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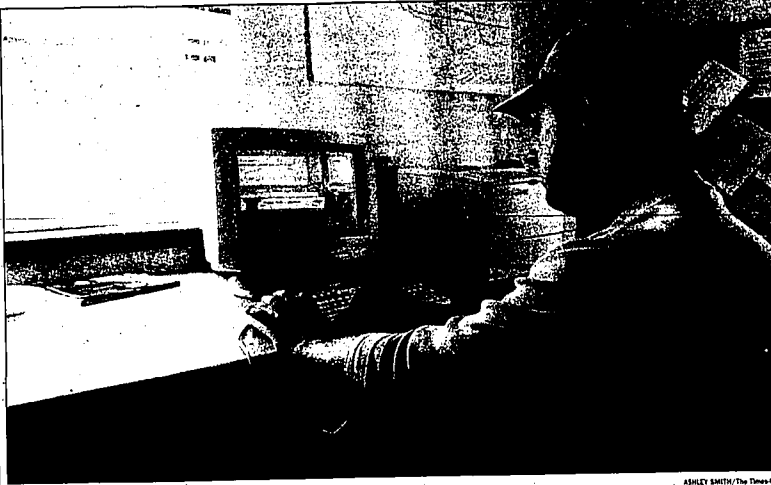
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'To prevent a crime'



Sgt. David Ruggles of the Jerome County Sheriff's Department works on a Internet sex sting.

Officers succeed with stings

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

JEROME - With all the haste of a Christmas Eve shopper, Sgt. David Ruggles raced around the Jerome County Sheriff's Department office.

"A girl's bike. I need a girl's bike? he asked.

A co-worker suggested he go to Desert Industries Thrift Store and borrow one. Ruggles dashed over to the store and approached the clerk.

"I'm a cop. I need a bike. I'll explain later," he said.

An employee nodded quizzically as Ruggles selected a girl's set of wheels. Ruggles then gave the bike to a young woman working with the sheriff's department's Child Internet Crime Prevention Team.

"Get to the park," he said to

The law: Enticing children over the Internet

In 2003, the Idaho Legislature amended an existing law to stipulate that:

- A person aged 18 years or older is guilty of a felony if he or she knowingly uses the Internet to solicit, seduce, lure, persuade or entice by words or actions, or both, a child under the age of 16 years - or a person the defendant believes to be a minor under the age of 16 years - to engage in any sexual act.
- The maximum penalty is 15 years' imprisonment.
- Law enforcement officers can be involved in the detection of suspicious offenders, meaning

they can pose as minors on the Internet as part of investigations.

What you can do

- At home:** Take a computer to a place such as Laptopolis in Twin Falls and have it checked to see what the computer has been used for, said Sgt. David Ruggles of the Jerome County Sheriff's Department.
- Some Internet service providers have parental advisory programs available.
- If a minor has been sexually solicited over the Internet, call police and report the suspect's

screen name. Call the Jerome County Sheriff's Department at 324-8845. Ask for Under Sheriff Jocelyne Nunally or Sgt. Ruggles. You can remain anonymous.

Online:

Log onto National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, www.ncmec.org, for tips and information. Web site includes a CyberTipline to report online predators.

Browse Netsmartz, www.netsmartz.org. Web site offers an interactive workshop, personal accounts from victims and kids' activities to inform families about Internet safety.

the decoy, lusting for her off to meet a man.

As planned, the person they were waiting to meet drove up

slowing down to eye the female with the bike - a prearranged identifier.

He stopped and tried to lure

her into his truck.

The woman posing as a teenager declined, and the man

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T.F. medical center plans expansion to east

By Sandy Miller and Julie Pence
Times-News writers

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is embarking on an ambitious expansion plan through 2010 that begins with a new cancer center and a medical office building.

"To make those projects happen, hospital officials are looking to the area east of the current Magic Valley Regional complex.

Hospital officials have been in the process of buying almost all of the property between Rose Street North and the current hospital campus for the past five years, said County Commissioner Tom Mikesell, who sits on the Hospital Board.

Moving eastward is really the only option the hospital has, said both Mikesell and Commissioner Gary Grundstaff, an ex-officio member of the Hospital Board.

At one time, hospital officials tried to buy land north of the existing facilities, but the owner - Helen Kolouch of Ketchum - wanted more than they were allowed to pay.

"Being that it's a county-owned hospital, they cannot

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Hospital plans

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's anticipated expansion timeline:

- 2004-06** - Construction of a new medical office building and Mountain States Tutor Institute east of the current medical office building. It will be a joint project with St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.
- 2006-08** - South addition to existing hospital for an intensive care unit, surgery, emergency department and diagnostic imaging.
- 2008** - Relocation of intensive care unit, surgery, emergency department and diagnostic imaging to new facilities.
- 2008-10** - Construction of additional floors on existing medical office building.
- 2010** - Relocation of patient care areas to the new bed tower.
- 2010** - Centralization of services into vacated space in existing hospital building.

Source: Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Hospital asks city to vacate street

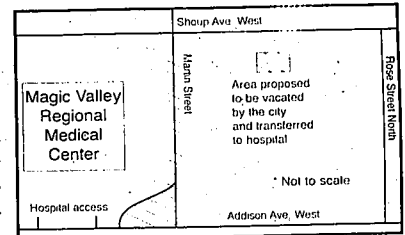
By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Getting to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center could soon become more complicated - or simpler, depending on how you look at it.

On Tuesday at a city planning and zoning commission meeting, hospital officials are scheduled to ask the city to vacate the first block of the high-traffic Martin Street that intersects with Addison Avenue West.

If the Planning and Zoning Commission and then the City Council approve the request, people traveling to the hospital on Addison would instead get to the hospital by turning north on Rose Street North, traveling the equivalent of two blocks, and then turning back toward the hospital on Shoup Avenue West. Or, they could continue to use two other existing entrances from Addison Avenue where the public and employees often park on the Addison West side of the hospital.

A spokesman for the hospital, R'Nee Mullen, said in the



Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is asking the city to shut down the first block of Martin Street, just east of Shoup Avenue West. Traffic would be rerouted to Rose Street North and then down Shoup Avenue West.

long run the new plan could actually simplify access to Magic Valley Regional. The main reason for the request is to make it possible for the hospital to go forward with a six- to 10-year expansion to the east.

But LaMar Orton, city planning and zoning administrator, noted that blocking off Martin Street from Addison leaves only

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Bush holds slight lead in electoral vote

Kerry seeks to close gap

The Associated Press

BOSTON - John Kerry narrowly trails President Bush in the battle for the 270 electoral votes needed to win the White House, as he makes his case at the Democratic National Convention this week to topple the Republican incumbent.

Tell buddies remain in his path, including Electoral College math that favors Bush.

"It's a tough, tough map. I think it's going to be a close race," said Democratic strategist Tad Devine, who helped plot Al Gore's state-by-state strategy in 2000 and plays the same role for Kerry.

But looking back four years, we're much stronger now. I think we're going into this convention in great shape," he said.

With three months remaining in a volatile campaign, Kerry has 14 states and the District of Columbia in his column for 193 electoral votes. Bush has 25 states for 217 votes, according to an Associated Press analysis of state polls as well as interviews with strategists across the country.

Both candidates are short of the magic 270 electoral votes. The margin of victory will come from:

- **TOSSUPS** - Bush and Kerry are running even in 11 states with a combined 128 electoral votes: Florida, Ohio, Iowa, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Wisconsin, Michigan and West Virginia are the

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If you want to learn more

- **What:** Hospital request for city to vacate Martin Street.
- **Where:** Planning and zoning meeting and hearing at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center at 205 E. Main St.
- **When:** 7 p.m. Tuesday

7 days, 7 reasons to read

What's bugging you? They bite. You scratch. We try to help. Monday

Conserving water Club focuses on downsizing. Tuesday

Scrapbooking Here's what you need to know. Wednesday

Fighting fish Bass anglers know a good bout. Thursday

Folk festival Idaho's own Reckless Kelly headlines. Friday

On the road Area family performs at open-air show in Nauvoo. Saturday

Up, up and away Early T.F. residents watch flight. Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Hot with increasing-afternoon clouds. Highs near 95

Tonight: Partly cloudy and mild with light winds. Lows near 64

Tomorrow: Hot at 101 with patchy clouds and brisk winds. Highs near 99

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy and warm. Perhaps an afternoon thunderstorm. Highs up near 95

Tonight: Mild with a light breeze and patchy clouds. Lows near 60 to 62

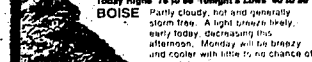
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy and a touch cooler. Lows near 58, high near 90

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Warm and partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon rain and thunder developing today.

BOISE Partly cloudy but generally storm-free. A light breeze likely early today, decreasing in the afternoon. Milder and breezier and cooler with little to no chance of precipitation.

NORTHERN UTAH The next several days will change little weather. High temperatures and mostly dry weather conditions are expected.



Yesterday's State Extremes: High at Lewiston, 101; low at Shoshone, 41

Weather: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon rain and thunder developing today.

Boise: Partly cloudy but generally storm-free.

Northern Utah: High temperatures and mostly dry weather conditions are expected.

Temperature & Precipitation: Yesterday's High: 95, Low: 60, Precipitation: 0.00"

Humidity: Yesterday's Maximum: 72%, Minimum: 20%

Barometric Pressure: Yesterday's Maximum: 30.29, Minimum: 30.18

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists weather for various Idaho cities.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Almanac section containing Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and U.V. Index.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for various Idaho cities including Boise, Burley, and others.

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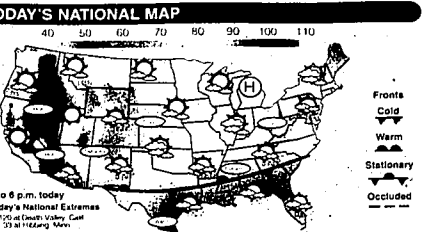
National forecast table for various states including Oregon, California, and others.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table for various international locations.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Canadian forecast table for various Canadian cities.



Stings

Continued from A1. Many good kids got tricked into chatting with predators, Ruggles said. 'They're bored, and they get on there and talk to their friends,' Ruggles said.

Origins of the operation

On a slow day in winter a couple of years ago, Ruggles took a seat in front of his computer and began looking for narcotics leads. Ruggles said Sheriff Jim Weisner wanted him to reduce the effort on pedophile cases.

New law for a new crime

The incidence of this new crime did not go unnoticed by state lawmakers, who in 2003 amended a law to make it a felony to solicit minors over the Internet. 'There are legal limits, however,' Ruggles said.

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Suspect/offender update

- Phillip John Thomas, 27, of Jerome was charged May 4 with one count of enticing children over the Internet. He was arraigned May 11, and his preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 27.
• Michael Lyle Thompson, 44, of Jerome was charged April 9 with enticing a child over the Internet. He accepted prosecutors' offer and pleaded guilty to a lesser offense of injury to a child on May 10.
• Tyrone Shane Fuller, 26, of Twin Falls was charged March 6, 2003, with attempted lewd and lascivious behavior with a minor. He accepted a plea agreement with the state, netting a plea of guilty to two counts of attempted sodomy. He was sentenced Sept. 29, 2003. For the first count, he received two years' supervised probation and 90 days in jail, with 85 days suspended. For the other count, he received 90 days in jail, with 85 days suspended.

Lead

Continued from A1. toughest battlegrounds, two other tossups, Pennsylvania and Oregon, could soon move to Kerry's column. • LEAN KERRY - Maine, Minnesota and Washington (a combined 25 electoral votes) favor Kerry over Bush by a few percentage points. Gore carried them in 2000.
• LEAN BUSH - North Carolina, Colorado, Louisiana, Arizona, Virginia, Arkansas and Missouri (a combined 73 electoral votes) give Bush modest leads. He won all seven in 2000.
All total, 21 states are in play. Some will bounce between "lean" to "tossup" throughout the campaign.

Four years ago, Bush won 30 states and their 271 electoral votes - one more than needed. Gore, who won the popular vote, claimed 20 states plus the District of Columbia for 257 electoral votes. Since then, reapportionment added electoral votes to states with population gains and took them from states lost to people. The result: Bush's states are now worth 278 electoral votes and Gore's are worth just 260.
Even if Kerry consolidates Gore's states, no easy task, the Democrats must take 10 electoral votes from Bush's column to close the electoral vote gap. Kerry's best prospects may be in the five tossup states won by Bush in 2000: Ohio, Florida, Nevada, New Hampshire and West Virginia.
Winning either Ohio's 20 electoral votes or Florida's 27 would do the trick.
Bush easily won Ohio in 2000, but its lagging economy put the state in play. Kerry must reduce Bush's advantages among conservative, rural voters. Florida should favor Bush a bit more than in 2000, partly because of its relatively strong economy, but the war in Iraq has helped keep the race close.
Nevada and West Virginia have a combined 10 electoral votes, enough to close the gap. New Hampshire, which neighbors Kerry's home state of Massachusetts, has four.
West Virginia voted Democratic for decades until Bush made values an issue in 2000; Kerry is stressing the theme this year. New Jersey, the influx of Hispanics and the administration's push to use Yucca Mountain as a nuclear waste site make the state tougher for Kerry in 2000.
Six of the 11 tossup states were won by Gore: Pennsylvania, Oregon, Michigan, Iowa, New Mexico and Wisconsin. But the margin of victory was slim. In Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Michigan, Kerry's margin was less than 1 percent - meaning Kerry has his work cut out to keep them.
Of the three, Bush has his chances best in Wisconsin, where he is targeting rural voters in a bid to widen the electoral gap by 10 votes.

not covering them, I'm not forcing them.

Alan Baum, a Las Vegas-based senior trial attorney with Criminal Defense Associates, says it's appropriate to prosecute people for soliciting minors to engage in sexual conduct if there is evidence of a meeting. 'But there's a danger that some people could be charged with a crime for simply chatting with someone who says he's a minor,' he said. 'Chat rooms are a fantasy world. Baum said, "People believe everyone is role-playing." As long as the law is applied to cases that meet certain criteria, the law is appropriate, he said. 'It depends on whether there's a meeting,' he said. 'People who have no intention of meeting with a minor might be wrongfully prosecuted under the statute. So far, each Jerome County case has been brought to court as a result of a meeting between a "girl" and a suspected offender.

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razzing Ruggles gets from his peers, he hopes to see the effort expanded within Jerome County and elsewhere.

"The Internet is an electronic road," Ruggles said. "You can go anywhere. In my opinion, it should be policed just like our streets. It's growing so fast and it's so easy to use."
Although the Internet has been a boon for millions of people, it has given birth to a new set of problems that communities need to address, Ruggles said.
"There's more crime on the Internet than on the streets right now because it's so big," he said. "I'm not against (online chats). I think it's neat they can talk to their friends. But when they're in that environment, they're open to these attacks."
It's getting easier for him to forecast such attacks as he hones his skills at impersonating girls.
"Now, we have an edge on (perpetrators)," he said. "I can beat them at their own game."

Pushing forward

Besides the good-natured

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Experts mull intelligence post

WASHINGTON (AP) — It won't be easy to decide whether it's appropriate to create a Cabinet-level official to oversee the nation's vast intelligence community. Look no further than former CIA Director Jim Woolsey. He is 60 percent in favor and 40 percent against the move recommended by the commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks.

"I don't think this is one of those issues which is absolutely clear-cut. I think there is a risk of layering and adding an added bureaucracy," he told the Senate Intelligence Committee last week. On the other hand, he said, "I believe the job could be done by one individual in ideal circumstances."

The proposal for a single, strong intelligence chief is not new: A presidential advisory board and an earlier congressional inquiry into the Sept. 11 attacks also floated the idea. And two California De-

mocrats in Congress — Sen. Dianne Feinstein and Rep. Jane Harman — have introduced separate, but similar, legislation to better centralize the intelligence community under one office, intended to improve information sharing, coordination and decision-making.

President Bush has said he is studying the commission's recommendations. But acting CIA Director John McLaughlin has warned that major structural changes could disrupt the agency's work in the war on terror. Officially, the agency is open to considering any proposed changes.

As with most reforms, there are pros and cons.

Today based on the 1947 National Security Act, the CIA director not only heads his own agency but also oversees the intelligence community, which has grown to 15 agencies. But the director has neither bud-

etary authority nor day-to-day operational control of the other agencies, most of which are part of the Defense Department.

Opponents have a long list of reasons why they advise caution. One is that the CIA director's job was created intentionally to insulate it from the politics of policymaking that could intrude if the person sat on the Cabinet.

"A Senate-confirmed intelligence director sitting in the White House would be in the hip pocket of the president," said Anthony Romero, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union.

"That individual would not have the kind of independence you need in that kind of role."

Critics also worry about new layers of staffing and bureaucracy that likely would come with creation of the new job.

"I can guarantee you would have a staff of hundreds in

short order," said Lee Strickland, who retired from the CIA in December after 30 years and now teaches at the University of Maryland.

Key congressional intelligence leaders are skeptical — at a minimum, Senate Intelligence Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., says any changes must be carefully considered.

And House Intelligence Chairman Porter Goss, R-Fla., said no matter how wonderful the proposal appears, turf wars will interfere.

"In Washington, it won't work. It's impractical," said Goss, who has proposed alternate legislation that would give the CIA chief more power.

Still, those who favor the new intelligence chief idea say the current system simply isn't working. Created after the Cold War, when the intelligence community was much smaller, "the CIA director's job has grown into a massive undertaking.

Report criticizes A.F. plane deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force continues to order a new type of cargo plane despite spending \$2.6 billion to buy 50 planes that do not meet the military's requirements and cannot be flown in combat zones, Pentagon investigators said.

Contractor Lockheed Martin hasn't delivered any of the C-130J planes that met requirements in the eight years since the program began, the report said. The Air Force and Lockheed Martin disagree.

Problems with the propeller-driven cargo planes include faulty computer and diagnostic systems and inadequate defense measures, the Pentagon's Office of Inspector General concluded.

So far, none of the planes has been cleared for some of their primary missions: Dropping troops and cargo into war zones and flying in conditions requiring the crew to wear night-vision goggles.

The inspector general's report concluded that Air Force and Defense Department officials mismanaged the program, requiring millions of dollars in upgrades and thousands of hours of work to make the planes capable of performing as well as the aging models

they're supposed to replace.

The Air Force strongly denied the report's conclusions.

Arthur Sambur, the Air Force's top acquisition official, wrote to the investigators that the program is within its cost, schedule and contract guidelines. Lockheed Martin has started delivering planes which meet Air Force specifications and the necessary upgrades have either been completed or scheduled, Sambur wrote.

"While some of the facts presented in the DOD/IG report are accurate, the findings and conclusions ascribed to these facts cannot be supported," Sambur wrote in response to the inspector general's office. "The Air Force fully endorses the C-130J program."

Lockheed Martin spokesman Jeff Rhoades said Friday the company agrees with the Air Force.

"The Air Force, ultimately the end user who is flying the aircraft, also says that the C-130J program is meeting cost, schedule, contract and regulatory commitments," Rhoades said in an e-mail statement.

Two Air Force squadrons haven't been able to perform their missions for more than four years because they only have C-130s, the report said.

VICTIMS AGAIN?

Seniors question slow crackdown on business

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — Hundreds of senior citizens lost their life savings this spring when authorities closed a Southern California investment firm that investigators said sold fraudulent, high-risk securities.

Many of them don't understand why the state hadn't closed L.W. Heath & Associates years earlier.

In 1998, the state Department of Corporations concluded Heath was selling unregistered securities without a license and ordered it to stop.

Investigators, however, didn't learn of the order and kept pumping money into what authorities said amounted to a \$178 million Ponzi scheme, in which new investments were used to fund old ones.

"It seems to me, the Department of Corporations let us down," said Marjorie McIntosh, a real estate agent from a Dexter city of 11 men who invested \$40,000 with the firm.

By the time local prosecutors and the federal government got involved this year, Heath had collected money from at least 1,000 people in 25 states.

Michael Silverman, a prosecutor in the Riverside County District Attorney's Office, would not say why changes weren't filed until this year or what finally prompted them.

Officials of the state Department of Corporations wouldn't detail the agency's role, saying it might jeopardize criminal prosecution of company officials or a parallel civil action by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

But a June 29 letter from the agency's top official claims authorities referred a complaint from one elderly investor to prosecutors in 2000, but the statute of limitations had expired.

"We scrimped and saved for our entire lives, and now we feel very violated," said Elinor Morris, 71, a retired teacher in Brea. She and her husband lost about \$500,000.

Heath's founders and employees have denied any wrongdoing. The firm's president, Daniel W. Heath, 47, a Canadian citizen living in Chino Hills, pleaded innocent Wednesday to 233 charges that include fraudulent sale of securities, grand theft and elder abuse.

His attorney, David Fields, said Heath is a legitimate businessman who never intended to defraud anyone.

McIntosh has helped organize an informal network of investors, and has heard of seniors who have been forced to sell their homes, leave assisted-living facilities or go on food stamps because of their losses.

"I had we known that the Department of Corporations had told them to stop doing business in California, we would have never invested or we would have pulled out our money," said Doty Schultz, a Fullerton homemaker in her 80s.

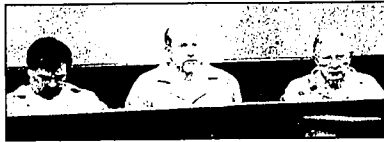
Investors are waiting to hear how much money, if any, they will get back.

Authorities said potential investors were told about funds that offered returns of as much as 10 percent for what were billed as secured loans to businesses.

The businesses turned out to be speculative and unprofitable



Clarence Morris, standing, and his wife Elinor, victims of an investment fraud scheme, discuss their loss at their home Wednesday in Brea, Calif.



Dennis Timothy O'Brien, left, Daniel W. Heath, center, and his father, John William Heath, wait to be arraigned on investment fraud charges Wednesday in Riverside, Calif., Superior Court. The men are three of the four company executives charged in the alleged scheme.

ventures, said Silverman.

The Department of Corporations issued its desist order six years ago after a division of Riverside County's adult protective services division complained that an elderly woman was having difficulty withdrawing money from Heath.

Daniel Heath denied the allegations.

The state referred the case to Riverside County authorities in 2000 but the statute of limitations involving the initial investments had expired and it was too late to prosecute, according to a June 2003 letter to state Sen. Bob Marget from Department of Corporations Commissioner William E. Wood.

Some investors had learned of the desist order by March 2003, prompting Daniel Heath to respond with a letter saying he had reached a settlement with the Department of Corporations — which the agency denies.

Acclaimed composer dies in his sleep

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Academy Award-winning composer Jerry Goldsmith, who created the memorable music for scores of classic movies and television shows, died Wednesday night at his Beverly Hills home after a long battle with cancer, said Lois Carruth, his personal assistant.

A classically trained composer and conductor who began musical studies at age 6, Goldsmith's award-dappled Hollywood career — he was nominated for 17 Academy Awards, won one, and also took home five Emmys — spanned nearly half a century.



Jerry Goldsmith

Lawmakers urge Bush to keep satellite aloft

WASHINGTON — Two leading members of the House Science Committee have urged the Bush administration to reconsider its decision to bring down a NASA satellite used by scientists and forecasters around the world to study global climate and track tropical storms.

Committee Chairman Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y., and Rep. Nick Lampson, D-Texas, ranking minority member of the Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee, sought additional funding to keep NASA's Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission satellite aloft instead of

allowing it to fall out of orbit and plunge into the ocean next year.

"As a research satellite, it has provided unprecedented insights into the nature of precipitation," Boehlert wrote in a letter late Thursday to White House science adviser John H. Marburger III. "The cost of keeping the satellite functional is minuscule compared to the value it provides."

Lampson asked President Bush in a letter Friday to "find a few tens of millions of dollars over the next four years to preserve a key means of improving coastal and maritime safety. A viable funding arrangement can certainly be developed."

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Some voters doubt Bush

Poor economy could sway some to support Kerry



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WASHINGTON (AP) — Voters who haven't firmly committed to a presidential candidate are in a sour mood. They tend to be more disapproving of President Bush, have a gloomier view of the economy and are more likely to think the country is headed down the wrong track. The mood of these persuadable voters, prompted one veteran Republican strategist to warn the Bush campaign that dramatic steps are needed to prevent them from falling to Democrat John Kerry.

Republican strategist Tony Fabrizio, the pollster for Republican Sen. Dan Coakley's presidential run in 1996, warned the GOP about the sour mood of undecided voters in battleground states, a small slice of the uncommitted voters in the electorate.

Fabrizio, who supports Bush, wrote in a July 8 memo that such voters are "poised to break away from President Bush and to John Kerry."

"Clearly if these undecided voters are leaning any harder against the door of the Kerry camp, they would crash right through it," he wrote, suggest-

ing the president do more to convince voters the economy is recovering and take a more aggressive stance in dealing with Kerry.

With polls suggesting voters are very interested in the election this year, strategists on both sides and independent analysts say they doubt negative campaigning will suppress voter turnout.

"If you're interested in the election, you're going to vote," said Democratic consultant Jim Duffy. "People realize this is a pivotal election."

Persuadable voters in an Associated Press poll taken by Ipsos Public Affairs last month were more likely to say the country was headed down the wrong track — 63 percent compared with 56 percent overall.

They were more likely to disapprove of Bush's handling of the economy — 56 percent overall — and more likely to disapprove of Bush's handling of other domestic issues like health care and education — 59 percent to 52 percent overall. They also were more concerned about the economy

than voters generally.

Persuadable voters include those who are undecided and those whose support for a candidate was weak.

Bush campaign strategist Matthew Dowd counseled Republican patience during a period that was likely to see Kerry getting a bump in the polls from the upcoming Democratic National Convention. "These undecideds are people that shift back and forth a lot based on current events," Dowd said.

Perceptions of the economy are improving, Dowd said, and the Bush campaign will be advertising about what the president would do in a second term while continuing to run ads critical of Kerry.

The president last week began to outline his plans for a second term — talking in general terms about expanding access to health care, improving efforts to prepare high school graduates to get jobs, and changing Social Security. The Bush campaign promises to provide details in the coming weeks.

On the positive side for Bush, Republicans are united behind him, he's remained tied with Kerry in the polls despite the problems with the economy and Iraq, and he's considered stronger on handling terrorism — a pivotal issue this year.

Secret Service jobs a strain

Agents must learn various pursuits to follow 'protectees'

Los Angeles Times



President Bush leaves a church followed by unidentified churchgoers and a Secret Service agent, left, after attending Sunday services in Washington. Secret Service agents must follow Bush even when he is riding a bike for exercise.

No one would mistake them for Lance Armstrong, nor their bicycle outings for the Tour de France. Still, Secret Service agents assigned to protect President Bush and his Democratic opponent in this campaign season have frequently found themselves exercising their duties on two wheels.

When Bush or Sen. John Kerry decides that working out on a bicycle is in order, a Secret Service agent in funny pants and an earpiece is required to be pedaling nearby. (The Secret Service agent will be the one who looks like he — or she — isn't having much fun.)

Because the Secret Service provides round-the-clock oversight to those it is charged with keeping safe, agents are required to participate in whatever athletic or leisure pursuits their "protectees" choose. Over the years, that has included horseback riding, speedboat excursions and scuba diving.

Agents on Kerry's detail have told reporters they are taking biking courses to keep up with the 60-year-old candidate. And Bush's security detail has been riding along with the president for months. The 57-year-old chief executive took up mountain biking after a bad knee kept him from running, a fact revealed to the world only after he took a tumble on his bike in Crawford, Texas, in May.

A spokesperson for the Secret Service — now part of the Department of Homeland Security — in Washington confirmed that agents had been working on their biking skills. "We do train agents in mountain biking," said Special Agent Ann Roman. "But we don't get into specifics about the training that we do, for obvious reasons."

The Secret Service maintains a computerized list of agents and their athletic skills, said William Pickering, a special agent based in Los Angeles whose duties in the past required him to ski alongside President Ford and hunt near George H.W. Bush, when he was

vice president and president.

"If we don't have the skills for it, we will train," Pickering said. "To that end, agents have attended water safety courses put on by the Coast Guard, law-enforcement-related bicycle courses by the Capitol Police and equestrian courses, by the U.S. Park Police."

Pickering recalled that during the presidency of Ronald Reagan, a good number of agents tried to master horseback riding — not always successfully.

"A lot of guys failed," he said. "It's a hard, tough course, and he was riding these big thoroughbreds up at the ranch. One of the more successful Reagan-era riders, he said, had attended the University of Texas on a rodeo scholarship."

When the first President Bush was in office, Pickering said, agents attended a school to learn how to handle speedboats to keep up with the one Bush liked to pilot off the coast of Kennebunkport, Maine.

Tony Chapa, special agent in charge of the Los Angeles office, spent four years assigned to the permanent detail of then-Vice President Al Gore, who was an avid runner.

"We would run from his residence to the Capitol steps, about five miles," Chapa said. "What bothered me was the heat, because you have your running shorts and your T-shirt on, but on top of that you'd have to wear your weapon, your radio and your handcuffs, plus another T-shirt on top of that." (The T-shirt and T-shirt conceal the gun holster and other gear.)

Doesn't sound like much fun, but as Chapa noted, "You're not doing it for the exercise."

"To much of the public, the agents are perhaps best known for the sunglasses they wear. Though often lampooned, they are not an affliction."

The agents don the glasses, the agency's Website says, "to keep the sun out of their eyes, so they can increase their ability to see what people in the crowd are doing." (Unlike bicycles, which are provided by the government, agents are required to purchase their own shades.)

To keep up with the job's demands, agents are expected to be in near-peak condition, Chapa said.

"We advise people that the (bike) training is going to be strenuous," he said.

Boston seeks to polish image

The Washington Post

BOSTON In the wake of a 1974 school integration plan that led to riots in this city's streets, then-Mayor Kevin White spoke of transforming Boston from a balkanized backwater to a "Berkley" city such as New York and London.

Three decades later, as it prepares for the first time to welcome guests to a national political convention, Boston is still fighting its provincial reputation, but this small city retains its outside aspirations — as evidenced by its nickname, (Oh of the Universe — and bristles at being labeled America's Athens, a history-obsessed metropolis whose most prominent days are behind it.

As the 1996 Summer Olympics was for Atlanta, the Democratic National Convention, which begins here on Monday, has been touted as an opportunity to showcase the new Boston: a city of world leaders in higher education and health care, business and technology, and a community that its leaders call more diverse and tolerant than it once was.

"Sure, we understand how parochial, how insular things were. But we also know that's not what Boston is now," Democratic Mayor Thomas Menino told the Boston Herald two years ago when the city was announced as the convention host. "Problem is, that image hasn't really spread nationally... I wanted the opportunity to show people that we're a much different city now, a city where diversity is welcome. I want the country to see that Boston is a city that works for all of its people. It's time for us to reach out."

There's no disputing that by some measures Boston has changed dramatically in recent years. It was 68 percent white in 1980, while today racial minorities make up just over half of its 593,111 residents. Long a hodgepodge of Puritanism and



Union carpenter Jack Varney puts up the American flag outside the FleetCenter in Boston on Saturday as preparations continue for the Democratic National Convention beginning on Monday.

Catholicism, Mayflower Brahmins and intermarried clans of Irish and Italian immigrants, Boston has welcomed a large influx of Haitians and Dominicans, Vietnamese and Cape Verdeans.

A description notwithstanding, racial segregation here is still a fact of life. A report published last September by the Harvard University Civil Rights Project showed that while nationwide about 45 percent of blacks and Hispanics live in suburbs, in the greater Boston area, that number is less than 25 percent.

But neighborhoods such as South Boston and Charlestown, where the school busing crisis was centered, are no longer enclaves of prejudice. And alongside the well-trodden Freedom Trail, an urban footpath that leads tourists past Colonial landmarks such as the site of the Boston Massacre and Paul Revere's home, the Black Heritage Trail recognizes the city's contributions to the abolitionist and civil rights movements.

Perhaps the one way in which the city is as homogeneous as ever is in its politics. Democrats occupy virtually every citywide elected office. Massachusetts's entire congressional delegation is Democratic as are about 85 percent of state legislators. The publican Gov. Mitt Romney, the latest in a string of GOP chief executives here, is left with the lonely task of counterbalancing the Democrats' dominance.

The state has produced viable Democratic candidates in five presidential elections since 1960: John F. Kennedy, Edward Kennedy, Michael Dukakis, Paul Tsongas and now John Kerry, who will be the first candidate nominated in his home state since George H.W. Bush, in Texas, in 1992.

"In many ways, it was an odd choice to have the convention there," said Robert Levy, a political science professor at Colorado College who has written extensively about political conventions. "It's certainly not a state they need to work at to win. You are really preaching to the choir."

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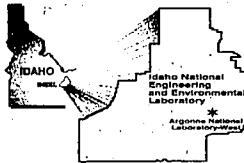
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Agencies agree to change cleanup approach at Argonne National Laboratory-West



Portions of two treaties that underwent four years of phytoremediation soil had small areas of residual metal contamination. Rather than continue with phytoremediation, the soil in these "small areas" will now be removed to meet remediation goals established in the Record of Decision.

The waste pond soils will be disposed of on-site in the INEEL CERCLA Disposal Facility. The soils are contaminated with both metals (e.g., iron, chromium, zinc and selenium) and the radionuclide cesium-137. The ditch soils will be disposed of in the GFA Landfill Complex since they do not contain radioactive contamination or chemical contaminants that pose a risk to human health.

The change in remedy is documented in an Explanation of Significant Differences document because the end result has not been changed. Post-action risk levels and cleanup goals are staying the same. The removal of these soils will be the last active remediation at ANLW.

Detailed information is available in the Administrative Record file for Operable Unit 9-04. The Administrative Record is located at the DOE Reading Room at the INEEL Technical Library in Idaho Falls. Copies can be found at Argonne National Laboratory at Boise State University. The Administrative Record can be accessed on the Internet at <http://ar.ineel.gov/home.html>

The U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Idaho Department of Environmental Quality have agreed to change the cleanup method for contaminated areas at Argonne National Laboratory-West on the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

The change involves removal and disposal of contaminated soils instead of using phytoremediation — a process that uses plants to remove contamination from soil. The change will result in more rapid cleanup that will be completed this year.

The Record of Decision, signed in 1998, selected phytoremediation for the cleanup of eight sites at ANLW. Phytoremediation has worked well for several of the sites, but will not be practical for cleaning up the Industrial Waste Pond because the pond may be used in the future for industrial cooling water discharge. Plants used for phytoremediation could not survive being regularly covered by water.



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pay more for that property than the appraised value." Grindstaff said. "Mrs. Kolouch wanted more than it was appraised for."

The hospital is landlocked by Addison Avenue on the south. On the west, it's landlocked by Rock Creek Canyon.

For the hospital to expand to the east, the city of Twin Falls will have to agree to vacate Martin Street.

"Bridges are very expensive," hospital spokesman Shawn Barigar said. "The most cost-effective and logical step is to vacate the street."

Barigar, a Twin Falls city councilman, said he will recuse himself from any decisions regarding the hospital.

Now that the hospital has acquired the land between Rose Street North and Martin Street, it simply makes sense to ask the city to vacate Martin Street, said R'Nee Mullen, the hospital's chief information officer.

