can be made by calling Bryant at (208) 947-2107.

Nominees from Magic Valley are:

- Barry Equipment & Rental, Twin Falls.
- Carolyn Cuijter, Realtor, Twin Falls.
- Masters Auction Service, Buhl.
- Napa Auto Parts, Twin Falls.
- Sav-Mor Drug, Twin Falls.
- Snake River Fence, Wendell.
- Snake River Pool & Spa, Boise and Twin Falls.
- Superior Door Co., Twin Falls.

Most recently, HomeStyle Direct created a nonprofit division of the company that could help other organizations maintain or increase their quality of service to those in need. The newly created HomeStyle Express has now signed its first contract as a RIT project with the Lava Hot Springs Senior Center.

"One of the reasons for choosing the Lava Hot Springs Senior Center as the pilot center was based primarily on the center's need for quality service, on time, with quality results. The Lava Hot Springs Senior Center was also small enough to manage the real-time need for changes to the contract," said the company's Joel Gardner said.

The current contract with the center states that HomeStyle will provide 100 meals per month for the next six months — both in the group setting and home-delivered. After the pilot project, the center and HomeStyle Express intend to engage in a long-term contract.

HomeStyle Direct/HomeStyle Express plans an expansion of both its facility in Kimberly and its personnel.

Jayco Inc. appoints M.V. company as sales dealer — JEROME — Indiana-based recreational-vehicle manufacturer Jayco Inc. has appointed Brockman's RV Sales Inc. of Jerome as an authorized sales and service dealer for the Magic Valley market area.

Brockman's RV Sales is co-owned by husband and wife Steve and Ruthie Brockman.

Brockman's began providing Jayco fifth wheels and travel trailers to its customers in February, including the Featherby Flight, Eagle and Designer brands.

Brockman's maintains a parts department and full-service shop. The dealership opened in 1974. Its Web site is at www.brockmansrv.com.

TCBY launches low-carb frozen yogurt — TWIN FALLS — Salt Lake City-based TCBY, The Country's Best Yogurt, announced a new addition to its product line — Low Carb frozen yogurt.

Available in all TCBY stores nationwide, Low Carb frozen yogurt has 4 net carbs and 7 grams of fat per half-cup serving and is available in chocolate or vanilla.

In conjunction with the launch, TCBY is urging people to lose weight by hit a national goal of 1 million pounds. The company said the "pounds for the country" will continuously be tallied on www.tcby.com until the goal is met. Once it is, TCBY said it will offer free Low Carb frozen yogurt for a day. People can join the company's "Million Pound Challenge" by logging on to TCBY's Website or visiting a TCBY store.

Customers can also add Low Carb Toppers to their frozen yogurt including: fresh fruit, fat-free chocolate fudge (1.3 net carb), mixed nuts (1 net carb), whipped topping (1 net carb), blueberries (1 net carb), raspberries (1/2 net carb) and strawberries (1/2 net carb).

TCBY said it also offers non-fat, no-sugar-added and 96 percent fat-free frozen yogurts as well as non-fat and non-dairy sorbets.

Albertsons rolls out '40 for 10 Mix and Match' — TWIN FALLS — Albertsons Inc. said it has completed rollout of a "dollar zone" concept in all 2,500 of its food and drug stores across the nation. The name "40 for 10 Mix and Match" was chosen to brand the merchandising concept.

Items in the new zones include fresh foods, dry grocery and general merchandise. In addition, "40 for 10 Mix and Match" offers are also found throughout the store. Assortments change frequently and are announced in the company's weekly ads.

"In recent years, consumers have voted in increasing numbers for the dollar store concept," said Larry Johnston, chairman, president and chief executive. "Many of the products sold in these stores are the same products sold in food and drug stores. This trend was too strategic for us to ignore."

"With our focus on buying leverage and shopping frequency we felt we could continue to strengthen and differentiate our food and drug formats by giving customers exciting new values across a wider range of categories," he said in a statement.

CONTRIBUTIONS

William C. Bryant, president of U.S. Bank's southern Idaho region, and Michael Rice, commercial relationship manager for U.S. Bank in southern Idaho, presented a \$3,000 contribution to Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services Inc. The donation from U.S. Bancorp Foundation will support training and employment programs that MVRIS provides to people with disabilities.

Through involvement with projects such as the one pictured here — labeling of bottled water for Gem State Water, Inc. on behalf of the Twin Falls Centennial Commission — and such as placing retention washers on dowels for Seaston Manufacturing, work projects including packaging, assembly, janitorial services and car detailing.

MVRIS is a private nonprofit organization that provides training, employment, personal development and psychosocial rehabilitation programs for people with disabilities who live in



U.S. Bank representatives view an employment and training project that will benefit from a recent donation to Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services Inc. Pictured (from left of table and to the right) are Wayne Kincheloe, Michael Rice, William Bryant, Jeff Crumrine, Nancy Krehmeyer, Herb Michele and Michael Wilk, south-central Idaho.

U.S. Bancorp selected Jessica Korth of Hayburton as the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship as part of the U.S. Bancorp Educational Awards Program.

Korth, who works at Brigham Young University-Idaho next year, was selected based on academic performance, participation in school and community activities and leadership potential. Her dad,

Brian Korth, works for U.S. Bancorp in Ketchum.

The awards program, initiated in 1992, is for dependent children of employees and retirees of U.S. Bancorp and its affiliates.

Airlines

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dorman, who teaches about the airline industry at New York University.

"There will be one or two big ones left and then you will have medium-sized ones like Southwest and AirTran, and then the regional carriers," Biederman said. "It's going to happen by hook or by crook, either by voluntary merger or bankruptcy. The market is going to decide this, not Congress or the (Air Transportation) Stabilization Board."

Last month, the board decided its desire to stay on the sidelines when the government defaulted bankrupt United Airlines Inc.'s bid for a \$1.6 billion federal loan guarantee. The board, created in September 2001, to approve financial aid for the nation's airlines, said such assistance "is not a necessary part of maintaining a safe, efficient and viable commercial aviation system in the United States."

The major carriers are well aware that some of them may not survive.

Delta CEO Gerald Grinstein told a group of flight attendants in May that he believes only two of the legacy carriers will remain after the next five years, according to a partial transcript of the meeting obtained by The Associated Press.

In an AP interview last month, United CEO Glenn Tilton, asked if he sees future consolidation among major airlines, acknowledged that the legacy carriers "recognize that the market simply going to get more challenging and there isn't going to be any reprieve from the pressure."

"American Airlines CEO Gerard Arpey told a New York investor conference last month the large carriers must take a hard look at aspects of their traditional business model that no longer work in today's environment."

Delta, the nation's third-largest carrier behind Chicago-based United and Fort Worth, Texas-based American, is expected to post another large loss when it reports second-quarter results Monday. It has warned it might have to file for bankruptcy if it doesn't get deep wage concessions from its pilots.

But even Delta has conceded that cost cuts alone won't save the airline. The company is working on a restructuring plan due to be completed next month.

Airline consultant Mike Boyd said he believes major carriers like Delta can survive.

"It can put a lot more people on its airplanes by feeding people in from Albany (Ga.) or Jacksonville (Fla.)," said Boyd, of Evergreen, Colo. "Delta can use its strengths to hone its system, adjust its fleet."

Delta has been able to distinguish itself from low-fare

carriers through its international service, particularly to Europe. But, analysts say, that niche, too, could face competition from discount carriers.

"You will see the existing low-cost carriers expanding into perhaps points in Europe or new air carriers being formed to provide low-cost service in the trans-Atlantic and perhaps the trans-Pacific routes," said George Novak, an airline industry researcher at George Washington University.

Dan Kasper, an airline consultant for LEG in Cambridge, Mass., said major carriers will need to improve customer service and change the way they are viewed by passengers.

"I am very comfortable that five years from now, there will be several large network carriers," Kasper said. "Whether the names on the board are United, American, Delta, Northwest, Continental and US Airways remains to be seen."

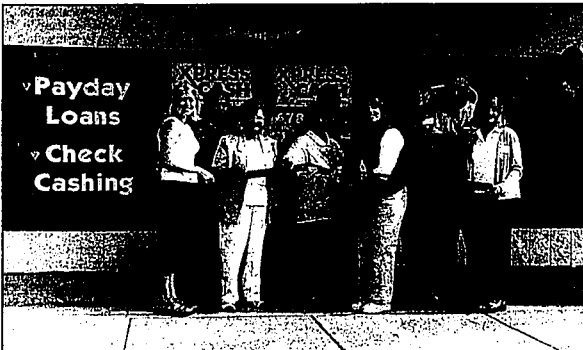
MILESTONES

ITEMS FOR FAMILIES



Family Dollar, a new business in Rupert, celebrates its grand opening with a ribbon cutting - with help from Mini-Casala chamber members, community members and Family Dollar corporate representatives. The business, at 311 F St. in Rupert, can be reached at 438-8857. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. The Rupert store is the first in the chain to be opened in Idaho. The store sells a variety of items such as cleaning supplies, clothing, household items and nonperishable foods.

CASHING IN



Xpress Cash LLC holds a ribbon cutting with the Mini-Casala Chamber of Commerce and chamber ambassadors. From left are Chrissy Bailey, Carleen Clayville, Audrey Nelwarth, Pat Campbell, June Potter, Ward Maxfield, business manager Pauline P. Garth, Barbara Rankliew, Dale Whipple and Christina Torix. The business is at 408 E. Fifth St. N., Suite B, in the Snake River Plaza in Burley. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The phone number is 678-1005. The branch offers payday and title loans. Beginning in August, it will also offer Western Union services, money orders and phone cards.

BANK ON IT



USDA Rural Development staff presents a plaque to First Federal Savings Bank employees. First Federal was the second highest lender for Idaho in number of loans made and the third highest lender in dollars loaned for USDA Rural Development's Guaranteed Rural Housing Program. The bank's efforts provided housing loans for 24 families in Magic Valley and Mini-Casala totaling \$1.79 million for Oct. 1 through May 31.

Cool

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another "Cool City" grant recipient. Gebben, too, says the arts center adds to Saugautk's appeal - making it a more "happening" place.
Philadelphia, meanwhile, is using a civic leadership and jobs program to try and persuade students who attend colleges and universities there to stay.
Attempting to build upon small but positive growth among 25- to 34-year-olds in the late '90s, Memphis has dubbed itself the "never-sleep-

ing, funky, fast soul of the global economy," pushing everything from a citywide fiber optic network to its music scene.
And Cleveland, in partnership with Yale, Colgate and other universities, has a summer internship program in which students stay with host families who show them the finer points of Cleveland - from a vibrant arts and political scene to a more reasonable cost of living.
"Most have never been to Cleveland in their lives. And

most of what they heard was not particularly favorable," says Marianne Crosley, a Colgate alumna who is coordinator of the 10-week program known as "Summer on the Cuyahoga."
While many of last summer's participants initially said their expectations for Cleveland were fairly low, after their summer in town 41 percent said they would "definitely" consider a job there.
Sull, whose expert if tracking population wonder if focussing on 20somethings is the best tactic for plugging brain drain.

Agency's mad cow policy angers many

WASHINGTON - So far, it's been a bad month for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. First there were the inconclusive announcements of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, which drew fire from the beef industry, now comes another heat-provoking situation.

Last Friday, the agency came under fire again when the Food and Drug Administration announced that rather than putting the additional BSE prevention rules in place as promised. In January, there would be a comment period on the rules instead.
One consumer group, the Global Resource Action Center for Environment said FDA's policy delay only "continues to threaten public safety."

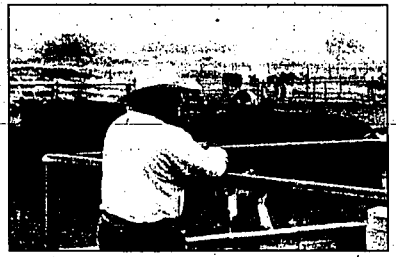
After a case of BSE was discovered in a Washington dairy cow in December, the FDA said on Jan. 26, that not only would it ban high-risk cow parts from food but would also prohibit mammalian blood and blood products to be fed to ruminants (cows, sheep, goats), and would prohibit poultry litter and "plate waste" as feed ingredients.

"Six months later, to the dismay of consumers, only a fraction of what they promised will be put into action," said Alice Slatore, president of GRACE.

Cathy Beck, FDA spokeswoman, said the new rule-making proposal was a must in light of an internal review team's primary recommendation to remove all "specified risk materials" from animal feed.
"What we are talking about would require a complete restructuring of the rendering facilities," she said. "It would take a major revision of the rendering industry."

That reason alone validates a comment period, giving all stakeholders an opportunity for input, she said.

Plus, there are a series of fire walls in place exactly to protect consumers from BSE, she said, so "we felt like we had time to do this."



Gordon Grove, feedlot manager for Cossen Brothers Inc., said he has high confidence in the way the U.S. Department of Agriculture is handling the BSE surveillance and prevention program in the U.S. "We still have the safest food supply in the world, no matter what," he said.