"I think we really have a great opportunity here to make more services accessible," Mullen said.

However, officials haven't decided for sure exactly how to design the expansion, she said. And Barigar said that because there are no architectural plans yet, there is no dollar figure available for the project.

Mullen also said she did not know how much money the hospital has spent on acquiring the properties east of Martin Street.

"It's been many small parcels over a long period of time," she said.

What's planned

The hospital recently drafted a rough timeline of projects through the year 2010. At the top of the list is a new cancer center.

Magic Valley Regional is already outgrowing its current cancer facility, which it contracts with St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute to run. And the building isn't adequate to house newer technology.

Both Magic Valley and St. Luke's officials, along with community members, have been working on a plan to make sure people in the Magic Valley can continue to get their care locally.

"We should have the same level of care at all facilities," said Edwin Dahlberg, St. Luke's president and chief executive officer. "Our mission is to improve the health of people in our region."

Magic Valley Regional CEO John Kee agreed. "We need to make sure what we provide locally is just as good as the rest of the region," Kee said.

Also at the top of the facility list is a new medical office building, which would be located smack dab in the middle of what is now Martin Street, Barigar said.

According to the hospital's rough timeline, the new cancer center and medical office building would be completed by 2006.

Barigar said the hospital's facility plan not only addresses the need for space in the departments, but to more appropriately locate them. For instance, the next part of the project would be a south addition to the existing hospital for

the intensive care unit, surgery, emergency department and diagnostic imaging.

"We want to have the operating rooms located next to the emergency department, so if you have a patient who comes through emergency who needs surgery, you don't have to transport that patient through public hallways," he said. "The general overview is renovation-remodeling and some new construction to not only address areas that need more space, but also to locate services adjacent to each other."

Having the diagnostic imaging department on the south end of the hospital would also make it more convenient for outpatients. And with new technology, outpatient num-

bers could be located smack in the middle of the building. Procedures that used require an overnight stay can now be done on an outpatient basis.

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cars go to the hospital. Lance Bates, a city engineer, pointed out that 3,000 cars might sound like a lot more, but it averages out to only two cars per minute over a period of 24 hours. Nevertheless, there is potential for much heavier traffic at certain times of the day through the modest residential neighborhood on Rose Street North, he said.

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Kerry: A cartoonist's dream

By Mike Peters
The Dallas Morning News



John Kerry

DALLAS — Christmas has come in July for editorial cartoonists: the Democratic candidate comes gift-wrapped with a face they can take to the bank.

"Kerry is a godsend," said Ed Gamble of Jacksonville's Florida Times Union. "Even conservative cartoonists won't mind having Kerry for president because there is so much to work with. It's hard to mess him up, with the hair at one end and the chin and big nose at the other end."

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learn one." "That enthusiasm is a far cry from the cartoonists' reaction to the 2000 Democratic nominee. Cartoonists found little to laugh at in Al Gore's stonelaced expression. "It's much harder to draw somebody who is basically nice-looking but with no distin-

gushing features," said Mike Peters of the Dayton Daily News. "If John Edwards didn't smile so much, he would be deadly for cartoonists."

"At the beginning most of us are just looking for likeness," said Jim Borgman of the Cincinnati Enquirer. "We're looking for a prominent feature."

"You try to do it in your head before you put pen to paper," Peters said. "Your brain is making decisions: Big forehead? Dots for eyes or long slashes? Peters won a Pulitzer Prize in 1981 when Ronald Reagan was in the White House. Then, as with Kerry, he had great hair to work with.

"You could put that pompadour on a snipe button and everybody got that it was Reagan," he said. "And the longer anybody is on the scene, especially if they become president, whatever you exaggerated be-

comes even more exaggerated. So for me, the pompadour goes bigger and bigger."

Bill DeOre, the longtime editorial cartoonist of The Dallas Morning News, agreed with several of his peers who say it's easier — and more fun — to draw the guy you don't like as much. "With a foil like Kerry your job is a lot easier," he said.

The candidate's wife has offered her own tips for drawing Kerry. Teresa Ielniz Kerry used an overhead projector at a meeting of the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists last year to make a few points. The secret, she suggested, is to capture his "noble chin" and "focused gaze."

"My husband should not be confused with Pussycat/Dawg Phil," she said of the Groundhog Day icon. "He isn't a basket hound." Please resist the impulse to use Heinz products when drawing my husband."

Street

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one street — Blake Street North — between the hospital and Washington Street North for drivers traveling north to reach the major collector street of Filer Avenue West.

If approved, the request would also change the character of Rose Street North. It now sees about 300 cars per day, according to traffic counts the city did about two months ago.

Martin Street, on the other hand, has about 3,000 cars per day. City staffers did not do a count on how many of those

cars go to the hospital. Lance Bates, a city engineer, pointed out that 3,000 cars might sound like a lot more, but it averages out to only two cars per minute over a period of 24 hours. Nevertheless, there is potential for much heavier traffic at certain times of the day through the modest residential neighborhood on Rose Street North, he said.

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9-11 commission discounts theories

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Sept. 11 commission discounted a number of conspiracy theories that have been laid out in books, movies and magazine articles asserting that the FBI and the Bush administration committed improprieties in allowing bin Laden family members and other Saudis in the United States to jet back to their country in the days after the 2001 terrorist attacks.

In "Fahrenheit 9/11," filmmaker Michael Moore left the strong impression that the chartered bin Laden family flight, arranged by the Saudi Embassy in Washington because of concerns for their safety, occurred while the investigation was grounded after the attacks. He also said the FBI did not properly interview the departing bin Ladens.

Author Gaig Unger, in the book "House of Bush, House of Saud," also accused the FBI of only cursory checking on members of the bin Laden family before letting them fly out of the country on Sept. 20. In addition, he said that even though civil aviation was allowed to resume on Sept. 13, 2001, federal authorities still limited the operation of private planes in this country, and he raised suspicions about the approval for the bin Laden flight.

Panel treads lightly on Lewinsky scandal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Sept. 11 commission's final report says there's no evidence suggesting President Bill Clinton ordered airstrikes on Osama bin Laden targets to distract attention from his affair with Monica Lewinsky.

But the report says the affair, coupled with other issues, likely affected later discussions about using force against the terrorist leader.

Following U.S. embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania, the Clinton administration planned and launched cruise missile strikes on alleged terrorist assets of bin Laden in Sudan and Afghanistan. The report said reaction to the Aug. 20, 1998, strikes "included 'screaming criticism' that the action was 'too aggressive.'"

"At the time, President Clinton was embroiled in the Lewinsky scandal, which continued to consume public attention for the rest of that year and the first months of 1999," the report said. "As it happened, a popular 1997 movie, 'Wag the Dog,' features a president who takes a war to distract public attention from a domestic scandal. Some Republicans in Congress raised questions about the timing of the strikes."

In testimony, Clinton aides told the commissioners that their advice to Clinton about the airstrikes was based solely on national security considerations. "We have found no reason to question their statements," the commissioners said.

The commission's final report treads lightly on Clinton's affair with the one-time White House intern, which led to his impeachment and later censure by the Senate. Although only tiny sections of the report

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In their report, released Thursday, the commissioners found nothing amiss in U.S. officials' decision to allow the nine chartered flights between Sept. 14 and 24 that carried 160 people, mostly Saudi nationals, to the desert kingdom. The report also concluded that FBI officials properly interviewed almost all the bin Laden family members, who were, on one flight that departed Sept. 20, seven days after the grounding was lifted.



Monica Lewinsky

refer to the affair, the commissioners spent a lot of time discussing how and whether to discuss it in the report, deciding, in the end, that it was important to do so.

"The language was carefully chosen," Philip Zelkow, the commission's executive director, said Friday. "We wanted to flag it and note its significance."

In a chapter cataloging initial U.S. responses to al-Qaida assaults, the report said that by the early morning hours of Aug. 20, 1998, Clinton and all his principal advisers were agreed to strike the bin Laden camps in Afghanistan near Khawst, as well as al Shifa, a pharmaceutical plant in Khartoum, Sudan.

Intelligence reports said the plant was "manufacturing a precursor ingredient for nerve gas with bin Laden's financial support," although the commission said no independent evidence has emerged to corroborate this assessment.

"The air strikes marked the climax of an intense 40-hour period in which (former national security adviser Sandy) Berger notified congressional leaders, the principals called their foreign counterparts, and President Clinton flew back from his vacation on Martha's Vineyard to address the nation from the Oval Office," the report said.

The report said everyone involved in the decision to strike were aware of Clinton's problems.

Al-Qaida's inner circle eludes CIA

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The CIA has intelligence agents inside Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network — as it did before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks — but they are not within the terrorist leader's inner circle where key information about any future attack would be discussed, a senior intelligence official said Friday.

"They are beyond front soldiers but not in the inner circle," the official said. The agents — Afghans, Pakistanis, Uzbeks and others recruited and run by CIA case officers — "are more senior than the agents (the U.S. had) three years ago who were on the periphery," the official said.

Aided by these agents, electronic intercepts, satellite imagery, and extensive help from foreign intelligence services, the United States over the past two years has captured or



Osama bin Laden

killed two-thirds of bin Laden's top aides and broken up plots against U.S. embassies, U.S. and foreign military bases, and ships and other targets worldwide.

Although the U.S. intelligence community believes that al-Qaida today is far less capable than the team that put together the Sept. 11 attacks, bin Laden "looks to the United States still as the boss ring," another senior intelligence official said. "They still want to continue to attack us in the ways they did three years ago," he said during a Wednesday briefing which was held on condition that reporters not disclose his name or the identity of two other senior intelligence of-

ficials who spoke.

This is the first time that CIA officials have publicly described with such specificity the placing of agents and other steps aimed at cracking al-Qaida — the sort of information that the agency generally guards very closely.

"They made the revelations as part of a response to the stern criticism of the agency this week by the Sept. 11 commission. It portrayed U.S. intelligence as having failed dramatically before the 2001 attacks, largely because it lacked significant sources of human intelligence about bin Laden's organization."

The comments came at the briefing, held the day before the commission report was released, and in interviews Friday that elaborated on some points. "We have busted plots repeatedly" that were undertaken by "serious al-Qaida players" involving both air- and ship-

borne in Northeast and Southeast Asia — one official at the briefing said.

At the same time, he said, intelligence on the possibility of other attacks has recently been strong. "I wouldn't characterize what we have now as chatter," he said. "I think we have some fairly specific information that al-Qaida wants to come after us."

In 2001, the officials said, U.S. technical intelligence did intercept conversations of the Sept. 11 plotters over an al-Qaida command-and-control phone link. But U.S. analysts could not understand their "doubletalk" enough to disrupt the operation, the first official said.

"They (al-Qaida members) became aware that we were sitting on those phones, and they became doubly cautious and their doubletalk doubled as they progressed, so we were thwarted," he said.

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New wave of mob informants leads to indictments in old cases

NEW YORK (AP) — For 23 years, it was an unsolvable crime: a mob hit on three Bonanno family captains, slaughtered by machine gun fire in a social club.

The details finally spilled forth this summer as the family's ex-underboss, now a government informant who remembered everything but the definition of "omerta," implicated Bonanno chief Joseph "Big Joey" Massino.

Thanks to a seemingly endless parade of Mafia turncoats, prosecutors are indicting and convicting mobsters on crimes dating back decades.

The latest example was the indictment this past week of John A. "Junior" Gotti for an alleged 1992 botched attempt to kill talk radio host Curtis Sliwa over slurs directed at the mobster's father, the one-time head of the Gambino crime family.

The link to Gotti reportedly came from a former Gambino family capo, Michael "Mickey Scarf" DiAmico.

It's the critical difference, former federal prosecutor Jim Walden said of informants. "Without the testimony from these insiders, many of these cases against the Mafia would never have happened."

Walden knows firsthand. In 2001, using 10 cooperating witnesses, he won a conviction against Bonanno family "confessor" Anthony Sperto for murdering, gambling and loan-sharking. One of the murders had occurred a decade earlier.



This surveillance photo of reputed organized crime figures Gerlando Scelascia, Vito Rizuto, Giovanni Liggamari and Joseph Massino, from left to right, was taken on May 6, 1981, outside the Capri Motor Lodge in the Bronx borough of New York.

when Sperto ordered the execution of a neighborhood junkie who broke into his daughter's home.

In the Massino case, where closing arguments were heard this past week, the alleged crimes date back even further. One of the eight turncoat witnesses against him was his own underboss and brother-in-law, Salvatore "Good Looking" Sal Vitale. The two had a friendship that began when they were teens, and Vitale, who has confessed to 11 murders, said Massino taught him everything he needed to know about organized crime.

"Thirty years ago, a case like this like was not possible," said Ronald Goldstock, former head of the New York state Organized Crime Task Force. "The first cases with informants were in the early '80s."

By the '90s, the trend of ignoring omerta — the mob's oath of secrecy — was in full swing.

Sammy "the Bull" Gravano is perhaps the most infamous of the mob turncoats. By the time he turned government witness in 1991, Gravano had spent 23 years with the mob. His far-ranging testimony helped convict more than three dozen Mafiosi.

Police search landfill for missing jogger

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The search for a missing pregnant woman has expanded to include a municipal landfill and the use of cadaver dogs, police said Saturday.

"We've been out there following up on some tips and leads," Salt Lake City Police Detective Dwayne Baird said after meeting for more than an hour with the family of 27-year-old Lori Hacking, who has been missing since Monday.

Baird said he did not know when the search of the landfill started.

He also said he doesn't believe investigators have met with the woman's husband, Mark Hacking, since Wednesday. He has been in a psychiatric hospital since police found him Tuesday running naked around a motel



Lori Hacking, Mark Hacking, not far from his home.

Mark Hacking, 28, has been called a person of interest, not a suspect, in the case.

Speculation about his credibility was fueled by news that he never graduated from college or applied for medical school.

He had told friends and family he was headed to medical school in North Carolina. Lori Hacking vanished days before

the couple was to move.

Mark Hacking also had initially said his wife did not wake him up after coming home from an early morning jog, as usual, and never showed up to work. But police confirmed Friday that Mark Hacking was at a furniture store buying a new mattress just before reporting to police that Lori was missing.

Baird said police were still checking out a timeline provided by Hacking on the day his wife disappeared, one he said police consider puzzling.

"Because of the deception, we have to look at all aspects of what he has done," Baird said.

Mark Hacking still has the support of both his parents and his in-laws. Douglas Hacking said Friday his son told him he had nothing to do with his wife's disappearance.

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Training center uses unleaded ammo

BRUNSWICK, Ga. (AP) — Officers aim their submachine guns at small steel targets and fire short bursts of bullets that, on impact, disintegrate into copper-colored dust.

So-called "green ammo" — bullets made of iron, copper and other metals less toxic than lead — has become the norm at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, essentially the nation's largest police academy.

Responsible for training the employees of 76 federal agencies, from the Secret Service to the U.S. Park Service police, the center has virtually created a market for untold ammunition that officials say poses fewer health and environmental risks.

"This is one of the most significant advances in police training I've seen in my 20-plus-year career," said Mark Fritts, a senior firearms instructor at the center.

Made from compressed metal particles, the ammo was introduced at the center six years ago and now makes up 75 percent of the 20 million rounds fired annually at the center's campuses in Brunswick, Artesia, N.M.; Charleston, S.C.; and Cheltenham, Md.

The center, the nation's largest user of ammunition outside the military, started asking manufacturers in 1994 to develop bullets with no risk

of injury to cadets from metal fragments when fired at close range.

When manufacturers began designing the bullets without lead, the environmental benefits became apparent.

"One bullet doesn't contain a lot of lead, but hundreds of thousands if not millions of bullets can be very significant," said Steve Taylor of the Military Toxics Project, an environmental group.

"Lead is a heavy metal that remains in the environment for a very long time."

Next month, the center will close four more ranges next month to begin a yearlong cleanup that will cost \$2.8 million.

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Britain plans alcohol crackdown

Government will extend pubs' hours to curb abuse

LONDON (AP) — The British have always liked their beer. Medieval English yeomen drank ale rather than water. Englishmen, Daniel Defoe noted in the 18th century, "set down are good-natur'd, but in drink."

"An Englishman," he wrote, "will fairly Drink as much/As will maintain two families of Dutch."

Unimpressed, Prime Minister Tony Blair's government has vowed to crack down on the dark side of drinking, memorably summed up in the T-shirt slogan "A pint and a fight — a great British night."

Launching a five-year plan to curb anti-social behavior and crime in Britain, the government said this week that 44 percent of violent crime is fueled by booze, while alcohol-related mishaps are counted for 70 percent of hospital emergency-room cases at busy times. Booze fuels an epidemic of illness, accidents, violence, lost productivity and crime that costs the British economy \$37 billion a year, officials say.

Paradoxically, this means last call will be later than has traditionally been in the case.

Restrictive licensing laws require most pubs in England and Wales to close at 11 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 10:30 on Sundays — shocking many visitors looking for a night out on the town and often flushing a tide of unruly drunks onto streets, buses and subways before midnight.

Under new laws due to take effect next year, pubs and bars may apply to local authorities for permission to open any hours they like. That will reduce the number of people guzzling pints in the last minutes before closing time and encourage a more relaxed — more European — attitude to alcohol consumption, so the theory goes.

"I think it will make things better," said Jane Harman, 32, enjoying a lunchtime pint of cider in a London pub on Friday.



An English soccer fan throws a restaurant chair towards riot police after clashes erupted between English and Tunisian soccer fans in Marseille's Old Port district on June 14, 1998. Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair's government has vowed to crack down on the dark side of drinking, memorably summed up in the T-shirt slogan "A pint and a fight — a great British night."

"I used to live in Madrid, where bars are open until 2 or 3 in the morning, and I never saw any alcohol-related violence."

"One of the worst things in the world is when you have got 2-3,000 young people all thrown out of the clubs at the same time, in the streets, pushing and shoving and looking for a taxi," Home Office Minister Hazel Blears told the British Broadcasting Corp. on Thursday.

"That's when you get the violence." Restrictions on pub hours were introduced in the 1870s and were tightened during World War I to keep factory workers sober. The 11 o'clock closing time dates to 1964.

Most British have their own horror stories of post-closing encounters with beer-soaked mobs, or of late-night journeys

home involving beery subway trains, vomit-soaked buses or urine-stained sidewalks.

Some fear longer drinking hours will simply mean more drunks and violence — a link the prime minister dismisses.

"It should be perfectly possible to have more flexible opening hours without people going on the rampage and beating people up," Blair told reporters at a press conference Thursday.

"The way of dealing with this, I think, is not to restrict opening hours but to make sure we come down really hard on this," he said.

Researchers say it is not how much Britons drink, but how they drink, that is the problem. Britons drink more, on average, than Americans — the equivalent of 2.2 gallons of pure

alcohol a year per person, compared to 1.3 gallons in the United States — but less than people in Ireland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Germany, France and Portugal, according to the 2002 World Drink Trends survey.

But Britons are more likely than most other Europeans to drink in concentrated bursts.

"Getting drunk, that's the main problem in the U.K.," said Rebecca Smith of Edinburgh University, part of an international team that conducted a study of teen drinking in 35 countries for the World Health Organization in 2002.

"In some other countries, they drink quite a lot but they don't get drunk."

And teenagers in Britain, where the legal drinking age is 18, appear to drink more regularly than most.

In the WHO study, more 15-year-olds in Wales and England reported drinking at least once a week than in any other country.

When the same age group was asked whether they'd been drunk at least twice, British teens also came near the top.

NATO agrees to send troops for elections

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — After months of delay, NATO has ordered hundreds more peacekeepers to Afghanistan to help provide security during presidential elections, but the deployment still appeared to fall short of 3,500 troops that were promised.

NATO ambassadors meeting late Friday approved two more battalions for Afghanistan, one each from Italy and Spain. A battalion has between 600 and 1,000 soldiers.

The alliance also cleared another 500 or so troops to beef up provincial reconstruction teams. Assuming the battalions were large, that would still make only about 2,500 troops.

"We need a little bit more to get to 3,500," said Lt. Col. Ludwig Terbruggen, spokesman at NATO's military headquarters in southern Belgium.

Col. Chris Henderson, a spokesman for the NATO-led peacekeeping force in the Afghan capital of Kabul, said a third battalion would be on

standby as part of a reserve contingent outside the country. He said the alliance had yet to decide which countries would supply the reserve force but insisted "NATO has not fallen in meeting its commitment."

U.S. Ambassador Nicholas Burns called the reinforcements "a significant step in the efforts of the international community to help the Afghan people."

NATO took command of the international, peacekeeping force in Afghanistan last summer. It currently has some 6,500 troops there, about half from Germany and Canada.

In October, the alliance agreed to expand the force. But apart from Germany, which sent 240 soldiers to the northern Afghan city of Kanduz, NATO had been unable to persuade governments to provide needed troops.

The delay has cast doubt on the alliance's credibility as it seeks to reinvent itself as a global security force in the post-Cold War era.

Spanish police find the car used by Madrid bombers

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Three months after the Madrid train bombings, Spanish police found a rental car used by the terrorists containing personal effects, including tapes of Quranic verses and chants praising jihad, an official said Saturday.

Police found the car on June 13 in the town of Alcalá de Henares, the departure point of three of the four trains bombed in the March 11 attack, a police spokeswoman said on anonymity.

She said that investigators believe the bombers used the car. A Skoda Fabia, to transport some of the explosives used in the blasts, which killed 191 people and injured 2,000.

DNA tests on clothes found in the trunk confirmed that it was used by two suspected Islamic terrorists, one of whom later committed suicide to evade

capture, she said. Apart from clothes, an alarm clock, an agenda and a Palestinian headscarf, police spotted two cassettes with calls to jihad and martyrdom," the spokeswoman said.

The car was parked just 30 yards from the spot where a white van also believed to have been used by the bombers was found, the Madrid daily of Mundo reported Saturday. Police found it after a resident complained the vehicle had been abandoned, the report said.

The van contained clues that provided the first suggestion of Muslim involvement in the attacks.

Upon inspection, police discovered the car had been stolen and notified the rental company Heriz, whose staff took it away and started cleaning it before they found a suitcase inside.

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Haitian rebels remain active

MIREBALAIS, Haiti (AP) — Nightly, camouflage-clad rebels patrol this central Haitian town, will arm and activate five months after the rebellion that led to the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Under international pressure, the new government has ordered factions to give up their guns in less than two months, but it has shown little willingness to confront ex-soldiers controlling parts of the countryside despite the presence of U.N. peacekeepers.

The rebels, for their part, say no one can force them to disarm.

"We have no problem with the peacekeepers, but they have no right to take our arms," said Pierre, who leads rebel patrol units in this town of 10,000 people, 25 miles northeast of the capital.

Rebels have largely ignored a letter this month from the interim government saying armed groups have until Sept. 15 to turn in illegal weapons, after which police will make arrests.

The police force trying to rebuild after the revolt that led to Aristide's Feb. 29 ouster has been reluctant to confront rebels, as have leaders. Interim Prime Minister Gerard Lacroix praised rebels as "freedom fighters" after taking office in March.



Chilean President Ricardo Lagos addresses the Chilean troops in a U.N. peacekeeping force standing at attention during his visit in Cap-Haitien, Haiti, Wednesday.

Some police cooperate with rebels in patrolling and making arrests. About 50 rebels patrol Mirebalais. Similar squads have been reported in at least 11 central and northern towns.

Many rebels say they were once part of the army that ousted Aristide in 1991 and was disbanded after U.S. troops returned him to power in 1994. Some militants hope to become soldiers again if they can persuade leaders to reconstitute the army.

"The military is always the military. The president can dissolve it, but the constitution is still there, guaranteeing its presence," said Pierre, who pat-

rols with other commandos clutching Uzi submachine guns. The former sergeant says he relies on residents for handouts of food.

Maj. Joseph Lesly Sanz, a member of a government panel that is trying to determine which men are truly ex-soldiers and entitled to pensions and benefits, said many of the militants were not ex-soldiers. He said those men were using stolen uniforms and guns.

Brazilian-led U.N. peacekeepers are armed, but it's unclear what role they may play in trying to rein in the few hundred rebels still in the is-

land nation after the uprising, which killed an estimated 300 people.

Col. Rodrigo Carrasco, commander of Chilean U.N. troops in northern Haiti said the peacekeepers were discussing disarming rebels but would not use force unnecessarily.

The rebels aren't supposed to be in uniform or bearing arms — "but they're doing it," Carrasco said. "Our role is to not use force unnecessarily and they are doing nothing bad."

Others disagreed, accusing rebels of threats and attacks against supporters of Aristide, now in exile in South Africa. Jean-y Andre Omillett, a Mirebalais radio journalist, went into hiding fearing for his life in June after being briefly detained by rebels who he said falsely accused him of robbery. He told an Associated Press reporter that he was in danger because "I wasn't on their side."

The National Coalition of Haitian Rights reports other abuses, including the beating and death of a man in central Thomonde in March. Rebel commando Manel Valerius was arrested in the killing but escaped to neighboring Dominican Republic, said Viles. A monitor for the rights group.

While police and rebels often cooperate, relations are strained, Carrasco said.

Judge rejects arrest of Mexican ex-president

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A Mexican judge refused Saturday to issue an arrest warrant for former President Luis Echeverria, accused of ordering the killing of protesters at a 1971 demonstration, a spokesman for the special prosecutor's office said.

Prosecutors will likely appeal the decision, said Eduardo Maldonado, a spokesman for the office established to investigate crimes related to government repression of student and leftist groups in the 1960s and 70s.

The judge did not immediately make public the basis for his decision.

The case against Echeverria had threatened to create a crisis in President Vicente Fox's

already troubled relationship with Congress.

Echeverria's Institutional Revolutionary Party holds the largest bloc of seats and had threatened to stop cooperating with Fox. If the arrest warrant was issued.

International observers said the decision could weaken the little faith Mexicans have in their justice system, generally perceived as corrupt and inept. "Presidents in the history of Mexico have been sort of untouchable, rarely held accountable," said Eric Olson, of Amnesty International.

"By pushing forward in this, hopefully, this will lead to more public acceptance of the justice system and lend more credibility to the system."

Iran court acquits murder suspect

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A Tehran court acquitted the sole defendant in the murder of an Iranian-Canadian photojournalist, the lawyer and Nobel Peace laureate representing the victim's mother told the Associated Press on Saturday.

Shirin Ebadi, who is the chief lawyer for the mother of slain photojournalist Zahra Kazemi, said the legal proceedings were flawed.

"I'm required to work until my last breath to make sure that justice is done to my client," Ebadi said.

She threatened to take the matter to international organizations if the Iranian judiciary fails to carry out justice.

"I'll protest this verdict. If the appeals court and other legal stages fail to heed our objections, we will use all domestic and international facilities to meet the legal rights of my client," an angry Ebadi said.

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August Community Calendar

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Leader urges Egypt to stand fast

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi urged Egypt on Saturday to stand fast in the face of the kidnapping of one of its diplomats and ignore the international demand that it abandon any plans to lend security assistance to Iraq.

"It is time for us to close ranks to fight terrorism. There is no way to budge to terrorists and give them what they want," Allawi said in Damascus, Syria. "The only way to deal with terrorism is to promote justice and to close ranks, and we hope Egypt and the Egyptian government will act accordingly."

Allawi spoke just hours after gunmen dressed as police snatched the leader of an Iraqi government-owned construction company. The brazen attacks suggested insurgents were growing bolder, particularly since kidnappers scored a stunning victory by forcing the Philippines to withdraw troops to save the life of a Filipino truck driver last week. The violence also cast a pall over Allawi's tour through the region to persuade reluctant Arab and Muslim countries to send troops here.

Militants grabbed Mohammed Mandouh Helmi Qutb, described as the third-ranked diplomat at the Egyptian mission here, as he was kicked out of a mosque Friday. In a video released by the "Lions of Allah Brigade," the militants said they had taken Qutb to deter Egypt from sending troops here.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit appealed to the kidnappers Saturday to show mercy and said his government was working quietly to



An Iraqi National Guard soldier searches a car while the driver waits on Saadoun Street in central Baghdad, Iraq, on Saturday. Increased security could be seen around the city throughout the morning hours, including joint checkpoints with U.S. Army and Iraqi National Guard soldiers.

free Qutb and an Egyptian truck driver held by other militants. "We will not abandon Egyptian citizens in that way," he said, adding that "it is a very sensitive situation."

"We will not abandon Egyptian citizens in that way ... it is a very sensitive situation."

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit

director of Al-Mansour Contracting Co. in an audacious daylight operation in southeastern Baghdad.

The kidnappers, wearing police uniforms, set up a fake checkpoint in the Zaiuana neighborhood and stopped Adams' car, taking him and his driver hostage, according to police Sgt. Ahmed Ismael. Adams' driver was quickly released, Ismael said.

Al-Mansour is a government-owned construction company that does building work for Iraq's ministries. Adnan, a construction engineer, was a member of the Baath party and helped build some of Saddam Hussein's presidential palaces.

The 15-month-old insurgency, punctuated by the kidnappings, almost daily bombings, attacks and sabotage, has badly dented Iraq's efforts to rebuild the country after years of war and sanctions.

On Saturday, gunmen in three cars attacked a convoy carrying west Baghdad's police chief as he passed near the town of Mahmudiya south of Baghdad.

Residents grow thirsty in wettest town on Earth

Los Angeles Times

CHERRAPUNJI, India — The people on the soggy streets of the wettest town in the world carry umbrellas and buckets. The reason for the umbrellas is obvious — Cherrapunji receives an average of 37.5 feet of rain a year, a drenching that rots food, peels paint and has earned the area the nickname of "the city that never dries."

The buckets serve a different purpose. Despite the downpours, Cherrapunji's people don't have enough water. All the rain lands on arid, deforested and rocky ground. There's no local reservoir to hold it, so it runs downhill, plunging over the precipitous cliffs at the edge of town and onto the plains of Bangladesh.

To make matters worse, Cherrapunji's few water tanks are rusted and cracked, as are the pipelines that are the conduit from remote springs and aquifers to the homes of the community's 12,000 residents.

With tap water only sporadically running inside their houses, the townships' inhabitants must trek through the hills to closer, smaller springs to fill their buckets with enough water to drink, bathe or cook a meal. In the winter dry season, a few unlucky people in the more remote precincts must walk for hours to get water, while others have to buy it from trucks.

For years, the people of this town in northeastern India accepted the situation with the same stoicism that allows them to survive months of biblical torments. But as the town has modernized and tried to put itself on India's tourist map,

patience has worn thin. "As the whole world is progressing, we are running out of time," complained Elgius Savian, 34, a local teacher and tribal leader. "People used to have a little bit of comfort."

India is grappling with a worsening nationwide water shortage, and the strange fate of Cherrapunji says much about the country's inability to tap its rich natural resources. Sliced by mighty rivers and subject to the yearly monsoon drenching, India has nonetheless struggled to provide its skyrocketing population with water.

In the capital, New Delhi, 40 percent of residents lack municipal water connections, and tens of millions in other cities do not have regular water. In southern India, riots occasionally break out as moisture-starved farmers and urbanites in the borderlands of the Cauvery River's water, India also has quarreled with neighbors Bangladesh and Pakistan over rights to the bloated rivers that cross the subcontinent's borders.

"There should not be this kind of a crisis," said Sumita Dasgupta, coordinator of the water unit of the independent Center for Science and Environment in New Delhi. "By any standards across the globe, India is very well-endowed as far as rainfall is concerned." Cherrapunji is a cautionary tale of how governments can focus too much on elaborate dams and pipelines and neglect the natural resources right in front of it, Dasgupta said. The state, she said, should have figured out how to harvest the gallons that tumble from the skies.

"It just requires home-grown, home-brewed technology," she said.

Turkey charges three in train derailment that killed 37

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Three crew members were arrested after a train derailed in northern Turkey, killing 37 people, but critics accused the government Saturday of using the detentions to deflect blame.

Union group and engineers said transportation officials approved the high-speed train project, despite accusations that the country's aging rail system couldn't handle the faster train. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan personally inaugurated the project last month, brushing aside safety concerns raised by experts.

In an accident highlighting concerns about railroad safety in Turkey, four cars in a 25 freight train also derailed Saturday in southern Turkey.

officials said. No one was hurt. Late Friday, the crew chief in charge of the passenger train, Koksal Coskun, and two engineers, Fikret Karabulut and Recep Sommez, were formally arrested, a local police official said on customary condition of anonymity.

The official refused to elaborate, but private NTV television said the three were charged with negligence in the crash near the small, rural village of McKece, about halfway along the train's route from Istanbul to Ankara. It was among the worst train crashes in Turkish history.

Officials had ruled out sabotage as a cause for the crash, but it was still not clear why the train derailed. Transport Minister Binali Yildirim said the train was traveling 23 mph over the

speed limit of 50 mph during Thursday's accident. However, the attorney for the three men arrested, Ismail Gurses, showed reporters rail-road-issued regulations for the trip that listed the speed limit in the crash area as 40 mph. The regulations were also published in Turkish newspapers. "The reason for the crash could be aging infrastructure," Gurses said. "The rails may have expanded or there may be a technical reason that we don't know, but it's definitely not because of high speed."

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EDITORIAL

New custody law provides a boost for grandparents

Grandparents who during their golden years raise their grandchildren deserve more than just a nod of approval from the state government.

What really helps them in their task of raising another generation is state recognition of their rights. Idaho's new de facto Custodian Law acts in that spirit to help those who give reliable care for children — or in grandparent cases, their grandchildren.

The number of grandparents raising grandchildren keeps rising, both in Idaho and nationwide. Census figures show more than 8,000 grandparents in Idaho are primary caregivers for grandkids, compared with about 4,500 in 1990.

For most repeat-parents, the decision to raise the grandkids is a matter of choice, devotion and responsibility. Some are retired grandparents who lived on fixed incomes. Others are in their middle-age years and still have their own kids at home. In virtually all cases, they are motivated by a desire to help see that little ones get a fair start in life.

When you throw in another generation to raise, the burden can grow almost too heavy to bear.

One way the state can lighten that burden is to balance the scales in grandparents' legal quest for custodial rights. The De Facto Custodian Law makes their guardianship equal to biological parents' rights.

De facto custodians are those who raise kids who are not their own. Idaho's law defines a de facto custodian as anyone who has been a primary caregiver and financial supporter for a child in their household for at

least six months (if the child is under 3), or at least one year (if the child is older than 3).

The law also allows de facto custodians to initiate guardianship proceedings in court. Because most grandparents can easily prove long-term, ongoing relationships to the children, de facto guardianship makes their standing even stronger.

Our view: Idaho's new de facto

custodianship law can go a long way to help grandparent-parents.

What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

their kids. But it's important to note that it will not lead to state financial assistance for grandparent-parents.

That's appropriate, in our view. State funding for foster parents should be reserved for cases when no blood relative is available to raise a child. In those instances, if the state didn't pay a foster parent to help with these kids, nobody would do the job.

Some grandparents may argue that they deserve state financial aid, as they are keeping these kids out of the foster care system. Again, we say grandparents deserve praise for stepping forward so that the state doesn't have to step in.