Farmbeat
Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

Cooler weather put sugar beets on target

TWIN FALLS, Idaho - Cooler weather and spotty rains have put south central Idaho's sugar beets in good condition despite tight irrigation supplies, as the growing season passed its midpoint Thursday, officials and farmers said.

"Mine are looking pretty good, maybe a little above average," Eden area producer Jeff Henry said.
Less rain has fallen in his area than in other parts of the state. In fact, much of south-central Idaho has received less-than-average precipitation since March 1, said the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service.

But the overcast weather has kept temperatures moderate, with most days in the 80s, Henry said.

"The cooler weather has helped. It allows you to get by with a little less water," he said.
Henry ended up replanting

Impaired water list takes a new form

BOISE, Idaho - What used to be a long list of water bodies that weren't supporting beneficial uses has become a thick report describing everything from wilderness streams to impaired water uses. What farmers and ranchers got used to calling the 3039(d) list is now an integrated report.

"We have to account for all the waters in the state," said Mike Edmondson, who manages Idaho's impaired water programs for the Department of Environmental Quality. The new format was used when the 2002 draft integrated report was submitted to the federal Environmental Protection Agency last month.

In addition to changing the format from a single list to a five-part report, the state is also now looking at assessment units rather than stream segments.

Moving a business? Plan and budget

NEW YORK (AP) - Business is so good at your small company that you've outgrown your office, and you're moving to larger quarters.

Congratulations! Now you get to deal with the complications and stress of moving.

Veterans of office moves say it's critical for a small business owner to focus on the priorities when switching offices: making sure your phone and Internet service is up and running, that critical files and papers don't get lost, that your computers are all reconnected. And that your business keeps running in the meantime.

Perhaps most important is to approach this as a professional move, something to be done with plenty of advance planning and budgeting.

"Don't do it the way you move your apartment - office moves need to be organized," said Richard Laerner, CEO of the public relations agency RLM, who said he's moved his company 10 times in 14 years in New York and Los Angeles. "You need to hire a professional mover."

Just as personal moves are fraught with things that go wrong, moving a company is bound to have its glitches. To coincide with one of RLM's moves, the company contracted with a new telephone and Internet service provider, which failed to deliver the service. Laerner said his company was hobbled for two weeks until service from another

provider was arranged.
The lesson he learned was to have a solid support system - including good lawyers - to back you up if things go wrong.

Ben Holtz, who has moved his customer relations management firm, Green Beacon Solutions, learned that you need to be prepared for unexpected costs like legal fees and charges for a letter of credit his landlord required his company to have. He also discovered, before he signed the lease, that his company might have had to pay more than \$60,000 to improve the premises.

A lawyer who knows real estate is a crucial adviser during a move, said Holtz, whose firm is located in Watertown, Mass.
"We've got at what we do, we're smart people - and then you get a 180-page lease and say what the heck is this," he said.

Costs can run up particularly fast when you're moving to a place where you need to do construction or renovations.

"We underestimated how much we were going to need for fire provisions - \$70,000 more," recalled Ash Huzenlaub, CEO of Emergisoft, a Dallas-based software firm.

His advice: "You need to budget \$100,000 in oops money."

Business owners who have moved prefer organization - packing your equipment and files so you'll be able to find the important things first. And the most critical things shouldn't be transported by the movers,

according to Lisa MacKenzie, owner of MacKenzie Marketing Group in Portland, Ore.

"My laptop, cell phone and my active files, they go home with me and then they go into the office" after the movers leave, she said.

You should also have a list of what needs to be done first so your employees can get back to work as soon as possible. That means getting the copier plugged in and being sure the network computer is up and running.

When it comes to moving your high-tech equipment, MacKenzie suggests not having the movers take it, but having information technology people do the work. If you have outside IT consultants, they can take care of getting your computers working again.

Some businesses have duplicate computer systems in place as they move. Honeyland, president of the Tampa, Fla.-based firm The Environmental PR Group, discovered that you shouldn't be in a rush to shut down an old system. She dismantled the server in her old office, and then a series of problems kept her company from being fully functional in its new home.

Planning must include letting your customers and vendors know you're moving, and how they can reach you in case of an contingency like the phone system failing. If some people have back-up numbers like your cell phone so they can contact you.

architecture firm.
San Diego is hip without trying, she adds - and a relatively easy place to find a job.

Carey, the Michigan actress, says she flipped the side of her teacher friends are having trouble getting work in Michigan.

And even if she wanted to live in Saugautk - already a magnet for wealthy retirees and families with second homes - she says she couldn't afford it.

"It's definitely a beautiful place to live," Carey says. "It's also an expensive place to live."

"They're like a revolving door. They move to one place - and they move away," says Bill Frey, a demographer and visiting fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington. "So any city that thinks they can get a hold on this group is expecting too much."

In his research, he has found that cities with warmer climates and a relatively low cost of living were the biggest gainers of 25- to 34-year-olds from 1995 to 2000. They included Atlanta, Dallas, Phoenix and Denver.

Today, Frey says, many 20somethings are attracted to "fun cities," such as San Diego and Austin, Texas.

That was the case for 24-year-old Julie Snodgrass, who moved to San Diego with four friends after graduating from the University of Georgia. She figures she'll end up in Atlanta, where she grew up - but first, she wanted a little adventure.
"We knew our life paths would never lead us here unless we just planted ourselves here," says Snodgrass, who does marketing for a landscape

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ON THE UPSWING

As job market improves, will pay and benefits

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Finally, the pendulum swings back in workers' favor. After years of a slack job market that allowed employers to freeze or cut wages and benefits, hiring is picking up, and some companies are responding by ramping up bonuses, salaries and other benefits to make sure workers don't jump ship en masse.

"As the job markets open up, as they seem to be, those people who are perhaps a little less engaged, a little less committed to the company will now have an opportunity to look around," said Donald Lowman, managing director at Towers Perrin, the consulting firm.

"Employers can't afford too much unwanted turnover because it can be very expensive," he said.

The economy has created 1.5 million jobs since August and first-time jobless claims in early July fell to their lowest in nearly four years, according to the Labor Department. Layoffs in the second quarter hit their lowest level since mid-2000, said outplacement firm Challenger Gray & Christmas.

Workers who sat tight for years now face better opportunities. A poll of about 2,600 visitors to Yahoo sites (other than its job boards) last month found that 40 percent are ready to seek new jobs, a finding supported by a separate survey last year.

Some companies already are trying to attract workers' rage with bonuses and career-advancement opportunities and modest salary hikes, human-resource consultants said.

"Employers are saying they can't afford not to (provide salary increases) because of the job market," said Steven Gross, a principal at Mercer, a human resources consulting firm.

Less than 5 percent of companies froze salaries this year, down from more than 10 percent last year, according to a survey by Mercer. Last week, 1,600 firms with 14 million employees.

Salary increases will be up slightly with raises averaging 3.5 percent for next year, com-

pared with 3.4 percent this year, but there's still some firms to watch next year's number up, Gross said.

"They're struggling between taking care of their current employees, hiring new employees, laying off employees, but ultimately they need to take care of who they have, because as the market heats up, the better employees will have job opportunities," Gross said. Still, Gross and others said only a small portion of companies are taking action now, since the job market likely won't soon return to its late-1990s heyday. The U.S. jobless rate is still 5.6 percent — the same as in late 2001 and well above the 4.5 percent mark hit in early 2000.

Microsoft recently announced cost cuts that include trimming health-care benefits and closing lockers and possibly the soda that may be a short-term move, but it's to the benefit to executive recruiters.

From our perspective, (Microsoft's cuts) are great because they are further disenchanting their employee base," said Marc Lewis, president of the North America region for Morgan Stanley's executive recruitment firm.

Some say employers need to improve retention incentives now. "If employers and managers wait until the job market really hot and they have people starting to leave, then it's too late," said Frank Kenna, president of The Marlin Company, a workplace communication consulting firm.

Consultants are seeing some companies ramp up bonuses, though exact numbers aren't available. "I have seen some companies starting to gear up their variable pay on the incentive side," Lowman said.

But unlike job markets of years past, companies now are offering more diverse work to determine which retention incentives will work. Money is less on workers' top desire.

"It's different now ... it's not

one or two silver bullets," said Amy Jantz, a compensation expert and managing strategist at WorldatWork, an association of human-resource professionals.

"You've got your baby boomers motivated by one set of objectives, your Gen Xers and Gen Yers are motivated by a different set of objectives. You can't do cookie-cutter approach anymore, and gone is the time when stock options were the coin of the realm. "In the old days, you could throw stock options at people," Jantz said. "Now you're looking on the horizon at having to expense your options and that means fewer firms offering them."

Stock-option grants dropped about 15 percent in the past year, according to a survey of 150 technology firms by Mellon Financial.

But grants of restricted stock — shares tied to a vesting period and future performance —

Lowman said. Companies granted restricted stock to select top performers throughout the slack job market, but now they're starting to consider offering them to a wider range of employees, he said.

When the labor market's shedding jobs, companies were cutting costs by reducing the value of their 401(k) matches. Employers paid an average of 2.5 percent of workers' pay to 401(k) plans in 2000 and 2001, down from 3.3 percent in the late 1990s, according to the Profit Sharing/401(k) Council of America.

That average is inching higher. In 2003, companies paid an average of 2.9 percent of salary into plans.

"What drives employers (contribution rates) is the necessity to attract, retain or motivate high-quality people," said David Wray, the Council's president.

As the competition for labor heats up, some companies have set a high bar for others to match. For instance, a local insurance company with about 700 workers in Sheboygan, Wis., contributes 8 percent of employee pay to workers' retirement plans, whether or not the employees contribute.

Still, other firms see being top 401(k) match as increasing too broadly general. Because retirement-plan rules prevent them from offering different matches to different workers, Jantz said, some cost-conscious companies may opt for more targeted perks aimed at above-average performers.

After several years of passing rising health insurance costs onto employees, companies will soon have to assess the degree to which their health-care benefits lag others.

"It's easy when you've got leverage as an employer to say, 'We're going to pass the increase on to employees,'" said Keith Greene, director of organizational programs at the Society for Human Resource Management.

"But when the job market becomes extremely competitive and you attempt to pass on more of the cost to the employee, they might jump for another job. This is a big issue for every employer, large and small."

While a tighter job market may force some employers to start cutting health-care benefits, most will simply add other benefits and perks as incentives, Jantz said. As with 401(k) plans, anti-discrimination regulations prevent customizing health-care benefits for individual workers. That makes health-care benefit plans an unlikely retention tool.

"You can't carve out a certain type of benefit for specific individuals without making sure you're not being discriminatory to the rest of the population," she said. "It's difficult to customize your benefits program."

Keeping existing staff doesn't necessarily involve throwing money at them.

"What will make an employee stay are the top two things: recognition and the ability to make a difference," Kenna said, based on his company's annual worker surveys and other research. Third on the list was opportunity for advancement, only then followed by salary.

Some companies see catering to workers' desire for career growth as a key retention tool. In the Mercer survey, 19 percent of companies saw offering career planning as an emerging retention practice.

Said Kenna, "Employees have to feel as if they are an important asset to the organization, as if they're valued as individuals. An organization can put that in place at any time, and the sooner the better."

Can creative perks improve company loyalty?

Some businesses seem to think so

The Baltimore Sun

A California software company gives all its workers \$5,000 bonuses that they may spend only on dream vacations. An Indiana business gives employees chances to win money at a weekly lottery-meeting. Whole Foods Market groceries across the nation, energetic workers can earn hundreds of dollars in bonuses every month.

Employee perks aren't as common or lavish as several years ago when new Internet companies sought to lure talent with juicy stock options and workplaces that bordered on gymnastics, but many companies still find that unusual extras help motivate and retain employees in an era marked by worker anxiety and sporadic job growth. Perks — short for perks — now range from pet insurance to tuition reimbursement to monthly manicures.

At a time when job satisfaction is slipping, some employers say the perks help keep workers in their cubicles. The number of workers who plan to stay in their jobs dipped to 59 percent this year from 62 percent in 2003, according to an annual work trends survey by Minneapolis-based consulting company Gatz/Wiley Research. Another study conducted by Florida-based consulting agency Spherion found that workers are less likely than they were five years ago to view longevity with a single employer as a key to career success.

As well as on to their workers, some companies provide on-site child care and others send employees home with prepared dinners. Businesses that hand out such extras don't necessarily have to pay

competitive wages to hold on to employees, said Joyce Gioia, president of the Herman Group, a North Carolina think tank that focuses on work trends.

"Motek Inc., a software company in Beverly Hills, Calif., brings in lunch daily because its computer programmers and consultants never wanted to take a break to eat. Figuring no one is productive when they're hungry, the company's chief executive began a program where workers can have \$15 deducted from their paycheck each week for lunch that is is ordered from a different area restaurant every day."

All of the company's 20 employees take part in that program, said office manager Caroline Neal. At \$3 a day it's far less expensive than if they ordered lunch out themselves each day.

Other perks that keep workers at the privately held Motek's weeks of paid vacation each year, said Neal. The company's chief executive started the program to encourage workers to go away and recharge so they would be able to work more focused and with fresh ideas.

"Your dream vacation, and it's possible every year," said Neal, who used her vacation bonus money to pay for a honeymoon in Italy.

For those who stay with the company for 10 years, Motek leases a car for them — a BMW, Lexus or Mercedes. "The same programmers who wrote the code for the company's software program 13 years later because this is such an awesome place to work," said Neal of the company, which has made Deloitte and Touche's list of the fastest growing companies in the Los

Angeles area for the past four years. "Our retention is unbelievable."

Companies expect their employees to work hard for them, and they in turn reward their workers with extra money and perks. It's part of a psychological contract between employee and employer that says, "we're all in this together," said Reinald Bruce, an associate professor of management in the University of Louisville's College of Business and Public Administration.

But labor experts have mixed views on the value of unusual perks. Some say it's more important for employees' ideas to be taken seriously and to feel empowered to make decisions at work; that they, say, ultimately will have a greater effect on productivity and commitment than a side benefit.

"A lot of times people have been told to check their brains at the door when they go to work and just do what they're told to do," Bruce said. "We have a myth that if you pay people more, they'll be more productive, more committed, more involved — and that's not the case. If you pay people more, they'll have more money. It won't be necessarily that they're more committed, more engaged in the workplace, more engaged with the job."

Indeed, several companies have found that cash or extrinsic rewards, such as vacations, typically have short-term gains,

said Anell K. Mishra, an associate professor of management at Wake Forest University's Babcock Graduate School of Management. Generous perks can even become "golden handcuffs" as a key retention tool, keeping a worker from leaving naturally when the job has become a drag.

A Johns Hopkins University program reimburses full-time workers who have been on staff for two years or more for part of their child's college education — no matter where they enroll.

Service Net LLC, an Indiana company that manages warehouses. Some service contracts, typically struggles with high levels of monotony and turnover. But Service Net has had success in holding down workforce churn by giving away "fun money" — \$100 a year that each worker must use for fun, such as family trips to amusement parks — and offering chances to win cash prizes at company meetings, said Michael Neumann, who has the unusual title of manager of culture, training and enrichment at Service Net.

"The call center industry usually runs at 40 percent turnover a year, so we have to find unique things that, one, drive productivity, two, create an attractive work environment; and three, create programs that help retain employees," said Neumann, adding that Service Net typically has a turnover rate of about 40 percent or less.

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Lawyer: Say little when you're giving a reference

The Record (Bergen County, N.J.)

HACKENSACK, N.J. — When bosses are called to evaluate a former employee's performance, they'd do well to pretty much just hang up the phone after a few seconds, says labor attorney Anthony Onicid.

It's not that Onicid wants his clients to be rude; he just doesn't want them to get dragged into a lawsuit.

A recent precedent-setting case prompted Onicid to warn employers about the potential pitfalls of giving employee references. Onicid, a partner in Proskauer Rose LLP's labor and employment practice group in Los Angeles, has also set up offices in Newark, New York, Boston, and Paris, recently talked about the do's and don'ts of offering background information on former colleagues.

Q. What did the case involve? A. The decision came from Wisconsin. In the case, the employee got a judgment from a jury that granted him \$30,000 in compensatory and \$250,000 in punitive damages. The jury found there had been malice associated with the employer's defamatory statements against the employee.

Q. What are the specifics of the case? A. The case is Gibson vs. Overnite Transportation Co. Gibson had worked for one of Overnite's terminals and eventually left. He said he had to assist his ailing grandfather's company and in fact went to work for another trucking company the next day.

When he admitted he lied, he said he was afraid the manager at Overnite would retaliate. The thing is that Overnite was in the midst of some union issues. When teamsters went on strike and established a picket line at the Milwaukee terminal, the company began to ship freight out of the Kaukauna terminal, a non-union facility where Gibson worked. Gibson said he was harassed by the teamsters and didn't want to have any more confrontations with the striking union, so that's why he really left.

He was hired as a probationary employee at another trucking company, USF Holland. That company hired a California attorney to look into Gibson's background and when the supervisor at Overnite was called, the supervisor (who at that point knew Gibson misstated his reasons for leaving) said Gibson was "way below average" and that he needed to "improve his work ethic and attitude." He went on to say that Gibson missed anywhere from two to three days of work each week and had a real problem with authority. It was really not such good stuff and most important, from a legal standpoint, he said he would "never hire" Gibson.

Overnite was the only former employer to give Gibson a bad report, but USF Holland terminated Gibson based on what the supervisor said. Gibson sued Overnite and the supervisor on the theory of defamation. He testified that he

shaking off a period in which a tepid business recovery prompted most employers to keep their worker counts static.

Yes, most on both sides of the paycheck say companies aren't likely to add legions of new workers and employers said that even if the economy were to sizzle, workers will be asked to continue their heavy loads.

The results are from 2,639 interviews conducted by Randstad North America, the Atlanta-based subsidiary of Dutch staffing giant Randstad NV.

Workload tires employees

By Justin Bachman AP Business Writer

As the productivity of U.S. workers has soared in recent years, many employees feel the amount of work they're doing is becoming onerous, according to a telephone survey of more than 2,600 people.

Sixty percent said they're fine with their hours and overtime, but less than half (47 percent) said they're OK with the amount of work employers expect them to handle. And 80 percent said companies are expecting too few workers to handle too much work.

The findings come as corporate America appears to be slowly expanding payrolls,

was embarrassed, humiliated, and that his reputation was harmed because he was not able to get a job for a year and a half after he was fired from USF Holland. So the jury finds in his favor.

Q. What happened on appeal? A. The employer argued they were entitled to make statements about a former employee, assuming that they would have to be true. The issue was whether or not there was sufficient malice to support the verdict, and the appellate court affirmed the judgment in every respect.

Q. What is it you want your employer-clients and others to learn from this case? A. When we see a decision like this, the issue employers face is whether it pays to ever say anything at all about an employee. We suggest they only give name, rank, and serial number the dates of employment and the position held. Don't ever characterize anything about an employee. We also advise our clients not to answer the question of whether the employee is eligible for rehire, as was answered in this case. This case shows it may be the most thing to tell as ambiguous as that can give an employee a substantial claim.

But it's a problem, because by saying nothing, bad penalties get passed on from employer to employer. Even in a case where you truly have a poor-performing employee, an employer can be on the spot for speaking up. It may be the most thing to tell the truth, but no one wants to walk into a lawsuit.

Q. Is there ever a circumstance where an employer should say more about an employee? A. If an employee represents a threat of physical harm to others, then you would have a duty to disclose it. Employers do have an obligation to create a safe workplace, but even then, we recommend you get the police involved because it does help take it out of the employer's hands.

There's a California Supreme Court case, *Randi W.* that involved a minor child who had been molested by a school principal. The principal had worked for a series of school districts in California, and none of the school districts terminated him for molesting children. He just got passed around from district to district, and not only did nobody say anything, but his wages were actually said positive things about him. The court found that the district and its employees could be held liable.

If you say anything at all, you have to say the whole truth.

Q. Is there anything else employers should know?

The most important thing is employers need to be wary of anything they say about a former employee. Even if it's that a former secretary used the boss's credit card to fly to Rio and was fired for embezzling money.

It's a sad state of affairs, but the truth may cause some long-term, expensive consequences.

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KIDS AND THE GREEN STIFF

Studies: Youngsters run short on money skills

By Patricia V. Rivers
The Dallas Morning News

Wick English received a valuable inheritance.

Her mother, who acquired it during the Great Depression, passed it on to her daughter with pride. Now English is leaving it to her three children.

"I want them to understand the importance of saving money, something my mother instilled in me early in life," said English, a real estate agent who lives in Arlington, Texas.

That was her inheritance — the legacy of a strong early education in managing finances. And it's reaping dividends for her children.

English and her husband, Eric, require their children to put half their allowance money into savings. They believe they're giving their children a lifetime of lessons in saving, money management and deferred gratification.

The oldest son, Jake, 14, has built his savings account to \$1,200, all with allowance money. He's recently started tinkering with stocks such as \$M Co.

Kelsey, 11, has saved about \$80, and 9-year-old Megan is close to \$500.

The Englishs are a special case. Numerous studies say young people lack money management skills, and the problem is getting worse.

At a time when Americans are being asked to manage their retirement accounts more actively, and many are realizing that they were duped by Wall Street during the high-tech bubble, some experts say youngsters have a greater need than ever to grasp issues that could adversely affect their lives.

"They'll have to make many more decisions about things like 401(k)s," said Dara Duguy, executive director of the JumpStart coalition for the Financial Literacy in Washington. "If they don't know about it, they may not enroll."

A national study by JumpStart shows that students' knowledge about managing money, investing and saving is deteriorating. Students answered only 50 percent of personal finance questions correctly, down from 52 percent in 2000. Of 57 personal finance questions, more than 50 percent were answered incorrectly using credit cards. About 12 percent of students have their own credit cards, compared with 8 percent in 2000 and 8 percent in 1997.

"Part of the problem is that personal finance is rarely taught at the schools," Duguy said. Only 15 percent of youngsters took such a class before graduating from high school, she said.

Texas is among many states

Tips for teaching children

The Institute of Consumer Financial Education offers advice on teaching children about money. More tips are at www.financial-education-life.org.

- Help children learn the difference between needs, wants and wishes.
- When giving an allowance, encourage saving a portion.
- Consider paying interest on money saved at home. Have children help calculate the interest.

- Take youngsters to a credit union or bank when opening their savings accounts.
- Encourage children to keep receipts from all purchases and then make notes.
- Allow young people to make spending decisions, both good and poor, and then encourage a discussion of pros and cons before more spending takes place.

—Source: Institute of Consumer Financial Education

Resources for parents

JumpStart's Web site, www.jumpstartcoalition.org, offers a variety of educational material, much of it free. Bookstores shelves hold many books, from practical guides to more light-hearted ones.

Irving, Texas, author Suzanne deLoach recently published "Wisdom Daddy Taught Me: A Path from Poverty to Prosperity." The book is a series of short stories highlighting life lessons about character, attitude and money that she learned from her father, Sam Potter.

Potter was a salesman and self-made millionaire who died in 1986. Short said he spoke simple words to her that carried deep messages.

Short recounts in one chapter how at the age of 5, when she and her father visited a relative's candy shop, he asked as they showed her pennies in a little pink purse, "What's the matter, little girl? Is your money burning a hole in your pocket?"

The metaphor was too vivid even for a preschooler to misinterpret, she remembers. Seeing her father stay in control of his personal

cash throughout his life helped punctuate the point for her. "I wrote the book for adults, but because it's written from a child's perspective and it's filled with short stories, I've found that it's quite popular with children," she said. She's revising the text to publish a children's version.

A former real estate agent, Short said she encountered many people shopping for a home who didn't have the foundation to make sound financial decisions.

Rudy Cavazos Jr., spokesman for Money Management International, a nonprofit credit counseling service based in Houston, said consumers are always asking at what age they can start teaching children about finances.

Elementary school children should value saving money, he said. As they grow older they should, at the very least, know the dangers of overspending.

"One, bad decision and you have a negative credit history that you'll carry for years," he said. "They need to understand early the consequences to negative decisions."

that do not require a personal finance course for graduation. But many Dallas area schools integrate money management into their math curriculum.

For example, at the Dallas Independent School District, Algebra I teachers use problems that include economic purchasing, budgeting, renting, spending strategies and savings, said Catherine Malone, the district's executive director of mathematics. Algebra I is usually offered in the eighth and ninth grade.

In Arlington, Megan's fifth-grade math lessons cover the importance of spending money wisely through an exercise that makes her responsible for building a home.

Children are now the focus of several financial education initiatives nationwide.

In October, heads of the U.S. Treasury and Education departments united to announce that they would aggressively promote the integration of financial education into math and reading courses in schools.

Outside the regular curriculum, teachers have a wealth of resources that can help educate young people in finance and investing.

For instance, Wall Street Icon Muriel Siebert, the first woman to claim ownership of a seat on the New York Stock Exchange, developed a curriculum currently used in New York City schools to help students manage, save and use money.

Her goal is to take the lessons to schools throughout the nation. When she does, it will be her biggest life accomplishment, she said.

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share of stock in its parent company, Citigroup Inc.

Mindy S. Ross, Salomon's director of target marketing, said she was surprised by teachers' interest in the 5-year-old program.

"They want us to work with them because oftentimes schools don't have the resources or expertise to teach about the stock market," she said.

Schools are starting to take a greater role in teaching personal finance, partially because many parents aren't doing it. In a time of soaring consumer debt, experts say, parents don't always practice what they should be teaching.