But when grandparents start requesting state assistance, they are in essence giving up their custodial rights. When the state gives foster care funding, it also assumes authority for that living situation. We're confident that grandparents who raise grandkids would reject that standard.

The real goal with de facto custodian laws should be to help blood relatives and guardians establish custody, so they can independently raise grandkids. Idaho's newest law is a positive step in that direction.

9/11 panel plays it safe, makes no enemies

The final report of the 9/11 Commission offers something for everyone, which means that it's mostly a nothing. And so the real issue in winning the war on terror remains unaddressed.



JAMES P. PINKERTON

The commission has been on the defensive since March, when it showcased the testimony of former

counterterrorism chief Richard Clarke, who heaped blame for 9/11 squarely on the Bush administration. Republicans, in turn, accused the commission of playing anti-Bush politics in a presidential election year. This GOP counterattack must have been particularly stinging to the panel's five Republican commissioners. And, in any case, it seems to have worked. In yesterday's Rose Garden ceremony, commission Chairman Tom Keane, a Republican, was at pains to praise George W. Bush. Though the White House had opposed the creation of the commission, had sidetracked many of its requests for information and had resisted giving the commission the time it felt it needed to do its work properly, Keane commended it like an intern that a governor of New Jersey when he said to the president: "Thank you very much for giving me the honor of serving."

The commission's report does not name names; it mostly shuffles boxes — and then puts them back in the same place. Consider, as one example, the commission's suggestion of creating a "national intelligence director" to oversee the 15 federal intelligence agencies. That's a nice-sounding idea. But we already have such a centralizer, whose title is director of central intelligence (D.C.I.). That's right: the post commonly called "CIA director" is, in fact, the same director of central intelligence. That's been his title ever since the National Security Act of 1947 created the



Central Intelligence Agency and tasked the DCI with coordinating intelligence government-wide.

As a second example, the commission proposes establishing a counterterrorism center inside the White House to become the "authoritative knowledge bank" for homeland-security efforts. That, too, sounds like a pretty good idea, although again it was first thought of 57 years ago: the National Security Council (NSC) is another product of the '47 National Security Act.

So one might ask: if the war on terror is the No. 1 national-security threat to the United States, should the National Security Council be tasked with that mission? If the current NSC isn't up to the job, we need a new NSC staff, not a second NSC-ish outfit operating in parallel.

Why would the commission seek to reinvent the wheel? It's safe to do so. Nobody on the commission is going to lose out on a social invitation — or a future government job — because of this report.

The original organizational ideas for national security, reaching back to the Truman administration, were good ones. Yes, there should be one "czar" overseeing all intelli-

gence, and it's helpful to have an information clearinghouse function close by the commander-in-chief. So maybe the recommendations, redundant as they might be, are the commission's way of nudging the government to stick to what's worked fairly well for most of the last six decades.

Yet another recommendation is going to face a tougher fate: The commission wants to consolidate congressional oversight of counter-terror functions. This is a good idea — which is why it will probably never happen. Such consolidation would upset turf of perhaps two dozen committees on Capitol Hill.

At this red-hot moment, no member of Congress is likely to come out publicly and say that personal perk- and pork-protection is more important than protecting the country. But House Speaker Dennis Hastert has already said that legislative action is unlikely this year; in 2005, after memories of the commission have faded, one can only wonder what Congress might be working on instead.

Besides, Washington today is awfully with speculation about whether two dozen committees should be merged into one "classified-document-pilfering

committed by Bill Clinton's national security adviser, Sandy Berger.

Berger's misdeeds underscore the basic flaw in the commission's report: people matter. The catastrophe of 9/11 wasn't a failure of organization; it was a failure of personnel. One can argue about the apportionment of blame, and to whom, but it's simply a dodge to say that institutions, as opposed to individuals, were at fault.

In making its critique, the commission has asked for bureau-structural responses. And such a response, however duplicative or delayed, will be forthcoming. But the notion of personal responsibility, as well as political accountability, will suffer another blow as new flow charts crowd out the obvious need for new and shrewder people — for folks who can anticipate terror trouble, not because they are in the right box but because they are in the right frame of mind.

So that's the lost opportunity of the 9/11 report. But, hey, at least the commissioners, not having made any enemies, will still be able to catch lunch in this town.

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Playing loose with middle class squeeze

We'll hear a lot of complaining about a "middle-class squeeze" in this economy, but the squeeze is as American as the Constitution: We live in an ambitious and striving society. Most Americans hope to get ahead. They work hard. They like to spend what they earn and they also compete compulsively to show how well they've done. As a result, anxiety becomes a permanent way of life, even when the economy is doing well. Enough is never enough.



ROBERT SAM ELSON

Americans' very optimism breeds stress and insecurity, because it invites disappointment. For proof, look at the monthly survey of consumer confidence done at the University of Michigan. One question is: Are you and your family "better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?" Despite steadily rising living standards, it's rare for more than 50 percent of Americans ever to say "yes."

In 1966, only 35 percent did that was a very good year (unemployment: 3.8 percent). In 1989, seven years into an economic expansion (unemployment: 5.3 percent), 42 percent did. Even during the 1990s boom, slightly less than half said they were doing better.

The pressure to get ahead spawns an equivalent dread of falling behind. Politicians wanting to relieve these fears could offer practical advice. But out less often (about 35 percent of consumers' favor bills goes

for away-from-home meals); buy a \$20,000 or \$25,000 car instead of a \$35,000 SUV (in 2003, 56 percent of new vehicle sales were SUVs, pickup trucks and SUVs, up from 22 percent in 1990); buy a smaller home. These steps would shave debt payments, loan expenses and utility bills.

Forget it. Politicians won't help "consumers" for their own "squeeze." It would seem un-American. It would offend the ingrained get-ahead ethic. How ingrained? Well, let's examine "poor Americans' biggest purchases" of their homes.

On average, Americans are the best-housed people in history. Since 1973, the median size of new homes jumped almost 40 percent, from 1,525 square feet to 2,114 square feet in 2002. Meanwhile, average household size has fallen almost 20 percent, from 3.14 people to 2.58 in 2002. (There are more singles, fewer children and more elderly couples.) Americans have bigger homes for smaller families. Now, 36 percent of new homes have four bedrooms or more; in 1967, that was 23 percent. And everyone needs a bathroom. In 1971, 15 percent of new homes had 2.5 bathrooms

or more; by 2003, 56 percent did.

No matter, Most Americans want more. The National Association of Home Builders (whose Web site provides all this data) surveys homeowner preferences. It finds that 60 percent want to "trade up," and only 14 percent would "trade down." Even among those 65 and over, 39 percent would trade up, compared with 28 percent who would trade down.

Housing dominates most family budgets; therefore, the quest for bigger homes underpins the middle-class squeeze. But government won't do anything about it. Homeownership is the essence of the American Dream. Still, it's understandable that John Kerry likes the "squeeze" because the appeal is widespread, precisely because so many people feel — or fear — it. Kerry can also offer superficial solutions: new tax write-offs for college tuition; new subsidies for health insurance; promises to cut dependence on costly foreign oil. Similar solutions have been offered before, and had they worked, wouldn't be needed again.

The truth is that abolishing the middle-class squeeze is an impossible and undesirable task. Suppose the demand for bigger homes was suppressed. The urge to get ahead would pop up in other areas of aggressive consumption. As the upper-middle class indulges

new tastes, it raises the bar for the middle- and lower-middle classes. The only way to stop this competitive cycle is to convince Americans to be less ambitious. Why would anyone want to do that?

Americans' obsession with advancement, though easy to satirize and full of drawbacks, is both a measure of freedom and an engine of economic vigor. It encourages risk-taking and hard work. Unfortunately, it also creates stress. The economy involves other double-edged bargains. In America, workers are more easily fired than in Europe; this too elevates insecurity. In Europe's job protections "insurance" job creation (which Europe firms know they can't easily shed unneeded workers).

In the 1990s, U.S. unemployment averaged 5.7 percent, compared with 9.1 percent for the European Union. Generally, the periods when Americans seem most satisfied occur when the economy exceeds expectations. After World War II, people feared another Great Depression. The post-war boom was just the opposite. In the 1990s, the long expansion confounded wisdom that America was in decline. But these euphoric periods set up unrealistic expectations of even greater growth that are inevitably disappointed. One way or another, the squeeze is forever.

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LETTER

Democracy and divinity don't always mix

To all of you flying the flag of Christianity, I want you to take a moment and consider this: The Holy Bible is not a book that promotes democracy. It is an operating manual for life and life itself. There is nothing in the Bible that says let's put this to a vote of the people. When Moses brought the Ten Commandments down from the mountain, God didn't say "Let's put this to a vote of the people."

Democracy is a form of ungodly mob rule. Thomas Jefferson said that a democracy was the worst form of government ever designed by man and that it always resulted in total tyranny.

The constitutional convention when asked what form of government they had given us, Ben Franklin answered, "You have a constitutional republic ruled the way if you can keep it." That's right, if you can keep it. But today when listening to all the political wags from the two-headed, single-party system ruling America today, we are on an endless task of democratizing the world — through force if necessary. So I am asking all you flag-

waving Christians: You know you can't have it both ways, you are either sovereign or you are not, which is it? If there is no such thing as being half pregnant, is your church founded on the Holy Bible, or do you ascribe to what has come to be known as the Holy Beltway of Washington, D.C.?

Quit defiling and debasing what this country's founders wanted it to be. If you are not sure of what you are, then don't be a part of uncertainty.

You owe that much to your own intelligence. If you love the change that the new backed, single-party mob has embarked this country on, then stop calling yourself a Christian.

GEORGE SIMONS
Gooding

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Pillar Falls memories will always be cherished

In response to the July 21 article about the closing of the Pillar Falls trail:

Dear Mr. Ron Kasel: I wanted to thank you for being an indirect member of my childhood. Ever since I was old enough to hold a fishing pole, but my own hook and made the hike down to Pillar Falls, my dad and I have made

the trek to the pristine waters of the Snake via your trail. This was the spot that I learned the ways of the water, the essence of nature and the meaning of silence — all due to your kindness.

I had no idea that the trail was privately owned, maintained and well kept. I cannot thank you enough for allowing the "real" appreciators of nature to take part in the trail. It is disheartening to know that

now future sportsmen will have to own a boat or know someone who does to enjoy the serenity of the falls. It is a true disgrace that the minority of hikers run something that is virtually unmatched in this area.

On the other hand, I understand your decision and am grateful for the time the trail allowed. I have written stories, essays and papers of the falls and the meaning they have for

my dad and me. At least I have the memories, thanks to the generosity of you and your family.

And to those of you who have littered, vandalized or stolen from the falls — shame on you! You have robbed the public of so much more — the access to enjoy nature at its finest right here in our back yard.
KARI MILLER
Twin Falls

OPINION

LETTERS

America needs to bring back the draft

Reference the July 11 article concerning the "draft." We have the world's only "super power," we have an obligation to look at it. Like it or not, we find ourselves being the acting police force of the world. This, in itself, causes us to have enemies like al-Qaida.

Because of this, we need to maintain our military forces beyond that necessary to merely protect our own country.

Keeping our armed forces at maximum strength forever, though, is too expensive for us taxpayers. However, we must keep a reasonable number of ships, planes, bases and personnel available and have means for a rapid expansion when needed.

We need an intelligence department that can warn us in time to take appropriate action. We have a method of obtaining the hardware necessary for such action (our military-industrial complex), but we also need to procure the manpower to do the job. We need the draft!

Draft registration should be mandatory when one becomes 18. Then, whenever there are insufficient volunteers to meet the projected manpower requirements, the draft would automatically recruit the number of personnel needed. Then it should just as automatically stop. Recruits should be obligated for five years. It should not be needed to active duty this whole time and do not wish to be active, then they should be transferred to the reserve or guard to finish their obligation. Even volunteers should be given this option.

Recruiting offices should also be draft offices and do the processing for all the services. Those selected should report to the recruiting office for processing. They should be given a choice of branch of service, specialty and general theater of operations if a projected vacancy exists. This process would tend to increase the number of volunteers and would improve the quality of recruits as well. (If you volunteered, you would have first choice of what is needed.)

As an added detail, because joint recruiting offices would have to be larger (but fewer) and better staffed than under the present system, I would advise that a civilian should be in charge of each recruiting office. The civilian should be a career serviceman of the Grade O-3 or above and meet all other requirements of a recruiter. The rest of the recruiting system should remain basically as it is now and be used as appropriate and necessary.

We do need the draft!
RAY L. MANLEY
Buhl

All parties need to help solve pollution issues

Yes, pollution problems do exist needing attention now! Yet environmentalists offer myopic solutions to this and other complex issues. What criteria will adequately and unquestionably identify a "dairy" as an "industrial complex"? It is suggested 1,000 head or 700 head, well, which is it? "Size" is only one criteria worth considering, then why not 399 or 299 or 801 head? Why were dairies singled out? What about other agricultural operations, since many use various types of chemicals? The ball is in your court, so offer an understandable set of criteria that defines when an agricultural operation becomes and "industrial complex."

Taxing agricultural operations deemed "industrial" to fully fund pollution cleanup is a myopic view. What will it cost (taxation levy) in real terms (dollars, etc.) for an acceptable clean-up level? Can producers



afford the full taxation bill and remain in business? A "high" taxation bill could force any number of producers out of business, resulting in higher prices for consumers by impacting the supply-demand ratio. Subsidies would be needed to assure low-income consumers can afford milk, cheese, meat and other food staples.

Since water is a limited resource, then how does one justify having many "smaller" operations, since many smaller operations might use more water than a few "large" operations. Where is the evidence to support that your plan would save water? Are "smaller" operations more profitable (without subsidies) in today's marketplace? Just where will these "smaller" operations be located? In fact, they are profitable? What zoning laws would be needed to keep "smaller" operations near homes close to where these "smaller" operations are located? These questions are but only the tip of the iceberg!

Why is pollution cleanup the responsibility of a select few? Today's pollution issues are real and are the property of every living being on planet earth. It seems environmentalists show "bring the real picture" into focus when addressing their concerns, since pollution is not confined to just Idaho alone. Turning back the pages of time to eras gone by will, in my opinion, not solve today's and the future's environmental problems. Resolving today's pollution problems requires the minds of many different persons coming together, working together and likely building together and likely sacrifices regarding our "sacred cows" to reach a reasonable end solution.

DONALD K. LARSON, PH.D.
Gooding
(Editor's note: Donald Larson is a retired agricultural economist.)

Cast pulls off great State Fair performance

Bravo! The JUMP Company's performance of Roger & Hammerstein's "State Fair" was absolutely delightful.

The cast, ranging from small children to teenagers, managed to win our hearts as they very capably performed song and dance routines and acted. Those with lead parts are to be commended for their vocal abilities as well as making us laugh.

Also noteworthy is the time and dedication these young people made to pull off such a performance. The live orchestra did a great job and added a great deal to the experience. No

doubt such a production could not be pulled off without the support and sacrifice of many adults behind the scenes and at home.

Impressive and wholesome entertainment! To all involved, I say thanks for a great time!
JAMES CASE
Twin Falls

Rescinded roadless policy will ravage forests

The recent back-to-spineless state of Idaho attempt to eviscerate the roadless rule is criminal and unconscionable. The rule was professionally crafted with maximum public involvement in late 2000. Six hundred public meetings were held nationwide and 1.8 million comments were received — 75 percent of which said yes, we want the remaining 58 million acres of roadless national forest land protected for wildlife, fisheries and humanistic values, not corporate extraction! For God's sake, there are already 350,000 miles of existing roads on the national forest lands in unmet maintenance needs.

So why is it that all three sinister villains — Craig, Crapo and Kempthorne — want the rule trashed? It is because these three mucketeers don't give a whit about the clear desire of the citizenry. The anti-environmental radical Republicans are simply hell-bent on opening up the roadless areas for road building, clear cutting, oil drilling and mining — and the public be damned! Best get to work supporting Kerry-Edwards!

On another forest policy matter, I recently observed the Sawtooth Forest law enforcement officer pulling over a pickup loaded with firewood. With his red light flashing on his \$35,000 Ford Expedition, he was giving the guy a ticket for not having his firewood tag. Now last forward to the Sawtooth Valley with all the red and dead trees. Common sense dictates speedy removal of fuel

around Redfish Lake, Pettit Lake, Smiley Creek, Stanley, etc. The Sawtooth Forest should be offering, as an economic incentive, free firewood. The Sawtooth should consider reassigning the LEO to supervising a 10-person chainsaw crew instead of wasting taxpayer dollars ticketing woodcutters

and those pesky scowllaw hikers without their "hiking pass." Economic brain stagnation has set in. Taxpayer subsidy of ecologically destructive cattle and sheep grazing continues while the ranchers return a pitance of \$1.35 per cow grazing month to the treasury. Sawtooth National Forest officials should immediately set up selected locales in Sawtooth Valley, provide professional supervision, and then actively invited local firewood gatherers to cut free firewood. This would be an effective win-win partnership. Some prudent applications of Economics 101 might just save many buildings when the big burn comes — and it will.

The Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and Park Service are being bludgeoned by the symmetrical rape and ruin ambush tactics of BushCo. If you love your public lands, please work vigorously for regime change, because democracy is not a spectator sport.
SCOTT PHILLIPS
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(Editor's note: Scott Phillips is a retired Forest Service employee.)

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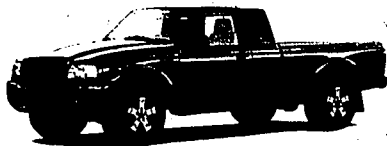
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Section B

There's something wrong here

In 1983, Stephen King wrote a novel about a red-and-white 1958 Plymouth Fury with a penchant for serious mischief. "Christine" was an allegory about the silliness of America's love affair with big shiny toys, but beneath the story's cold chrome heart lurks the unspoken fear of every car owner who's ever been flummoxed by technology.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

Twenty years later, it's much worse. Your car is a tightly integrated system of electronics and hydraulics, run by a computer. When something goes wrong, you — the driver — will be the very last to know.

Case in point: Your "check engine" light.

There's one lurking on the dashboard of your car, just waiting to illuminate when you least expect it. As a mechanic explained it to me, that can mean anything from a loose gas cap to the imminent total failure of your engine, leaving your rig in the middle of Interstate 84 hemorrhaging fluids while 18-wheeler zip past on either side of you, traveling fast enough to create their own weather.

And here's the kicker: You can't really be sure which of those scenarios is real.

I know car owners who have had their engines checked three or four times after their dashboards told them to do so. Many hundreds of dollars of repairs later, they still get that sinister red — sometimes flashing — glow.

"Christines" — low-tech, Eisenhower-era dashboard told just part of the story: how much gas was in the tank, whether there was a problem with the oil temperature or coolant temperature, and whether or not the alternator was charging. That changed forever in 1981 when Congress required catalytic converters on all American-made vehicles, to help cut down smog.

Now a lot of technology has to work right all at once for emission control to work properly, requiring sophisticated sensors that compare the oxygen entering and leaving your catalytic converter. Eight years ago, the feds made it even more complicated, requiring carry-over sensors to install a network of sensors that do diagnostic tests while the vehicle is running. When those sensors surmise that all is not well, your dashboard will let you know in technicolor.

Often the trouble can be traced to an emissions problem, which can be expensive to fix, and occasionally to a failing transmission, which is worse. And after you spend all that money, your "check engine" light might come back again and again.

Mine does. The technical term for the source of that problem, my mechanic explained, is because I Damn Well Please.

That makes driving always an adventure. I've stopped listening to my car radio so the sound can be picked up by the first sounds of metal grinding against metal. I top off my oil and water so often — just in case — that there's a rainbow-colored rind running down my driveway.

"Christine" may have been nasty, but she was a subtle as a Metallic concert.

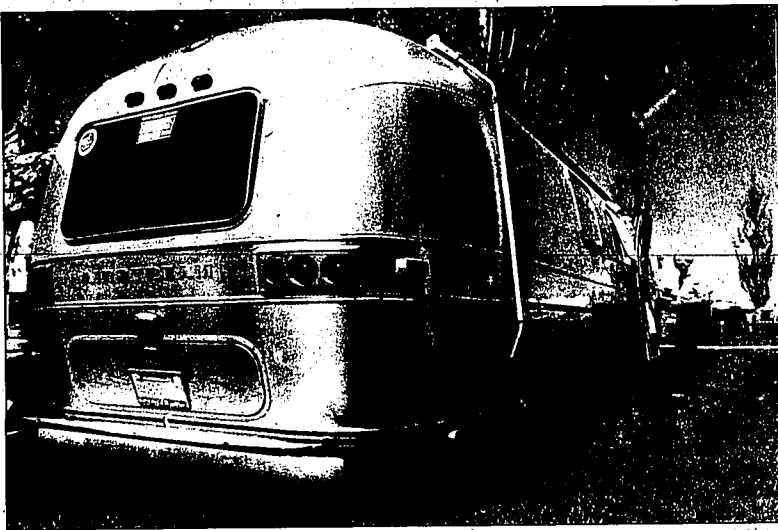
My car lover tells me what it's plotting — but the "check engine" light forever assures me that it's planning something.

When I was a kid, the preacher at the Southern Baptist Church that I attended described being in sin as "tap-dancing on the rotting trapdoor to hell." I sort of feel that way about my "check engine" light.

The end of happy motoring is like just a question of how far the transmission bounces when it hits the pavement.

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STREAMING ALONG



Leroy Wallis of Portland, Ore., climbs into his 1971 Airstream Sovereign recreational vehicle Saturday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. Members from the Pacific Northwest region of the Wally Byam Caravan Club gathered in Filer for their annual rally, which continues through Monday.

Travelers celebrate Airstream's 40th anniversary

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

FILER — When their middle-aged son's seventh grade geography teacher summoned Florence and Leroy Wallis for a conference, the couple admits they were a bit surprised. When the teacher accused their son, Kim, of having a problem telling the truth, the couple was amused.

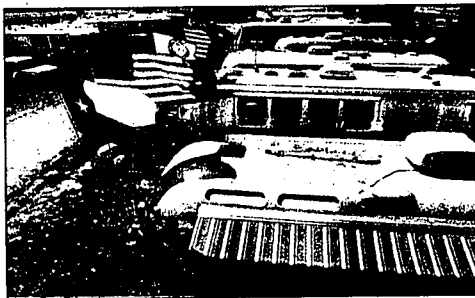
"She said that whenever they would talk about a different site in the U.S., Kim would say, 'I've been there,'" Florence Wallis said. "She didn't think he could have been to all those places."

However, for families like the Wallises of Portland, Ore., travel became a way of life once they purchased their first Airstream — those shiny silver trailers resembling a rounded railway car.

This weekend, Airstream owners who are members of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International will celebrate their regional chapter's 40th anniversary at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.

Nally Byam founded his international organization nearly 50 years ago. During his teenage years, Byam worked as a shepherd and lived out of a small donkey cart around Baker City, Ore. He credited those formative years as the inspiration for his Airstream trailers and motor homes.

"We've raised our kids in it. It's a wonderful way to raise kids."



Some 81 Airstream RVs gathered at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds for a five-day rally.

The Wallises purchased their first Airstream in 1963. In that same year, they participated in their first caravan, a trek through western Canada.

"That was a fantastic experience," Florence Wallis said.

The Wallises are on their fourth Airstream trailer, a 31-foot, 1971 Sovereign. Although they have owned a newer Airstream, Wallis enjoys the older models. Perhaps her partiality for the classic trailers comes from fond memories of spending summers on the road with her children.

"It's a good life," Wallis said. "We've raised our kids in it. It's a wonderful way to raise kids."

The Wallises originally decided to purchase an Airstream after seeing a documentary narrated by Vincent Price on television about the Wally Byam Caravan Club's famous journeys.

Byam guided 27 caravans including nine to Mexico and one to Europe and Africa before his death in 1962. Today, club members can participate in a variety of caravans year round. Popular trips include the Michigan Lighthouse, Oregon Trail and Polar Bear Safari caravans.

After watching the program on Wally Byam's club, the Wallises decided it was time to experience the country themselves.

"The reason we started traveling is I taught geography," Wallis said. "And, how can you teach geography when you haven't been anywhere?"

In the 40 years since their maiden journey, the Wallises have led 37 international caravans, including ones to Europe, Australia and New Zealand. This year already, the couple have attended 10 or 11 rallies and participated in two overseas caravans. In August, they will head to Europe for another trip.

"We've enjoyed doing it," Wallis said. "I wouldn't do anything else."

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Jerome County hires Pitz as fair manager

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Whether she's ready or not, the fair is just around the corner.

Nancy Pitz is Jerome County's newly selected fair manager. And the big event begins Aug. 3 — about a week away.

Pitz officially began work on July 13 with an annual salary of \$10,000. She was the manager of the Hinna County Fair in Evanston, Wyo., for seven years before coming to Jerome.

Pitz says she has "fairs in her blood." As a kid, she was a member of 4-H, raised an animal every year and rode horses in rodeos when she was in high school.

Her husband, John Pitz, is the Twin Falls County Fair manager. She said she hopes to build on what's already been accomplished at the fair, expand corporate sponsorships and encourage more community involvement.

Pitz is inheriting a vital and healthy fair thanks to her predecessor and the Jerome County Fair Board, she said.

Rob Lundgren, the fair manager for the past eight years, resigned recently to take a job as a loan officer because he "needed a change."



Nancy Pitz

"Pitz will find her own way to come in and take the fair to the next level."

The fair is coming up fast. By the time it's over Pitz should be well trained in her new job.

"This is the beginning of a new era for the fair," Lundgren said. "Pitz will find her own way to excel."

Fair board member Carrie Barnes said the fair was facing fiscal problems when Lundgren took the reigns eight years ago. "Now the fair is fiscally responsible and although not totally self-supporting it is getting there," she said.

Lundgren was talented at getting work done without spending a lot of money and time. Please see FAIR, Page B3

Special fishing trip hooks participants

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — For Jill Maxa, this wasn't just any fishing trip — it was her first fishing trip.

Maxa and about 40 other children with disabilities or terminal illnesses went fishing at Lake Walcott Saturday thanks to the help of volunteers from several bass clubs.

The clubs teamed up with C.A.S.T., which stands for the "Catch a Special Thrill" for Kids Foundation — the Bureau of Reclamation, the Rupert Elk Club, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Maxa's father, Mark Maxa, said that Jill is autistic and must attend three different types of therapy per week.

But the fishing is great therapy for her too, he said. "This is one of the few chances these kids with wheelchairs get to go out," said Lou Kurtz, who piloted a boat for Austin Bird, a youngster in a wheelchair.

Bureau of Reclamation and state parks staff took pictures of the children before they went out in the boats and as they came back in.

Yvonne Daniel, who was busy taking pictures, said she enjoyed seeing the children and their families. "It's great for the kids," she



Yvonne Daniel of the Bureau of Reclamation, left with camera, snaps a picture of Austin Bird (in wheelchair) who is going fishing with his sister, Shandra Bird, and his father, Bryan Bird, Lou Kurtz, who pilots the boat, and Rose Kurtz, watch from behind. The annual event is an opportunity for disabled and terminally ill children to have a fun day.

year. "The bass fishermen love doing it, too."

"Fishing's such a great activity for any age," said Norma Van Nostrand of Bureau of Reclamation. "It's so out with nature is just great."

Trapper Richardson, who works for the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, said C.A.S.T. is his favorite event of the year.

"I like seeing the smiles on those kids' faces when they get in the boat and catch a fish," he said. "They hooked me the first

Buhl puts brakes on scooters

By Sandra Newscaver
Times-News correspondent

BHHL — The rule of thumb goes something like this: If it can't be titled or licensed, it can't be operated on public roadways.

That's the message Buhl Police Chief Ron Romero wants people to hear.

Buhl police have been actively issuing warnings to riders of increasingly popular motorized toys.

"The scooters are smaller than motorcycles, which are often hard to see," Romero said. "And the scooters are usually operated by a child. You are dealing with a driver with no driver's license."

The recent rise in popularity of motorized scooters prompted the clarification of policy by the Idaho Department of Transportation, said Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl. Existing policy states vehicles that are too light to operate on public highways cannot be titled or licensed.

People who have purchased scooters — powered by gas, electricity or alternative fuels — may be in line for a ticket if they continue to scout down the streets of Buhl.

The toy scooters, modified golf carts, motorized skateboards and utility vehicles are not considered motor vehicles by the transportation department.

Beverly Bowles of the Department of Motor Vehicles office in Buhl said scooters were the topic of a recent training session of DMV personnel.

"The motorized scooters cannot be titled or licensed," Bowles said. "They just don't go on the roads."

Bowles added that according to the Idaho Department of Transportation, it's up to cities and counties to decide whether scooters are allowed on sidewalks.

Bicycles are not effected by the policy.

But Buhl does have an ordinance prohibiting bikes on sidewalks as a safety measure for pedestrian traffic. Scooters fall under the same interpretation.

Motorcycles and mopeds equipped with 50 cubic centimeter or larger engines can be licensed.

Vehicles with two or more wheels, not manufactured for use on public roadways, and sold by department stores are probably toys.

The toys are powered by engines under 50 C.C., Romero said.

"You've got young kids riding tops down the street," Romero said. "The rider has no protection at all, even less than a motorcycle. A car could go right over the top of one of them."

"That would be a real tragedy."

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Charlotte Ann Hill - Hansen

Charlotte Ann Hill, 70, of Hansen, died Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at her home surrounded by her loving family after a two year battle with leukemia.

She was born March 20, 1934, in Parson, Kan., the daughter of Ora and Bernice Doty Simpson. The family moved to Twin Falls County in 1936. She attended schools in Hansen High School in 1953. Charlotte married John B. Hill on July 12, 1957.

They lived throughout the Magic Valley, finally settling in Hansen in 1977.



She was extremely fond of cats, but the great love of her life was her family.

Survivors include her two children, Chris (Billie Jean) Hill of Meridian and Stephanie (Scott) Zimmers of Castledale; five grandchildren, Riana Zimmers, Austin Hill, Tyler Zimmers, Seth Hill and Colt Zimmers; and by a dear uncle, Murel L. Simpson of Independence, Kan.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her husband in 1983 and by her parents.

The family would like to express their deep love and appreciation to Charlotte's lifelong friend, Mary Jana, and her daughter, Eileen Turner.

Thanks also to Hospice Visions for their love and care, Mountain States Tumor Institute staff in Boise and to the wonderful nurses on Four South at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.

A funeral will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 28, 2004, at White Mortuary, 4701 S. Park, with the Rev. Morgan officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary. The family suggests memorials to Mountain States Tumor Institute, 1901 E. Hancock, Boise, ID 83712-6297.

She worked for Idaho Power for 15 years. Twin Falls Bank & Trust in Kimberly for two years, and Internationals Bank in Kimberly for 21 years, retiring in 2001.

Charlotte enjoyed knitting, crocheting, gardening, butterflies and hummingbirds which she used as a motif throughout her home, and

to have lots of people around to cook for.

Sandi is survived by her husband, Lloyd; her sons, Craig Owen (Sandra) Steele of Boise, Charles Douglas (Julie) Steele of Hagerman, Bryan Cleve (Suzzy) McCollum of Medford, Ore.; and grandchildren, Sara and Summer Steele, Morgan and Rachel Steele, Mason, Shasta and Samantha McCollum; her sisters, Leah Jayne Hart and Wanda Griggs; her brother, Ron Webb; and numerous nieces, nephews and other family members which are too many to name but she loved each of them greatly.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Roger and Bruce; and her grandson, Ryan John Steele.

Her family will miss her dearly.

Sandra "Sandi" Webb Ferguson - Boise

Sandra "Sandi" Marlene Webb Ferguson, 59, of Boise, passed away on Friday, July 23, 2004, after a courageous battle with cancer. Sandi left this world surrounded by her loving family.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 31, 2004, at the First Christian Church in Buhl.

Sandi was born March 1, 1945, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Roy William Webb and Evelyn Augusta Hart. She was the fourth of six children.

Sandi led a very full and active life.

She would make any occasion fun and made everyone feel welcome.

She lived in various places across the United States over her lifetime, but came back home to be with her grandchildren these last few years.

Her children and grandchild-



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Eudora Hannah Webb Preston - Twin Falls

Eudora Hannah Webb Preston, 87, died July 22, 2004, in Twin Falls of causes incident to age.

"Aunt Eudora" (or, sometimes, Doris) was born in Lehi, Utah, on April 8, 1907, the 10th of 11 children (nine boys and two girls) born to George W. Webb and Elizabeth Whimpey Webb.

One of the 11 survived into adulthood. In 1919, the family, excepting the oldest son, moved to Cassia County, Idaho, where the last of the 11 was born.

The farming venture in Corral, Idaho, failed and the family moved to Hollister, Idaho, in 1922.

Thereafter, all the Idaho family, excepting the oldest son, Sylvia, who returned with her husband to Utah, settled in Twin Falls, where her father returned to the employment he had in Utah, at the local sugar factory.

In 1932, the family entered upon a homestead near Miller.

It was there that Aunt Eudora finished her eighth-grade education, earning a few dollars by cleaning the one room schoolhouse and starting its wood fire on cold mornings.

As time passed, most of her brothers married and moved away.

Aunt Eudora and two brothers, Sam and Don, stayed on to work the farm and to care for their parents.

Don, after two stints in the service, married, leaving the farm and the parents in Idaho; and Sam's care where they remained until the parents' death.

Their care was long and devoted.

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OBITUARIES

Dixie L. Hewlett - Arlington, Wash.

Dixie L. Hewlett, formerly of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on July 19, 2004.

Dixie was born Aug. 25, 1927, to Albert and Estelle Harris in Merryville, Ark. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert C. Hewlett.

She is survived by her sister, Irene Surmens of Murray, Utah. She will be missed by her daughters, Connie Johnson (Tom) of Arlington and Brenda Malone (John) of Mill Creek; six grandchildren and spouses; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family moved from Idaho to Washington in 1962. Dixie loved to cook, bake, and share her culinary talents with family and friends. She was involved in Bible Study Fellowship for many years and attended Arlington, Free Methodist Church. Her family is very thankful for the legacy of faith that she left with them. They always knew she was praying for them and her love was unconditional.

The family would like to express their appreciation to Dr. John Vandree, the nurses in the Critical Care Unit at Providence/Colby Campus, the nursing staff at Everett Rehab Center, and especially to Dr. Stephen Westcott and his nurse, Chere, whom Dixie regarded as family.

A celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 29, 2004, at Arlington Free Methodist Church in Arlington, Wash. Memorial contributions may be made to Arlington Free Methodist Church - Kitchen Fund. Arrangements by Purdy & Walters with Cassidy Funeral Home in Everett, Wash.

Ralph Conrad Shipley - Springdale, Ark.

Ralph Conrad Shipley, 47, of Springdale, Ark., died Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at St. Vincent's Hospital, 1115 E. 11th St., Little Rock, Ark. He was 47 years old.

He was a drywall craftsman for 27 years.

He is survived by his dad, Carl Shipley of Clinton, Ark.; his daughters, Kim Shipley of Patrick, Ark., Jennifer Shipley of Little Rock, Ark., Nicole Shipley of Fayetteville, Ark., and Josephine McGrew of Idaho; two grandchildren, Kasey Stephens and Aforah Shipley; one sister, Carol Shipley of Springdale; and four brothers, Carl Shipley Jr. of Portland, Ore., Cory Shipley of Sacramento, Calif., Casey Shipley of Missoula, Mont., and Jim Shipley of Springdale, Ark. Also one loving companion, Becky White of the home, and many beloved friends. He was preceded in death by his

mother, one brother and one sister.

Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 25, 2004, at Beard's Chapel in Fayetteville. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 26, 2004, at the Round Mountain Community Church in Fayetteville. Burial will be in Patrick Cemetery in Patrick, Ark. The Rev. Ray Shackelford and Mark Clarendon will officiate.

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DEATH NOTICES

Florence Opal Blakley

Florence Opal Blakley, 84, of Filer, died Saturday, July 24, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 29, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Filer.

A viewing will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, 2004, at White-Mortuary in

Ralph Franklin Rigger

Ralph Franklin Rigger, 75, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, July 24, 2004, at the Veterans Nursing Center in Boise.

Arrangements will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Twin Falls. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Arrangements will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Peggy Mae Gilmore of Twin Falls, services at 11 a.m. Monday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Main Street in Buhl (Fairmont Funeral Chapel, Buhl).

Sara Jean Martin of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. Monday at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Bessie Jane Fahmi 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).

Isabella A. Hodge

Isabella A. Hodge, 82, of Buhl, died Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at Snake River Rehabilitation and Living Center in Twin Falls.

A gathering for family and friends will be held at a later date.

Cremation took place under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls.

Clifford Perme

Clifford Perme, 59, of Jerome, died Saturday, July 24, 2004, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Carl Couch

Carl Couch, 79, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, July 24, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls included the following:

Robert Yonks Adams, 23, 10097 4th St., Boise, assault, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for Aug. 31, \$1,000 bond.

Brentley DeWitt, 22, 1241 N. 1st St., Boise, assault, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for Aug. 31, \$1,000 bond.

Johnathan Lee Moore, 27, 1246 14th St., Twin Falls, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for Aug. 31, \$1,000 bond.

William Lavell Walker, 40, 2913 E. 300 N., Twin Falls, possession of paraphernalia, carrying a controlled weapon, pretrial conference set for Aug. 31, \$1,000 bond.

Brandon J. Dwyer, 31, 561 5th St., Boise, possession of paraphernalia, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for Aug. 31, \$1,000 bond.

James R. Lorraine, 25, 1222 Washington St., No. 1241, Twin Falls, failure to appear, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for Sept. 13, \$200 bond, probation violation - possession of paraphernalia and frequenting a place where drugs are used, public defender appointed, pleaded guilty, pretrial conference set for July 29, \$500 bond.

Stephanie Eileen Wesley, 43, 652 1/2 South Ave., Twin Falls, failure to appear - pretrial conference set for Aug. 31, \$500 bond.

Ryan B. Sorenson, 19, 3213 S. 2300 E., Twin Falls, probation violation - possession of paraphernalia, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for Aug. 31, \$200 bond.

David Cerepes, 20, 172 Harrison St., Twin Falls, failure to appear - possession of paraphernalia, probation hearing set for July 29, \$100,000 bond.

Joshua D. Adams, 43, 3973 N. 3300 E., Twin Falls, failure to appear, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for Aug. 31, \$1,500 bond.

Joseph Peter Jensen, 36, 227 Van Horn St., Boise, driving under the influence (second offense), public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for Aug. 31, \$200 bond.

Jose A. Perez-Jordan, 26, 117 Satory St., Caldwell, failure to pay base - driver's license, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for Aug. 31, \$1,000 bond.

Shawn Emilee McCallum, 30, 140 Bessie Ave., Twin Falls, driving under the influence (second offense), public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for Aug. 31, \$200 bond.

Alicia M. Jones, 23, 1621 W. Midway, Tula, grand theft - public defender appointed, no plea entered, preliminary hearing set for July 29, \$25,000 bond.

Daniel Lee Lewis, 30, 431 Park St. W., Kimberly, trespassing, failure to appear, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for Aug. 31, \$100 bond.

Larry Dallas Haines, 19, 2111 Main St., Hagerman, driving without proper license - public defender pleaded, pretrial conference set for Aug. 31, \$500 bond.

Phillip Darius Swisher, 30, 303 N. 13th St., Twin Falls, possession of a controlled substance, public defender appointed, no plea entered, preliminary hearing set for July 30, \$1,000 bond.

Jose Benitez (Benitez), 39, 299 E. 5th St., Twin Falls, failure to pay a police officer, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for Aug. 31, \$1,000 bond.

Nichole P. Becker, 27, 146 Addison Ave., No. 20, Twin Falls, under the influence - public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for Aug. 31, \$200 bond.

Robert Gregory Giese, 52, 707 Meadow Dr., No. 1, Twin Falls, unlawful entry, possession of a controlled substance, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for Sept. 21, \$5,000 bond.

Michael Shores, 18, 195 Monroe St., Twin Falls, failure to appear - delivery of a controlled substance, private counsel, no plea entered, preliminary hearing set for July 30, \$100,000 bond.

Janey Scott Johnson, 29, 1770 Heyburn Ave. E., Twin Falls, possession of a controlled substance, public defender appointed, no plea entered, preliminary hearing set for July 30, \$20,000 bond.

Christopher B. Freshman, 24, 1445 Washington St., Twin Falls, unlawful entry, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for Aug. 31, \$1,000 bond.

Terry Monach, 33, 7409 Britton, Twin Falls, unlawful entry, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for Aug. 31, \$1,000 bond.

Robert L. Haines, 30, 1311 E. River Road, Buhl, driving under the influence, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for Sept. 21, \$500 bond.

James Robert Windel, 40, 251 Jackson St., Twin Falls, grand theft by possession - carrying stolen property, public defender appointed, no plea entered, preliminary hearing set for July 30, 300,000 bond.

Marcia A. Klapp, 35, 305 S. 5th St., Boise, failure to appear - two counts of post theft, public defender appointed, pretrial conference set for Sept. 7, \$1,000 bond.

Joe L. Wooten, 41, 1041 North Lane, Idaho Falls, possession of a controlled substance, public defender appointed, no plea entered, preliminary hearing set for July 30, \$1,000 bond.

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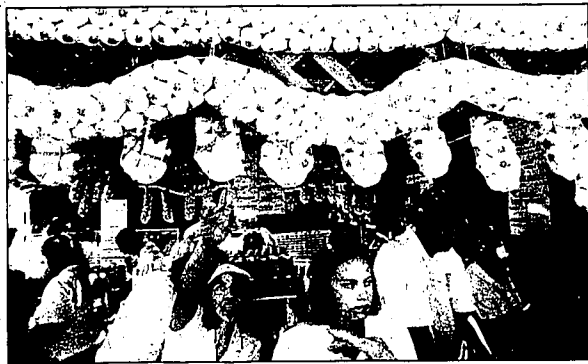
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MINT, ANYONE?



Esperanza Pineda, center left, and Jennifer Smith, center right, sell locally-grown garlic at the Gilroy Garlic Festival in Gilroy, Calif., on Saturday. Over 100,000 visitors are expected to attend the weekend-long celebration in Gilroy.

Court upholds warrantless search

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Supreme Court has upheld a district judge's decision to condone a warrantless search of a Spirit Lake mobile home after police responded to complaints of potential methamphetamine manufacturing.

Gerald Michael Anderson and Elbertson "Tim" Pearson-Anderson challenged the January 2001 search.

At the time, they were on bail from a 2000 conviction for manufacturing methamphetamine.

A judge agreed to release the couple on bail while Pearson-Anderson had surgery.

Their release was conditional, and specified that they must allow warrantless searches of their home.

Local law enforcement officers and the Idaho State Police responded to neighbors' complaints of odors on Jan. 9, 2001.

Officers entered the home and saw material they suspected was being used in the manufacturing.

They obtained a search war-

rant and seized the materials.

The Andersons entered guilty pleas to manufacturing methamphetamine on the condition they be allowed to challenge the warrantless search.

Judge James Iudd, who allowed the couple out on bail, denied the challenge in 1st District Court.

The Andersons appealed to the state Supreme Court, which upheld Iudd's decision Friday.

The couple was sentenced to the mandatory minimum five years in prison.

Cold War relic gets new home

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A reminder of Utah's role at the end of the Cold War is getting a new home.

The Soviet Union-made station, where inspectors oversaw the destruction of U.S. missile motors in West Jordan, will be moved to the museum at Wendover's Historic Airfield. The move is scheduled to start Monday.

The Soviet Data Control Center, a series of eight interconnecting modules, was left by the Russians after their departure in 2001.

It was where a team of Soviet technicians recorded the decommissioning of mid-range nuclear missiles.

It includes various offices, laboratories and temporary sleeping quarters.

The center was built in the Soviet Union and transported to Utah in 1988 as part of the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty negotiated between Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and President Reagan in 1987.

"The decision wasn't a hard one," said Wilson Martin, the state historic preservation officer. "The Wendover Airfield has a lot of Cold War-related aspects, and the Tooele County Commission agreed they had the ability" to display the inspection station.

Visiting the exhibit will be like stepping into the past, said Jim Petersen, president of the Historic Airfield Foundation.

"We will leave up all the Russian signage but we will put up interpretative displays to show what would have gone on in that station on a day-to-day basis," he said.

Wendover housed 20,000 workers during the height of World War II, and the airfield encompasses about 100 historic structures, Petersen said.

"All the test atomic bombs were built at Wendover," he said. The town "is one of the Manhattan Project's sites that is really unknown."

Car drives through convenience store

BEROME — A service station in Jerome received an unwelcome visitor Saturday afternoon when a car crashed into the building.

A car rolled into the Oasis Stop 'N' Go, located at 260 E. Main in Jerome, just to the left of the service station's front doors. An investigation into the accident is under way, said a representative of the Jerome Police Department who could not release any additional information.

Magic Valley in brief

Burley City Council room.

The advisory group, works with the Department of Environmental Quality to improve water quality on surface waters in the area.

Total maximum daily loads for the Raft River and Goose Creek sub-basins have been submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency, and the status of these will be discussed, along with water projects in progress in the area.

For more information, call Laura Pike at the DEQ, 736-2190.

— compiled from staff reports

Watershed group will meet in Burley

BURLEY — The Lake Walcott Watershed Advisory Group will meet at 7 p.m. July 28 in the

Boise woman's group doesn't get permit to protest Kerry's home

BOISE (AP) — An anti-abortion group led by a Boise woman was denied a permit to protest at the Boston home of Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry.

The Secret Service denied Brandi Swindell and her group, Generation Life, access to prayer vigils and marches at Kerry's home as part of its anti-abortion protests at the Democratic National Convention in Boston next week.

Swindell is currently in Boston for several protests.

She said her group will ap-

peal the decision to the U.S. District Court in Massachusetts.

The group planned to protest and pray outside Kerry's church, the state Capitol and the Harvard Club, where the National Organization for Women and the Fund for the Feminist Majority will hold a rally in support of Kerry.

Officials are stepping up security in Boston as the city prepares for the first nominating convention since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Residents halt chemical spray

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The state has canceled plans to use chemical agents to defoliate a 328-acre timber clearcut in northern Idaho.

The Idaho Department of Lands wanted to clear the area completely before replanting it with seedlings.

But Ron Lutz, assistant director for forestry and fire, says there was too much public pressure against using the chemicals.

Instead, he says the area will

have a controlled burn later this fall and the seedlings will be planted next spring.

Alex D'Andrea is a retired teacher who owns land next to the clearcut.

He helped generate opposition to chemical treatment.

He was concerned about what might happen if the chemicals got into local wells.

The state still claims it would have been completely safe.

But it has canceled the project nonetheless.

Canadian aircraft support Idaho firefighters

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Three sleek new Canadian airplanes will help Idaho and other northwest states battle wildfires.

The Air Tractor single-engine air tankers will be based at the interagency Dispatch Center in the Coeur d'Alene.

They will help fill a gap in firefighting capability that resulted from a Forest Service decision earlier this year to withdraw contracts from 33 large American-owned fire bombers.

The service says the big planes may be unsafe. Five people died in two crashes in 2002.

The Texas-built Air Tractors are on loan from Forest Protection Limited, a corporation owned by the Canadian government.

Although not as large as the big tankers, the Air Tractors are more agile and can get into tighter canyons.

Airstream

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The Wallises have somehow managed to miss two states in their travels: Oklahoma and Kansas.

"Next year, we're going to correct that," Lelloy Wallis said. "We have more fun than we have good sense."

Only owners of Airstream trailers and motor homes can join the Wally Vain Caravan Club. Its current membership stands at about 8,000. The members are organized into 12 regions, including region 10 — the northwest organization holding the rally in Idaho. Overall, the airstream company and Wally Vain club organizes about 1,500 activities or more annually.

The club will hold an open house Sunday from 1 p.m. to 3

p.m. Club members invite the public to check out the sights and learn more about Airstreams.

Perhaps some visitors will fall in love with Airstreams the way the Wallises have.

The Wallises' grandson, now 18, staked his claim to their Airstream at the age of 5 or 6. Florence Wallis said she would not be surprised to find his name scrawled on the belly of their trailer.

"One day, he told us, 'Somebody you're going to get old and young, going to die, and I'm going to get your Airstream,'" she said.

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TWIN FALLS CITY COURTS

TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in Fifth District Court in the city of Twin Falls included the following:

Driving under the influence sentencings

Juan Jesus Palomo, 60, 567 Highland Ave., Twin Falls, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$700 fine with \$200 suspended; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12-month probation; \$75 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; attend court at alcohol school; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Isabel Izando, 45, 417 Second Ave. E., No. 14, Twin Falls, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; \$700 fine with \$200 suspended; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12-month probation; \$75 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; attend court at alcohol school; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Larry Michael Wall, 62, 3409 Rainbow Drive, Nampa, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; \$700 fine with \$200 suspended; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12-month probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Leonard Dean Moyer, 49, 1575 Cottonwood, Twin Falls, one count driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine with \$200 suspended; 90 days in jail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; one count driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; to run consecutive with count one; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Manuel Chavez-Rodriguez, 50, 314 Fourth St., W., Bulik, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$75.00 court costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24-month probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; submit to alcohol/drug testing; complete intensive outpatient treatment program; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

James Michael Townsend, 39, 1421 Seventh Ave. E., Twin Falls, one count driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine with \$600 suspended; \$75.00 court costs; 90 days in jail with 75 suspended; credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24-month probation; \$75 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; submit to alcohol/drug testing; complete intensive outpatient alcohol treatment program; one count possession of marijuana; pleaded guilty; 180 days in jail with 180 suspended; 24-month probation; to run consecutive to count one; one count carry concealed weapon; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Misdemeanor sentencings

Jason Keith Crist, 37, 434 Second Ave. N., No. 7, Twin Falls; domestic battery; amended to disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty; credit for jail time already served; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Garrett L. Hays, 27, 248 Center St. W., Kimberly; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$75.00 court costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24-month probation; two days sheriff's work detail in lieu of jail; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Almon Odell Chastain, 32, Fifth St. W., Twin Falls; obstructing an officer; pleaded guilty; 90 days in jail with 70 suspended; credit for one day served; 24-month probation; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Jake Lee Artnerburn, 21, 1700 Rural Ave., Twin Falls; one count driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24-month probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not consume any alcoholic beverages; fail to appear; credit for jail time served; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

David Inarce, 24, 713 B St., Rupert; one count open container; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine with \$63.50 court costs; one count fail to appear; pleaded guilty; five days in jail with five suspended; 12-month probation; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Deliah Griffin, 30, 397 Gardner, Twin Falls; violation of no contact order; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; 90 days in jail with five suspended; 12-month probation; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

C. Wendell, pett; theft; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 42 suspended; credit for 30 days served; 12-month probation; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Emilia Castro, 27, 821 E. Ninth Ave., Jerome; alter; theft; trespass; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 24-month probation; \$75 per month probation fee; restitution to victim; complete cognitive change program; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Michael Wegel, 20, 2293 E. 3600 S., Wendell; alter; trespass; remove price tag; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 24-month probation; \$75 per month probation fee; restitution to victim; complete cognitive change program; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Brian Jeffrey Harris, 25, 260 Second Ave. N., No. 15, Twin Falls; dispensing alcohol to a minor; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; 30 days in jail with 25 suspended; five days sheriff's work detail in lieu of jail; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Ray William Freeman, 37, 328 Adams, Twin Falls; violation of no contact order; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; 365 days in jail with 116 suspended; credit for 39 days served; 24-month probation; \$35 per month probation

fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; submit to alcohol/drug testing; complete anger management course; no contact with victim; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Brian Jeffrey Harris, 25, 260 Second Ave. N., No. 15, Twin Falls; one count possession of marijuana; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine with \$1,000 suspended; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 24-month probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; submit to alcohol/drug testing; complete intensive alcohol/substance abuse treatment program; one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 24-month probation; to run consecutive to count one; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Hezek K. Thomas, 24, 455 Van Buren, Twin Falls; one count failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; waived; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; one count fail to appear; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Andrew Arden Layne, 45, Pioneer Trailer Park, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; waived; five days in jail with five suspended; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Dwight Daniel Mein, 46, 401 Torah Ave., Twin Falls; unlawful discharge of a firearm; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Richard Eugene Duly, 21, 559 Hankins Road, Twin Falls; one count driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$75.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12-month probation; \$35 per month probation fee; two days sheriff's work detail in lieu of jail; one count failure to provide proof of insurance; pleaded guilty; \$107.50 fine and costs; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Frederic David Stocking Sr., 33, 530 Bine Lakes, Twin Falls; malicious injury to property; \$63.50 court costs; waived; 180 days in jail; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Martin Matthew Rebolzo, 48, 176 Maurice St. N., Twin Falls; violation of protection order; defendant living in assisted living home in another county; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Rose Love Chastain, 26, 146 Addison Ave. W., No. 69, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; plea agreement; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Steven W. Johnson, 44, 345 Quincey, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; dismissed by prosecutor; defendant claims his vehicle rolled into another while he was sleeping and was not driving. State is unable to disprove his claim; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Joshua R. Hunt, 20, 316 N. 200 W., Jerome; driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.



California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger smiles as he throws T-shirts to supporters during a rally at Sherwood Mall in Stockton, Calif., on July 18.

Schwarzenegger deal with guards falls under scrutiny

Knight Rider News Service

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — As governor Arnold Schwarzenegger quickly learned to use his office's bully pulpit to get his way.

But last month as he sought \$300 million in concessions from California prison guards, the governor's megaphone mysteriously went silent.

Lawmakers and others who follow corrections issues suggest that Schwarzenegger may have believed he was on the verge of securing an overall budget deal and was focused on quickly putting the prison piece of the puzzle into place. He saw it merely as another budget issue, not in the context of trimming the power of the guards' union or reforming prisons.

"I think they cut such a bad deal because they were in such a rush to get a deal done by June 30. He was still under the belief that he could get a budget on time," said state Sen. Jackie Speier, D-San Mateo.

On June 30, Schwarzenegger wound up agreeing to just \$108 million in salary concessions from the guards' union in exchange for a series of controversial side deals.

The administration contends the \$300-million California

Corrections Peace Officers Association, with a valid contract until July 2006, had the governor in a corner and that Schwarzenegger's bargaining position was undercut by the Democratic-controlled Legislature.

"We got the best deal under the circumstances and they were very difficult circumstances," said Peter Higgins, the governor's legal affairs adviser.

The governor's failure to confront the union has angered U.S. District Court Judge Thelton Henderson. The San Francisco-based judge, fretting that the union has too much influence over prisons, served notice last week he is considering naming a federal receiver to run the beleaguered Department of Corrections.

His three-page letter to Higgins and Corrections Secretary Frederick Hickman has sent the administration scrambling to defend the deal. Monday, a Senate committee is scheduled to hold an informational hearing on the new provisions.

Sen. Tom McClintock, R-Thousand Oaks, a member of the panel, said he doesn't know why Schwarzenegger seemingly flunked in signing a contract addendum. But, in his view, the result has been disastrous.

"The prison budget over the past 10 years has been growing at about twice the rate of the prison population. This is a department whose costs are simply out of control."

"There are two ways to bring those costs under control. One is to rescind the salary increases," the contract changes. "The other way to control costs is to reduce a work force that has priced itself out of the market and the addendum makes that impossible as well."

State Sen. Gloria Romero, D-Los Angeles, who has been pushing for prison reforms, acknowledged Schwarzenegger was in a weakened position. "We're the ones who wanted something. So from that standpoint you walk in from the position of an underdog." And she added that under those conditions it's "not necessarily wise to beat your chest out there in public."

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Group asks court to kill mining initiative

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — An initiative to repeal the state ban on a mining process involving cyanide should be removed from the Nov. 2 ballot, an environmental group and a southeastern Montana landowner say in a petition filed with the Montana Supreme Court.

Initiative 147 is unconstitutional, says the petition submitted to the court Friday by the Montana Environmental Information Center and Mark Gerlach of the Lincoln area.

"It addresses two separate topics and that's banned by the constitution," said Jim Jensen, executive director of MEIC.

"Tammy Johnson of Whitehall, coordinator of the I-147 campaign, said she did not anticipate opposition to petition the high court and maintained the MEIC continues to be obstructive."

"The people of Montana have clearly indicated they would like to see this on the ballot in

November, would like to have the right to discuss the opportunities this initiative presents," she said. "This campaign, its legal counsel and all factions of state government did a careful review of this initiative and it is, indeed, constitutional."

The Supreme Court is being asked to order that Secretary of State Bob Brown remove I-147 from the ballot.

The measure would repeal Montana's ban on open-pit gold or silver mines that use a cyanide process to extract the metals, a plan proposed by Jensen through Initiative 137 in 1998 and narrowly passed by voters.

I-147 would put into law requirements and precautions for mines using the cyanide technology, and would restore any "contractual interest or right in a mineral estate" affected by passage of the 1998 ban.

That part of the initiative makes it unconstitutional because it creates two separate

subjects within one ballot measure, said Terry Triewerler, the former Montana Supreme Court justice representing MEIC.

Triewerler said presenting more than one subject risks confusing voters.

They may agree cyanide leach mining should be legal, but disagree that mining companies' 1998 mineral rights should be restored, as well.

The chief backer of I-147 is Canyon Resources Corp. of Golden, Colo., which wants to develop the McDonald gold project east of Lincoln. With the 1998 ban in place, efforts to develop that project came to a halt because it would use cyanide heap-leach technology.

When development work stopped, Canyon Resources' mineral leases ended.

The Supreme Court has been asked to rule directly on I-147. The case will be heard by a district judge in Helena if the high court declines to take it.

Officials halt weapons search

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — While teams at Los Alamos National Laboratory searched for two missing disks, the Energy Department halted classified research at facilities around the country that use disks like those missing from the New Mexico lab.

The mandate came down Friday from Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham, who said it was necessary to get better control over the disks.

Suspension of operations, which officials take effect Monday, will be lifted once the inventory of the disks is completed and new controls are established. Employees using the disks will also undergo security training.

Classified work was stopped July 15 at Los Alamos after the disks, known as controlled removable electronic media, or CREM, went missing about a week earlier. That shutdown was broadened to all Los Alamos operations July 16. On Thursday, 19 Los Alamos employees were suspended pending an investigation into security and safety lapses.

Abraham described the halt at other facilities as precautionary and said he had no evidence that problems at Los Alamos occurred elsewhere.

"We have a responsibility to take all necessary action to prevent such problems from occurring at all," he said, noting that he wanted to "minimize the risk of human error or malfeasance."

Agency officials declined to list the facilities affected, but said the number would range between 15 and 24. The department runs 59 facilities around the country. Among those affected are in Missouri, Tennessee, Idaho, Mississippi, New York, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Illinois.

"It's obviously unprecedented and suggests that the situation is even more severe than has been

realized," said Steven Aftergood, head of the Project on Government Secrecy for the Federation of American Scientists.

The moratorium could prevent DOE from shifting tasks from Los Alamos to other labs, as had been threatened. Aftergood said.

"It also reflects a change of heart by Secretary Abraham, who said in May that removable media would be phased out over a period of five years," Aftergood said, suggesting that Abraham now apparently feels it has to be done quicker.

Aftergood said scientific work obviously will go slower, delaying goals that national labs set for themselves every year.

Danielle Brian, executive director of the Project on Government Oversight in Washington, praised Abraham's decision. The group wants nuclear weapons labs to use "media-less" computers, arguing an insider could download classified information onto removable disks and walk out with them.

"We always believed poor cyber security was a systemic problem," Brian said.

Aftergood agreed: "The Los Alamos problem is no longer limited to Los Alamos — it's a systemic problem."

While Los Alamos teams are searching more than 2,000 sites and vaults for the missing disks,

the Nevada Test Site has already accounted for its classified material. Administrators there were checking whether its nuclear stockpile stewardship programs will shut down, said Darwin Morgan of the National Nuclear Security Administration in Nevada.

The Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Wash., is not a weapons lab but has already begun an inventory of computer disks related to classified work.

"PNL is always looking for ways to better handle classified material, so we welcome this," said spokesman Geoff Harvey.

The Pantex plant near Amarillo, Texas, the nation's only nuclear weapons dismantling plant, will shut down, Pantex spokesman Jud Simmons said.

Spokesmen also confirmed the order affects the Y-12 nuclear weapons plant and parts of Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee; NNSA's site office in Kansas City, Mo.; Argonne National Laboratory outside Chicago; Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California; and Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque.

Lawrence Livermore spokesman David Schweigler said the order affects 876 of 9,000 workers at the lab, which has accounted for all removable disks — about 12,000 — in three straight annual inventories. Two-thirds are centrally stored.

CASSIA COUNTY COURTS

BURLY — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals

Barbara Cloutier, 26, driving without proper license, dismissed, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Johnnie E. Skane, 36, over length vehicle violation, dismissed, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Alvin, 26, overweight exceeding allowable gross loads, dismissed, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Gary R. Christensen, 26, motor carrier disallowed driver, dismissed, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Johnnie E. Skane, 36, over length vehicle violation, dismissed, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Terri Lynn Price, 21, check found, dismissed, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Jail Angel Flores-Venencia, 25, unprovoked assault without hot water, dismissed, \$150 fine, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Galario Alfredo Alvarez, 25, unprovoked assault without hot water, dismissed, \$150 fine, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Theresa K. Saker, 31, petty theft, arrested in public disturbance, dismissed, \$60 fine, 10 days suspended, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Walter Ray Jones, 72, post-strain under the influence, dismissed, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Ernest Martinez, 31, possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Joshua Wade Berry, 21, driving without proper license, \$200 fine, \$750 court costs, one year probation, 30 days suspended, two days credited, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Delia E. Day, 59, one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, \$300 fine, \$450 court costs, one year probation, 30 days in jail, 20 days suspended, four days M.E. work in lieu of jail, one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, \$100 fine, \$150 court costs, one year probation, 30 days in jail, 20 days suspended, four days M.E. work in lieu of jail, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

\$150 fine, \$61.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Frank W. Montgomery, 45, failure to have proper reflectors, pleaded guilty, \$15 fine, \$61.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Gregorio Valdez, 35, exceeding maximum driving and on duty time, pleaded guilty, \$150 fine, \$61.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Sergio A. Gonzalez, 47, failure to stop at check station, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$61.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Treatment diversion

Cherie Mae Caldwell, 22, felony possession of a controlled substance, District Judge Monte R. Carlson.

Withheld judgment

Robert N. Bauer, 41, misdemeanor driving under the influence, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Deferred prosecutions

Jay Ann Fritz, 25, frequenting a place where controlled substances are used, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Driving under the influence dismissals

Johnnie E. Skane, 36, overweight exceeding allowable gross loads, dismissed, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Driving under the influence sentences

Jay Lynn Overholser, 52, one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, \$150 fine, \$450 court costs, one year probation, 30 days suspended, four days M.E. work in lieu of jail, two counts driving without proper license, one count dismissed, one count pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$750 court costs, one year probation, 30 days in jail, 20 days suspended, four days M.E. work in lieu of jail, one count failure to provide proof of insurance, \$100 fine, \$150 court costs, one year probation, 30 days in jail, 20 days suspended, four days M.E. work in lieu of jail, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Commercial truck driving sentences

Samir Abdhahar Alshamir, 32, weight exceeding allowable gross loads, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$61.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

William E. Danner, 41, overweight tandem, pleaded guilty, \$60 fine, \$61.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Soren G. Jensen, 33, weight exceeding allowable gross loads, pleaded guilty, \$60 fine, \$61.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Juan Gutierrez Galarraga, 31, failure to have proper reflectors, pleaded guilty, \$15 fine, \$61.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Misdemeanor sentences

Alberto Garcia-Velasco, 25, reckless driving, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$61.50 court costs, one year probation, 30 days in jail, 20 days suspended, two days credited, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Martina M. Rodriguez, 19, failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$20 fine, \$61.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Rufino Monrabado Venegas, 27, failure to carry driver's license or operator's license, pleaded guilty, \$77 fine.

Cecilio A. Salazar, 22, open container, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$61.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Lee Ann Vincent, 51, failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$40.50 fine, \$61.50 court costs.

Joan Lorraine, 27, failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, 20 days in jail, 20 days suspended, nine days in jail, nine days credited, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Joshua B. Winstead, 22, felony vehicular manslaughter, arrested in misdemeanor, pleaded guilty, two years probation, 30 days in jail, 20 days suspended, nine days credited, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Zachary E. Brown, 19, reckless driving, arrested to authorize driving, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$61.50 court costs, one year probation, 30 days in jail, 20 days suspended, four days M.E. work in lieu of jail, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Jerry Adair, 37, driving without proper license, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$750 court costs, one year probation, 30 days in jail, 20 days suspended, four days M.E. work in lieu of jail, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Sophia Lynn Bowden, 29, frequenting a place where controlled substances are used, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$150 court costs, one year probation, 30 days in jail, 20 days suspended, four days M.E. work in lieu of jail, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Zachary E. Brown, 19, one count reckless driving, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$61.50 court costs, one year probation, 30 days in jail, 20 days suspended, four days M.E. work in lieu of jail, one count failure to appear, dismissed, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Matthew J. Davis, 31, domestic battery, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$61.50 court costs, 18 months probation, 30 days in jail, 20 days suspended, 23 days credited, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

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Marvel offers \$20K to retire lease

LAWSTON (AP) - An environmental group has offered the Idaho Department of Lands \$20,000 to permanently retire a grazing lease on a historic range that straddles the Lewis and Clark expedition route to the Pacific Ocean.



Jon Marvel

The Western Watersheds Project, led by Hailey environmentalists Jon Marvel, hopes the offer will end an ongoing dispute over who should be awarded the Lacey Meadows grazing lease.

Marvel's group and the Lacey Meadows Grazing Association based at Weippe have been sparring over the lease for four years, with the Idaho Department of

Lands and the Idaho Land Board acting as referee.

Marvel said the \$20,000 he is prepared to pay will bring the state far more money than it will ever realize if it continues to lease the land for cattle grazing.

"It's a significant amount of return on an effectively nonproductive lease," he says.

Marvel's group has clashed with the land board in seven lawsuits as he seeks to buy up grazing

lands so they can be taken out of production and left idle.

The group has won all the lawsuits, Western Watersheds attorney Laird Lucas said, including four in the Idaho Supreme Court and three in state district courts.

Still, the land board has resisted Marvel's attempts at nearly every turn, preferring to allow contention to use the grazing rights.

In the Lacey Meadows case, Marvel outbid the grazing association by \$500 in 2000, when he offered to pay \$10,000 for the rights to the 16,300-acre area near Lolo Creek.

The grazing association ap-

pealed and the land board overturned the auction results and handed the 10-year lease back to the ranchers.

At the time, the board said the land needed to be grazed to reduce the risk of fire. Timber production is the primary use of the land.

Marvel took the land board to court and a judge remanded the decision to the land board in 2002.

The ranchers were issued a temporary lease, but the Department of Lands later found problems with the way ranchers were managing their cattle and cattle from nearby grazing allotments.

Chemical exposure sends five workers to hospital

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Five demolition workers at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory site became ill on Friday after inhaling chemical fumes while they prepared a building to be torn down.

The Engineering Demolition Inc. workers were cutting up pipe when a few ounces of liquid ran out of the pipe, an INEEL spokesperson said.

Shortly after, the workers had headaches and trouble breathing.

Site emergency workers re-

sponded before the workers were sent to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center for further evaluation. They were released later that day.

The liquid was later identified as sodium bisulfite and sodium metabisulfite, which can cause asthma-like symptoms when inhaled.

The building, located at Test Area North, did not contain radioactive materials. Demolition work has been stopped until an investigation of the incident is completed.

SUPER-SOAKER



Firefighters Jeff Rinck, left, and Charles Jones compete during the Firefighters Waterball Competition in Castle Rock, Wash., on Saturday.

Judge rules court has jurisdiction in dispute

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A Superior Court judge declined to dismiss a lawsuit by ousted members of an American Indian tribe Friday, saying courts have authority over legal matters that arise from tribal disputes.

Eleven former members of the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians have sued members of the tribe's enrollment committee, claiming their rights were violated after being thrown out of the tribe in March.

In his ruling, Riverside County Superior Court Judge Charles D. Field cited a federal law stating that California courts "have jurisdiction over civil causes of action between Indians or to which Indians are parties which arise in Indian country."

"This case is illustrative of the increasing assertion of administrative and judicial scrutiny over matters previously considered to be within the sole jurisdiction of the 'sovereign authority' of a tribe or band," the judge said.

Field anticipated a legal challenge and stayed his order for 30 days to allow parties to appeal the ruling.

Pechanga Chairman Mark Maccario said late Friday that tribal nations, like other governments, determine their own citizenship.

"It's a core function of self-government. It's absurd that a state court could think it has jurisdiction on any tribe's citizenship."

Jon Velle, attorney for the ousted members, said the ruling was a victory for all Indians.

"There's an entire horrible trend right now of individuals obtaining power and thinking their actions cannot be reviewed," Velle said. "What we have is a certain system that thinks courts can't hear their matter."

Pechanga attorneys have argued sovereignty protects tribes from lawsuits and court intervention, asking Field to dismiss the lawsuit.

Court schedules trial for parents who chained child

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A three-day trial has been scheduled for a Magna couple accused of chaining their 12-year-old boy in the basement and depriving him of food and clothing.

Mark Gray, 40, and Christina Gray, 35, have each been charged with second-degree felony child abuse in connection with alleged mistreatment of Mark Gray's 12-year-old biological son, who is Christina Gray's stepson.

Trial was scheduled for Sept. 15, but the Grays, whose cases are linked.

The boy testified at a preliminary hearing earlier this month that his father and his step-

mother put him in handcuffs when he was not at school or dinner and chained him to the concrete block. He said his stepmother once beat him with a wooden 2-by-4 and at least twice stabbed him in the heart with a fork until he bled.