There are many opportunities for parents to teach children about money. www.TheMint.org, a Web site created by the Northwestern Mutual Foundation and the National Council on Economic Education to emphasize personal financial literacy, suggests capitalizing on everyday events. For instance:

If you're refinancing your house, you can talk to the kids about how you save money when you reduce the interest rate or the length of the loan, and what you might do with the money you save. Kids can learn how small differences in interest rates are a big deal when you're working with big numbers.

At a fast-food restaurant, parents can discuss the price of a 5-pound bag of potatoes compared with the price of an order of french fries.

The group advises telling your children how much you spend on groceries. Ask them to help you shop, so they can get an idea of prices. Ask them to clip coupons or scan the newspaper for good deals on needed items.

"It's about impulse buying and how to resist it. Without embarrassing the one child in braces or another almost in college, talk about the strain these costs are putting on the family. It might raise their interest in saving and lower their debts."

The Englishs discuss money matters regularly. The parents help their children decide how to spend their allowance. They give the 50 cents a week for each year of their age (14-year-old Alex gets \$7, for instance).

The kids pay for expenses deemed unnecessary by their elders, including pricey snacks and monthly cell-phone bills.

Alex doesn't mind. He said he often has less money to spend than his friends who don't have savings accounts. But Alex has his own plans for his money.

"Once I get out of a college, I'll be able to buy a real nice car, like a Viper. Then it will have been worth it," he said.

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Boomers may not get big bequests

By Pamela Vlp
The Dallas Morning News

Attention, baby boomers: If you've been hoping to inherit a pot of money after your parents pass on, you might want to rethink it.

You're more likely to get only a saucer full, if that.

Boomers aren't going to be inheriting as much as they think, said Laurence J. Kotlikoff, an economics professor at Boston University, who co-authored a study in 2000 on boomers' inheritance prospects.

He stands by his conclusions.

For one thing boomers can expect to receive 15 percent to 20 percent less in their inheritance than they would have gotten three years ago because of the stock market meltdown, he said. Boomers also face trillion-dollar inflation. One reason parents are living longer and will spend more of their money in retirement.

"They're going to have to spend more of their wealth on themselves because of big cuts in Social Security benefits, and I anticipate major tax hikes," he said. "Wealth is so unevenly distributed in the country that it won't just be unrealistic for more than a very, very small minority to think they're going to get a lot of money."

A few years ago, people were talking about the largest intergenerational transfer of wealth in history due to take place, with boomers the recipients.

At one point, experts estimated that parents of boomers were worth an estimated \$14 trillion to \$18 trillion. One report projected that about \$10 trillion in bequests would go to boomers between 1990 and 2040, or an average of \$90,000 per bequest.

But, or many experts, that view has changed.

"All along, boomers may have been counting on this as part of their retirement income stream, but they've been climbing the wrong tree," said Dr. Sandra Timmerman, a gerontologist and director of the MetLife Mature Market Institute, which studies aging issues.

Boomers' parents aren't just living longer, they're also working longer.

"People are realizing that they don't have enough to retire on," said Julie Johnson, a certified financial planner at Spectrum Strategies LLC in Addison, Texas. "Most of them are working longer so they don't become dependent on their children."

Seniors will need all the money they can get, considering how fast health care and long-term care costs are rising.

"The longer you live, the more likely you are to develop conditions that require long-term care," Timmerman said.

The average daily rate for a private room in a nursing home in Dallas is \$146.69, according to a MetLife study conducted this year. Nationally, the average cost was up 8 percent over 2002.

Costs for assisted living are also going up. The average cost of an assisted living facility in the United States is \$2,379 a month, or \$28,548 a year, up 10.2 percent from April 2002, according to another MetLife survey.

"As people seek a supportive environment in their later years, they will, in many cases, choose assisted living facilities, which offer a combination of

social, physical and emotional support, and promote independence," Timmerman said. "It can be costly."

About two-thirds of assisted living residents pay for their stay out of pocket, according to a 2001 survey by the National Center for Assisted Living.

Most long-term-care insurance plans provide coverage for assisted living, but Medicare doesn't, Timmerman said.

Retirees also can no longer expect to live off their former employers' paternalism, experts say.

"More employers are doing away with retiree health benefits by reducing them," Timmerman said.

Not everyone agrees that bequests will go down.

"The markets may be down, but the largest intergenerational transfer of wealth in history is still coming to town," said a report from the Boston College Social Welfare Research Institute.

The institute's associate director John H. Coakley defended a study, which he co-wrote, projecting in 1999 that \$41 trillion would be transferred over the next 50 years.

"That's not all going to boomers," he said. "A good portion of that is going to come from baby boomers."

More older Americans in the labor force may actually add to wealth transfer, the institute said.

"Regardless of wealth, the final estates of those who remain in the labor force will have a larger value than the estates of those who do not work during retirement years," the report said. When coupled with increased labor force participation among older workers, an additional source of life for Americans could actually increase the \$41 trillion estimate by a small amount.

Other trends argue against that.

For example, the number of Americans age 50 and older who filed for bankruptcy this year has soared 150 percent since 1991, according to MetLife.

The downturn in the economy has had a devastating impact on their assets," Timmerman said. "And unanticipated health and long-term care costs, which are increasing more rapidly than the rate of inflation, are eroding their remaining nest eggs."

As a result, many seniors find themselves using credit cards to pay for necessities such as food, medical bills and prescription drugs.

Perhaps as a result of what their parents are facing, some financial planners say their clients would rather their parents keep their money for their own well-being.

"I'm not getting a sense of entitlement at all," said Lynn McIntire, a certified financial planner and vice president at First Horizon in Dallas. "They say, 'Look, if my parents have anything for me, I hope they enjoy their retirement.' I only have a handful of folks who feel confident that they expect to inherit from their parents."

In fact, Galvan doesn't even factor in inheritance when developing financial plans for clients.

"If they have an inheritance coming in, we discount that because we don't want to be saddled with that on our minds," he said. "We want them to achieve independence on their own."

'Bounce protection' can be costly for consumers

—NEW YORK (AP) — With so many things to juggle these days, it's easy for consumers to make a mistake and overdraw their checking accounts.

A growing number of banks and credit unions are telling their customers not to worry, that they'll cover the overdraft and even make good on excess withdrawals made by their machines. But these new overdraft protection plans can come at a high cost, consumer experts warn.

Under these plans, financial institutions usually charge a fee equal to the amount they require for a bad check, generally \$25 to \$35 per item. While the consumers are spared the additional \$25 or \$35 a merchant might charge for that same bounced check, they generally face additional bank fees or interest on a daily basis until the overdraft is cleared.

These new programs are different from traditional overdraft plans that banks have offered for years. Under traditional plans, consumers signed up for the service and their checking accounts were linked to savings accounts or credit cards so that if they wrote too big a check, the overdraft is covered by their own funds. Generally, a small service fee of \$5 to \$10 is charged.

They are also different from preapproved overdraft lines of credit. Under this system, when a consumer writes a check bigger than the account balance, the funds are transferred from the line of credit and interest charges accumulate.

Under the new service — which they call bounced check loans — can result in fees equivalent to an annual interest rate of 240 percent, they've called for federal regulation of the practice.

Earlier this month, national bank regulators said financial institutions could continue offering the new programs. But the regulators also issued guidelines that would require banks and credit unions to do a better job informing consumers about the service.

The public has 60 days to comment before the guidelines are adopted.

Jean Ann Fox, director for consumer protection at the Consumer Federation of America in Washington, D.C., says the guidelines don't do enough to protect the unwary and she urges consumers to be extremely cautious about agreeing to overdraft protection plans.

"Banks and credit unions charge a flat fee for an overdraft, regardless of how much money you've borrowed," Fox said. "So you overdraw your bank account by \$100, and the bank charges a \$20 fee. If you pay it back after 30 days, that works out to an annual percentage rate of 243 percent. That's usury in some states."

of \$300 or \$400, "which actually encourages some people to go for it," Fox said.

Part of the problem is that many consumers don't even know they have overdraft protection until they trigger it, she said.

That's what happened to a woman who sought help from attorney Bren Pomponio at Mountain State Justice, a public interest law firm in Charleston, W. Va.

Pomponio said the woman, who lived on a pension, apparently forgot to write down a utility payment and overdrew her checking account at a bank she had dealt with for decades. When she got her statement, she found the bank had covered the check, but she had been hit with a \$30 fee plus a \$5 charge for each day the account ran a balance — a total of \$76.

"She was barely making it on her income of about \$550 a month, so that \$76 was a lot of money to her," Pomponio said. She filed suit, and eventually reached a settlement with the bank in the case, he said.

Pomponio said he is not opposed to overdraft protection and, in fact, has coverage

through his own bank.

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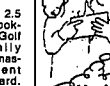
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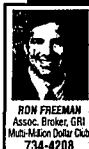
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4 1/2 acre, home on 1.72 acre, priced to sell
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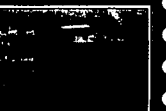
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• \$99,000 • Eden • MLS#109271
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• 4 bedrooms, 2 bath
Comfortable home, gas forced air heat
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• 3 bedrooms, 2 bath
New kitchen, new tile and more
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• 3 bedrooms, 2 bath
2 acres, family room, 3-bay garage
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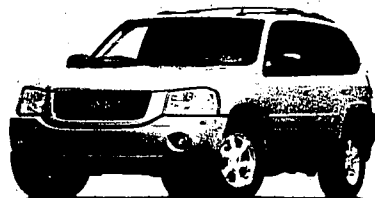
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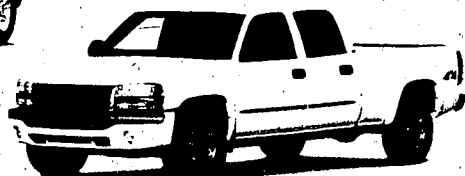
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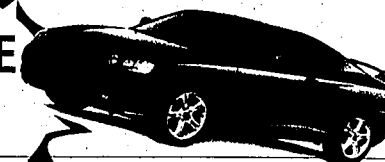


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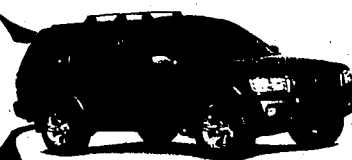


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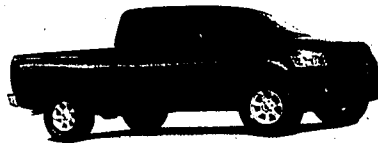
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Section E

Whims of children control mothers

I was just thinking... isn't it ironic? Part One: In my youth, the typical child was afraid of his mother — a mother, furthermore, who might never have spanked or yelled, and would only raise her feet to the floor with nothing more than a look. Today, the typical mother is afraid of her child. She's afraid he will throw a tantrum in public, afraid he will refuse to do what she pleads with him to do, afraid he will not make good grades in school (thereby confirming that she is a good mother). But most of all, she is afraid he will disapprove of her behavior — that he won't like her. I, on the other hand, was afraid my mother would disapprove of my behavior. My mother never yelled or spanked.



PARENTING
John Rosemond

Am I saying children should fear their mothers — more generally, their parents? Yes, I am. But I'm not talking about terror. I'm talking about fear in the sense of knowing that your parents possess incredible power. Jean Piaget, the founder of developmental psychology, proposed that children needed to believe their parents were omnipotent. That belief, Piaget said, formed the foundation of a child's sense of security.

Every child has the right to believe that his parents are powerful enough to provide for and protect him under any and all circumstances. And he should be helped toward the understanding that this powerfulness is the very power of love. The problem is that too many of today's parents fail to demonstrate to their children that they are even powerful enough to successfully discipline them. And if they cannot succeed at that, then how can the child possibly rely on them to sufficiently provide and protect?

Isn't it ironic? Part Two: In my youth, the typical child was working for his mother by the time he was four years old. He was in her service, helping her with chores whenever she so directed. Today, the typical child is being spoiled by his mother when he's ten, and the arrangement shows no sign of ending.

I propose that today's children are learning that women are doormats. This so-called "liberated" generation of women is causing more harm to the status of women in our culture than has any generation of women, ever before.

But John, someone recently rejoined, "yesterday's woman served her husband. What's the difference?" The difference is night and day. Yesterday's woman served a husband who provided for her welfare and protection and the welfare and protection of their children. The arrangement was reciprocal. Where is the reciprocity in today's mother-child relationship? Answer: there is none. Within its context, the child fails to learn that women are people of power. He also fails to learn what it takes to make a relationship work. Later in life, he is likely to enter into relationships thinking if they do not meet "his needs," then they are not worthy of his time.

And this, dear reader, does not bode well for any of us.

North Carolina family psychologist John Rosemond has worked with families, children, and parents since earning his master's degree in psychology from Western Illinois University in 1971. From 1971-1980, he worked as a psychologist in community mental health settings in Illinois, Iowa and North Carolina and directed several mental health programs for children. From 1980-1980, Rosemond was in full-time practice as a family psychologist. He "retired" from the practice of psychology in 1981 and has since devoted his time to speaking and writing.