The boy also testified he was given no food except for a little dinner and school lunch.

Salt Lake County Sheriff's deputies visited the home on Oct. 1. The boy told them how he was held captive and showed them peanut butter he had stashed for times when he was not fed, according to court documents.

The boy now lives with his aunt and uncle.

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Jeopardy! geek-a-thon continues

By Tamara Jones
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Man Who Ate 'Jeopardy!' took a breather Friday but is still licking his chops.

Which left viewers with this \$1,321,660-and-still-counting question:

After eight weeks, 30 episodes, 75 opponents and more than 1,300 questions in more than 450 categories, just how long is Ken Jennings' record winning streak going to last?

The one-man geek-a-thon by the boyish software engineer from Salt Lake City has sent ratings for the staid quiz show skyward and created a cult following for someone who easily plumps the most remote rivers in the world but can't find his car in a parking garage.

Leaving the air now for summer hiatus, 'Jeopardy!' will return in September.

So will Ken Jennings. Already, viewers have watched host Alex Trebek go from delight to dismay to desperation at the sight of the same champion returning again and again.

"Well, some deep, dark secret about yourself," Trebek implored somewhere in the seventh week, after exhausting his supply of cue cards listing Jennings' hobbies and amusing anecdotes.

"You know," Jennings deadpanned, "I killed a man down South once."

Trebek hastily returned to the board, where 'Jeopardy!' poses five answers ranging in value from \$200 to \$1,000 in six categories, which the three players must respond to in the form of a question. The answers double in value in the second half of the 30-minute show.

A vow of secrecy on the 'Jeopardy!' set (ahh and you forfeit your winnings) has also made Jennings an unlikely man of mystery, his interviews limited to talk-show banter, his answers so guarded that even the most banal details are devoured like so many Daily Doubles.

He has a dog named Banjo! It's a Labrador retriever!

He didn't own enough suits for all his 'Jeopardy!' appearances!

He borrowed some from his brother the lawyer!



'Jeopardy!' champion Ken Jennings talks with Jay Leno during 'The Tonight Show' on Thursday. Jennings has won a total of \$1,246,660 since his record-breaking run began on June 2.

The worst grade he ever got was a C-plus!

It was in high school economics.

When Jay Leno tried to pry more out of him during a 'Tonight' show appearance Thursday, Jennings shook his head.

"There are 'Jeopardy!' snipers in the audience right now," he said.

He did acknowledge that his favorite category is movies and that he's so absent-minded that he may have "just won a gazillion dollars on 'Jeopardy!'" but still couldn't find his car in the studio parking garage.

As a recurring character, Jennings has proven quirky and full of contradictions. He is a Mormon and former missionary who aces the Potable category, thanks to fishcards his wife, Mindy, made to drill him on cocktails. (He still flubbed a clue for creme de menthe, though, believing brandy was green.)

He is a literature graduate from Brigham Young University who can rattle off characters and obscure plot details from virtually any great work, yet after correctly answering "The Hidden Staircase" one time, he suddenly gasped:

"I Love Nancy Drew!"

Despite his conservative religious upbringing and squeaky-clean image, Jennings boasts an encyclopedic knowledge of rated movies and was swift to identify a line of lingerie by Victoria's Secret.

He also told Kelly Ripa on 'Live With Regis and Kelly' that he planned to "roll around naked" in his movie.

The Jennings juggernaut was made possible only by a change in "Jeopardy!" rules last year.

Until then, champions were forced to retire after five games; now, they can play until defeated.

Jennings passed the show's last longtimer a million dollars ago.

"The bad news is, they want us to institute steroid testing," Trebek quipped after Jennings triumphed for the 36th time.

America's infatuation with someone who resembles a runaway Opie from the Mayberry Wax Museum has clearly revitalized the game that Merv Griffin created in his dining room 40 years ago.

Over the course of Jennings' run, "Jeopardy!" ratings have steadily climbed from 9.6 million to 12.3 million viewers, giving even the wildly popular "Wheel of Fortune" a run for its vowels.

The season that ended Friday night was taped in California in March, which means that Jennings' opponents arrived on the set with no clue that they were up against someone Trebek had already dubbed the Terminator.

Down they went, two by two. Lawyers, copywriters, home-makers, retirees, a guy who once drove a float in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and another who used to be a telephone psychic.

Like all 'Jeopardy!' contestants, they had to pay their own expenses and, even with \$2,000 for second place and \$1,000 for third, many ended up in the hole, returning home with nothing but a 'Jeopardy!' travel cup, a tote bag and a bittersweet place in television history.

"We were fodder," lamented Beverly Herter, a freelance book editor from Portsmouth, N.H., who went down in flames against Jennings earlier this week.

"We found out when we got there. The contestant-coordinator didn't have the heart to tell us. She made Ken tell."

By then, Herter said, Jennings had notched 23 wins.

She said she and some of the nine other contestants bulldozed in that day's taping sessions later gathered to commiserate at the one place they knew their tea-totaling nemesis would never find them — the hotel bar.

Like other veterans of "Jeopardy!," Herter maintained that victory is more a matter of reflex than intellect.

"Even though he made mincemeat out of us, we all know 90 percent of the answers," she said, but Jennings is uncatchable on the buzzer, locking out his opponents.

Still, she allowed, Jennings was likable.

"It would've been easier losing to him if I could hate him."

That love-hate relationship is one that extends to Internet message boards where admirers fawn ("Ken, I think you are cooler than Fabio") and fuses rant about how much they hate him ("With the passion of 1,000 sex-deprived rabbits.")

Cancer has finger on pulse of news

IF JULY 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you should treasure both the ideals and the friends that have developed in the past year.

Your creative genius gives you an edge in business right now, but for profit and long-term security, seek the wise counsel of your closest companions.

The glow of warm companionship is worth more than money.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): Auditor and adventurer Jack London said, "You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club."

Grab your own club and follow your passions. You may be surprised to find that you are a role model.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Close the door on sneaking suspicions, and refuse to let them affect your judgment.

Wait one more day to take action where money is concerned, and your piggy bank will grow fatter.

Impasses are temporary.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Get in touch with helpful trends by hobnobbing with acquaintances. It is a good time to widen your network of influential friends and gain beneficial insights.

E-mail may contain valuable ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You have your finger on the pulse of the news around you and understand what will appear to the masses.

Apply your instinctive know-how to climb higher and gain ground where career is concerned.

Strike while the iron is hot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The sun is shining in your sector of the zodiac and confidence is blossoming.

Perfect attunement might be developing with a new, important friend, but avoid rushing the process.

Bonds will strengthen over time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Mingle with others if you want to be in the know.

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shifting, and it is wise to get a feel for who is hot and who is not. If you are hunting for love, a target for your heart might appear.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Love is like a lamp, and to keep a lamp burning continue to put oil in it.

Sparks may ignite around a special someone. But wait a day or two to adjust the flame.

Passions could be too hot to handle today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Strong urges may tempt you, but examine these feelings at leisure.

You are sure of what you want, so use this as a fulcrum to maneuver around later this week.

Make your desires work for you in a positive way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Strike up conversations and develop a friendship.

Seek common ground and learn all you can about the object of your desire.

Best assured that warm feelings are reciprocated.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The harder you work the more likely you will achieve your goals this week.

Draw others into the fold rather than excluding them.

Sharing your vision of the future could bring unexpected help at a crucial moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If risks seem too great, take time to ponder your guiding principles.

A rational approach will put conflicting desires into perspective.

Fleeting attractions are unlikely to disturb solid partnerships.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Listening skills will help you sort out conflicting situations.

You may need to read between the lines.

Remain objective if faced with minor tensions at home or in public.

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State will seek review by full panel

BOISE (AP) - The state attorney general advised legislative leaders Friday that he's asking a federal appellate court to reconsider a ruling declaring Idaho's parental consent abortion law unconstitutional.

Lawrence Wasden said he will urge that an 11-member panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to reverse the decision of a three-judge panel. The panel found last week that the state law has an unacceptable medical emergency provision that voids the entire statute.

The petition for reconsideration will keep the law in effect until the court decides whether to review the case.

Supporters of the law had expected it to be thrown out by the appellate court, but they intend to push the case to the U.S. Supreme Court for the ultimate decision.

The three-judge panel unanimously ruled last week that while the state had a legitimate interest in ensuring parents are included in decisions about their minor daughters about abortion, it chose the wrong way to do it.

The 65-page ruling reversed a December 2001 order by U.S. Magistrate Mikel Williams upholding key provisions of the law passed a year earlier. Wasden said the 11-member appellate panel will be asked to adopt Williams' analysis.

Business owners vow to rebuild

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The owner of a downtown wood-working business destroyed in a \$3 million fire has vowed to rebuild.

"The business is alive," owner Jeff Cobabe said. "Monday is another day of work, business as usual."

A four-alarm blaze Friday afternoon completely gutted Jeffrey Cobabe and Associates, a fine furniture maker that provides, among other things, furnishings for Mormon temples worldwide.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, but a fire department spokesman said investigators didn't feel the fire was the work of eco-terrorists.

Last month, environmental activists claimed responsibility for a \$1.5 million lumberyard arson fire in suburban Salt Lake. On July 16, a \$5.5 million, six-alarm fire destroyed giant rolls of paper outside a South Salt Lake warehouse. The fire at the Smurfit-Stone Container Corp. was arson, investigators said.

The Friday afternoon blaze sent thick, black smoke throughout the Salt Lake Valley. The fire briefly threatened an adjacent apartment complex and two smaller buildings but firefighters were able to keep the fire away from those.

There were about a dozen employees in the 120-year-old building, and all got out safely.

East Entrance road reopens

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) - The East Entrance road in Yellowstone National Park reopened Saturday after being closed most of the week because of a massive mudslide.

The entrance had been closed since last Sunday when heavy rains caused several mudslides to cover the road in the Sylvan Pass area.

Crews worked all week to clear the road of some 30,000 tons of mud, rock and debris. Both lanes reopened about 8 a.m. Saturday. However, travelers should be aware they might encounter short delays.

Water Department: East Idaho water users can pump

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - The Water Resources Department decided to keep water flowing to about 350 water users in the Big Lost River Basin.

The decision came just a week after the department told junior water users - including the Mackay School District - that they would have to bow their ground water pumping rights to a senior user.

The department decided Thursday to postpone that order until the senior water user

either ran out of water or users found another solution. Idaho law gives priority to water users with the oldest rights. And in emergencies, junior users can be forced to forfeit their share of water.

Earlier this month, Jay Jack and L. Vaughn Jensen petitioned the Idaho Department of Water Resources to enforce their senior water rights, which date to 1883, saying they expected to run out of water for the fourth straight year.

The department's management plan dictates that in such a case, water users must compensate senior users, said department spokesman Dick Larsen. He said compensation can require each junior user to forfeit water or offer to pay the senior users for their lost water.

"Basically, what you're looking for them to do is to take care of the injury that's being caused," Larsen said. "If no plan is in place to mitigate (the shortage), we have no option but to

shut down that water." No users offered mitigation to the Jensens, causing the department to order users stop pumping.

The region's water district will discuss the issue in a special meeting the first week of August.

Several junior users, including Bill Haralson, who holds rights dating a year after the Jensens in 1884 have hired a lawyer to find a compromise.

"If these guys have their way,

we're broke," Haralson said. "When you take away the water you take away the one ingredient I cannot do without."

Jack Jensen said his family simply wants to stop what he called an ongoing erosion of its water supply.

Junior user Wilbert Beck has an 1885 water right, has not irrigated his land for about 15 years. He said his well went dry about 15 years ago, but decided not to redrill to conserve the underlying aquifer.



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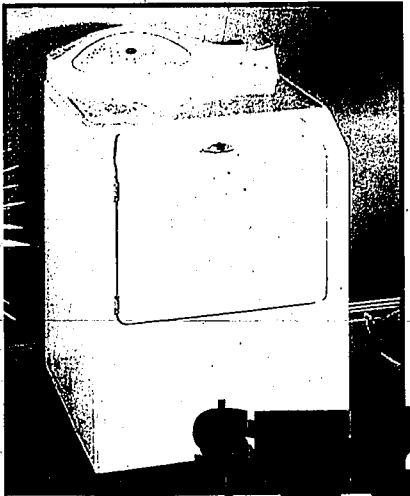
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SPORTSQUOTE

Have you ever sat in Busch Stadium in July? It's so humid, you can smell people in the upper deck.

- Jim Armstrong, in his AOL.com sports column, on the summer heat at the home of the St. Louis Cardinals

TRIVIA QUESTION:

What Basketball Hall of Fame center was in a movie with martial-arts legend Bruce Lee, appearing as Lee's foe in the film?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Amateur golf

Idaho State Seniors tournament, 9:30 a.m.

Legion baseball

AA District Tournament, Walker Field, Twin Falls vs. Pocatello, 1 p.m.

Swimming

Snake River Swim Championships, YMCA City Pool, Twin Falls, 8:30 a.m.

IN BRIEF

M.V. Jr. Football offers registration

TWIN FALLS - For those who did not sign up this past Saturday for the Magic Valley Junior Football program, late registration will continue through the end of the season.

The tackle football program is for youth in grades 5-7. The cost is \$55 per participant. Practices start in mid-August, with games beginning in September.

For more information or to sign up, call Mike at 734-9783.

Clear Lake C.C. hosts Vandals Pig-Out

BAHLL - The 33rd Annual University of Idaho Vandal Pig-Out, a major fund-raiser for the Magic Valley Chapter of the Vandal Boosters, will be held at the Clear Lake Country Club on Monday, July 26.

The event includes a five-person golf scramble, a check-in at 11:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. A roast pig dinner follows.

Golf is \$75 per personal donation, which includes green fee, cart, dinner and Vandal souvenir prize. Tournament entries are limited. Entrants may participate as an individual or as a team but no reservations will be accepted without money being paid.

Dinner tickets will also be available for "dinner only" guests for a \$25 donation and will be sold at the dinner. Social hour, the auction and Pig-Out Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Jeff Bluck at 280-2800 or 733-7853, or Benny Jennifer, or Bernice at 537-6787. A check may also be made out to: "Vandal Scholarship Fund" and mailed to Benny Bluck, P.O. Box 835, Castleford, ID 83321. Advance tickets may also be purchased from any of the following boosters/area businesses: In Burli, contact Bruce and Sue Brown at 543-5370 or 539-5370, or Felton & Felton at 543-4368. In Eden, contact Brad McDonald at 308-882. In Twin Falls, call Gary Gerard at 734-5744, Jeff Bluck at 733-7853 or Jack Hetherington at 732-1000.

Spudman Triathlon approaches

BURLEY - The 2004 Burley Lions Club Spudman Triathlon will be held Saturday, July 31, starting at 7:30 a.m.

Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to visit <http://burleylions.org/spudman.html>.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. In the 1978 movie "Game of Death" he defeated five years after Lee's death. Abdul-Jabbar was a student of Lee's.

Cowboys earn state tourney bid

By Dustin Lagray
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - They are in. The Twin Falls Cowboys qualified for the Idaho State American Legion baseball tournament by beating the Highland Razorbacks 6-1 in Game 11 of the AA American Legion Area C District Tournament Saturday afternoon at Walker Field.

The Idaho Falls Russetts won the Area C district title with a 10-3 win over Pocatello in the championship game Saturday. The Russetts already had an un-seeded entry into the state tournament as the host team. The state tournament will be played in Idaho Falls July 29-Aug. 2.

Twin Falls and Pocatello will play at 1 p.m. today at Walker Field with the winner receiving the No. 1 seed at state from Area C and the loser taking the No. 2.

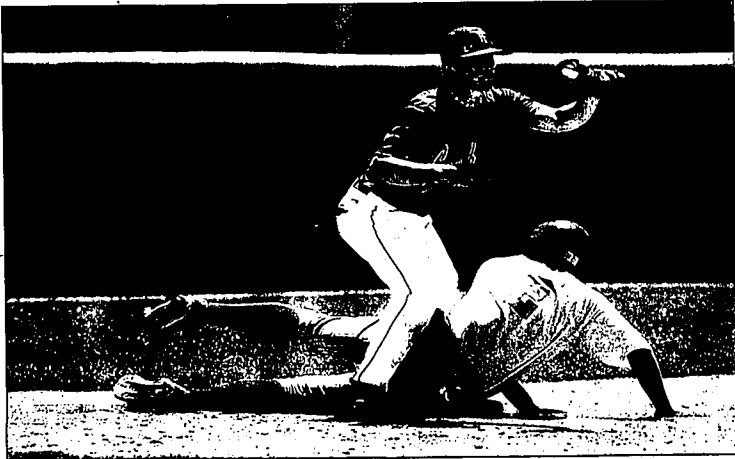
The Highland Razorbacks season ended after the last pitch of Game 11, a called strike that gave Nick Carr his third strikeout of the ninth inning.

Carr dominated the Razorbacks, sitting 13 batters down on strikes. Carr gave up six hits and allowed one run en route to a complete-game win.

"Carr stepped up big time today," Cowboys coach Tim Stadelmeier said. "He came out with a lot of confidence. He told me after the fifth, 'There's no way I'm coming out. I'm beating these guys in nine innings.'"

The lone Razorback run came on an RBI-groundout by Eric Woodward in the third inning that plated Nick Rey.

The Cowboys scored five of their six runs in the bottom half of the second inning. Cody Howerton and Luke Hawkins led off with back-to-back doubles. Brandon Christiansen and Drew Bernhard then both drew walks before Kenny Seelman, Todd Rehbein and Tim Mealer each hit RBI singles to give Carr more



Twin Falls Cowboys third baseman Cody Howerton catches the Idaho Falls Reds' Skylar Lawrence during the third inning of their American Legion AA Idaho Area C district tournament game Saturday at Walker Field in Twin Falls. The Cowboys won 7-1.

than enough run support. "They just got the hits," Highland coach Brandon Clegg said. "Sometimes, hitting is contagious."

Hawkins and Rehbein each went 2-for-4 with an RBI from their respective

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Saturday's results

- Highland 10, Madison 1
- Twin Falls 7, Idaho Falls Reds 1
- Twin Falls 6, Highland 1
- Idaho Falls Russetts 10, Pocatello 3

Today's game

- Twin Falls vs. Pocatello, 1 p.m.

Bartlett grabs day one lead in Burley

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

BURLEY - This isn't exactly your Geritol generation - the folks in the 2004 Idaho Seniors Golf Association Championships can really play.

Some of the state's lowest handicappers took to the Burley Municipal Golf Course links Saturday for Round 1 of the two-day tournament. And judging from the first day's scores, things are just starting to heat up on the sun-drenched fairways in Burley that line the Snake River.

Ed Bartlett is the Day 1 men's championship flight leader after carding a 70. He is closely followed by Bob Bruce's round of 71 and Glenn Blakeley's 72.

Bruce, who resides in Jerome, has been many ups and downs along the 45 years he's played

the game. "I started at (age) 14 in Jerome, but quit when I was in college and for six years while I was in the Air Force," Bruce said. "After I retired in '89, I worked on my game, but had to quit again for four years after I caught pneumonia."

As for Saturday's 71, count it among the ups.

"I'm usually in the mid or high 70s, but I sank some putts today," Bruce said. "This summer, my handicap went up, so I took some lessons. I was a bit afraid of entering this tournament because you sometimes revert to playing poorly."

But that wasn't the case Saturday, as Bruce seemed to find the right combination of skill and luck to put him in Sunday's top pairing.

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Lyle Hahn (right) and Ted Fluharty watch as Bob Bruce putts during Round 1 of the 2004 Idaho Seniors Golf Association Championships.

Centennial challenge concludes at Muni

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The winners at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course can take pride in knowing that they're the only ones to ever claim titles on the 100-year anniversary of the city.

Eighteen groups of four went out both in the morning and the afternoon Saturday at the course to take part in the Pepsi

Centennial Challenge, one of the many events during the Twin Falls Centennial celebration that raise money for the Canyon Rim Walking Trail Project. In addition to activities held Friday, approximately \$33,000-\$35,000 was netted this weekend.

Team Artie, comprised of Allan Hovva, Kevin Boer, Duve

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Meira wins pole in Milwaukee

By Melissa Trujillo
Associated Press writer

WEST ALLIS, Wis. - Vitor Meira won the pole Saturday for the Inaugural Menards A.J. Foyt Indy 225 at The Milwaukee Mile.

Meira took his first pole of the season, averaging 169.338 mph at the one-mile, oval course. To earn his first Indy win on Sunday, Meira will have to hold off series points leader Tony Kanaan, who qualified second with a speed of 168.597 mph.

Meira sits in 10th place in the standings, 155 points behind Kanaan.

"I'm really happy," Meira said. "The car got better each time we went out on the track. We got better two- or three-tenths every time."

Meira's Rahal Letterman Racing teammate Buddy Rice finished third, followed by Sam Hornish Jr., who had the best lap times during trials at the



Vitor Meira

track in June. Helle Casironaves qualified fifth.

Scott Dixon hit the wall in the fourth lap on his second lap, causing heavy damage to his car. He was taken to

Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital for precautionary X-rays on his right neck and left ankle. He said he expected to race Sunday, but would have to start at the back with a different car.

Meira said he expects a challenging race Sunday, because lap times were very close and the flat track with shorter straightaways would make it difficult to pass. He doubted the finish would be as close as in Kansas last month, when he finished second to Rice by a mere .0051 seconds.

Davenport advances while Venus retires

By Beth Harris
Associated Press writer

CARSON, Calif. - A bum wrist cut short the latest chapter in the rivalry between Venus Williams and Lindsay Davenport.

Davenport led 7-5, 2-0 in the JP Morgan Chase Open semifinals Saturday when Williams retired because of a right wrist injury. Williams said she tweaked it while pushing off her arms to get up after tying her shoe two hours before the match.

However, a doctor who examined Williams diagnosed it as a sprain and advised her to rest until Monday, when she will be re-evaluated.

"At 3-0, I started to have issues," Williams said. "I just couldn't control my forehand that much and the more she saw that, the more she was hitting there and that didn't help."

Davenport advanced to Sunday's final for the eighth time in nine years, having won three seeded Serenit Williams or No. 4 Elena Dementieva, who met in an evening semifinal at Home Depot Center.

"I'm happy to be in the final, but I know the playing conditions weren't tons," she said. "You can't have tons of confidence from that."

A week ago, Davenport ousted Venus Williams 7-6 (4), 5-7, 7-5 (6) in a riveting final to win the Bank of the West title at Stanford. Their rematch was highly anticipated by fans eager to see Davenport, a Palos Verdes native, and Williams of nearby



Lindsay Davenport serves to Venus Williams during their match in Carson, Calif. Davenport won the match after Williams retired with a wrist injury. The match ended with a score 7-5, 2-0, ret.

Compton, who hadn't played in the Chase Open since 1997.

"If I could've been pretty healthy, I, for sure, would have won the match," Williams said. "Last week I hit a million unforced errors. Today, I didn't go for the gold on every shot and I took my errors down and she couldn't handle my game at that point."

Their rivalry began in 1997, and is tied 12-12. Davenport hadn't beaten Williams in four years until winning last week. Davenport trailed 5-0 before reefing off seven consecutive games to take the first set. She broke Williams at 40-love for a 6-5 lead and hit a forehand winner into the open court on her first set point in the next game.

SPORTS



Overall leader Lance Armstrong, of Austin, Texas, waves from the podium after winning the 19th and next-to-last stage of the Tour de France cycling race, a 34.18-mile individual time trial around Besancon, eastern France, on Saturday. Armstrong clocked a 1-hour, 6-minute time.

Armstrong puts stranglehold on record sixth Tour de France crown

By John Leicestor Associated Press writer

BESANCON, France — Too strong

Lance Armstrong capped his most dominant Tour de France with a crushing win in the final time trial Saturday, all but guaranteeing him a place in history as the sixth-time winner of the 101-year-old race.

Pedaling furiously for a victory he didn't even need to secure his sixth crown, Armstrong again overpowered his rivals, building a gaping lead that he carried past cheering crowds to the finish in Besancon.

The Texan, riding a high-tech aerodynamic bike and wearing his bright yellow leader's jersey, was 1 minute, 1 second faster than second-place Jan Ullrich, the 1997 champion and five-time runner-up.

Only a crash or other disaster on Sunday's last ride into Paris — little more than a lap of honor for Armstrong — can stop him from becoming, in titles at least, the greatest of the Tour's 53 winners.

"To be on the verge of breaking history is incredibly special," he said. "I'm a little bit nervous, climbing the top step tomorrow and making history will be the moment that I carry forward forever."

As overall leader, Armstrong set out last on the rolling 34.1-mile time trial course, that looped south of Besancon, the birthplace of literary giant Victor Hugo. At the first time check 11 miles in, Armstrong was already 43 seconds quicker than Ullrich.

At the finish, the Texan almost caught Ivan Basso, even though the Italian started 3 minutes ahead of him.

The stage win was Armstrong's fifth this race, bettering his previous best of four in a single Tour since he began his reign in 1999, after having conquered cancer.

"When I won the first one, I thought I could die and go away a happy man. To win six is very hard to put into words," he said.

"I'm happy because it's over. I'm tired, in the head, in the legs. Everywhere." Basso, the best young rider of 2002 and seventh last year, should finish third in Paris. Ullrich is destined for fourth — his first time off the podium.

"Lance is riding in a different league. I have enormous respect for the way he rides. He deserved to win," the German said.

Not only did Armstrong overpower his adversaries from Day 1, but they never rose to the challenge of trying to dethrone him. Aside from Ullrich, Spanish climbers Roberto Heras and Iban Mayo flopped in the mountains and abandoned the race, and American Tyler Hamilton went home injured.

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Hailey's Smith hangs on in rookie cowboy race

The Times-News

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Hailey's Kade Smith sits in fifth place in the all-around rookie cowboy standings Saturday morning's Performance 11 in the National High School Finals Rodeo in Gillette, Wyo. Smith is third in overall average in the boys cow cutting competition with a score of 438.5. Gooding's Italy Jo Eames finished No. 23 in the Performance 11 barrel race, finishing in 19.532 seconds, while Jenna Bubak took seventh in breakaway roping with a time of 5.161 seconds.

Twin Falls' Megan Lewis finished with a 211 in Saturday morning's girls cutting competition, good for sixth place. Another sixth-place finisher was the team of Sam Bray and Hailey Harris in the team roping competition.

With two competitors left, other competitors include Jerome's Brad Beeder and Declan's Scott Shaw have a chance to break into the top ten in their events. The final performance starts at 1 p.m. Sunday in the CAN-PLAX facility in Gillette, Wyo.

56th Annual National High School Finals Rodeo Performance 11 results

Boys Cow Cutting: 1. Kade Smith 2. ...

Table with multiple columns listing rodeo results for various events like Barrel Race, Team Roping, and Girls Cutting. Includes names and scores.

Quigley shares third-round lead

By Arnie Stapleton Associated Press writer

MILWAUKEE — Brett Quigley wants to believe his father will be rooting for him in his first PGA Tour event, even if it's under his breath.

Paul Quigley is standing Brad Faxon this week at the U.S. Bank Championship, where his son is tied with Carlos Franco and Patrick Sheehan atop the leaderboard at 54 holes at 10 under 200.

"I hope my loyalty's with me," Brett Quigley said after carding the day's best round at 6 under-par 64 Saturday. "I love Brad and I hope he does well. But you never know."

Defending champion Kenny Perry (67) is one shot back after birdies on the final four holes, and Jason Dufner (68) and Scott Verplank (67) are two shots behind the leaders.

Franco shot a 69 and Sheehan a 67. There are 22 golfers within five shots of the lead, and another five, including Faxon, are six shot back.

Growing up, Faxon caddied for Paul Quigley, whom he called Monday after getting back from the British Open, and asked to caddle for him at Brown Deer Park. Quigley's father, in turn, called his son to see if he could room with him in Milwaukee.

Brett Quigley caddied for his dad three weeks ago in a qualifier for the U.S. Senior Open in St. Louis, where his father will either play (he's an alternate) or caddle for his brother, Dana Quigley.

"That's something Sheehan also is seeking." Franco, who saved par on 17



Kenny Perry reacts after missing a putt on the 18th hole during the third round of the U.S. Bank Championship Saturday, in Milwaukee.

when he sank a 21-foot putt after chipping back out of the rough to set up his iron shot onto the green, from his seventh-two-time winner in Milwaukee. His only other PGA Tour win came at the COMBAT Classic of New Orleans in 2000, which he also led after 54 holes.

Quigley's best career finish is a tie for second at the 2001 Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic, and Sheehan's best was

a tie for third at this year's MCI Classic in April.

Perry still blew-cyced after playing in the British Open last weekend, wouldn't afford to adjust his game midcourse when he got frustrated with his poor putting, which he blamed on a lack of concentration due to jet lag.

He narrowed his stance on the greens at the turn, and the gamble paid off as he birdied five holes on the back nine.

Cubs begin inspection of Wrigley Field

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Cubs began a thorough inspection of the concrete on the underside of Wrigley Field's upper deck Friday after a team employee found a third piece of concrete that apparently fell from the 90-year-old stadium's upper deck.

After concrete chunks fell at different spots on June 9 and June 16, a team employee found a fragment Wednesday that was "relatively small, but on your hand" sized, said Mike Lafrano, the Cubs' vice president for community affairs.

Employees conducted an inspection before Wednesday's game between the Cubs and the Cincinnati Reds, and made repairs to the upper deck, I lafrano said.

A follow-up inspection Thursday revealed a "probable spot" from which the piece fell, Lafrano said.

"Repairs were made and city officials notified," he said.

The team said engineers will inspect the underside of the ballpark's upper deck and mezzanine levels. The inspection began Friday morning but the Cubs declined to discuss results.

"We will work with the city to ensure that they are more than satisfied," Cubs president Andy Muhl said.

Team management has said the results of the inspection would be shared with the Chicago Department of Buildings. The buildings department had asked for an inspection.

A Plainfield man said a brick-sized chunk of concrete fell from a tier above his family after a Cubs game July 16, nearly striking his 5-year-old son.

Another fan reported to the city on June 9 that he saw falling debris along the first-base side, Buildings Commissioner Stan Kaderbek said. No one was injured, and the Cubs inspected the area in question at the request of the city, he said.

Chicago Mayor Richard Daley said Wednesday he would not hesitate to shut down sections of the entire ballpark to protect fans from falling debris.

erton also went 2-for-4 with a double each.

"I could see when Todd Rebbin and Tim Mealer came in today they were ready to go," Stadelmeier said. "These seniors know they are nine innings away from their last chance at a state tournament bid."

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Cowboys

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cleanup and leadoff spots. "I'm just trying to get on base and help my ballclub in any way I can," Rebbin said. "I didn't want this to be my last game, so I just played as hard as I could."

The Cowboys played 10 innings of loser-out baseball Saturday. They gave up two runs in those 10 innings.

"There's a lot of heart," Rebbin said. "No one wanted to give up. No one wanted to stop." Highland had advanced to Game 11 by downing Madison 10-1.

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the golf course, it's bad luck," Bruce said. "While everything, including ladies championship leader Virginia Udhjem, is looking to compete for the top pay-out, there is also a good sense of camaraderie for the tournament."

"The competition makes it more than your average round," Ted Fluharty, who shot a 76, said. "But the people you play with are wonderful, too. Part of it to look forward to is the competition, and the friendship just comes with it."

Fluharty, who lives in Boise, started golfing when he was 26 and enrolled in the Air Force Academy.

"I've been playing 34 years now," Fluharty said.

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Centennial

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Little and Todd Ostrom, shared the Centennial Golf Scramble gross title with Nunnely, made up of Joe Nunnely, Cory Nunnely, Nate Sinsion and Mike Ericsson. Both teams came in with a score of 54.

The Cowokes, made up of Gary Bevans, Carl Slagel, Bill Fien and John Schluder, won the outright net title in the scramble with a score of 47.8.

There were also plenty of festivities held Friday at the Marriott, a team comprised of Doyle Morrill, Dave Key, Dan Plinther and Scott Eble, won the Glow-in-the-Dark Golf Tourney with a 31. Runzger was Press-Boy's all-arounder, with Singson and Jones with 32.

Friday's contest winners included Cody Faught in the men's Gold's Gym/Sunstations

Long Drive Contest

Faught launched his longest drive 301 yards. Heidi Reitsma won in the women's division with a 249-yard drive. The seniors winner was Jim Thompson, who teed-off at 273 yards.

Faught also found victory in the PSI Waste Chipping Contest, chipping his ball just one foot from the hole. Roger Suteland was second, just two inches farther away than Faught.

Steve Gentry won the Pepsi Centennial Putting Contest. Boer was runner-up.

2004 Pepsi Centennial Golf Course

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RED SOX 11, YANKEES 10

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

Auto Racing

- Formula One German Grand Prix, SPEED, 6:30 a.m.
NASCAR Nextel Cup, New England 300, TNT, noon
IRL Milwaukee Indy 225, ABC, 1:30 p.m.
American Le Mans Series, Grand Prix of Portland, SPEED, 2 p.m.
CART Champ Car World Series, Molson Indy Vancouver, SPIKE, 2 p.m.
NHRA Carquest Auto Parts Nationals, final round, ESPN2, 6 p.m.

Baseball

- Briess at Mets, TBS, 11 a.m.; WPXI, 11:10 a.m.
Cubs at Phillies, WGN, 11:30 a.m.
Yankees at Red Sox, ESPN, 6 p.m.

Cycling

- Tour de France, final stage, Montevideo to Paris, OLN, 7 a.m.
Tour de France, final stage, CBS, noon.

Golf

- European PGA Tour, Irish Open, final round, TGC, 9 a.m.

Tennis

- ATP RCA Championships, championship match, NBC, 12:30 p.m.
WTA Tour JPMorgan Chase Open, championship match, ESPN2, 2 p.m.

Volleyball

- AIP Hermosa Beach Open, men's championship match, NBC, 2:30 p.m.

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O'Donnell, Wright lead

Marlins at Snake River. TWIN FALLS - Michael Shea O'Donnell won three events and Dana Wright one at the Magic Valley YMCA Marlins.

Wright, 14, swam a 38.57 in the 50 breaststroke to hold off the Caldwell Swim Club's Hannah Gipson for the victory in the girls ages 13-14 division.

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Roddick saves match points to beat Lubjicic. INDIANAPOLIS - Andy Roddick fell into a big deficit and faced three match points before coming back to beat Ivan Lubjicic 1-6, 7-6 (10), 7-6 (3) Saturday in the RCA Championships semifinals.

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Boston 'Sox' it to New York

BOSTON (AP) — Bill Mueller hit a two-run homer off Mariano Rivera to cap a three-run ninth inning Saturday, and the Red Sox rallied to beat the New York Yankees 11-10 after a bench-clearing brawl ensued when Alex Rodriguez was hit by a pitch.

Former Yankee Ramirez Mendoza (1-0) earned the win for Boston, pitching two hitless innings and striking out one. Boston trailed 10-0 when Nomar Garciaparra doubled to lead off the ninth against Rivera (1-1), who had converted straight save chances. Troy Nixon hit a fly ball to the warning track and then Kevin Millar followed with his fourth hit of the game, a single that scored Garciaparra. Mueller then homered into the bullpen, just the second homer off Rivera this year.

Rodriguez, Kenny Lofton, Jason Varitek and Gabe Kapler were also ejected during a third-inning brawl that started when Bronson Arroyo hit A-Rod with a pitch.



New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez, left, is pushed by Boston Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek, right, after Rodriguez was hit by a pitch from Red Sox's pitcher Bronson Arroyo in the third inning at Boston's Fenway Park, Saturday. Rodriguez and Varitek were ejected from the game.

Athletics 6, Rangers 2

OAKLAND, Calif. — Mark Kotsay homered twice to help the A's snap a three-game losing streak. Kirk Sierloh (2-1) pitched five strong innings for the A's, who pulled within 3.5 games of the first-place Rangers in the AL West. Justin Duchescher, Jim Meier and Octavio Dotel combined to pitch four scoreless innings of relief.

Orioles 4, Twins 2

BALTIMORE — Miguel Tejada homered and drove in two runs to lead Sidney Ponson, and the Orioles snapped the Twins' five-game winning streak. Ponson (5-12) won consecutive starts for the second time this season. The right-hander gave up two runs, four hits and four walks in seven innings. David Newhan drove in the tiebreaking run with a seventh-inning sacrifice fly, and the Orioles bullpen made it stand up. Jorge Julio worked a perfect ninth for his 15th save in 17 chances.

Blue Jays 4, Devil Rays 2

TORONTO — Josh Towers won his third straight start and extended Tampa Bay's losing streak to five games. Since moving a season-high two games over .500 on July 3, the Devil Rays have gone 5-14.

Towers (5-3) allowed two runs — one earned — and six hits in seven innings. Rookie Jason Frasor got four outs for his 12th save in 13 chances.

White Sox 7, Tigers 6

CHICAGO — Joe Crede hit a game-winning home run in the ninth to rally the White Sox. Crede homered with one out in the ninth on a 3-2 pitch from Ugueth Urbina (5-3), the fourth game-ending homer of Crede's career. Chicago won its fourth straight and moved past Minnesota into the AL Central lead. The White Sox trailed 4-0 in the fifth inning and 6-2 in the seventh before coming back to send the Tigers to their sixth loss in eight games.

Indians 10, Royals 3

CLEVELAND — Rookie Grady Sizemore's RBI single with two outs in the ninth inning gave the Indians a 3-0 win and sweep of the day-night doubleheader. Chad Durbin (4-4) pitched a six-hitter against his former team to lead the Indians in the first game, who scored eight runs in the second inning off Chris George (1-2). Ronnie Belliard led Cleveland with three RBIs.



Boston's Bill Mueller watches the flight of his game-winning two-run home run in the bottom of the ninth inning at Boston's Fenway Park, Saturday. The Red Sox beat the Yankees 11-10.

Abbott ends drought as Phillies nip Cubs

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Paul Abbott got his first win with the Phillies and drove in the first two runs of his career to lead Philadelphia over Chicago Cubs 4-3 Saturday.

Abbott (1-4), signed on June 9 after Tampa Bay released him, allowed three runs and scored in his first 1-3 innings for his first win since April 21. He lost his first four decisions with the Phillies and hadn't won since April 21.

With closer Billy Wagner unavailable because of a strained left shoulder, Tim Worrell got six outs for his 10th save in 14 chances. Sammy Sosa and Derrek Lee homered for the second straight game for Chicago, which had won three in a row.



Philadelphia Eagles coach Andy Reid throws out the ceremonial first ball before the start of the Chicago Cubs-Philadelphia Phillies game Saturday in Philadelphia.

double. That finished Stanton (0-4), who led a charge of homers. Ricky Bottalico retired Andrew Jones and walked Johnny Estrada intentionally as the Mets looked for a double play. Instead, Bottalico also walked Eli Marrero, loading the bases. Braden Loper relieved and pinch-hitter Adam LaRoche delivered a sacrifice fly to give the Braves the lead.

Pirates 14, Reds 4

PITTSBURGH — Jason Kendall's two-run double put Pittsburgh ahead during a seven-run sixth inning and the Pirates rallied from three runs down to beat Cincinnati.

Jason Bay had two hits in the inning and Craig Wilson added a two-run single to help the Pirates overcome Cincinnati leads of 3-0 and 4-1 and win their 19th in 25 games.

Astrors 6, Brewers 3

HOUSTON — Tim Lincecum pitched three-hit ball over five innings in his return to Houston's starting rotation, and the Astros beat Milwaukee.

Eckersley, Molitor will be inducted into Hall of Fame

By John Keltus Associated Press writer



Paul Molitor

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — Dennis Eckersley and Paul Molitor excelled in the clutch, so they should be used to the nerves. Then again, induction speeches at the Baseball Hall of Fame are once-in-a-lifetime opportunities.

"I'm getting a little bit more anxious," said Molitor, on his way to the ceremony Sunday's ceremony. "There's a lot of things to handle."

Eckersley, a studio analyst on cable TV for Boston Red Sox home games, said he was "up-tight" about his induction.

"I feel like the kid that didn't study for his test until the last night," he said. "It's going to be difficult because when you research something like this, it's emotional, and I'm a very emotional guy. But I'm going to try to keep it together. It's amazing what a speech will do to you. I'd better get it done so I can have fun."

Getting it done was what both did during their long careers. In 24 seasons, Eckersley appeared in 1,071 games, the most of any Hall of Fame pitcher, and finished with a record of 197-171 and 390 saves.

Molitor, now a batting coach for the Seattle Mariners, played 21 seasons, including 15 with the Brewers. He joins Honus Wagner and Ty Cobb as the only players in history with 3,000 hits, 600 doubles and 500 steals.

"It's also the first Hall of Famer to have played over half of his games as a designated hitter," Molitor chuckled as a superstar in 1982, playing third base and batting leadoff for the AL

champion Brewers. Nicknamed "The Ignitor," Molitor hit .302, scored a team-record 136 runs and stole 41 bases. In Game 1 of the World Series, he became the first player in history to collect five hits in one game.

A seven-time All-Star, Molitor led the AL in runs scored and hits three times each and had a 39-game hitting streak in 1987, fourth-longest in AL history. He fully expected to follow in the steps of teammate Robin Yount and play his entire career in Milwaukee. But as a free agent in 1992, the Brewers were strapped for cash and could only afford to offer him a one-year deal for \$1.5 million. When the Toronto Blue Jays countered with three years for \$14 million, Molitor begrudgingly said goodbye.

"When I left for Toronto, I knew I spent a good portion of the season wondering if I had done the right thing," Molitor said.

Eckersley went 149-130 with a 2.71 ERA in 361 starts — including a no-hitter — but his claim to fame came after the Chicago Cubs dealt him to Oakland at the start of the 1987 season. At the time, his career season was not over.

And with his spiky black hair and distinct mustache, the fiery Eckersley relied on pinpoint control and was the most effective reliever in baseball from 1989-92, helping the A's win four division titles, three AL pennants and one World Series. He won the AL MVP and Cy Young Awards in 1992, going 7-1 with 51 saves and a 1.91 ERA.

Eckersley also is credited with coining the phrase "walkoff homer" — and the worst night of his career included one. He allowed Kirk Gibson's famous game-winning home run in the 1988 World Series, which helped propel the Los Angeles Dodgers to the title in five games.

Come Sunday, even that might be forgotten. "He had that moment, which was a wonderful moment for him," said Eckersley. "I have a nice life. Kirk, I'm in the Hall of Fame."

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Overshadowed

Doping issues take focus away from Athens

By John Marshall
Associated Press writer

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Ron Gardner returns to the Olympics after nearly freezing to death on a Wyoming mountain. Michael Phelps goes after Mark Spitz's record of seven gold medals. A n o t h e r Dream Team hopes to re-establish the United States as the world's best in basketball.

The Athens Games next month will be filled with intriguing stories. But will anyone notice? With the brouhaha over drugs and cheating athletes, much of the competition itself seems to have become secondary. "I really think it has overshadowed much of the attention that possibly could have gone to other sports and other athletes in the run-up period of the

games," U.S. Olympic Committee chief executive Jim Scherr said. "You know the old adage that any publicity is good publicity? Probably not in this case."

It's happened before. In the buildup to the 1994 Lillehammer Games, no one wanted to talk about speed-skater Dan Jansen's bid to finally win gold or skier Alberto Tomba's chase of history. The focus was on the drama involving Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan.

The doping scandal is far more reaching than a whack on the knee, of course. Four U.S. track athletes will not compete in Athens after testing positive for the designer steroid THIG, and sprinter Kelli White accepted a suspension even without a positive test for the drug. Four others have been charged with using THIG as part of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative distribution case. Marion Jones, the darling of the Syd-

ney Games, is being investigated by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. And while world record holder Tim Montgomery failed to qualify in the 100 meters — eliminating a headache for U.S. officials who accused him of using drugs — Torri Edwards and Calvin Harrison still face possible suspensions for using banned stimulants.

The mess has further tainted the image of all U.S. athletes, who will compete under a cloud of suspicion no matter how clean they are.

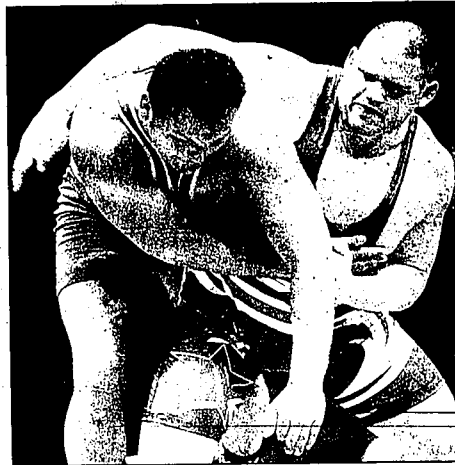
"I guess that's human nature with 'The Jerry Springer Show' and things like that," said Steven Lopez, a two-time gold medalist in 2000. "People are drawn to negativity and the negative part of everything."

Some people within the Olympic movement believe the problem could have been headed off years ago, Scherr said. "I think there is a prevail-

ing feeling in the Olympic family that more could have been done to prevent this," he said. "Had either the coaches or the officials with- in USA Track & Field proceeded more quickly to adopt an attitude and a stance and a program that was more reflective of a zero-tolerance program for anti-doping."

The scandal could force athletes in other sports to have to defend themselves against unfounded accusations in Athens, and it certainly has fostered resentment toward the cheaters.

"I think it's kind of pathetic," Lopez said. "I don't know how athletes could live with themselves when they go out there and win a gold medal or just get out there and perform when they know inside that they are taking some kind of performance drug." "It's pretty sad that they would stoop to that level."



Ron Gardner, right, controls Spain's Jairo Rodriguez during the Greco-Roman wrestling competition at the Titan Games in Atlanta, in this June 20, file photo. Next month's Athens games will certainly be filled with plenty of intriguing stories, including Gardner's return after nearly freezing to death on a Wyoming mountain, but will anyone notice? Maybe not if the U.S. track stars keep turning up with possible drug tests.

Just another day in Baghdad:

For Iraqi Olympians, security worries become one more hurdle on the road to the Olympics

By Tarek El-Tablawy
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Haidar Ali Lazem doesn't fear much on the mat. Iraq's Olympic hopeful in judo has won 13 championships and dreams of winning a medal at the Athens Games.

Off the mat is another story. While other Olympic athletes worry about eating right, getting enough rest and fine-tuning their training regimen, Lazem and 30 other Iraqis who will compete at the games spend much of their time worrying about getting shot, or worse.

"We're athletes," said Lazem, who was working out alongside a few boxers at an indoor basketball court. "If it was easy, then there would be no challenge."

Even getting to Athens could be an ordeal for Lazem. To catch a flight to Japan, where he will complete his training, he left Tuesday on a 620-mile drive to Amman, Jordan, a route filled with roadside bombs, mines, bandits and kidnappers.

"I don't like to complain," Lazem said. "but things could be better."

He broke away from the conversation to return to his training, first stretching and then grasping the collar of his partner Uday Tarek Hassan for the start of their grappling session.

Within minutes, both men, and

Lazem's trainer, were drenched in sweat as they practiced foot sweeps and hip-tosses. But the sweat wasn't because of the workout — at least not yet. The temperature rose above 110 degrees as steamy air flowed through vents that should have been cooling the court.

Athletes' equipment — when they have it — isn't much better. Lazem and some of the boxers lack protective gear. Three of the five boxers were working out in cross-trainers instead of the lightweight boxing boots that support their ankles.

Iraq's Olympic committee was reinstated by the International Olympic Committee in February, 10 months after it was dismantled following the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime.

Car bombs and gun battles have been an almost daily occurrence in Iraq, leaving sports far from a priority. The new fears have replaced the ones athletes had under the previous regime.

One of Saddam's sons, Uday, ran the Olympic committee and ordered athletes jailed and tortured for failing to perform up to his expectations.

Iraqi officials are well aware of how tough it will be to restore national pride to a country emerging from dictatorial rule and war.

"There's no question that these athletes have a lot to deal with that others don't," said Amer Abdel-Jalil, assistant to the secretary general of the Iraq Olympic



Haidar Ali Lazem, Iraq's Olympic Judo hopeful, reads the Quran with his son, Dinar, 4, at his home in Baghdad, Iraq, Monday.

Committee. "These are difficult times for the country, and it's hard for them to concentrate on their training when they're worried about getting back home early because of the security situation here."

Iraq has won only one Olympic medal, a weightlifting bronze at the 1960 Rome Games.



Haidar Ali Lazem, top, Iraq's Olympic hopeful, practices judo during his final training at the Al Mansour club in Baghdad, Iraq, Monday.

U.S. BASKETBALL TEAM

Brown may have real talented squad after all

By Tim Kawakami
San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — First, Larry Brown coached a team from out of nowhere to shock Shaq and Kobe. Next up for a Brown toppling: Serbia and Montenegro?

These are very different times — and Brown is a very different coach — for the U.S. Olympic men's basketball team, which is so far from a Dream Team that organizers don't bother to use that nickname anymore.

Instead, when the Athens Games begin next month, it will be Brown — coming off his NBA championship with the Detroit Pistons over the Los Angeles Lakers — and a happenstance lineup that features only two established superstars (Tim Duncan and Allen Iverson), Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant, by the way, said no thanks, though Kobe might have committed to play if Shaq was traded to Cuba.

Kevin Garnett, Tracy McGrady, Jason Kidd, Mike Bibby, and Pistons Ben Wallace and Richard Hamilton declined, too, for various reasons, some related to the time commitment of the Olympic practices and games and the fear of terrorist attacks. Add that to the memories of America's display of selfish, NBA-attitude basketball in a sixth-place debacle in the 2002 World Championships (won by the players who make up the Serbia and Montenegro squad) and ...

This might be the best situation for Brown, not known as a superstar-coddler but as a driven purist who demands that

every player meet his standard of proper team play. This also might be the first U.S. Olympic team of the "Dream Team" era that needs real coaching, a share-the-ball mentality and defensive effort to bring home gold.

OK, this isn't exactly a wondrous underdog when it can showcase Duncan rebounding, LeBron James dribbling, Iverson scoring, and Richard Jefferson, Dwyane Wade and Shawn Marion tearing up and down the floor.

But, compared with the previous three NBA-loaded Olympic teams, it's lacking in size (only Amare Stoudemire, Carlos Boozer and Emeka Okafor back up Duncan in the post), threadbare at point guard (only Stephon Marbury is a true point) and overloaded at small forward (Marion, Jefferson, James, Lamar Odom and Carmelo Anthony).

"We're not going to be an All-Star team," Brown said earlier this month. "But we have terrific talent. Our job is to play the right way and continue to uphold the great tradition we've had in Olympic competition."

Coach George Karl's 2002 World Championships team was much more accomplished, individually, featuring Jermaine O'Neal, Paul Pierce, Baron Davis, Andre Miller, Elton Brand and Wallace. But that team backed off during practices, never played as if they backed up a slew of ill-fated jumpers, fell flat early against Yugoslavia (the eventual champion, now reformulated as Serbia and Montenegro) and lost three of its last four games.

U.S. BEACH VOLLEYBALL TEAM

May's health becomes big question

By Chris Duncan
Associated Press writer

BELMAR, N.J. — Misty May and Kerri Walsh were once unbeatable in beach volleyball, winning 30 consecutive matches and 15 straight tournaments, from July 2003 to last spring.

The streak ended only after May pulled an abdominal muscle, and now rivals sense vulnerability in the world's top-ranked tandem, which will be digging for gold at the Athens Games.

"I don't see an aura of invincibility. I don't think they'll dominate like they have been," said Holly McPeak, who became the sport's youngest female player this summer.

McPeak and partner Elaine Youngs won a duel with 2000 Olympians Annett Davis and Jenny Johnson last year to earn the second American berth in Athens.

May played through her injury for three weeks in June, then sat out a month to let it heal. The 2000 Olympian said in early July she would rejoin Walsh at a tournament in Hermosa Beach in late July.

"I'm just being conservative. May said as she mingled with beach-goers at Belmar, N.J., a step on the AVP tour.

But Walsh is a little nervous, fighting the daily urge to call her partner Holly McPeak, who became "what she's feeling, it affects me," Walsh said. "She puts me at ease when she answers my questions."

May sidelined and Walsh playing with substitute partners, McPeak and Youngs emerged as medal contenders. The pair won five tournaments



Olympic hopeful Misty May digs a ball during the women's quarterfinal match at the AVP Nissan Series in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in this April 3, 2004 photo.

between May 30 and July 10, including a victory over Walsh and Jennifer Meredith in the championship match at Belmar.

American women have never won a beach volleyball medal.

May and McPeak teamed for a fifth-place finish in Sydney. Afterward, May told McPeak she wanted a new partner.

"I just wanted to step back and learn the game at a slower pace," May said.

Walsh was a member of the 2000 indoor team that finished fourth in Sydney. She was soured by the experience and decided to try the beach.

Family members and friends suggested they become partners and the duo earned five top 10 finishes in 2001 and earned \$111,750.

"For the first year, we did very well," May said. "The strongest international challengers in Athens are expected to be Brazilian pairs Shelda Bede-Adriana Behar and Ana Paula Connelly-Sandra Pires.

Bede and Behar, the 2000 all-time medalists in Sydney, are the top two all-time money winners on the FIVB, an international tour. They've won two events this year and haven't finished out of the top three in six starts.

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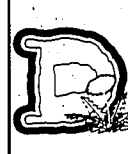


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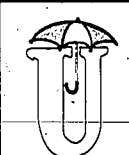


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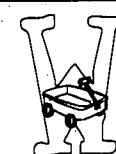


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Section D

Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

A place to stay
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County	June '04	Change from June '03
Blaine	\$842,487	up 23%
Cassia	\$455,000	down 6%
Gooding	\$72,259	up 28%
Jerome	\$235,263	down 16%
Lincoln	\$4,179	down 2%
Montida	\$91,869	up 8%
Twin Falls	\$1,073,038	up 5%
M.V.	\$2,542,447	up 7%

The State Tax Commission tracks lodging sales monthly. But because of the normal reporting lag, the June sales totals — for the most part — reflect activity that happened in May. Lodging totals include nontaxable sales, such as those to nonprofit schools or lenders or state government employees, in addition to taxable sales.

Source: Idaho State Tax Commission

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Financial planning class takes place

TWIN FALLS — The financial planning class "Building Your Financial Portfolio" will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Aug. 13 in Shields 116 at the College of Southern Idaho.

Students will learn how to turn \$25 a month into \$100,000 in just 10 years and have fun doing it, organizers say. Instructors Bobbie and Eric Christensen are not stockbrokers or financial advisers but are investors who have used this method for 20 years to achieve financial independence.

The Christensens have appeared on PBS' Smart Money and other TV and radio shows. They are retired bankers and co-authors of "Building Your Financial Portfolio on \$25 a Month (or Less)," "Top 50 Best Stock Investments" and five other books. They present this seminar and other nationwide.

Cost is \$30. An optional supplemental text is available at the workshops for \$14 each.

For information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

CSI center offers career workshop

TWIN FALLS — The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a career planning workshop designed for those who are beginning an education or new career, trying to identify interests or developing new skills.

A professional staff member will help participants identify their interests, discover their workplace talents, explore careers in demand and investigate their options.

Class will be held in two parts — from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday and Wednesday — at the Center for New Directions. Admission is free, which includes career tests. To sign up, call 732-6680 or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 6680.

Firm offers course on QuickBooks on Friday

TWIN FALLS — A course in QuickBooks will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Friday at Stevens Pierce & Associates, 320 Main Ave. N.

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For clients of Stevens Pierce & Associates, a certified public accounting firm, the cost is free for the first individual from a company and \$25 for each additional individual. Non-clients pay \$25 per person.

For information, call 734-8662.

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BREAKING BARRIERS



Jorge Rios, owner of JR Pivot Service in Burley, plans to be part of the new Hispanic Business Association sponsored by the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife say it's important for Hispanic-owned businesses to tap into the community as a whole.

Group aims to assist Hispanic entrepreneurs

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — They're already tough tasks: Applying for a start-up loan, navigating the maze of small-business regulation, catering to broad markets.

Add a language barrier or cultural differences, and the difficulties of entrepreneurship multiply.

That hasn't escaped business leaders' attention. A group designed to provide support for Hispanic business professionals in Mini-Cassia has reorganized.

The area's Hispanic Business Association is again holding meetings and recruiting members, said Jean Asson, executive director of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce. The group originally formed in 1999 in Rupert but "died out" due to lack of community support and participation, Asson said. Renewed interest in the association is a result of the increasing number of Hispanic-owned businesses in Mini-Cassia. But few of those businesses belong to the chamber, Asson said.

"Over the years, we've had a huge amount of Hispanic-owned businesses come into the area," she said. "They aren't in the minority anymore — we're fortunate to have them."

For example, about 60 percent of the businesses around Rupert's town square are Hispanic-owned, said Susie Rios of the Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor's Mini-Cassia Job Service. Rios is part of a group of businesswomen who are working with the chamber to reorganize the Hispanic Business Association.

That number alone proves the need for a business association that can serve as a conduit between the Mini-Cassia chamber and Hispanic business professionals, Asson said.

Universal challenges — compounded by language

The challenges all business owners face when starting out can be compounded for Hispanic business owners, especially for those who are more comfortable speaking Spanish, Rios said.

"Any employer lacks information on how to start a business — a lot of times they might not understand rules and regulations that they need to know," Rios said. "If you have a language barrier, that makes it more difficult."

Rios was a chamber member when she owned Plaza Azteca in Burley, a clothing shop that specialized in dresses, for weddings, proms and quinceañeras. She recently closed the family-operated business when her daughters went to college.

"It was one of the hardest things I've ever had to do," Rios said. Now, in addition to her work at Job Service, she does the accounting work for her husband Jorge's business, JR Pivot Service in Burley. The couple plans to join the chamber again through Jorge's business, Susie Rios said.

Jorge Rios, who is originally from the Mexican state of Jalisco, came to the United States years ago and worked in California's agriculture industry while taking English as a Second Language classes. He then trained to become a journeyman, skilled in electricity and irrigation systems. After working part-time for an irrigation company in Burley for several years, he started JR Pivot Service three years ago.

Tapping into the larger community

About 90 percent of the Hispanic-owned businesses in Mini-Cassia are owned by Mexican immigrants, said Jorge Rios, said retired Burley businessman Gladys Esquivel, who also is working to reorganize the Hispanic Business Association.

Many Latinos originally came to Mini-Cassia for seasonal agricultural work, Esquivel said. But as years passed, more Latinos who owned businesses in their native countries came to the area to join their families and to start businesses to serve the area's Latino community.

That's another area where a Hispanic business group can step in to help, said Alice Whitney, president of the Hispanic Business Association in Boise. There's a good reason Hispan-

ic business owners, especially those originally from Mexico, may be reluctant to join a chamber of commerce, she said.

"In Mexico, only the rich join chambers," Whitney said. "(Everyone else) is too busy making a living. It comes down to, 'Am I going to give \$100 to the chamber, or am I going to put it in inventory?'"

Hispanic business groups can help local chambers of commerce to explain the value of joining the chamber, like business promotion and networking opportunities, Whitney said. And the groups can help business owners understand the importance of catering to all consumers instead of only a niche group, she said.

While Hispanic-owned businesses can fill a niche for the Hispanic community, businesses must be careful not to alienate the community as a whole, she said.

"They should ask themselves, 'What does my community want from me, and who am I serving?'" Whitney said.

One way of looking at the issue is by looking at supermarkets, Asson said.

If a mainstream supermarket closes and a Hispanic business owner purchases the store, the new owner should keep similar inventory to what was in the store previously, while expanding a section of goods for its Hispanic customers, Esquivel said.

"It's about the integration of our communities," Whitney said. "(Hispanic business owners) need someone to come in and say, 'Maybe you've narrowed your focus too much.'"

Model organization

Boise's Hispanic Business Association serves as a model for members of the Mini-Cassia group, Esquivel said, especially in its community

Meeting time

The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce's Hispanic Business Association will hold a potluck meeting.

- When: 6:30 p.m. Aug. 6.
- Where: Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce office, 1177 Seventh St., Heyburn.
- Who: The meeting is free and open to the public.
- For information: Call the chamber at 679-4793.

outreach work. Among other accomplishments, the Boise chapter has created a statewide Hispanic business directory, hosts career development seminars and career days, participates in trade shows promoting Hispanic businesses and runs an internship program and a scholarship fund.

The Boise chapter also serves as Idaho's chapter of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, a national organization that serves as a network for Hispanic businesses.

"They've done a tremendous amount of work," Esquivel said.

Mini-Cassia association members plan to work with Boise chapter members to collaborate on projects and establish similar programs, Esquivel said.

The first steps to establish Mini-Cassia's Hispanic Business Association took place July 13. Chamber executive Asson called on Esquivel and the other businesswomen to identify and contact potential members, Esquivel said.

Through door-to-door visits and phone calls, the group identified more than 60 Hispanic Mini-Cassia business owners and invited them to the group's first meeting July 13. Almost a quarter of those invited owners, Esquivel

said, are women. Esquivel said that in part to the efforts of the chamber to cater to those who prefer to speak Spanish in business matters, Asson spoke to the group in English, while Esquivel translated.

"Probably everybody there could speak a little Spanish," Esquivel said. "But coming to an all-English chamber meeting would pose issues for some people. There was a need to communicate so everyone could feel comfortable."

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YOUR BUSINESS

Billy's Espresso reopens

By Amy Ballard
Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD — Commentators who had grown attached to Billy's Espresso blended mochas and Italian sodas this spring were dismayed when a sign reading "Closed for Slack" went up.

Former owner Bill Easterwood said the closure and his recent sale of the U.S. Highway 20 business are personal matters he does not care to discuss.

Rita and Elwyn Tupper, Fairfield residents for 30 years, took over on July 1, reopening the doors just in time for a few weeks that makes an ice coffee or ice cream especially appealing.

"People are realizing we're back open," Rita Tupper said during an interview at the ice-cream shop last week. "This is the perfect place to stop on the commute for a little refreshment."

Tupper, who worked in Hailey for 13 years, knows what she's like to commute. "I wanted to try my hand at this business partly because I was tired of making the drive," she said. "I wanted to do something closer to home."

In the few weeks she has run Billy's, Tupper said she has become reacquainted with a lot of old friends.

"I've gotten to see so many people I haven't seen in years. And I've met so many interesting people," she said. "One guy was bicycling from the East Coast to the West Coast and he stopped in and talked for a while. We've even had customers from Germany."

The menu has essentially remained the same as under the previous management.

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A turkey sandwich with iced tea and a bag of chips comes to \$5.55. A 16-ounce white mocha blended coffee with whipped cream is under \$4.

Tupper said Billy's popular Cascade Glacier ice cream is gaining a reputation as a treat for a hot day.

"Special requests are OK," Tupper said.

"We can pretty much make anything," said Sonya Tupper, a daughter-in-law of Rita and Elwyn.

Sonya, who lives in Kimberly, helps out on weekends for Billy's busiest days. The Tupper's daughter-in-law Chelsea has also helped get the business going. For the time being, the Tupper's are not seeking employees outside the family.

"That you know," Rita said.

"Things may change as we get busier."

MILESTONES

Lee Family Radio remains in the family

TWIN FALLS — Pending approval by the Federal Communications Commission, the next generation of the Lee Family Radio Group will soon assume ownership of its six Magic Valley radio stations.

According to Allen Lee, president of the radio group, the sale consists of a stock redemption transaction with Kim and Brent Lee of Twin Falls, buying the stock in KGMV and KJFA in Rupert and KZDX and KBAR in Burley. Kent and Nancy Lee of Jerome will purchase the stock in KMYX and KART of Jerome.

Allen D. Lee and Jo Renee Lee have been the principal stockholders of the stations with a daughter, Kim Hill and Keri Kinzel, along with the two sons, as minority stockholders.

Allen Lee said that, having been involved in broadcasting for 55 years, it was time to step aside. Lee began his broadcast career, soon after high school, as a transmitter operator with KVMY of Twin Falls in 1948. When the studios, which were located above the Idaho Theater, were combined with the transmitter site on Blue Lakes, Lee had the opportunity to start announcing for Twin Falls stations in the '50s. In 1960 he began working for KBAR in Burley, and in 1964 he and his wife Jo Renee purchased KART in Jerome.

"They added KMYX-FM in 1975, and in 1973 their oldest son, Kim, joined the sales staff. Kent joined the staff at KART in 1982. Expansion took place in 1987 with the purchase of KJFA of Idaho Falls and later the construction of KZDX, also in Idaho Falls. In 1993 the Lees bought Rupert stations KBKB and KNAQ. In 1997 they sold the Idaho Falls stations and bought the Burley stations.

Lee cited the six stations' accomplishments in local public affairs programming, including raising over \$150,000 in the "Kruzer for Kids" annual event, collecting over 4,000 turkeys in the past three years and raising money for many other causes. He also emphasized the stations' broadcasting of LDS conferences and high school sports.

Marketing Resource Group Inc. moves offices

TWIN FALLS — Marketing Resource Group Inc., a Twin Falls advertising agency, moved its offices to 317

Sixth Ave. N., in Twin Falls.

"Steady growth and demand for additional services has forced us to move into a larger facility," said Brian Croner, president and chief executive officer.

"We have added another layout and graphics system as well as adding a photography studio for product shots."

The new facility will allow MRG to grow, eventually adding new staff members.

MRG said it has clients in Twin Falls and throughout the United States and provides services including media production, media purchasing, layout and design, packaging, radio and television production, direct mail, collateral and print of purchase materials, plus strategic planning and consulting.

"We started in January of 2000 from just being a consultant to becoming a full-service advertising agency," Croner said.

Standard Plumbing remodels showroom

BURLEY — Standard Plumbing, at 336 Overland Ave. in Burley, is extensively remodeling its store and showroom.

The business will remain open through the remodeling and will still offer the same products and services, including a variety of plumbing supplies, tools, equipment and accessories. Store hours are Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

The construction will take about two to three weeks. A grand opening will be held following the completion of construction.

Tai Chi Chua'n/Qigong opens for business

TWIN FALLS — Tai Chi Chua'n/Qigong business early this month, teaching Chinese methods of health maintenance and fitness.

Owner and master instructor Jon Bakoly Dulling said Tai Chi Chua'n first evolved in China as an "internal" martial art but is practiced today primarily for medicinal value.

"Traditional series of movements are used in conjunction with breathing exercises in a slow, relaxed methodology to strengthen and enhance respiratory, muscular, skeletal, circulatory, nervous and immune systems of the body," Dulling said.

"Qigong means 'energy work' and is the ancient Chinese science and study of controlling the movement of energy throughout the body. It focuses on the structural alignment of the body during exercises that are used to dispense stagnant energy. These ancient exercises facilitate the cultivation, movement and direction of energy to promote health and longevity," Dulling said.

Dulling said his endeavors in Chinese arts have spanned almost three decades. He said he is ranked and accredited as a master instructor in both Taijiquan and Qigong.

Private instruction and group classes are available; services are by appointment only at 737-5251.

Instead of a grand opening, the business will hold an introduction demonstration at 6:30 p.m. Monday at 572 Madrona St. For information about the event, call 420-6488 or 733-9681.

CAREER MOVES

Vincent Giardina — Vincent Giardina placed third in the 40th annual SkillsUSA Cabinetmaking Championships at this summer's National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City.

Giardina was one of more than 4,200 vocational students competing in 77 trade, technical and leadership contests.

Goals to prove their skills for occupations including electronics, mechanical, woodworking, precision machining, medical assisting and culinary arts. Placement was judged by a panel of professionals from that field.

The cabinetmaking category required building a small cabinet. Contestants had eight hours to read the drawings, order the materials, and lay out and cut the parts using a table saw, laminate trimmer, hand drill, fingering machine and hand tools. All projects had to be accurately cut, sanded, assembled and adjusted to tolerances specified by the judges.

Giardina, of Caldwell, graduated from the CSI program in May. He spent three weeks with his instructor, Ken Triplett, preparing for the competition. Triplett said only three points separated the first-, second- and third-place winners.

Michael G. Scott

TWIN FALLS — Michael G. Scott was awarded the designation of master residential appraiser by the National Association of Master Appraisers. Scott is the owner of Faith Appraisals, a Twin Falls-based real estate appraisal firm.

The designation was awarded after Scott completed the education requirements, passed written examinations and met other criteria, including preparation of demonstration appraisals reports.

Rickey Helsley

TWIN FALLS — The American Legion, Department of Idaho, elected new officers for the 2004-05 year at its annual convention July 9-11 in Idaho Falls. Rickey Helsley of Twin Falls was selected and confirmed as the new department adjutant. He will assume his duties of carrying out the daily business of the American Legion at department headquarters in Boise.

Greg Cappel

HAILLEY — Greg Cappel, a certified financial planner and member of Money Concepts, attended an international financial planning conference in

Orlando, Fla., where he was awarded entrance into the Millionaires, Eagles and Professionals Club. He also was named Rookie of the Year for 2003.

Money Concepts Capital Corp. is an independent financial planning organization with more than 600 offices worldwide. Cappel has 18 years of experience as a financial planner and investment adviser with offices in Santa Rosa, Calif., and Hailey. He is a member of the Financial Planners Association and is licensed for general securities with the National Association of Securities Dealers. He focuses on retirement planning, investment and wealth management.

Cappel graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He lives in Hailey with his two daughters.

Cheerleading coaches

TWIN FALLS — Andrea Pierce and Amanda Shaw, owners of the Magic Valley Eagles All-Star Cheerleaders, attended the OPA National Coach's Conference, April 16-18 in Las Vegas.

Pierce and Shaw received certification for 12 hours of training relating to all-star cheerleading. The Magic Valley Eagles train at the Radio-Rondeau in Twin Falls.

Joel Reams

TWIN FALLS — Joel Reams of Jensen Jewelers completed a course of study through the Diamond Council of America in Nashville, Tenn., and obtained a degree of certified diamondologist.

The 21-lesson course on diamonds included color, clarity, cutting and carat weight; diamond treatments; synthetic diamonds and diamond jewelry. It presented information on where diamonds come from, how they're mined and processed, how they're cut and how they come to market. The program focuses on customer service and professionalism in the retail jewelry business.