Dialing back TV

Strategies for replacing television-watching with better things

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Do the math: Only 48 percent of sixth-through 12th graders in the Magic and Wood River valleys do daily homework, according to a two-year-old HealthNet survey. The national average is 45 percent.

And yet in a typical week, any American kid watches between 21 and 28 hours of TV — essentially, two days' worth. And, surveys show, TV absorption by young viewers is on the high side during the summer months.

So what's a parent to do if he or she wants to dial back TV-watching and create an environment for studying just in time for back-to-school?

We asked teachers, counselors and parents that question. Here, they say, is what works, along with advice for parents on kids' TV-watching from the University of Michigan Health System.

• **Starting-today, turn-off-the-TV** during dinner. This is a chance to create an environment for family discussion; your kids can tell you what's important to them; you can do the same.

• **Watch with your child.** Help your kid interpret what he or she sees on TV by watching as a family. Teach your child to question and learn from what he or she sees on the tube.

• **If there a computer and a TV** in your child's room, then the television set needs to be a child with his or her own TV gets the message that it's OK to view excessively and indiscriminately.

• **Approach TV as you would a movie.** Use a TV guide or newspaper to decide which shows to watch. Turn on the TV for these programs only, and turn the set off and discuss them when they're over.

• **Use the "To Kill a Mockingbird" approach.** Rent a book that your kids have read, or that you wish they would read. Have them read the book and watch the movie, and afterwards initiate a

TV: by the numbers

- In a typical American home, the TV set is on for more than seven hours each day. The average child spends more time watching TV than in school.
 - On average, kids spend 21-28 hours each week watching TV, which is more time than is spent in any other activity besides sleeping.
 - An average person will have watched 7-10 years worth of television by age 70. That's equivalent to the length of the Vietnam War.
 - Before graduating from high school, a young person will have seen 360,000 commercials on TV.
 - Children see 1,000-2,000 TV ads for alcohol each year.
- Source: University of Michigan Health System

family discussion about the differences — and similarities — between the two. Be aware, though, that you as a parent actually have to read the book, too; your children will know if you're faking it. And set a deadline for your kids to finish reading the book.

• **When you and your family watch TV,** make it a primary activity. In other words, when you watch, really watch; don't make it background noise for other activities.

• **Don't channel-surf.** This leads to unnecessary viewing. If you're having trouble finding something to watch, then doesn't it stand to reason that there's nothing worth watching?

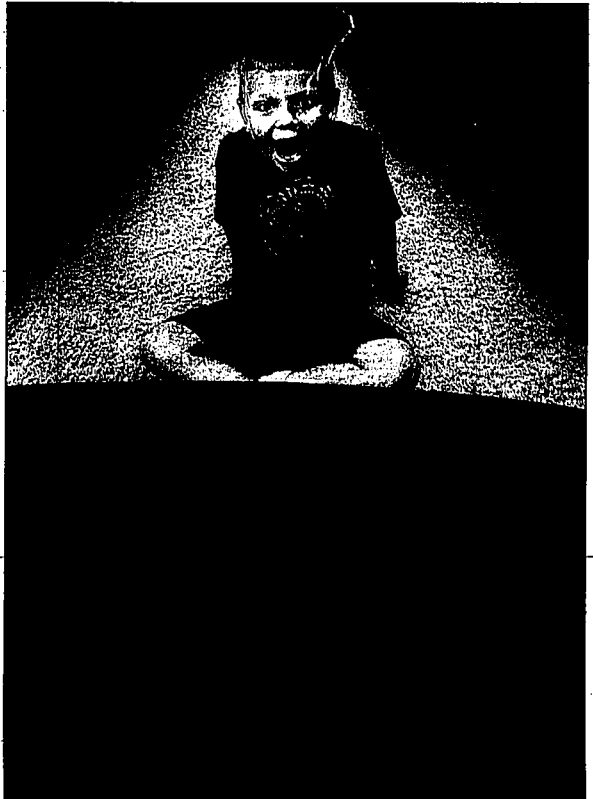
• **Approach TV as you would a movie.** Use a TV guide or newspaper to decide which shows to watch. Turn on the TV for these programs only, and turn the set off and discuss them when they're over.

• **If you keep the TV on all the time,** you have no credibility to tell your kids to turn off the tube.

• **Move the TV set to a less-prominent location.**

• **Designate certain days of the week as TV-free days.**

• **Never use TV-watching as a reward for desirable behavior.**



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The average American kid watches two days worth of television each week, and back-to-school is a good chance for parents to limit TV viewing.

- **Hide the remote.** If your child — or you — wants to change the channels, make him or her get up off the couch and walk across the room.
- **Chores and homework first; then TV.** If your child complains that he or she is missing a favorite show, introduce him or her to the magic of the video cassette recorder or DVD recorder.

- **Talk about the difference between reality and make-believe on television.** Kids have trouble distinguishing between what's real and what's fake on TV. Discuss the difference between news and entertainment and talk about why the new wave of "reality" shows is really just

more fantasy.

• **Understand that TV-separation boredom is rarely fatal in kids;** in fact, it may spur creativity in your children.

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Math competitions let students see beauty in numbers

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Twelve-year-old Melanie Wood was a solid math student, not a star, when a teacher at her school near Indianapolis suggested she participate in a regional competition a decade ago. It was very short notice, she recalled, but the school's math team needed another member.

She enjoyed the rapid-fire pace of the team-based competition. She could use her imagination, not just do things the way her teacher instructed. But the results stunned her. She came in first place and a month later finished first for the state of Indiana.

Wood, now 23, said she was hooked on something called MATHCOUNTS, which became her springboard to compete for the United States in the International Mathematical Olympiad.

MATHCOUNTS, a very complex problem-solving version of a spelling bee, celebrates the unpredictability and fun of mathematics. With little publicity, it has spread to about 6,000 U.S. schools and continues to grow. The nonprofit MATHCOUNTS Foundation, based in Alexandria, Va., had 500,000 student participants nationally this year, said Peggy Drane, its executive director. The program is supported by contest fees of \$80 per team and private grants.

"It's very different from math class," said Sarah Olson, a seventh-grader at suburban Pyle Middle School. "You can come up with your own ways of solving the problems."

Experts say that competition and creativity add an element of joy to math and other subjects that can change students' attitudes about what



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Closeup of a math problem from MATHCOUNTS, which "reveals something about aesthetic qualities of math," Olson says. "It focuses on how much these students learn; engaging in an artistic activity."

they're learning.

"The room's a buzzin', and everyone is focused," said teacher Barbara Burnett, whose MATHCOUNTS team at suburban Longfellow Middle School has won the Virginia contest each year since 2000.

The interest in math competitions has gotten so strong that Sarah Olson's father, freelance writer Steve Olson, has a new book on the phenomenon: "Count Down: Six Kids Vie for Glory at the World's Toughest Math Competition." The book is about the American team in the 2001 International Mathematical Olympiad, a high school competition, but it also explores gifted education in American

schools, creativity in mathematics and how much hard work is hidden in the story of every genius.

Olson writes of the big jump from success at school math competitions to productive work in mathematics.

"A teenager can excel in school and in competitions like the Olympiad by becoming adept at solving problems for which an answer is already known to exist," he said. "But to become a research mathematician, a person has to be able to identify and make progress on interesting problems that may not have solutions."

Nonetheless, Olson said he appreciates the way that com-

petitions help students discover talents that often do not bloom under the cookbook approach to math found in many schools.

"MATHCOUNTS, at its best, reveals something about the esthetic qualities of math," said Olson, who is volunteer MATHCOUNTS coach at Pyle. "It focuses on how much these students are engaging in an artistic activity," with the simplest solutions to complex problems often hailed as the most beautiful.

MATHCOUNTS began in 1983 as a community involvement project for the National Society of Professional Engineers, whose members form the bulk of the 17,000 volun-

teers in the program. Donald Weiner, then the society's executive director and still board chairman of the MATHCOUNTS Foundation, said he found a thriving middle school math competition in Birmingham, Ala. He combined that with elements of a high school competition in the Chicago area that was supported by CNA insurance company, the first financial sponsor of MATHCOUNTS. The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics added its expertise, and the competition now draws from all 50 states and Washington.

The kids get excited about something that makes them school heroes just like the kids on the basketball or the baseball team," Weiner said.

A typical MATHCOUNTS competition lasts about three hours. The Sprint Round gives each student 40 minutes to answer 30 questions. The Target Round has eight questions, given two at a time with six minutes to solve each pair. In the Team Round, each four-person group has 10 problems to solve together. The top individual scorers then do the Countdown Round, an oral head-to-head competition.

That part is sometimes exciting enough to be televised. ESPN2 has been running excerpts from the recent national competition in Washington. Gregory Gauthier of Wheaton, Ill., won first place by answering this question in less than 10 seconds: "How many five-digit positive integers have the sum of all five digits equal to 8 and the product of all five digits equal to 8?" (Answer: 10 Integers)

BACK TO SCHOOL '04

Discovery looks to classroom video as rushing revenue stream

The Washington Post

Laura Brown isn't on the payroll of Discovery Communications Inc., nor does she get sales commissions from it. But she could be Discovery's secret weapon in the cable programmer's quest to expand into the education business.

Last year, the high school media specialist signed up for unitesstreaming, Discovery's subscription-based, Internet-delivered video streaming application. Through unitesstreaming, teachers and students can view video clips that range in length from 30 seconds to 20 minutes and cover subjects from cell division to sexually transmitted diseases. The clips are categorized by state education standards and are searchable.

Brown was so impressed with unitesstreaming's offerings she taped more than 200 teachers and students at her school in Burtonsville, Md., to use it. She also touted the product at a professional conference and in library journal articles.

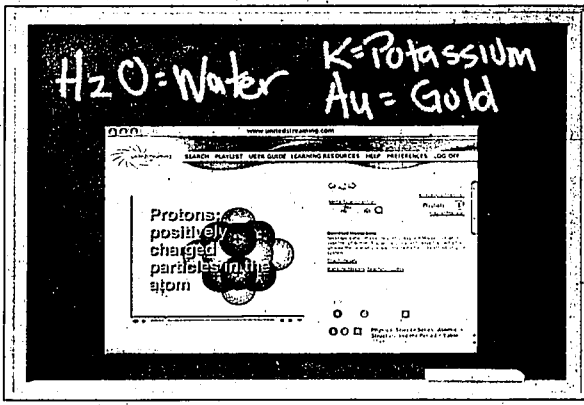
"I can't say enough good things" about unitesstreaming, Brown said, noting its advantages over traditional formats.

"It's so hard to get science videos. It gets so expensive, then people lose them or bring them back damaged," she said. With unitesstreaming, schools can choose from 20,000 video clips, save them to a hard drive, burn them onto CDs or integrate them into presentations. Through its new subsidiary, United Learning, Discovery also provides training and materials such as pre- and post-viewing exercises and teachers guides.

Discovery is also building an army of converts such as Brown will ensure the success of unitesstreaming and its new business unit, Discovery Education. Based in Silver Spring, Md., Discovery is a global media company operating 60 networks in more than 160 countries, reaching over 1 billion subscribers.

Discovery launched Discovery Education in late September, months after it acquired Content Learning, a 50-year-old producer and distributor of educational films and videos based in Evanston, Ill.

For anyone who thought Discovery was abandoning its nerdy roots with made-for-advertiser hits such as "Monster Garage" and "Trading Spaces," the new education division is out to prove that Discovery still



Washington Post photo

Some educators are lining up behind Discovery's innovative video program.

"I know how to distill out the broccoli."

The education business combines United Learning's offerings with Discovery's existing Discovery Channel School products, which include educational videotapes, CD-ROMs and print materials. Discovery has also participated in Cable in the Classroom, a not-for-profit cable industry initiative to provide programming to students.

"Discovery executives stress, however, that the new venture is about making money, not just being good citizens."

Donald Baer, Discovery Communications' senior executive vice president for strategy and development, noted that unitesstreaming takes advantage of existing distribution channels, rising demand and cheap content in the form of Discovery's vast video library.

About 99 percent of the 90,000 schools and 92 percent of classrooms in the United States are wired for broadband, thanks to a law that passed as part of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

United Learning signed up 25,000 schools for unitesstreaming. Discovery aims to boost that number to about 80,000. At an average subscription cost of about \$1,000 per school—less than a new set of textbooks—Discovery is looking at a potential multimillion-dollar revenue stream.

"If you add up the total, it begins to be a pretty big business," Baer said.

Playing a bigger role in the classroom "reinforces brand quality," he added. "The long-term hope is that as households become better wired, we can provide a digital library... Once we deliver in the education field, Discovery will be the brand you can trust and bring into the home."

Discovery Education's future customers, as envisioned by Steve Sidel, executive vice president of Discovery Education, could include "baby boomers who want to study art history or molecular biology but don't want to get a degree."

First Discovery must overcome a number of hurdles. "I can't imagine this will be a big market. It's a good, politically correct move to make... The source of the market is tricky," said John Tinker, head of the media/education group at ThinkEquity Partners, a consulting company. He noted that Discovery Education will have to negotiate deals with thousands of technology coordinators and curriculum review committees.