Randy Musser

TWIN FALLS — Local auction professional Randy Musser attended the National Auctioneers Association's 55th

international conference and show July 13-17 in Madison, Wis.

The conference featured seminars on business ethics, selling commercial real estate, working with families during grief or controversy and inside secrets of top sales professionals. It included a technology summit and a bid-calling contest.

Musser is a member of the National Auctioneers Association. He owns Musser Bros. Auctioneers and specializes in agricultural and industrial auctions.

Cricket Mitchell

TWIN FALLS — The National Alliance for Insurance Education & Research selected Cricket Mitchell of Premier Insurance as the winner in competition for the 2004 Outstanding Customer Service Representative of the Year Award.

To qualify for the top state honor, candidates submitted an essay on the topic "Four Ways CNSA Can Make or Break an Agency." Also, the alliance said, they demonstrated commendable service to their agencies, industry and communities.

Each state winner is eligible to compete for the national honor, which carries a \$1,000 cash award, a gold and diamond pin and a scholarship for the recipient's employer to any program offered by the national alliance. Also, the name of the Outstanding CSR of the Year is inscribed on a sculpture at the national headquarters of the alliance in Austin, Texas.

Byran Newberry

TWIN FALLS — Byran Newberry of Canyonside Realty Inc. in Twin Falls attended a three-day Real Estate Professionals Marketing Seminar in Palm Desert, Calif.

Among the topics discussed were: Helping sellers maximize their homes' potential, marketing homes using technology, guaranteed customer satisfaction programs and assisting buyers through technology.

Newberry is in his third year in the real estate business and can be reached at the Twin Falls office of Canyonside Realty at 735-0590.

Real estate agents

BURLEY — Melody Evans, Myrna Korsen and Claudia Woodhouse joined Coldwell Banker Curtis Realty in Burley. They can be reached at 878-1751.

Evans has been in the Mini-Cassia area for 12 years. She has been employed in quality control for the past 10 years.

Korsen is a lifelong resident of Mini-Cassia. She has a bachelor's degree in education and was employed with the local school district.

Woodhouse has been married to Paul Woodhouse for 34 years; they have six grown children and 11 grandchildren. She grew up in Utah but raised her family in Oakley.

Paul Woodhouse

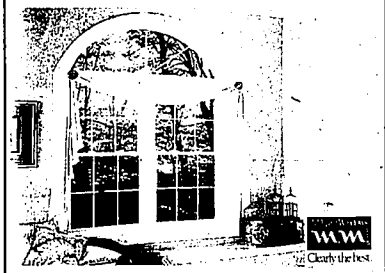
BURLEY — Paul Woodhouse joined D.R. Curtis Co. in Burley. Woodhouse grew up on a farm in Oakley and graduated from Oakley High School. He attended Utah State University and Brigham Young University before marrying Claudia Goodrich.

They continued to live in Oakley, working the farm and raising their family. Woodhouse can be reached at 878-1456.

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CAREER MOVES

Dr. R. Bret Campbell
BURLEY - Cassia Regional Medical Center announced the addition of Dr. R. Bret Campbell, specializing in family practice. Campbell is a graduate of the University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, Mo., and completed his residency training at the Wayne Medical Education Program, Fort Wayne, Ind. Campbell joins Drs. Holm and Klett and is accepting new patients at their offices in the CHMC Physicians Complex Suite C.

It can be reached at 878-9432.

Robin Payne
BURLEY - Donnelly Sports, at 1300 Overland Ave. in Burley, appointed Robin Payne as the new manager. The phone number is 677-4310.

Payne has 20 years experience in sales and service in Magic Valley. She has worked at the store for five years. Before being promoted, she was assistant manager. As manager, she will oversee all aspects of the business including merchandise, employees and purchase orders.

Donnelly Sports is a team and sporting goods store specializing in screen printing, embroidery, team apparel and uniforms. A discount loft will be added soon.

BUSINESS FILINGS

The Times-News

BOISE - Following is the list of businesses filed during June with the Idaho secretary of state's office - including both new ones and existing ones that have been filed with counties and had to be refiled with the state.

The first portion of the list was published Saturday.

Businesses are listed by name, agent, address and nature of business.

Featherbed Inn LLC, Lynn McDonald, 416 First Ave. N., Hailey, ID 83333.

Figgleleaf Productions, Dana Dugan, 317 E. Silver St., Hailey, ID 83333, services.

Flying Spear Outfitters and Adventures LLC, Steven Aslett, 212 Highland Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

GM LLC, Gregory R. Bloomfield, 10 N. Main St., Hailey, ID 83333.

Golden Elk Espresso & Bakery LLC, Michael H. Wilkinson, 620 N. Main St., Hailey, ID 83333.

H&H Drywall, Robert Hughes, 709 E. Ave. D, No. 3, Jerome, ID 83338, construction.

Halloran & Sons Antiques, Patricia Halloran Wheeler, P.O. Box 2155, Ketchum, ID 83340, retail and wholesale trade.

Hernandez Trucking, Victor G. Hernandez, 1451 Locust St. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, transportation and public utilities.

Higher Ground Ministries Inc., Sharon Ison, 2106 Maple, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Hofffield Farm Office, William R. Hofffield PA, 249 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Holstine Homes Real Estate and Management, Alta Lee Holstine, 213 Sage Road W., Jerome, ID 83338, finance, insurance and real estate.

Horizon Inc., Brian Satterwhite, 2011 K St., Heyburn, ID 83324.

Idaho Trading Partners LLC, Michael H. Felton Jr., 1020 Main St., Buhl, ID 83316.

Indoor Garage Sale, Freda Olson, 384 1/2 S. Locust, Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade.

Interstate Refuel & Tires, Robert Korh, 128 Saddle Road, Suite 103, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Intermountain Well Services, Gene B. Conley, 130 Lake St., Kimberly, ID 83341, services.

Interstate Refuel & Tires Service Inc., James Marshall, 1135 E. 1000 S., Eden, ID 83325.

Investors Development Co-Op LLC, Charles Correll, 115 First Ave. E., Jerome, ID 83338.

Isaiah, Inc., Diaron LLC, R.R. 104, Bellevue, ID 83313, retail trade.

J&J Cleaning Service, Judy Thomas, 3747 N. 2600 E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Jackson Golf LLC, David C. Hanson, 240 LeVelle Ave. N., Ketchum, ID 83340.

Jane's Montana Brown LLC, P.O. Box 9010, Ketchum, ID 83340, retail trade.

Johnsny Inc., Karen K. Johnson, 3374 N. 3350 E., Kimberly, ID 83341.

Joliff Counseling and Behavioral Health LLC, Edward K. Joliff, 253 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

JR Bull Riders Tour, Donnie Land, P.O. Box 403, Gooding, ID 83330, services.

Juniors (R3)'s Construction & Hauling, Hericlaviano John Alves Jr., 863 Hollywood Court, Twin Falls, ID 83301, construction and agriculture.

Keth's Hand Cleaner, Keith L. Wilson, 1337 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318, retail trade and manufacturing.

Kerr Auto Transport LLC,

Clinton J. Kerr, 1013 W. 400 S., Heyburn, ID 83336.

L.C. Pahr Canvas Co., Linda Pahr Bergerson, P.O. Box 1792, Ketchum, ID 83340, retail trade.

La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant Inc., Nicole Estrada, 1288 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

La Piedra Chiquita, Hilpolito Solorio, 301 E. 16th, Burley, ID 83318, retail trade.

Laughing Daisy, Jennifer Stephenson, 653 Blue Lakes Blvd., N. Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade.

Lava Lake Lamb, Lava Lake Land & Livestock LLC, 215 N. Main St., No. 204, Box 2249, Hailey, ID 83333, retail trade.

LDI LLC, Alan Bleeker, 2796 American Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Let It Bead, Applied Studio Inc., Barbara A. Yasenak, P.O. Box 2570, Ketchum, ID 83340, retail trade.

Let Them Eat Cake, Erin Shine, P.O. Box 85, Hailey, ID 83333, retail trade.

Li Bucks Bull Co., Donnie Landis, P.O. Box 403, Gooding, ID 83330, services.

Linn Farm, Gaylean Lynne, 208 Fafair Drive, Kimberly, ID 83341, services.

Lizzie Jane Jewels, Megan Burks, 106 Zinc Spur Road, Hailey, ID 83333, retail trade.

Malberg Studios, R. Dan Malberg, 2317 E. 3800 N., Filer, ID 83328, services.

Marathon Partners LLC, Edmund E. Dumke, 208 Sagesville Road, Sun Valley, ID 83353.

Mill-Stands.com, Dan R. Tuttle, 247 Jackson, Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade and manufacturing.

Miles D's Base Camp LLC, Miles Dalsher, 264 Rie Circle, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Mini-Cassidy Kirby, Marguerite Irigoyen, 2500 Overland, Suite 4, Burley, ID 83313, retail trade.

MNM Consulting Services, Margaret E. Wines, 3415 N. 1200 E., Buhl, ID 83316, services.

MNM Nutritional Consulting Services LLC, Dr. Margaret Winsky, 3415 N. 1200 E., Buhl, ID 83316.

Mold-Stoppers, Jo Groesbeck, 2995 Anderson Lane, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Montana Brown LLC, Douglas Brown, 76 E. Fork Road, Hailey, ID 83333.

Mormon Movies, Kurt Thompson, 148 W. Ave. K, Jerome, ID 83338, wholesale trade.

My Kids Count Enterprises, Karl Crane, 251 E. 300 S., Burley, ID 83318, retail trade.

Mythril Transport Systems, Norma J. Ratto, 525 Oregon St., Gooding, ID 83330, transportation and public utilities.



Britt Pond is an example of how canal companies are changing to meet today's concerns. This constructed wetland will serve a dual purpose: removing sediment and nutrients from irrigation return flows and providing irrigation water to subdivisions.

Irrigation changes over 100 years

TWIN FALLS - One hundred years of irrigation progress was on display in the Magic Valley last week.

Vince Alberdi told about 40 participants on the annual Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce Ag Tour he hoped they would step back 100 years before the Twin Falls Canal Co. began irrigating 202,000 acres - roughly 330 square miles - in the Magic Valley.

Alberdi, who is general manager of the Twin Falls Canal Co., credits the financial backers of TFCO for opening up south-central Idaho for agricultural production.

"They had vision in those days," he said. "They didn't know how to say 'no.'"

"Thanks to that vision, the Twin Falls tract alone produces 1500 million of raw agricultural product, Alberdi said.

Frank Buhl, for whom the town of Buhl was named, was one of the backers who didn't know the money in the steel mills of Pennsylvania and came west with \$25 million he was looking to invest.

"He was a guy with backbone. They always gave him reasons, why he couldn't do it and he always did it," Alberdi said.

Country-of-origin labeling bill suffers blow in House
TWIN FALLS - On Thursday,

Farmbeat

Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

a proposal to return mandatory country-of-origin labeling - passed in the 2002 Farm Bill - to voluntary status was approved by the House Ag Committee.

The move leaves some dismayed, some outraged and some overjoyed.

"National Farmers Union President Dave Fredrickson is one of the dismayed."

"Voluntary country-of-origin labeling is similar to a voluntary speed limit. It's just not realistic," Fredrickson said.

"There is no reason to believe that the companies that profit from importing cheaper food products from other countries would voluntarily label these products, especially when numerous surveys show consumers prefer to buy U.S.-origin foods."

Gary Mickelson, director of public affairs for Tyson Foods, however, said it's the mandatory labeling that isn't realistic.

"We believe this approach will allow the food chain to realistically address problems

associated with a mandatory program by replacing it with a workable voluntary plan," he said.

Groups fight decrease of potato acreage
BLACKFOOT - Planted potato acres might be down, but promotion of U.S. potatoes is up.

The July crop production report, published by National Agricultural Statistics Service/USDA shows that planted acres are down seven percent from 2003 with 1.18 million acres planted.

But potato-industry groups continue to work to boost the famous Idaho product.

The U.S. Potato Board was allocated \$2,955,940 for 2004 under USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service's Market Access Program.

This increased allocation - up 5 percent from 2003 - doubles resources USPB uses to drive usage of U.S. potatoes and potato products, to gain improved market access, and to enhance export opportunities for U.S. potatoes.

Dick Okray, Wisconsin potato grower and USPB chairman of international marketing attributes the increase in USDA dollars to USPB's strategy for marketing to foreign countries.

"The application earned the board an increase of dollars to put toward opening new markets and increasing international consumption," Okray said.

Growers are surprised by increased acreage
TWIN FALLS - Producers and dealers of dry edible beans in Idaho say they're surprised that the state's plantings rose this year by 5,000 acres, according to a June 30 report from the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The report, which used data from the first half of June, said total acreage increased from 75,000 last year to 80,000 this year.

Brent Zeyer of Melmont Bean & Seed Co. at Melmont, near Nampa, said that in his area it seemed like, if anything, commercial bean plantings were a little down from last year.

And Keith Shark of Rangen Inc. bean dealership in Buhl said acreage was about the same or perhaps slightly less in his area of the state.

"What we thought was going to be down was up," said Doug Carlquist, who grows beans in the Eden-Hazelton area.

Summer vacation doesn't have to bust your budget

NEW YORK (AP) - When it comes to vacation planning this year, many families are finding that almost everything costs more. Plane tickets are more expensive, hotel room rates are up, and car rental prices - and the gasoline to fill the tanks - have risen.

There are ways to get away this summer without busting your budget, consumer and travel experts say.

"People get it into their minds that they have to travel across the country or to another country to have a good time, but they often are good cabins or campgrounds that tend to be underused, especially in the state parks."

For longer trips, Dunnann and other experts suggest consumers shop online for tickets and hotels but also check local travel agents to see if they can get better prices.

"A lot of people surf the Web looking for deals," she said. "Travel agents do the same thing, but they have more time to surf and more knowledge about the industry."

Travel agents often get a fee for their work and a commission for booking a trip, so consumers should ask what the costs are going to be, Dunnann said.

Lisa Lee Freeman, deputy edi-

tor of Consumer Reports Money Adviser newsletter, said many of the best deals are online, but you have to hunt for them.

A good starting point for plane tickets are the "big three" travel aggregation sites: Expedia.com, Orbitz.com and Travelocity.com.

"Remember that discount airlines don't show up on these sites," Freeman said. "So it's best to figure out which airlines fly to the city where you want to go and check their Web site directly."

Discount airlines include AirTran, America West, JetBlue Airways and Southwest.

Freeman said that Consumer Reports generally doesn't recommend using the so-called opaque travel sites Priceline.com and Hotwire.com because consumers aren't told what they're paying for until they've actually committed to the purchase.

"When it comes to hotels, she said, don't necessarily go for the cheapest place you can find, she advised.

"There is a reason it is the cheapest," Freeman said. "It could be in a bad part of town or be run-down."

Again, deals can be found on aggregation sites - Quirkbook.com and Hotels.com. But consumers also should check a specific hotel's site to see if it's running a special that isn't showing up elsewhere.

"If you find a hotel online, always call the hotel directly to see if you can negotiate an even better deal," Freeman said. "Even if they won't come down on the rate, they might be willing to throw in extras, like a free breakfast or free parking."

Customers approve of service on airlines

By Justin Bachman
AP Business Writer

CONSUMER VIEWS: Their initial service is generous, but the nation's airlines are enjoying a rare good year when it comes to consumer perception.

Nearly three-quarters of adults, 74 percent, felt the airlines did a "good job of serving their consumers," according to an April telephone query of 979 adults by Rochester, N.Y.-based market researcher

Harris Interactive.

That was a 10 percent jump from last year, and 23 percent better than in 2001. The Harris Poll asks the question annually for various industries.

Among other industries, supermarkets (87 percent) and computer hardware makers (73 percent) scored well. At the bottom of the rankings were tobacco companies, managed care companies and the large oil companies - which have been benefiting from higher gas prices this year.

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Betty Tarpley of Gresham, Oregon, who is the lead volunteer for the local 'Elder Friendly Business Certification Program' is served by Mark Guernsey at a Sharis restaurant in Gresham, Ore., Thursday. Tarpley, a member of Elders in Action, says this restaurant has been certified elder friendly and has a sticker on the entrance.

Secret shoppers scout out stores

The Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio — Sam Burnett walks through the grocery store, making sure the aisles are wide, the canned goods are within reach and prices are easy to see. Burnett is a secret shopper of sorts — a volunteer who estimates whether stores are "elder friendly." He works for the Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio, one of 11 government agencies in cities nationwide that check businesses and public places and advise them how to remove the obstacles that older people face.

"The changes are significant — pharmacies adding benches to give shoppers a place to rest, grocery stores taking big carts out of the highest shelves and restaurants training employees on the special needs of older customers."

"Once they began to hear what our concerns were, they started to pay attention," said Burnett, 72, a retired school administrator.

The Elder Friendly program began in Portland, Ore., in 1995. Since then 190 businesses in the area ranging from auto repair shops to funeral homes have been deemed accessible and accommodating to older adults. They're also listed in a directory distributed all over town.

Businesses ask to be evaluated. The program isn't meant to

be punitive.

In the beginning, businesses were reluctant, said Becky Wehrli, executive director of Portland's Elders in Action. "A lot of them didn't understand why they should target the older market," she said. "They didn't know what the benefits would be for them."

That's not a problem anymore.

"We've made it a point to say elder friendly is good for all customers," Wehrli said. "Others were a little hesitant, but we had young babies, want wide aisles and easy access to restrooms, too."

Older adults also represent a fast growing segment of the population. It's expected their numbers nationwide could nearly double in the next 25 years and that one in five Americans will be over age 65.

Stores are beginning to see the value in attracting those customers.

"The idea being the right thing to do, it's good for business," said Gary Huddleston, a spokesman for Kroger Co.

The grocery chain offers older customers their own keys to its customized carts so they don't have to stop at the customer service desk. Its new stores are designed with wide aisles and restrooms near the front.

Glynda Sutter, 84, said the Kroger store in Toledo where she shops could use a bench so

that older shoppers could take a break.

"I know some people that won't come because it's too much walking," she said.

Shari's Restaurants, which has about 30 locations around Portland, replaced the springs on its chairs after hearing how heavy they were for older customers.

Some of its restaurants dedicated parking spots for seniors only, said David Archer, a company spokesman. The changes were a result of suggestions from Elder Friendly volunteers.

"They look at it from different eyes," Archer said. "It makes sense."

Wehrli, whose organization helps other agencies start Elder Friendly, said budget cuts facing many social service groups and the daunting task of adding a new program has hindered its expansion.

The Areawide Aging Agency in Oklahoma City started the program a year ago and has certified 20 businesses.

A hospital added mirrors at its cafeteria buffet table so customers in wheelchairs could see all the offerings. Following a review, a toy store realized it

needed to clear bulky displays out of aisles.

Even the agency's office needed a fix, said Ieton Woody, director of the Elder Friendly program. A few volunteers complained that the building's doors were too heavy so automatic doors were installed.

"Seniors call regularly to find out if a certain business is certified," Woody said. "They want to shop at places that are elder friendly."

The program evaluates grocery stores in the Toledo area.

Teams of three or four people visit the stores at different times of the day, usually during a two-week period. Stores don't know they're coming. The volunteers fill out a 13-page evaluation noting such things as whether the stores had consistent lighting and a helpful staff.

Once the evaluators have finished, looking through a business, they meet with store managers to suggest improvements.

Burnett, who said he always left the shopping to his wife before, he started going undercover in the stores, said the results have been rewarding.

"I feel like I've made a contribution," he said. "The older I get the more concerned I am about things like seniors being able to find the restrooms. I never thought of that before."

Coupon users save at an amazing clip

The Orange County Register

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Her husband, her children and her own mother think she's obsessed, but Laura Nygaard can't imagine grocery shopping without her coupons.

The 43-year-old rancho Santa Margarita stay-at-home mom racks up tales of her coupon savings the way some people rack up stories about fish they caught or romantic conquests. She regularly saves \$75 to \$100. Her personal best was \$176 on a \$211 bill.

With these kinds of regular savings, the only thrill left for a coupon aficionado such as Nygaard is finding converts to her way of shopping.

Already a coupon user, she kicked things into high gear after learning about cutouther.org, a Web site that posts weekly coupons and supermarket sales and encourages shoppers to donate items to the needy. It is, she said, just what shoppers "who don't coupon" need to change their money-burning ways.

"Most of the time, I won't even buy something if I don't have a coupon," she said. "I'm ashamed to say it's my hobby."

American consumers saved nearly \$3 billion last year by using coupons. That figure may astound shoppers who dismiss

coupons as offering only negligible savings. After all, the face value of the average coupon is 85 cents. But consider that last year consumers threw away \$267 billion in potential savings, according to Carolina manufacturers' service, or CMS, which processes redeemed coupons for manufacturers and retailers.

Earlier this year, Nygaard and two other Southern California women started gathering coupon and supermarket deals for Stephanie Nelson, the Atlanta woman who started cutouther.org in 2001. At first, Nelson's goal was to help other Atlantans save enough money to make it easy to donate items to local food banks and soup kitchens.

She's very infectious with her drive. She's very enthusiastic," said Susan Lemio, assistant director of North Fulton Charities, a food bank in suburban Atlanta. "She brings in weekly groceries, and she's got quite a following that donates to us, too."

The site became so popular that the 40-year-old former sales and marketing executive began adding deals for other cities' markets. She said she started with Southern California for two reasons. The first, the substantial deals she said the area's markets offer. The second reason was learning that, despite those deals, nearly 12 percent of Californians live in poverty.

"I thought, 'Here's a place where you can have a lot of impact,'" she said.

The biggest regional group of

visitors to Nelson's site now comes from Southern California, she said — about 10,000 she estimated. An independent marketing survey she commissioned found that 20 percent of the average total of 60,000 regular users buy items to donate to charity.

"It's taken the hard work out of using coupons," Nygaard said, who shops almost daily and frequently delivers bins of groceries to local charities such as Saddleback Community Outreach. The items she brings in are "a great help," said food-pantry director Shirley Longfield.

Those savings also can make a big difference in household budgets.

"Ideally, the idea is to put that money back into their other financial goals. The trick is to get those coupons users to actually save that money," said Lisa Taitman, a Laguna Hills financial planner. "Sometimes I find that coupon users say they just saved \$50 at Wal-Mart, so then it's easier to go and spend \$75 at Mervyn's, that was never on the list in the first place."

Shoppers who don't use coupons generally complain they take too long to clip or that using them means buying undesirable or unnecessary items

such as discontinued brands of air-line beer.

"That's the really sad part," said Lorraine Gallaher, marketing director for CMS. "So many people just think they're too busy to save ... that they don't have time for such small savings."

Still, Nygaard said shoppers do have to be flexible about brands and stores if they want to save money with coupons.

"It's about learning to coupon effectively. That (savings) allows you to spend money on something else that you wouldn't be able to," she said.

The average coupon user saves about \$12 a week for about 20 minutes of planning and coupon cutting, or about 10 percent to 12 percent off the average. American family's shopping bill of \$100 a week, Gallaher said.

Happy campers often ride in luxury coaches

Chicago Tribune

When Joe Kovac leaves his ranch house for a weekend away from west suburban Woodridge, Ill., he slips behind the wheel of his second home.

"Exterior-wise, imagine a standard-issue rock star bus: black and gray with aluminum truck wheels," said Kovac, 41, who repairs pumps for a living and drag-races hot rods for a kick.

Riding with him in the 39-foot powerhouse motorhome — with a fully equipped kitchen, a home theater in the expandable living area and a queen-size bed in the expandable bedroom — are his wife, Glenda, and their kids, Samantha, 6, and Jack, 3.

And our dog, named Angel, who is a dog, she travels with us, said Kovac.

As does Joe's souped-up 1978 Cutlass, parked in a trailer that is hauled by the family's diesel-powered playpen, bought in March for \$160,000, which is more than they paid for their house nearly a decade ago.

Welcome to the recreational vehicle life — baby boomer style. Members of the Woodstock generation who once clutched their noses at all things conventional, appear to be embracing these gas-guzzling icons of Americana, and they are going for much more powerful and luxurious versions than were available to their parents.

"For a generation that started out in sort of a rebellious mode, they are going for much more premium," said Anne Brower, senior partner at retail consultants McMillan/Doolittle.

"And this seems entirely in character, because travel and adventure are part of what boomers crave, and it may not be convenient anymore to travel on the Harley," she said.

Americans bought 289,035 motor homes and towable trailers last year, the biggest total since 190,669 were sold in 1978, according to Statistical Surveys.

Wholesale shipments to dealers are expected to rise 2.9 percent this year, hitting a quarter-century record, and retail sales should rise by a similar percentage, said Richard Curtis, director of surveys of consumers for the University of Michigan.

Some 350,000 people turn up each month at the United States, providing an enormous and growing pool of potential buyers for at least the next decade," Craig Kennison, senior research analyst with Robert W. Baird & Co., stated in a recent industry report.

Adding to the pool of potential buyers are those who no longer want to fly since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, said Tom Malowich, president of Statistical Surveys.

"Some people don't like to be touched, patted or set aside," he said.

Of course, the \$12 billion industry has its vulnerabilities, most tied to the economy and consumer confidence levels.

After hitting a high-water mark in 1978, for instance, the industry tanked because of high inflation and fuel prices.

More recently, the industry gained ground through the 1990s but saw sales fall off immediately after Sept. 11. Business picked up and optimism rose in the fall of 2002, leading dealers to build up inventory for the spring of 2003, only to have the war in Iraq stall sales.

"The industry went into a panic mode," said Guy Nielsen, an analyst with Nutmeg Securities. One effect was heavy discounting to move inventory in the first half of last year.

Momentum started to build in the fall of 2003, and business

has been good so far this year, leading to record sales at such manufacturers as Thor Industries Inc. and Monaco Coach Corp.

"Twin clouds — rising interest rates and gas prices — loom on the horizon, but observers say the threats remain distant."

"Interest rates will become a factor, but they are so low now they will have to go up a couple hundred basis points and they are a factor," Nielsen said. "And the most important thing about fuel is that it's available," he said, unlike in 1973 and 1974, when there were shortages.

"If prices keep rising, it could shave demand," he said, but so far the impact appears minimal.

Shifts in the industry have contributed to the current momentum.

Younger RV buyers "have branched out further than camping," said the University of Michigan's Curtis. "There are all sorts of \$160,000, which is more than they paid for their house nearly a decade ago."

Product lines have expanded to adapt to the changing appetites of the RV buyer, with prices ranging from \$5,000 to \$100,000 for the most modest towable units, to \$1 million or more for the ultralux motor coaches.

"One thing that's so different is how much is for the upscale market," said Monaco Coach Chief Executive Officer Kay Toole. "It's no longer Joe Six Pack with a camper, out roughing it."

A 40- to 42-foot American Eagle motor home, for instance, can have such amenities as the floors, tongue-and-groove woodwork, slide-out walls to create living quarters, dual surround sound Carian countertops and three televisions, said sales staffer Crystal Valley RV in northern suburban Island Lake, Ill. The dealership sells these models, which list for \$110,000 to \$170,000.

And companies such as Monaco have developed luxury resorts catering to motor coach owners.

Its Outdoor Resorts India, near Palm Springs, Calif., has an 18-hole golf course, a health spa, four swimming pools, four lighted tennis courts and a five-hole mini-golf course.

And Jim Owens, a Des Plaines, Ill., couple that camp with their two daughters in a modest towable RV, which bought used for \$8,000, have seen such high-end parks as Florida.

"You'd feel like an outcast. Like the Beverly Hillsites, if you pulled in with something less than a \$200,000 motor coach," joked Jim Owens, 39, a commodities trader.

Another shift has been to ward sales of diesel-powered motor homes, which have greater power and speed than gasoline-powered RVs.

"If you're on a 75 mph road and you put it on cruise control, you'll keep up with everybody," said John Sward, sales manager of Camp Land, a dealership in Burns Harbor, Ind.

The gains may also have something to do with the industry spending heavily to market to baby boomers.

A \$50 million ad campaign was launched in 2003, using the voice of actor Tom Selleck, and it will run through 2005. This comes atop \$60 million spent between 1997 and 2002.

"The thing that really got me was a commercial the RV association ran three or four years ago, showing someone pulling up to a fork in the road," said motor home owner Jim Owens, a 45-year-old stagehand who lives in Chicago's Old Irving Park neighborhood, as he reminisced how the traveler in the commercial had the freedom to pursue in either direction. "I like spontaneity."

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Authors: Use lawyer when making a will

Knight Ridder News Service

It should have been a straightforward tale of business succession. A father and his son had managed a bowling alley together for a number of years and when the dad died, the younger man inherited the business.

But that's when the family feud began. To save on taxes, the father had put the bowling alley in one company and formed another company to hold the building and the land. Apparently through an oversight, he left the company holding the real estate to his son and his other children.

That's when the son with the bowling alley in a compromising position with his siblings, "They turned out to be rent for higher-than-market rates, and showing no compassion for their brother's ability to make a living," says Les Kotzer, a Toron-

to wills and estate lawyer. "The case illustrates the type of internecine warfare that can develop when wealth passes from generation to generation."

Kotzer and his partner, Brook Fish, have just written a book, "Family Fight: How to Avoid It," that details the pitfalls of inheritances, their potential to tear families apart and how to avoid such conflicts.

It's aimed at the traditional middle class, says Kotzer, because it also addresses inheritance issues that crop up as a result of second marriages and blended families.

It has become a hot topic, Kotzer says, as the crush of baby boomers begins to inherit wealth from their parents. Exacerbating tensions, he says, is the reality that some credit card debt, however, are "depending on inheritances from their Dependent-era parents will fight tooth-and-nail because they don't want to let a penny of their inheritance go."

The Sept. 11 tragedy also has prompted more people to face their own mortality, the possibility of unexpected death and the need for estate planning. "Despite the proliferation of will kits and online forms that are supposed to make will preparation easy, Kotzer says, "I'm telling people to go to a lawyer, then get a lawyer to have a will drafted."

The will that caused the bowling alley conflict was handwritten, Kotzer says he's seen sizable estates governed by homemade wills "with plenty of confusing problems."

Many books address estate planning from a tax-savings point of view. Not this one. "We're not talking about saving tax, we're talking about saving families," Kotzer said.

The book gives practical advice on drawing up a will, appointing executors, organizing personal affairs and possessions so relatives aren't at

each other's throats, and avoiding unintentional inequities.

"I've seen fights over CD players, dining-room tables, T-shirts, crazy things," Kotzer said. "Sometimes family relations are already strained. But you make things a lot worse by not anticipating problems and discussing your plans while you're alive," Kotzer said.

Some parents, however, find it difficult to talk with their children about death, and some adult children hesitate to broach the topic because they don't want parents to think they're after their money.

But communication is crucial, Fish and Kotzer say. If, for example, a parent decides to leave more to one child than another or cuts a child out of a will, they should be leaving a letter or videotape in which the parent explains the reasons for his or her decision.

If a challenge is anticipated, lawyers suggest attaching a document attesting to mental competency at the time a will is signed.

Kotzer and Fish have even coined a term, "unintentional inequality," when parents, think they're being fair—but unintentionally distribute their estates inequitably, setting up conflicts between heirs.

One example: a parent who leaves a cash collection valued at \$10,000 to one child and \$10,000 in cash to another child. Over 20 years or so the coin collection may have appreciated and be worth considerably more than \$10,000, leaving the cash inheritance remains static.

He advises people to review their wills frequently—at least once every five years—and more often if family circumstances change.

Second marriages can also be a treacherous area when the deceased has inheritances unless the will or her intentions in a will. Kotzer said he has seen a number of cases where one of the partners in a second marriage dies and leaves everything to the surviving spouse with the understanding that when the spouse dies, she will provide for the children of the first marriage.

But that doesn't always happen. Sometimes the spouse leaves everything to his or her own children, leaving one set of kids without the antiques that have been in their family for generations, their dad's awards or a stake in a business a parent may have worked a lifetime to build.

"Parents often make big assumptions when estate planning and one is goodwilled among family members," Kotzer said.

While planning ahead won't eliminate all possible family conflicts over inheritances, the lawyers say it should at least minimize the risk of inheriting family turmoil along with the heirlooms.

Elder care impacts employers

Knight Ridder News Service

When most people hear about work-family conflicts, they think of parents trying to make it to their kids' soccer games or tending to sick children. But employers are realizing that workers also struggle with practical and emotional issues that can affect their work. And as the population ages, more workers will fall into that group.

In California, it's estimated that 1.8 million families are caring for someone age 50 or over—and half of the primary caregivers also work outside the home. National surveys show the number of employees that older workers help with elder care is growing. And more than 90 percent of companies expect an increase in the number of employees who are caring for elderly relatives, according to the Society for Human Resource Management.

"People are coming in late, they're leaving early, they're spending personal time on the phone dealing with these issues, they're mentally distracted," said Erica Dinger, a research analyst with the AARP (formerly the American Association of Retired Persons) in Washington.

Some companies, including Cisco Systems, are expanding their elder care offerings from simple referrals to include workshops and more personalized help.

Cisco technical writer Deborah Wible and her sister used a conference call with a counselor from the program to discuss their mother's failing memory and emotional health. The counselor helped them assess their mother's living situation and gave Wible and her sister psychological support.

"Just sharing the thoughts with a third-party observer was helpful," said Wible, whose mother and sister live in Southern California.

Elder care can involve more hands-on work, as well, as Wible discovered soon afterward when her mother-in-law had a heart attack and stroke. She is now living with Wible and her family as she recuperates. Wible has had to change her work hours some, not staying late at the office as often as she used to. And she says she's grateful to have learned through Cisco's seminars about company resources, such as respite care, that are available if she needs them.

"I never really thought about these things until both our parents needed assistance," Wible said.

The wide-ranging challenges employees face when helping elderly parents make it difficult

Working caregivers

Employers feel the impact ...

Employers who say the following effects on working caregivers can be seen in their organizations:

- Absenteeism (partial days) **82%**
- Absenteeism (full day) **50%**
- Workday interruptions **44%**
- Mental distractions **41%**
- Excessive personal phone calls **37%**
- Stress-related health problems **29%**
- Attrition/turnover **18%**

Source: Society for Human Resource Management 2004 ElderCare Survey
Graphic: San Jose Mercury News

...and offers services

Employers who say they offer the following services for employees struggling with elder care issues:

- Assistance program for counseling and support **89%**
- Paid sick leave for elder care issues **54%**
- Flextime for elder care issues **45%**
- Elder care referral service **21%**
- Literature or education on elder care issues **17%**
- Long-term care insurance covering older relatives **16%**
- Caregiver support groups **7%**

to design a one-size-fits-all support system. Some have parents living with them; others are providing support to parents in other states or countries. Some workers' parents need round-the-clock care for years; others live mostly independently, with occasional crises.

Companies and experts say that successful elder care programs help not only employees but also employers, by allowing employees to concentrate more on work. For some workers, simply having an employer bring visibility to the issue is helpful.