Discovery is ramping up its sales staff and recently began offering a free trial to one school in every school district that doesn't have unitesstreaming. Few companies offer appli-

cations similar to unitesstreaming, but video streaming is just one of many formats educators can use.

Unitesstreaming is a "supplemental material," said Mark Schneiderman, director of federal education policy for the Software & Information Industry Association, a Washington-based trade organization with about 100 members in the education market. "Schools have lots of digital textbooks and interactive media to choose from," he said.

"There is a lot of evidence" that students "need that."

"They're used to a rich multimedia environment at home, then go to school and see things more static," Schneiderman added. "The challenge is getting the education system to be able to change their methods and practices using technology. Schools are slow to change."

Unitesstreaming isn't always an instant hit, especially with established teachers. Video clips are difficult to transfer to something usable in the classroom," said Robert Vandegrift, who teaches government at media specialist Brown's school in Burtonsville.

Baer acknowledged that getting in the classroom door can be tough. "It can be hard to get in many school districts. People get used to what's there. But once you're in, then it becomes much more, then to stay and grow."



The kids were so stressed because of all the fuss ... that they did poorly," said Cynthia Carcagna, with daughter Janissa, 9. New York City has an appeals procedure for those who have low scores on an one-hour reading and math exams.

Ready for fourth grade? Not so fast

The Washington Post

NEW YORK — When third-grader Sharon Deleon learned in June that she had failed a standardized test trumpeted by New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, it, as the key to ending "the discredited practice of social promotion," she felt upset and humiliated.

"It's not fair," she told her mother, Carmen, who is from Puerto Rico. "I'm going to be 11 years old next year, and I'll still be in third grade."

Sharon is one of more than 9,000 New York third-graders told that they are likely to be held back in September as the city begins a program to combat social promotion, the practice of advancing students to the next grade regardless of academic performance. She and others have been told that they now must demonstrate mastery of basic reading and math skills.

A centerpiece of Bloomberg's efforts to fix the nation's largest school system, the new policy has triggered a furor in New York with critics accusing the mayor of political grandstanding and placing too much emphasis on tests as the yardstick of academic progress.

Bloomberg's supporters say the third-grade represents a critical stage in a child's educational development, marking the barrier between "learning to read" and "reading to learn." They argue that children who are unable to read and do simple math by the end of third grade are likely to fall behind for the rest of their school careers.

"We have thousands and thousands of (high school) students who are reading or doing math on an elementary school level," said New York City education Chancellor Joel Klein. "We are trying to build the necessary skills in the early grades."

Opposition to the mayor's initiative has come from a wide cross-section of teachers and parents' organizations, including the United Federation of Teachers. Last month, the Education Committee of the New York City Council passed a resolution rejecting the new promotion policy as "ill-conceived" and based on "flawed" testing mechanisms.

"Anybody can retain kids, that's easy," said Klein, an assistant attorney general in the Clinton administration known for his prosecution of Microsoft Corp. on antitrust charges. "We are trying to refocus the system on why it is that students aren't learning." In addition to setting stricter

standards for advancement, he said, the city has set aside \$125 million for programs targeted at disadvantaged children.

Critics argue that the tests were designed as tools for gathering general information about how students are performing, rather than a means of determining which students should advance to the next grade. "There is a significant margin of error associated with these tests," said New York University education professor Robert Tobias, who helped establish the testing system as the city's director of assessment and accountability.

The city has responded to such criticism by instituting an appeals procedure and giving teachers input on which students will be retained. Estimates of the number of students who will be left behind under the new policy have dwindled from more than 15,000 to fewer than 9,000. Additional modifications have been made for special-education students and non-English speakers.

The final decision will be made by principals and regional school superintendents on the basis of student portfolios assembled by teachers.

At their meeting last month, New York City Council members vied with one another to lambaste the third-grade promotion policy as unfair and unworkable. Others complained that the new policy discriminates against students with disadvantaged backgrounds. "If you map the third-grade test scores, you will see that it is the neediest districts that are most affected," said Robin Brown, president of the United Parents Association of New York City. "These neighborhoods get the least-experienced teachers, have the greatest numbers of health issues, the worst housing."

The latest concessions by Bloomberg and Klein have failed to satisfy a vocal minority of parents who have sued the city, alleging discrimination. "The kids were so stressed because of all the fuss and publicity surrounding the test that they did poorly," said Cynthia Carcagna, whose daughter, Janissa, had the lowest possible score on the reading and math tests.

Carmen Deleon attributed her daughter Sharon's poor performance in part to health problems that caused her to miss many days of school. "Holding her back will just cause her more emotional problems, and frustration," she said.

Don't write off penmanship

The Hartford Courant

"Thank goodness for e-mail technology. With e-mail delivering us from the need for the handwritten note, so too does it deliver all future generations from the drudgery of penmanship instruction.

Phew!

Actually, penmanship lessons continue in elementary schools, albeit with some modifications. But why continue this antiquated discipline at all? Why not just contact the lessons with quills filled with ink from boiled tree bark?

Object all you want; penmanship's proponents aren't letting go, indeed, they say, we take our penmanship for granted at the peril of our self-identities and even society as a whole.

Oregon's Barbara Getty,

who writes handwriting instruction books and gives seminars with her partner, Inga Dubay, says care in penmanship is more than just sentimental clinging to a dusty art, but a matter of practical necessity. She notes that post offices in larger cities often need full-time workers who specialize in the art of deciphering sloppily written addresses.

Janice Robert, a mail carrier in Guilford, Conn., has no such luxury and often has to fend for herself when it comes to the script-challenged. She's astounded by some of the writing she sees on her route. She's become fairly well versed in decoding it, but still has to ask some people down occasionally and plead for more legibility.

"It's usually businessmen who are sending important mail," she says.

Teacher uses comics as educational tool

The Washington Post

Michael Bitz, a teacher and educational researcher, has long had an interest in comic books—but not as entertainment. He sees them as the perfect teaching tool.

Bitz is the founder of the Comic Book Project, which allows children to use their storytelling skills—through drawing and writing—and create comic books based on educational themes.

A team of experts picks the most successful ones, and the students' works are published by Dark Horse Comics, one of the country's largest comic-book publishers, whose line includes "Shrek" and "Star Wars." They are distributed free to kids in schools across the country.

"It's my favorite project ever," said 11-year-old Marchanah Bentley, a fifth-grader at Scranton Elementary School in Cleveland, where she collaborated with two classmates on a comic strip story about the evils of racism. "I love to read comic books—'Ache' and others—but I never thought I could do my own. I developed my artistic skills and learned where to put the (dialogue) bubbles. I learned how to write stories, too."

Bitz started the project in 2001 as a senior research assistant at the Center for Arts Education Research at Columbia University's Teachers College. He is also an adjunct education professor at Manhattanville College outside New York City.

He wanted to combine his research findings—that learning through the arts can have academic and social value for children—with a creative approach to get kids to combine

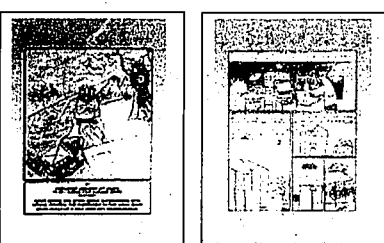
skills such as reading, writing, brainstorming and conceptualizing ideas. Creating comic books, he said, would allow them to draw on "their experiences and interests."

"There is no field where research is so far removed from practice than in education," he said. "I really wanted to try to make that knowledge gained from research and turn it into something that schools could really use as a way of bringing creativity back into children's lives and into the learning process."

A note from New York City, Bitz launched the project modestly, as a single after-school program in Queens, and later expanded it to after-school programs in other parts of the city. In the past year, he partnered with the After-School Corp., a non-profit organization that provides grants, training and other resources to schools and community groups in New York—to allow children in dozens of after-school projects to create comic books focused on environmental awareness. A collection of those comics was published in a book titled "Save Our City, Save Our Planet."

"It was more than fun for the kids," said Ganyu Young, a teacher at Public School 89 in New York City. "They practiced storytelling and used skills they normally wouldn't after school. But if they just had to write a story, they wouldn't have been so enthusiastic about it."

In the Cleveland public schools this year, art teachers teamed with English language arts teachers to help students create comic strips during class on conflict resolution. The result was a comic book titled "Peace in Our Schools."



Washington Post photo

Michael Bitz, a teacher and educational researcher, has long had an interest in comic books—but not as entertainment. He sees them as the perfect teaching tool. In top two panels, the superhero can fly, but more important is his ability to clean up pollution.

Deron Leutenegger, an art teacher at Robert H. Jamison Elementary School in Cleveland, said it is hard to assess how much students learn from any single project. But this one lasted for about eight weeks, every day for 40 minutes, and helped keep the children focused on an important topic—staying out of trouble.

Art teacher Denise Thomas,

at Cleveland's Scranton Elementary, said her fifth-graders worked on comics project from December through April. The students had never devoted so much time to a project, Thomas said, and she was skeptical at first about whether they'd stick with it. But they were glued, she said. "Now they know they have the ability to do long-term projects," she said.

PIG WEIGH-IN

More than 281 swine were weighed at a 4-H swine weigh-in May 26 at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer. The event was sponsored by the Twin Falls County 4-H program. AJ Schroeder and Jeff Breeding prepare to tag and weigh-in a pig. Western Stockman Supply provided and administered vaccinations.



Photo courtesy of TERESA TROYER

American Heritage Academy administrator Alan Fluckiger presents Jaimee Hansen, the school's only graduate, with her diploma during the school's commencement exercises.



Photo courtesy of American Heritage Academy

American Heritage sends off graduate

BURLEY — The American Heritage Academy commencement included ceremony and song. The school's only graduate, Jaimee Hansen, was honored at a dinner prior to the ceremony by the faculty and staff members. The program started with an opening prayer by her grandfa-

ther, Don Hansen. School administrator Alan Fluckiger and Jaimee Hansen also spoke. Karola Hilbert Reece was chosen as this year's guest speaker because the school's literature class studied her book, "We Were Not Alone." Reece gave an account of some of her family's experiences in Germany during World War II.

The commencement also was combined with the school's annual spring concert. Students entertained with two clogging numbers directed by Christine Handy, the school Ensemble entertained with choir numbers, as well as a song by Jeff Harris, Burton Anderson and Fluckiger.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Local student attends Congressional confab

Eric Rietveld, a student at Twin Falls High School, was selected to attend Leadership 2004 Congressional Student Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. The conference is a college-accredited leadership program for academically talented and promising young leaders. Students choose from areas including the Congressional Forum, Constitutional Law, Business and Entrepreneurship, Defense and Intelligence, Diplomacy and International Affairs, Junior War College, Crime Scene Investigation, Law and Justice and Medicine and Healthcare. Through briefings and discussions with national and international leaders in the fields of study and through real-

istic hands-on simulations, students have the opportunity to experience leadership in action and learn first-hand about the complexities of decision-making in a chosen field of profession, organizers say.

Former T.F. student sings in Asia

Sarah Clements was one of 12 sopranos in the Brigham Young University-Hawaii Concert Choir traveling to Asia to perform five concerts. The choir left May 18 under the direction of James Smith. The 50-members of the choir prepared five primary concerts during an 18-day tour of Japan and Korea. Proceeds will be donated to local charities. Clements, a native of Twin Falls, moved to Lale, Hawaii, with her parents, Andrea and Orlin Clements, after attending

a few years at Twin Falls High School. Clements was involved in the Twin Falls High School concert and Jive choirs and was a high scorer in vocal and ensemble competitions for four consecutive years.

Local students are initiated in UI honorary

Arron Carter of Kimberly and William Reynolds of Twin Falls were initiated into the University of Idaho's chapter of Phi Sigma Honor Society, which promotes research in the life and biological sciences. The society recognizes academic achievement and invites as members those with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher and completion of 12 credits in animal science, bacteriology, biology, botany, entomology, food science, forestry or zoology.

M.V. Rehabilitation holds membership drive

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services annual membership campaign is under way. Membership is open to residents of Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties. Organizational membership is open to churches, civic organizations and service clubs. The campaign will run through Sept. 15. Annual dues are \$10 for a general member, \$25 for a sustaining member, \$25 for an organizational member, \$50 for a business member and \$250 for a life member. For more information, call 734-4112. The Magic Valley Rehabilitation Nominating Committee chaired by Lisa Hollibaugh has also initiated a process to identify people who might be interested in serving on the Board of Directors. Trustees are

elected for a one-year term. If you or someone you know might be interested in serving on the board, call Hollibaugh at 737-2165 or Jeff Crumrine at 734-4112, ext. 106. Magic Valley Rehabilitation is a private nonprofit organization that provides training, employment, personal development and psychological rehabilitation services for people with disabilities.

Local store offers low carb cooking class

TWIN FALLS — "South Beach/Low Carb Cooking II" will be held from 7-9 p.m. July 28 at Rudy's, 147 Main Ave. W. The cost is \$30. Chef Floyd Pichay of the Garden Cafe will share recipes for diets, such as the South Beach Diet, and offer tips on what to order in restaurants while on a carb-cutting diet. The menu will include tomato-basil couscous salad, stir-fry chicken and vegetables and

spinach stuffed salmon fillets with feta cheese. The class is in association with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the American Heart Association. For more information, call 733-5477.

CSI offers computer workshop on merging

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho will offer the zero-cost class, "Tired of Typing: How to Merge" from 6-9 p.m. July 23 in the Shields Building, room 201 on the CSI campus. The cost is \$30. Students will learn to use Microsoft Word to create different tables containing the names and addresses of friends, business acquaintances, or other contacts and how to insert the lists into projects to save work and produce form letters, mailing labels or envelopes. For more information or to register, call 732-6288 or 732-6290.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Kambree Marie Benavidez, daughter of Karla Maria Gonzalez and Nick Benavidez, of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, June 29, 2004. Alexis Jean Matseen, daughter of Crystal Jeanne Matseen of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, July 1, 2004. Alliviah Adele Fullerton, child of Raquel Moore and Ebediah Earl Fullerton of Buhl, was born Tuesday, July 6, 2004. Shyhyun Leann Rodriguez, daughter of Jessica Eve Romero of Bliss, was born Wednesday, July 7, 2004. Payton Amelia Swoboda, daughter of Shannon Heather and Charles Gilbert Swoboda of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, July 7, 2004. Treyn Hawkins Kay, son of Patricia Renee and Justin Robert Kay of Burley, was born Wednesday, July 7, 2004. Michael Jakob Ruiter, son of Ellen Michelle and Derek Ernest Ruiter of Bellevue, was born Thursday, July 8, 2004. Megan Jae Willingham, daughter of Julie Ann and Alan Edward Willingham of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, July 8, 2004. Victor Allen Jones, son of Elizabeth Rose and Jason Sean Jones of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, July 8, 2004.

To announce a birth send a copy of the birth certificate to: Jami Whittead The Community Page The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-5538. Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call Jami at 735-3278

Kidaleigh Marie Howell, daughter of Aubrey Leigh Christina Tracy and Derek Andrew Howell of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, July 6, 2004. Makayla Nicole Morano, daughter of Karen Louise and Anthony Joseph Morano of Twin Falls, was born Friday, July 9, 2004. Colby William Ridley, son of Jennie May and Casey William Ridley of Jerome, was born Friday, July 9, 2004. Jakob Liam Cyr, son of Krista Nicole Butterworth and Robert Reynold Cyr of Twin Falls, was born Friday, July 9, 2004. Maklinn Jean Diehl, daughter of Melodi Michelle and Levi Cole Diehl of Wendell, was born Saturday, July 10, 2004. Isabella Azarbella Elsing, daughter of Michelle Dawn and Nicholas Richard Elsing

of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, July 10, 2004. Hector Gonzalez Verdugo, son of Manuela and Hecofia Gonzalez Verdugo of Hollister, was born Saturday, July 10, 2004. Aurora Rachel Draper, daughter of Valerie and Christian Duane Draper of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, July 11, 2004. Brooke Elizabeth Thompson, daughter of Krystal Marie and Chris Warren Thompson III of Buhl, was born Sunday, July 11, 2004. Abriana Joy Gunn, daughter of Joy Ann and James Michael Gunn of Filer, was born Sunday, July 11, 2004. Isaac Lon Jaynes, son of Amanda Jean and Scott Allen Jaynes of Buhl, was born Sunday, July 11, 2004. Reece Williams Fleming, daughter of Susan Diane and Curtis Charles Fleming of Wendell, was born Monday, June 12, 2004. Alexis Ashlen Allgood, daughter of Tammy L. and William E. Allgood of Twin Falls, was born Monday, July 12, 2004. Cassia Regional Medical Center Bryce Alexander McCann, son of Shandi and Lonnie McCann of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, June 23, 2004.

GOOD CITIZENS



Citizens of the Week at Big Valley Elementary School in Rupert were, from left, Rubi Artega, Kelly Day, Luis Artega and Jessica Jones; center: Nicole Vargas, Julianne Windell, Kayla Wilkie, Kayde Parker, Nancy Cordova, Stefan DeLaCruz, Mason Ella and Eric Shaw; back: Delfino Castro, Jonathan Duncan, Michelle Granillo and Nick Hallett, Minidoka County School District superintendent.

SERVICE NEWS

Coonce sees dignitaries while on deployment

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Christopher W. Coonce, son of Paula A. Dodge of Burley, and the crew of the guided-missile cruiser USS Yorktown, homeported in Pascagoula, Miss., received a visit from Secretary of the Navy Gordon England while on a routine, scheduled deployment to the North Arabian Gulf.

Coonce is one of more than 6,300 Sailors and Marines who comprise the Wasp Expeditionary Strike Group. He is a 1997 graduate of Ponce De Leon High School of Ponce De Leon, Fla. and joined the Navy in May 1998.

A meeting will be held at 2 p.m. July 23 at the College of Southern Idaho behind the Office on Aging in the Annex Building, 315 Falls Ave. E. The entrance is off of Washington Street North. The meeting is open to all former employees to finalize plans for the reunion. For more information or to attend the reunion, call Ivan Skinner at 735-8077, Marlene Merritt at 733-6028, Leona Watson at 733-8949 or Norma Prestidge at 733-1711.

Regional Medical Command's Soldier of the Year competition.

Dover, a medical laboratory technician with two years of military service, is assigned to the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. She is the daughter of Gary and Susan Nelson of Twin Falls. Her father and mother-in-law, Cliff and Elizabeth Dover, also reside in Twin Falls.

Amy specialist runs for Soldier of the Year title

Amy Spec, Jamie N. Dover completed in the 2004 Southeast

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Square dance club hosts barbecue, dance

KIMBERLY — The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will host a barbecue and dance at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Kimberly City Park. The club will provide hamburgers, drinks and table service. Guests are to bring finger foods. All square dancers are invited. A "Share the Flag Pot" will be available for 50 cents. For more information, call Vena Young at 734-4647.

Twin Falls High School class of 1994 reunites

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School class of 1994 will hold a reunion Aug. 27-29. Planners Kadie Anton, Shanna Harney and Jennifer Edwards are searching for classmates. For more information, or to register, call Shanna at 735-1154 or Kadie at 732-6011.

Former T.F. bank employees plan reunion

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Bank and Trust reunion will start with a no-host social hour from 6-7 p.m. and dinner to follow Sept. 17 at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave. E. All former employees and their spouses are invited. The reunion committee seeks names and addresses of employees planning to come so registration forms can be mailed.

Dietch School closes gym until July 31

DIETRICH — Dietrich School's main gym will be closed through July 31. The schedule for the weight room will be posted as it becomes available. For more information, call 544-2159.

Free presentation focuses on Erza Ponder

HAGERMAN — Ted Dyer of the Erza Ponder Association will discuss Ponder's contribution to the literary movement known as modernism at 2 p.m. July 25 at the Hagerman Visitor Center on State Street in Hagerman. Ponder was born in Halley and has been called the most important American poet of the 20th century. The free program is supported by the Boise Cascade Corporation and by funding from the Idaho Humanities Council. For more information, call 837-4793, ext. 5224.

BACK TO SCHOOL '04

ENGAGEMENTS

ATKINS-HOBSON

BURLEY - Bill and Valerie Atkins of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Atkins, to Matthew Hobson, son of Joe and Jean Turner of Preston and the late Don Hobson.

Atkins is a graduate of Burley High School and is currently a junior in the baccalaureate nursing program at Idaho State University.

Hobson is a graduate of Preston High School. He served an LDS mission in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, and is currently a junior at ISU, majoring in political science.

The wedding is planned for Friday, July 23, in the Logan LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from



Erin Atkins and Matthew Hobson
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 23 at the Riverdale LDS Church in Preston. A second reception will be held from 8:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, at the Burley LDS Stake Center.
The couple plans to reside in Pocatello and continue their education.

FEROCE-CLARK

RUPERT - Jeff and Barbara Feroce of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Maria Ann Feroce, to Christopher Glenn Clark, son of Chris and Leslie Clark of Burley.

Feroce is a 2004 graduate of Minico High School. She is employed at Idaho Home Health and Hospice in Rupert.

Clark is a 2003 graduate of Minico High School.
The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 24, at Camp Kumbayah in the South Hills. A reception to honor the couple



Christopher Clark and Maria Feroce
will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at Salmon Park in Burley.

BOISVERT-BRANDER

TWIN FALLS - Rhonda Lynn Boisvert of Twin Falls announces the engagement of her daughter, Summer Danielle Boisvert, to Matthew Brander, son of Vernon Brander of Hailory and Lisa Brander of Twin Falls.

Boisvert is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and has attended the College of Southern Idaho for marketing management. She is employed at Titofact Inc. in Twin Falls and is currently the marketing director.

Brander is a graduate of CSI with a major in technical drafting and design. He is employed at Riedesel Engi-



Matthew Brander and Summer Boisvert
neering in Twin Falls.
The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 24, at the First Christian Church. A reception will be held following the ceremony.

KAISER-MEYER

JEROME - Paul and Jana Kaiser of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Kara Lynn Kaiser, to Nathaniel Skyler Meyer, son of Tim and Bonnie Meyer of Wendell.

Kaiser is a 2002 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Curves and Magic Valley Milk Producers in Jerome.

Meyer is a 2002 graduate of CSI and is employed at Dell Computers in Twin Falls.
The wedding is planned for Saturday, Aug. 21, at the Calvary



Nathaniel Meyer and Kara Kaiser
Chapel in Twin Falls. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony at the church.

KAISER-LOWE

JEROME - Paul and Jana Kaiser of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Kaiser, to Luke Lowe, son of William and Vicki Lowe of Roberts.

Kaiser is a graduate of Jerome High School. She received her associate of arts degree at the College of Southern Idaho and her bachelor of science degree in 2003 at California State University, Fresno in kinesiology with a sports medicine option. She is currently pursuing a doctorate degree in physical therapy. She is employed at Idaho Falls Health District No. 91 as the head athletic trainer for Idaho Falls High School and as a sports medicine instructor for local high schools.

Lowe is a graduate of Rigby High School. He received his associate of applied science degree



Luke Lowe and Heather Kaiser
in 2001 at Boise State University in automotive technology. He is employed at Rocky Mountain Toyota in Idaho Falls as an automotive technician.
The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 24, at the Kaiser residence. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony at the Snake River Elks Lodge in Jerome.

REDMAN-BRADSHAW

DECLEO - Jennifer Redman and Kyle Bradshaw announce their engagement.

Redman is the daughter of Rich and Connie Redman of Albion and Jay and Lesa Fox of Declo. She is a 2001 graduate of Declo High School. She attended New Images Hair Academy in Boise, graduating in November 2002. She is working as a cosmetologist at Tan Du Soleil in Boise.

Bradshaw is the son of Ron and Gwen Bradshaw of Kennewick, Wash. He is a 2001 graduate of Centennial High School in Boise. Since graduation, he has been attending Boise State University majoring in business. He is employed at



Jennifer Redman and Kyle Bradshaw
Call Solutions in Boise.
The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 24, in a garden ceremony at the Rhet Matson residence, 20 N. 950 E., Declo. A reception to honor the couple will follow the ceremony from 7 to 9 p.m. at the same location.
The couple will reside in Boise.

SJOSTROM-MCDONALD

TWIN FALLS - Donna Breck of Twin Falls and Jan Sjostrom of Eugene, Ore., announce the engagement of their daughter, Viktoria Elisabeth Sjostrom, to Troy Ray McDonald, son of Ray and Debbie McDonald of Buhl.

Sjostrom is a 2004 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is attending the College of Southern Idaho, majoring in psychology. She is employed at M. Lynn Dunlap Law Offices in Twin Falls.

McDonald is a 2003 graduate of Buhl High School. He is attending



Viktoria Sjostrom and Troy McDonald
CSI, majoring in nursing. He is employed at Sentex Foods in Buhl.
The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 31.

SETSER-MARTINEZ

BANCROFT - The parents of Jordyn Rose Setser and Tyson Charles Martinez announce the engagement of their children.

Setser is the daughter of Floyd and Debby Setser of Bancroft and the granddaughter of Robert and Dolly Peterson of Twin Falls. She graduated from North Gem High School in 2003 and also accomplished some college courses during her senior year. She plans to attend the University of Las Vegas.

Martinez is the son of John and Aileen Martinez of Montpelier. He graduated from Bear Lake High School in 2000. He joined



Tyson Martinez and Jordyn Setser
the Air Force for four years and has served in Iraq.
The wedding is planned for July 30.
The couple will reside in Las Vegas.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE OLSONS

FILER - Bill and Jessie Olson of Filer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Oak Harbor, Wash., on Whidbey Island with their five children and five grandchildren.

Olson and Jessie DeKlotz were married June 14, 1954, at the Twin Falls Methodist Church.

After he finished his four years in the United States Air Force, they returned to the Filer area to farm. They have lived on the original DeKlotz homestead for 45 years.
They have five children, David (Sharon) Olson of Nome, Alaska, Jess (Carol) Olson of Whidbey Island, (Therry) Van Paten of Twin Falls and Daniel (Diane) Olson of Kent, Wash., and 12 grandchildren.



Bill and Jessie Olson



THE WILKINSES

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Wilkins of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at the American Legion Hall, 447 Seastrom in Twin Falls.

Wilkins and Fairy Roberts were married Nov. 25, 1954, at the United Methodist Church in Hemmingford, Neb.

They have lived in Twin Falls for 32 years. He worked at NOVATIS Seed. She worked at JUBA Engineers.

The event is hosted by their children, Ruth (Jerry) Zahm of Twin Falls, Laurie (Bob) Davis of McKinney, Texas, Bob (Kelly) Wilkins of Twin Falls and Tom (Cristy) Wilkins of Salmon.
They have six grandchildren.



Ervin and Fairy Wilkins



ANNIVERSARY

THE SHROPSHIRE

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Randy Shropshire of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at the Sawtooth Best Western Inn, south of Jerome. No gifts, please.

Shropshire and Joy Payton were married July 2, 1954, at the First Baptist Church in Twin Falls.

They resided in Jerome all their lives until retiring and moving to Twin Falls two years ago.
He worked for the Jerome County Wood Department, Jerome Implement Co. and Tri-County Tractor in Wendell, where he was service manager for 18 years. He also owned and operated his own commercial spraying business while at Jerome Implement Co.

She worked for Simplot Soil-builder's office in Jerome, managed the Husky Gas Station in Jerome for 15 years, and owned and operated the Jerome Laundromat for three years. She became a proficient artist, painting and selling oil pictures of various subject types.
They have been active in the Jerome First Baptist Church and



Randy and Joy Shropshire



served in many church positions.
The event is being hosted by their three children, Keven (Sandra) Shropshire of Pocatello, Allen (Janis) Shropshire of Twin Falls and Kathleen (Mito) Alonzo of Meridian.
They have four grandchildren.

ANNIVERSARY

THE LOUGHMILLERS

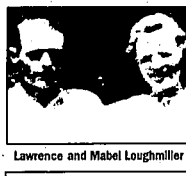
TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Loughmiller of Twin Falls will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary with a Snake River boat tour and dinner with family on Sunday, July 18.

Loughmiller and Mabel Foster were married July 23, 1939, at the home of the Rev. P. E. Bartlett in Buhl.

They farmed in the Buhl area until 1966 when they moved to their farm southeast of Twin Falls. In 1973, they moved into Twin Falls. They now live in the Lazy J Mobile Park in the summer and spend their winters at Sky Valley Park in Desert Hot Springs, Calif.

He farmed, worked for the Amalgamated Sugar Co. and Twin Falls Canal Co., retiring in 1982.

She worked for M.H. King Company and the Farmers National Bank in Buhl and at the Twin Falls Bank and Trust, retir-



Lawrence and Mabel Loughmiller



ing in 1983.
They have three sons, seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one step grandchild.

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TALES OF THE TRACT James Varley

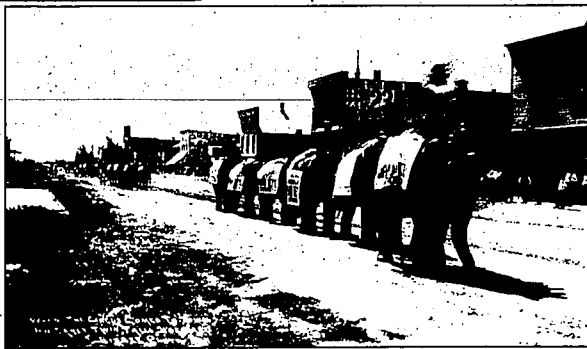
The second to play Twin Falls was the well-known Sells-Floto Circus, out of Denver. It was early in the 1907 traveling season - Friday, May 24 - when the troupe arrived and its outfit cars were switched onto a spur track adjacent to the designated circus grounds.

One can be sure that many uninvolved and anxious youngsters were on hand at daybreak next morning to watch the animals being cared for, the huge canvas tents being spread and raised, and their stakes being driven home with sledgehammers. Some of larger boys might even have hired on as temporary laborers.

Sells-Floto would be in town only one day, giving two performances, but that day would provide more excitement than anyone could have imagined or wished. The afternoon was a warm one, and the hardy Twin Falls pioneers basked in the sun after a hard winter in their rude tents and shack-like homes. Before entering the "big canvas" for the first performance, they strolled past a free "grand street display."

Some of the 100 "Imperial Amazing Acts" to be seen inside the big tent were "daring" acrobats, "champion" bareback riders, a "Ben Hur herd of Arabian stallions," 24 clowns and a "Royal Japanese" troupe. And, just for the men, there was a "congress of beautiful women in physical culture," performing "exploits of perfect equilibrium" and "artistic posing."

Also touted was the huge menagerie. According to report, the "old world" had been "scoured thoroughly for wild animals and strange beasts." Just how wild would soon be-



Sells-Floto Circus parade in Twin Falls in 1908.

Photo courtesy of Twin Falls Public Library

come evident.

After the afternoon performance, a large crowd gathered inside the menagerie tent to watch the animals being fed. The Bengal tigers were restless and at the sight of the meat, they threw themselves against the bars of their cages, and roared.

Markel, the largest and most beautiful tiger in the menagerie, had always been under control and was not considered vicious. But his keeper failed to pull down the sliding door on Markel's cage, leaving an open space at the bottom through which the animal thrust his paws. In an instant, the tiger pushed up the door and sprang out onto the back of a Shetland pony.

The tiger sank his teeth into the jugular vein of the little horse as the keeper seized an iron bar and struck the felin's head. Markel released his hold on the first pony and seized another, from which he was driven by a second blow with the bar.

Meanwhile, there was a stampede inside the tent. Panicked men, women and children fled in every direction. Some climbed on top of the cages, others crouched behind wagons and many more escaped under the canvas. One man found himself directly in the path of the beast as it turned in every direction. The man crouched and looked the tiger in the eye. It turned aside and passed him, leaping

straight at Mrs. S.E. Rozell and her 4-year-old daughter Ruth, who were both borne to the ground and mauled by the beast.

W.H. Bell, with his wife and children, had been standing alongside Mrs. Rozell. Without hesitation, Bell placed himself between his family and the tiger, drew a .32-caliber Smith & Wesson pistol from his pocket and opened fire on the enraged animal. The tiger had sunk his fangs into the big cat and fired again. The animal turned his head toward the shooter, growling and lashing his tail, but Bell coolly placed a third bullet behind the animal's shoulders.

Releasing his victims, the tiger started west alongside the Pioneer Storage Co's warehouse. Bell followed, firing three more times. At the sixth shot the tiger turned and started crawling back toward the tent, but collapsed and stretched out, stone dead.

The entire incident had taken only a few minutes. Mrs. Rozell arose, her wounded daughter clasped to her breast. The two were hurriedly taken to a doctor's office, surrounded by a large crowd of concerned citizens. While the mother hadn't been seriously injured, Ruth had a broken neck and was bleeding profusely from a torn jugular vein. Within two hours,

she was dead.

Bell was lionized (tigerized?) for his heroic confrontation of the maddened animal. Afterward, he was the only person on the grounds who could give a coherent account of what had happened. He said he normally didn't carry the pistol, but some unknown impulse had prompted him to slip it into his pocket before leaving home. A modest man, Bell said he had "only done what was necessary to protect his family. He had felt no fear because there hadn't been time to think about it.

Little Ruth's funeral was conducted several days later at the Methodist church, the Rev. W.H. Parker presiding. There wasn't much concern about grief counseling in those days - six tough little girls, dressed in white, bore the white casket into the crowded church. Afterward, the funeral procession rode to the Twin Falls cemetery, as the bell tolled at Bickel School.

Warrants were issued for the arrest of the circus owners and manager, and the keeper of the tiger, on charges of manslaughter. But, apparently, the entire affair was settled a month later when the circus managers gave the Rozells \$1,750 for "expenses" in connection with Ruth's death. They also later sent one of Markel's claws to Bell, in recognition of his daring act. Certain citizens of Bull, where Bell lived, thought he was enti-

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MENAGERIE - MUSEUM AND CIRCUS



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100-IMPERIAL AMAZING ACTS--100
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BEN HUR HERD OF ARABIAN STALLIONS
Steads of the Black Eagle Feather--The World's Best Trained Menace
CONGRESS OF BEAUTIFUL WOMEN--In Perfect Culture Equipped
with Posing and Thrilling, Hazardous Gymnastic Exercises.
24-CLOWNS
FUN AND PROLIC--24
ROYAL JAPANESE TROUPE IN PICTURESQUE COSTUMES
BEAUTIFUL NEWBORN TOYLAND POWERS
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This advertisement was published in the Twin Falls News on May 17, 1907.

ded to a Carnegie medal for his act, and they were going to make an effort to secure it for him.

James Varley's newspaper

columns are collected in a book titled "Tales of the Tract: The Beginnings of Twin Falls, Idaho and the Magic Valley," sold by the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation.

CLASSROOMS, COUNTY FAIR, OTHER ANTIQUES

Check out three new historical exhibits

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - In the 1908-09 school year, a Kimberly school-child named Clara Walton received a very large Diploma of Honor, signed by the superintendent, for an outstanding accomplishment: being neither tardy nor absent.

Clara's giant certificate is now in the collection of the Twin Falls County Historical Museum.

Starting last week, the certificate is on display in a temporary exhibit at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus, along with other artifacts from the area's early classrooms. The Twin Falls Centennial Commission sponsored the exhibit, arranged and displayed by the historical museum's outreach program.

Visit the Herrett Center - where admission is free - and you'll find old report cards, a vintage crayon box, a 1909 Twin Falls High School commencement program, 1923 class photos and a Twin Falls High pep club hat from the 1920s, said Chris Bolton, president of the Twin Falls County Historical Society and Museum.

It's the stuff of many a Magic Valley childhood. The museum's outreach exhibit at the Herrett Center also features photos and text about some of the area's early schools.

Elsewhere around town, two other outreach exhibits by the



Photo courtesy of HELEN LEE of Jerome

Students at Poplar Hill School, southwest of Filer, pose in the fall of 1930 with their teachers, Fae Jensen (leaning against a post in the back row) and Mrs. Webb Cox (standing at the right edge of the open door). Eight grades studied in the school's two rooms. This photograph is in the private collection of Helen Lee of Jerome, who can name nine of the students. But similar memorabilia of early local schools are now on display at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science.

historical museum appeared last week, too. So there's plenty of old stuff to see for free.

At the Twin Falls Public Library downtown, Bolton installed a display of text and photos about the early days of the Twin Falls County Fair, along with several old fair posters.

The museum doesn't own many artifacts from the county fair - such as buttons, pennants or ribbons printed with specific

fair years. That's a lack which Bolton would like to reverse.

"I'm sure there's a lot of things out there, we just don't have a lot of them," he said. "But we do have some good photographs" of the county fairs in the early years of Twin Falls.

The outreach exhibit is in a freestanding case in the public library, near the reference desk. Meanwhile, in a built-in case near the CSI library's front

doors, Bolton is displaying "sort of a hodgepodge of artifacts, what I like to call a museum sampler."

He said the selection - "a little something for every decade between 1900 and 1970" - includes women's clothing and a hat, toys, the Clarence Bisbee camera of early Twin Falls fame, old advertising, a tube radio, old fishing gear and a Fiestaware pitcher.

In the CSI library display,

Bolton's favorite is a hand-made doll of rudimentary shape, sewn of olefin. The doll was a recent donation to the historical museum.

"It is probably one of the neatest pieces of folk art I've ever seen," Bolton said.

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Arts event takes on centennial theme

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Browse for paintings or pottery at the Art in the Park exhibit and sale this month, and you're likely to see some civic nostalgia.

The annual arts event in City Park, sponsored by the City Guild of Magic Valley Inc., will have a "Twin Falls Then and Now" theme during this year's two-day run, July 24-25.

Artists compete for various cash awards, as well as for shoppers' dollars. Exhibitors submit some of their original pieces for show judging.

"To be part of the 100-year centennial celebration we added a new juried category for best centennial theme," said Gayleen Zambic, president of the Art Guild.

If the inspiration of the century is bubbling in your brain, it's not too late to buy a booth and compete. An Art Guild brochure said applications for Art in the Park booth space are due Tuesday.

Now in its 45th year, Art in the Park allows artists to use any medium of fine arts and original crafts. Entries are screened for artistic merit and originality, organizers say. No work is accepted that is copied or based on commercial patterns, kits, molds or casts.

For information on Art in the Park, call Dianne Van Dlac at 733-8484.