Although employees dealing with elderly parents face similar issues, the parents of young children—both seek flexibility in when and where they work, for example—the emotional backdrop of elder care can be more difficult. People expect to make decisions about their children's lives, but not about their parents'. And it's easier to share a funny anecdote about a toddler than a story about a parent's declining health and independence.

Elder care benefits for workers can take many forms:

• Counseling on elder care issues is frequently provided through a company's employee assistance program, often by an outside contractor.

• Many employers offer refer-

als to elder care resources in the community; in some cases, to help workers whose parents live far away, they offer referrals to other cities as well.

• Companies may offer seminars or brown-bag lunches for employees to discuss elder care issues.

• Some employers offer employees access to long-term care insurance. Hewlett-Packard offers group rates on long-term care insurance that employees can purchase for themselves or relatives, though the company does not contribute to the premiums.

• A less common benefit is backup care for elderly relatives.

• Forster, a San Francisco law firm, has a contract with a company that will provide a caretaker if an elderly relative's caretaker can't make it.

• The state of California's new paid family leave program will offer partial pay, starting July 1, to workers who take time off to care for a seriously ill relative. It covers only time off to deal with serious illness, not some of the more routine elder care tasks.

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Pricey wedding? Save on your honeymoon

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK If you're getting married and thinking your honeymoon is getting too high, look into holding down the cost of the honeymoon.

Couples spend an average of \$3,400 on a one-week honeymoon, according to a new report from Budget Intobank. That's after they've spent an average of \$22,000 for their wedding.

If you're traveling agents, hoteliers and restaurateurs that you're on a honeymoon, you might get special deals—perhaps free champagne or a room upgrade, says Amy Shey, a spokeswoman for TheKnot.com, which specializes in wedding-related advice and services.

Making your priorities before making any arrangements. Do you want to get away from it all, be pampered or have an adventure? You're planning within a budget, knowing that you

want most can help you pick the ideal destination and get the most for your money.

To reduce travel expenses, build up your frequent-flyer miles by charging your wedding expenses on an airline rewards card.

Check all airports within driving distance—some may offer better deals. Taking a train may be cheaper.

Check out the benefits that go with credit cards, club memberships and insurance you already may carry for your use rental cars, or your credit card may entitle you to a discounted meal at a good restaurant.

Bankrate.com says another way to reduce your honeymoon costs is to plan the trip a year or more in advance, or at the very last minute—two weeks before your departure. That way you could help your search-out bargain prices on airfare and lodging.

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• upgrades - Ceramic tile central air
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• 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, New vinyl win-
• dows, siding and auto sprinklers.
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• 4 bedrooms, 2 baths,
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• with extra large garage, shop, pool, and large lot
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• \$129,500 • Jerome • MLS#109778
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Sunday, July 25, 2004

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Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: How do you work out the likelihood of a split...

an unpassed partner at any vulnerability. I think it is safer to bid now than later...

ANSWER: The easiest way to sum up the answer is that if you are missing an even number of cards...

Dear Mr. Wolff: My partner has recently criticized me for not leading from an ace-king combination...

ANSWER: I firmly believe in leading from an ace-king, unless leading a trump might gain a tempo in stopping a crossruff...

Dear Mr. Wolff: Holding ♠ K-4, ♥ J-9-5-2, ♦ A-10-8-6, ♣ 3, I heard my partner open one club...

Red Menacer, Charlton S.C.

ANSWER: With four diamonds and four of a major, responder would bid majors before minors...

ANSWER: My choice would be to pass, then back to over my LH's call with two hearts...

Dear Mr. Wolff: A few weeks ago you recommended doubling one heart with ♠ K-J-5, ♥ Q-4, ♦ K-Q-7-2, ♣ Q-J-3-2...

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ANSWER: Without the heart queen I would double one heart facing

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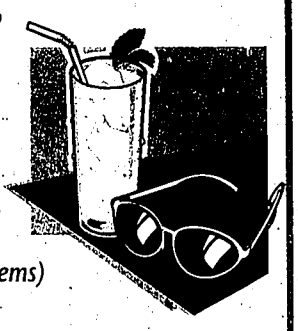
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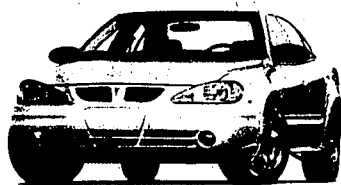
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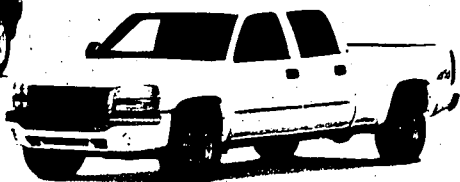
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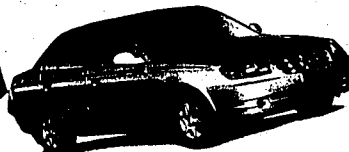
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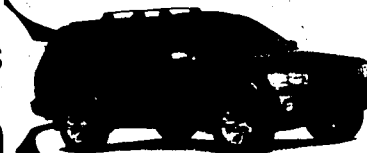


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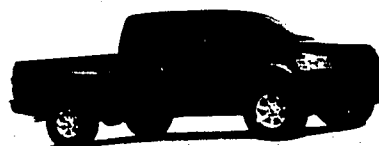
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Climbing, camping:
Old photos show
Twin Falls folks
reveling in Idaho's
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Section E

... And 'tie-dyed' is an adjective, you know

Flunking today's rock stars for butchering the mother tongue in the name of the Top 40? Last week, MSN posted an article on its Web site by Maria Brockenbrough, who imagined she could use her clout as a teacher to do just that.

She began with Paula Cole's "I Don't Want to Wait," the theme song for "Dawson's Creek," and noted that it "takes Cole only 13 words to break the most basic of grammar rules." Cole's lyrics: "So open up your morning light and say a little prayer for I."



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

"I" following a preposition? Bryan Adams tries that, too. In "Run to You," he croons, "She says her love for me could never die, but that'd change if she ever found out about you and I."

Brockenbrough went on to other lyrics, giving Christina Aguilera an "I" for "What a Girl Wants." The "I" was for the words, "Somebody cool but real tends to not, somebody baby, just like you."

It should be "really tender," Brockenbrough explains, because tender is an adjective, and it requires the adverb "really" as a modifier. She goes on to say, "Aguilera should write the following crib note on her oft-exposed midriff: Adjectives modify nouns; adverbs modify adjectives and verbs."

Kind of makes you glad it's almost back-to-school time. Because in a kind of makes you think today's students need to spend a lot more time there, just to learn the basics.

Somehow, between parental encouragement and school involvement, both of my children graduated from school with a pretty good mastery of the English language, and all the other stuff they needed to succeed in college and, hopefully, in life. Although the latter might depend on your definition of life success.

I never did master the tie-dye project.

I still remember the day he came home from school with that soggy-looking piece of cloth wrapped in newspaper and stuffed inside a Ziplock bag. At first I thought it might be his leftover lunch. Or gym clothes.

When he announced it was a tie-dyed shirt he had to finish by Thursday, I nearly panicked. I was the only original member of the tie-dyed shirt generation who had never owned one. I always hated them.

None of the dictionary definition sounds dumb, like some kind of description for a garment with split identity: "Tie-dye — a method of dyeing designs on cloth by tying bunches of it so that the dye affects only exposed parts."

According to the shirt instructions my son brought home, we were supposed to let the concoction sit for at least 24 hours and then rinse it out and wash it in Joy.

Sound easy? We rinsed and rinsed until the whole sink and bath sets were full of multi-colored dye. By the time we were done, we had something that vaguely resembled a tie-dyed shirt. But not really.

Now I think it's time for me to forget that whole experience and move on, and be happy that no one in my house was ever again asked to complete a similar project.

And see, like most moms, I spent the rest of my life raising kids who held staring contests with their guinea pigs and told the same jokes 50 times in a row the same always, forgot where the napkins were — and made it through school with the essentials, and a lot more.

Who cares if they someday have kids who beg for tie-dyed shirts.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

More restrictive dress codes complicate back-to-school shopping

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — She takes a look at what's fashionable in girls' jeans for back-to-school and what's all the rage in tops, and Pat Garcia wonders.

"There's just no way they're going to meet," said Garcia, senior department manager at JC Penney. "There's going to be mid-showering."

Therein lies the dilemma for retailers and for 15-, 16-, 17-year-olds in south-central Idaho's largest school district: Increasingly, what's hot on the street is not at school.

"They can wear what they want to ballgames," said Rick Hill, superintendent of the Buhl School District, which implemented a dress code for students last year. "But between 8:30 and 3:30, they're going to look sharp."

Sharp, of course, is in the eye of the beholder. And in fashions for young women, low-rise jeans are king.

"Low-rise is everywhere this year," said Steve Avalos, who runs The Buckle, a clothing store catering to teenagers and young adults in the Magic Valley Mall. "But we are seeing some longer tops."

The Twin Falls School Board implemented a district-wide dress code on July 19, joining Buhl, Gooding, Blaine County and several other school systems with specific, more restrictive student dress policies.

"Tell kids and their parents exactly what's appropriate and what isn't," Hill said. "That's the key to making it work. We published the policy twice in the paper, and when students showed up for school the first day, they knew what to expect."

Buhl's dress code is typical of



Twin Falls High School Junior Kander Harmon, left, sophomore Megan Whitmore, center, and sophomore Kortnie Bodkin walk to the school parking lot to leave for lunch during the past school year. The school is looking at overhauling its student dress code and is talking about getting rid of sagging pants, body piercings and bare midriffs.

The rules

Here is the dress code for the Twin Falls School District:

1. Shirts must have a modest neckline (no cleavage) and be long enough to cover the midriff (front and back). No spaghetti straps, tank tops, tube, off-the-shoulder, halter tops or muscle shirts will be allowed. No backless, strapless or half tops are to be worn.
2. Clothes must conceal undergarments (boxers, thongs, undergarment straps, etc.) at all times. No see-through, excessively tight or revealing attire is permitted.

3. Shorts and skirts must be no shorter than mid-thigh in length. No spandex clothing is allowed.
4. Pants must be worn at hip-level or higher (no excessive bagging or sagging).
5. No pajamas, slippers or sleepwear of any-kind is allowed.
6. Hats or head coverings (including sunglasses) of any kind are not allowed.
7. Shoes must be worn at all times.
8. Clothing, accessories and visible tattoos with words/pictures that contain any of the following are prohibited: alcohol, tobacco,

9. Visible body piercing or magnet/glued jewelry on face, eyes, arms, hands, tongue and feet is prohibited. Earrings are allowed. Spikes, chains, wallet chains, studs, bolts, dog collars, needles, pins, sharp objects or other jewelry deemed unsafe is not allowed at school.
10. Excessive or extreme make-up is not allowed.

— Source: Twin Falls School District

those already in place around south-central Idaho. Suggestive or provocative clothing is banned. That includes halter tops, tank tops, tube tops, muscle shirts, low-cut blouses, shirts and sweaters and see-through clothing.

No bare midriffs are permitted, skirts can be no shorter than mid-thigh and visible

undergarments, such as thongs and boxer shorts, can't be visible. Excessive makeup is proscribed, as are jewelry in the nose, tongue, lips, cheek or eyebrow.

And T-shirts — that staple of adolescent clothing in American — can't bear a message interpreted to be obscene or

gang-related. That extends, in some cases, to clothing logos, according to Avalos — such as California-based punkwear manufacturer Lucky 13.

"We got a copy of the [Twin Falls] dress code and we took it into consideration when we ordered for back-to-school," he said.

The only way to solve the low-rise jeans ban is to wear a longer shirt, Avalos says, but there are more alternatives elsewhere in the dress code.

"You can't wear a tank top by itself to school, but you can fit it layered," he said.

"We're seeing a lot of layering

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When does school start?

- Twin Falls, Aug. 23
- Cassia County, Aug. 25
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Some rural Western schools won't get 'Left Behind'

The Associated Press

ADEL, Ore. — There was a sigh of relief from Colorado to California after the Education Department announced that teachers in rural schools would have more time to meet strict federal qualifications.

But in the South, there was confusion. Although the region is home to hundreds of the country's most rural and poorest schools, few schools there were granted the same reprieve.

"There are a lot of people that are very frustrated, that for reasons that are arbitrary, their qualifications are not qualified," said Robin Lambert, a Kentucky-based researcher for the Rural Education and Community Trust, a nonprofit that studies rural issues. "There are schools that are small, isolated and poor, but they don't qualify."

Under federal requirements, all teachers must be "highly qualified" in every subject they teach, with a bachelor's degree or state certification in the topic.

The mandates are part of No Child Left Behind law, a centerpiece of the Bush administration's education policy.

Small school districts in the rural West and Great Plains, where educators often teach several subjects to several different grades, had been struggling with the require-

ment until western lawmakers successfully lobbied on their behalf.

In March, it was announced that rural teachers would be allowed an extra year to prove that they met the "highly qualified" threshold, until 2007. New teachers would get three years from the date of their hire.

But outside the West and the Great Plains, far fewer schools will benefit from the changes. That's because the federal government used criteria favoring small, self-contained districts like those in the West, instead of countywide districts like those in the South.

Collectively, that makes districts throughout the South too large to get the break extended to rural teachers, which the federal government made available only to schools that are enrolled in the Small Rural School Achievement program.

That program, which gives extra money to districts with fewer than 600 students, in communities with fewer than 2,500 people, serves about 5,000 schools, mostly in the West and the Midwest.

The upshot is that while 440 districts in Nebraska, 375 districts in Montana and 80 districts in Oregon qualified for the extra time, no districts in South Carolina or Alabama qualified. Only one district, each qualified in Florida and West Virginia.

SICK OF HOMEWORK?

That complaint is so old school

The Washington Post and the Milwaukee Sentinel



Homework is at least 150 years old, and it was controversial from the start.

Homework's ups and downs

- **1800s:** Homework involves mostly memorizing things, such as poems and spelling words.
- **1890s:** Boston school board says that homework should be given only in "extreme" situations.
- **1900:** Editor of Ladies Home Journal writes that the amount of homework being given to children is a "national crime."
- **1901:** California passes a law saying that no child under 15 should have to do homework.
- **1960s:** Amid fears that American kids don't know enough about math and science, homework becomes fashionable again.
- **1980s:** Average American kid spends 16 minutes a day on homework.
- **2002:** Families in Ridgewood, N.J., have a "homework-free" night.
- **2003:** Study says kids are spending 19 minutes a day on homework.

In the 1880s, a man named Gen. Francis Walker, a Civil War hero who became president of the Boston school board, thought that hours and hours of boring homework was making his own kids nervous and tired. He persuaded the board to order that math homework be given only in extreme cases.

A little later, a famous magazine editor called homework "a national crime" and at the turn of the century, educators thought about it.

Toward the end of the 1800s, some educators started to feel like a lot of parents do today: sick and tired of having their kids labor over hours of homework.

It was better, they said, for kids to frolic in the sunshine rather than sit in a stuffy room and memorize spelling words. Some doctors said homework caused nerve damage and deformed spines. Other people said homework was terrible for family life.

Many more schools began to limit — and even forbid — homework. The California state government set rules saying that no child under 15 should have to do any.

BACK TO SCHOOL '04

Don't bring your folks

Some colleges wish parents would butt out

The Washington Post

Maggie and Nate Pancost searched for colleges pretty much on their own. They booked cross-country flights and made campus visits by themselves. Both eventually picked the University of Maryland at College Park, which was not at the top of their parents' list.

When David and Karen Pancost of Silver Spring, Md., tell other parents about their hands-off approach, they think we're nuts," David Pancost said.

They are, at the very least, swimming against a heavy tide. As the peak campus-visiting season gets underway, parents are becoming more active than ever in the admissions process, educators say, leading some colleges to look for ways to rein them in.

College admissions office staffers and high school guidance counselors say parental over-involvement comes in many forms. Some parents refuse to let their children apply to schools that don't rank high enough on the U.S. News & World Report list of prominent colleges. Some rewrite application essays. Some intrude on even the simplest parts of the process.

"I am always shocked when a parent and student come in and I'll ask the student their name, and the parent will literally jump in front of their child to answer for them," said Georgia Summers, a Georgetown University senior working this summer at the school's undergraduate admissions office. "I've even had parents fill out the basic info sheet on behalf of their child."

College admissions deans say the new SAT and ACT essay question — which starts next spring and must be completed at a proctored testing center — will help them determine if a suspiciously well-written essay on an application is the student's own work. And colleges make it relatively easy for students to transfer if they find their parent's choice of school is not to their liking.

But not many colleges and students see as too much parental participation in college visits is still a problem. Summers said 80 percent of the questions on the campus tours she leads come from parents. Like she tries to break through to the actual applicants



College admissions office staffers say parental over-involvement comes in many forms. They even hand parents fill out the basic info sheet on behalf of their child," says Georgia Summers leading a parent-student tour at Georgetown in D.C.

by addressing them personally whenever possible. A few colleges are experimenting with more assertive methods.

This August, officials at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, will again tell those attending its group information sessions that parents will be touring with one guide and students with another. This practice grew out of Bates Admissions Dean Wylie L. Mitchell's observation that the teen-age applicants "are intimidated by their parents and mostly humiliated by some of the parent questions."

Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, is also spitting parents and students during tours. "Parents can ask any questions they like without worrying about

what their son or daughter will think," said Jennifer Delahunty Britz, dean of admissions and financial aid, "and students can have a direct experience with the school without managing their parents' reactions to it."

"Other colleges and universities are also looking for ways to free student visitors from what may be an oppressive parental presence, particularly when the students are returning for another visit during the crucial weeks in April when they have been accepted and are deciding where to go.

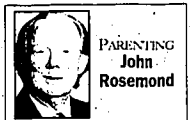
"I think students can go into a number sort of feeling on campus visits, because they sit through lectures on financial aid and how to pay for college and they

hear certain students on student panels talk about how great the school is, but rarely do they get to sit down and just talk candidly with a student, free from the eyes and ears of their parents," said Caroline Friedman, who graduated from Annandale High School in Fairfax County, Va., and will attend the University of Pittsburgh.

Many parents say their own mothers and fathers were not much involved in their college searches. But these days, college has a higher priority—graduates are having significantly higher incomes, on average—and tuition and living expenses are so high that parents want to make sure they are getting their money's worth.

Some kids' questions are best left unanswered

Q: I am a teacher of 4-year-olds in a private pre-K program. In my college child development program, I was told that one should always answer a child's questions, but I'm beginning to wonder. I have a child in my class who asks a constant stream of questions. To tell the truth, most of the answers to his questions are obvious. For example, I'll be cutting out an animal figure with scissors and he'll ask, "What are you doing?" If I then ask, "What do you think I'm doing?", he'll tell me. Under the circumstances, do I have to answer all of his questions? Regardless, how should I deal with this?



A: The basic intent behind the idea that adults should always answer young children's questions — to reward and promote intellectual curiosity — is a good one, but there are exceptions to every rule. Unfortunately, many child development programs treat this issue as if there should be no exceptions, even which is why you're beginning to get frustrated concerning this little fellow's constant stream of queries.

The answer to your first question is, no, you are not, by any means, obligated to answer each and every one of this child's questions. You are obligated to respond — with kindness — but your response can certainly be a firm but gentle refusal to answer.

In the final analysis, it's in this little boy's best interest for someone to help him discover that he can answer many of his questions himself. As it stands, a question occurs to him, and he impulsively blurts it out. You can help him learn to control that impulse and begin thinking through many of the word problems that occur to him.

During a planned private moment, tell him he doesn't need to ask so many questions. He's smart, and he can answer some, if not most, of them without your help. He just thinks a little while. From now on, tell him you're going to answer some, but not all, of his questions. Where the others are concerned, you're going to help

him answer for himself or simply remind him that he can answer for himself, and leave it at that.

I'd be sure to hold a conference with his parents beforehand, by the way, so they understand the philosophy behind what you'll be doing. It may be that they're experiencing a similar issue at home and would welcome your guidance.

So, for example, your little interrogator asks what you're doing when the answer is as plain as day. You simply say, "Oh, you don't need me to answer that question," or "You can answer that without my help," or "That's the kind of question we talked about," or something along those lines. You can also ask questions that help him discover the answers on his own.

A number of years ago, concerning a similar situation involving a 6-year-old girl, I recommended that her teacher give her 10 "tickets" (rectangular pieces of laminated construction paper adorned with question marks) per day if the girl wanted an answer to a question. She had to give up a ticket. When she ran out of tickets, the teacher couldn't answer any more questions. None.

Within a week, this little girl, that everyone had thought was insecure and seeking attention, was asking fewer than five questions a day and looking much, much happier for it.

Just like you can either give a man a fish or teach him how to fish, you can give a child an answer or teach him how to think.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 1020 East 86th Street, Suite 26B, Indianapolis, Ind. 46240 and at his Web site: <http://www.rosemond.com/>

Kimberly announces registration

The Times-News

KIMBERLY — Kimberly schools will register students in August for the upcoming academic year.

Kimberly Elementary School will sign up all new students, including kindergartners, on Aug. 4 from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. All returning elementary school students, grades 1-5, will register on Aug. 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and

from 6-9 p.m.

Kimberly Middle School will hold its registration on Aug. 18-19 for grades 6-8, from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Kimberly High School will sign up new students Aug. 17 from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. On Aug. 18, seniors will register from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and juniors from 12:30-3:30 p.m. On Aug. 19, sophomores will register from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and freshmen from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Cramming experts split on whether it helps

The Washington Post

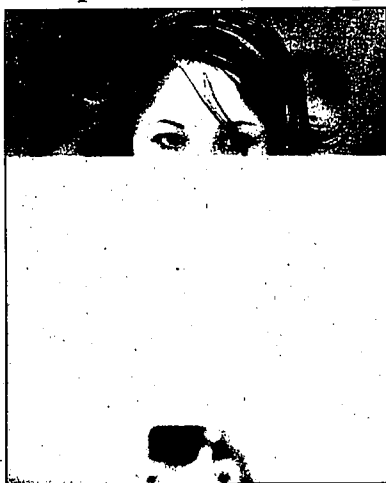
Like most American high school students, Naabla Olosumah doesn't really endorse cramming before a big exam, but she has done it more times than she wishes she had. Her system is to sit with her books and notes on the floor of her bedroom in Chevy Chase, Md., and block out distractions with music from 'N Sync or the soundtrack of 'Rent' on her stereo.

"I know I should study in advance and take my time, but a lot of times I procrastinate or I have a lot of other things going on, so I have to study late the night before," she said.

As millions of high school and college students complete their final exams this week, the best research on cramming seems to indicate that young people who try to stuff their brains at the last minute are not as irrational as their parents might think. Still, their study approach is not likely to add much to their long-term appreciation of the subject matter.

"Cramming does help in terms of passing exams if the information is merely rote — that is, information-only type questions," said Jane Conoley, dean of education at Texas A&M University. She said even a student like Olosumah who has kept up in class can benefit from a few hours of intense review if factual recall is the goal, as is often the case for high school science or math tests.

But to implant information firmly in the cerebral cortex, so that it can be analyzed and used, regular study over a long period of time is better. "The whole idea of cramming is not to practice (cramming much study into a concentrated period) versus spaced practice (stretching out



Capital High School junior Collette Wong takes the Idaho Standards Achievement Test during a summer program in Boise. Cramming may help on information-only tests, but you're unlikely to remember the material.

the learning period) favors spaced practice," said Gerald Brucey, an educational psychologist and associate professor at George Mason University. Conoley agrees. "If you really want to remember material, you have to learn it over time, practice the learning and apply it," she said.

Students in the 21st century nod at that, then point out that

the knowledge explosion brought about by technology has left them with much to memorize and not enough time to absorb it in small, regular doses. So often, just before exams, they have to try to catch up.

Olosumah is about to graduate from Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D.C., noted for its courses requiring much thought and analysis.

Horizon takes registrations for fall 2004

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Horizon Adventist School is accepting students for the upcoming school year, which starts Aug. 30.

For a preregistration packet, call 733-0799, Ext. 2. Horizon Adventist offers accredited, Christian-based education for children — in kindergarten through the eighth grade.

To register, call Denise Hill at 734-2405 or Linda Careich at 733-0995.

An open house is planned at the school Aug. 26-28 from 3-7 p.m. each day. Horizon Adventist is located at 131 Grandview Drive.

Wear

Continued from E1 for fall," Garcia said. "We have some tops that are sold together."

The Twin Falls dress code is specific, but Avalos expects there will be some give and take.

"There was in Buhl, where the School Board earlier this year liberalized the definition of footwear."

"I was very proud of our kids," Hill said. "Everybody cooperated on this, and it went off without a hitch."

Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 733-3223, or write to him at scrump@magicvalley.com.

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Center

530 Shoshone St. W.
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. The cost is \$5 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Pool room open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Menus:
Monday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, green beans, fruit salad, roll, moose deser.
Tuesday: Sweet and sour pork over rice, oriental veggies, Jell-O salad, cinnamon roll.
Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, carrot salad, roll, veggies, ice cream and cake.
Thursday: Lasagna, french bread, Italian zucchini, salad bar, apple cake.

Friday: Fish or fried chicken, a grain potato, mixed veggies, green salad, cranberry muffin.
Activities:
Today: Closed
Monday: Quilting exercise
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday blood pressure
Wednesday: Elks cards
Exercise Clinic
Thursday: Center pinocle
Friday: Blood pressure
Lunch bingo
Quilting
Exercise

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl
Menu:
Tuesday: Turkey dinner, 1 p.m.
Monday: Chicken sandwich, tater kickers, cheese sticks, pickled beets, fresh fruit, dessert
Tuesday: Swedish meatballs, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, broccoli, blend, muffins, peaches.
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Barbecue spareribs, au gratin potatoes, peas and onions, tropical fruit salad, bread, cookies.
Activities:
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m. Seniors, \$4.50 under age 60, \$4.50.
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Cards, 6-9 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Cards, 1-4 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St.
Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals are available each mealtime.
Menu:
Tuesday: Chef's chicken
Thursday: Fried chicken

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
Menu:
Monday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, mixed veggies, fruit, green salad, cookies.
Tuesday: Hot pork sandwich, potatoes and gravy, scalloped potatoes, fruit, medley, strawberry shortcake.
Wednesday: Chicken enchiladas, potato rounds, country mix, Jell-O w/ fruit, chocolate pudding.
Thursday: Malibu chicken, potatoes and gravy, peas, pasta salad, fruit, custard.
Friday: Ham, scalloped potatoes, Italian veggies, Jell-O w/ fruit, fruit cocktail cake.
Activities:
Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Golf state holidays.
Tuesday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early bingo, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Pinocle, 7 a.m.
Thursday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Friday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.
310 Main St. N., Kimberly
Menu:
Monday: Macaroni and cheese, bread, spinach, fruit salad, french fries, rolls, apricots.
Friday: Oven fried chicken, potatoes, gravy, peas, tossed salad, rolls, dessert.
Activities:
Monday: Board meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Crafts, 1 p.m.
Friday: Bingo, 11:55 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizen, Inc.
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menu:
Tuesday: Hot turkey sandwich, carrot sticks, apple nut salad, mashed potatoes and gravy, cinnamon rolls.
Thursday: Chicken noodle soup, egg salad sandwich, carrot sticks, watermelon custard pie.
Friday: Boneless pork ribs in barbecue sauce, potato salad, baked beans, birthday cake, ice cream.
Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: No bingo
Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Bingo at fair, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Friday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Bingo at fair, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday: Bingo at fair, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menu:
Monday: Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, green salad, birthday cake and ice cream.
Thursday: Tuna fish sandwich, split pea soup, coconut cream pie.

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley
Menu:
Monday: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, California blend veggies, watergate salad, cherry

Gooding County Senior Citizens
308 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.
Menu:
Monday: Lemon pepper cod, au gratin potatoes, steved tomatoes, plums, french bread, cookie.
Tuesday: Lasagna, peas, green salad, garlic bread, Swiss apple cake.
Wednesday: Chicken strips, potatoes and gravy, Capri veggies, pasta salad, bread, pudding.
Thursday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, peas, roll, pumpkin square.
Activities:
Friday: Bingo, 6 p.m.

Hagerman Senior Center
140 E. Lake
Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at noon and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.
Menu:
Monday: Stuffed peppers
Tuesday: Turkey breast
Friday: Flan and yams

Camas County Senior Center
127 E. Willow, Fairfield
Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9-2 on meal days. The cost of the meal for non-seniors is \$3.50; children under 10 are \$2.00. The suggested donation for those 60 years of age and older is \$2.50.
Menu:
Tuesday: Hamburger, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn roll, fruit punch.
Wednesday: Cottage cheese, fruit plate, cheese, crackers, veggie soup, fresh melon.
Friday: Pork roast, parsley potatoes, zucchini, salad, fruit, cake and ice cream.
Activities:
Tuesday: Pool, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Quilting, 9-11 a.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Quilting, 9-11 a.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to noon
Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Friday: Pool, 10:30 a.m. to noon
Quilting, 9-11 a.m.
Birthday party, 1 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland Ave., Burley
Menu:
Monday: Mini corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, salad, mixed fruit crisp.
Tuesday: Chicken salad sandwich, tomato soup, coleslaw, peach pie.
Wednesday: Swiss steak, parsley potatoes, honeyed carrots, applesauce Jell-O, roll, devil's delight.
Thursday: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, broccoli, herb rolls, laundry shortcake.
Friday: Italian meatballs, pasta, french bread, green beans, salad, crisp.
Activities:
Monday: All play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
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Friday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
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Bingo, 1 p.m.

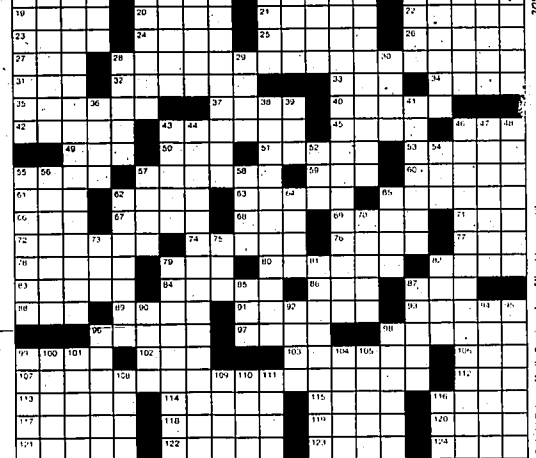
Three Island Senior Center
492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry
Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 366-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for non-seniors, under-60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Menu:
Monday: Polish sausage, sauerkraut, sliced carrots, three bean salad, hot dog bun.
Tuesday: Liver and onions or chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, cookies, bread.
Thursday: Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, winter mixed veggies, pudding, bread, salad.
Activities:
Wednesday: County fair begins, fair day bus.
Saturday: Last day of Elmore County Fair.

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COMMUNITY

Community Editor: Pat Marccantonio - 735-3288



Staff Sgt. Harold Carper and Spc. Jacob Schenk enjoy lunch at the Golden Heritage Senior Center in Burley.

Seniors honor soldiers

By Trena Tegan
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Area senior citizens at the Golden Heritage Senior Center held a special "Buy a Soldier Lunch Day" as a tribute to the local National Guardsmen preparing to depart for active duty in Iraq.

Money was collected to buy lunch for the soldiers. Patrons at the center were thrilled with the idea, according to Sharon Mills who works at the center.

"Many of them have either

served in the armed services or had loved ones who have served, so this means a lot to all of them," Mills said.

One person who contributed to the fund said she did so because her grandson was in the service and she hoped that someone would do the same for him.

"When the soldiers arrived for lunch, they were greeted with a standing ovation from the staff members and patrons. The soldiers said they were touched by the gesture and enjoyed the

meal and the company. Door prizes of baked goods were also given away during the meal and the soldiers were asked to keep in touch while they were away.

Plans were made for the center to "adopt" the platoon by sending care packages and keeping in touch with them throughout their deployment.

"It's nice to have the support of the community at a time like this," Staff Sgt. Harold Carper said. "Our families will need support while we're gone, too."

STORK REPORT

Magic-Valley Regional Medical Center

Dillon Tyler Dry, son of Ashley Lynn Webster of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, July 8, 2004.

Morgan Riker Davidson, son of Dionne and Cortney Dee, Davidson of Twin Falls, was born Friday, July 15, 2004.

Sarah Christine Wilson, daughter of Christine Lee and Brian Paul Wilson of Filer, was born Saturday, July 17, 2004.

Isabella Juana Rico, daughter of Eleana and David Michael Rico of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, July 17, 2004.

Trinity Faye Harbaugh, daughter of Brandi Ariah and Jade William Harbaugh of Jerome, was born Sunday, July 18, 2004.

Anthony Jay Allen Lindsay, son of Jennifer Diana Phillips and Matt Allen Lindsay of Jerome, was born Sunday, July 18, 2004.

Jesse Andrew Dominguez, son of Nicholasa and Alberto Dominguez of Buhl, was born Sunday, July 18, 2004.

Treyor Andrews Dolan, son of Gretchen Lynn and Brian O'Connell Dolan of Twin Falls, was born Monday, July 19, 2004.

Evan Josu Spooner, son of Marie Louise and Joshua Elias Spooner of Twin Falls, was born Monday, July 19, 2004.

Braden Miller Bushhorn,

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Jami Whitte, 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

son of Bridget Leann and Todd Durren Bushhorn of Eden, was born Tuesday, July 20, 2004.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Kiyah Annela Todd Howell, daughter of Todd Howell and Kirby Torres of Jerome, was born Tuesday, July 8, 2004.

Destiny Jayde Horton, daughter of Jeff and Jessica Horton of Jerome, was born Friday, July 9, 2004.

Bryan Roy Wendell, son of Chris and Sarah Wendell of Wendell, was born Saturday, July 10, 2004.

Aysia Maria Featherston, daughter of Nick and Britanni Featherston of Jerome, was born Friday, July 16, 2004.

Austynn Desire Smith, daughter of Leslie Smith of Jerome, was born Saturday, July 17, 2004.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Michael Thomas Fehr and **Nicholas Charles Fehr**, twin sons of Anne Tokareff and Andrew Fehr of Halley, was born Tuesday, July 6, 2004.

Dana Margaret Kriesien, daughter of Jennifer and Brian Kriesien of Halley, was born Tuesday, July 6, 2004.

Luke Antony Marlow, son of Natasha and Michael Marlow of Ketchum, was born Friday, July 11, 2004.

Bryson Charles Butterfield, son of Erin Dick and Charles Butterfield of Halley, was born Wednesday, July 14, 2004.

Tatum Michelle Minor, daughter of Heather and Robert Minor of Sun Valley, was born Wednesday, July 14, 2004.

Finnian Michael Naghsh, son of Sheila and Anthony Naghsh of Ketchum, was born Thursday, July 15, 2004.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Lucas Cameron Wells, son of David and Candi Wells-Burley, was born Thursday, July 15, 2004.

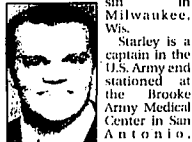
Home Births

Jose Emilio Cervantes, son of Luis Satorriona and Jose Luis Cervantes of Jerome, was born Monday, June 21, 2004.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Starley graduates from medical college

Brad Q. Starley of Twin Falls graduated with a Doctor of Medicine degree May 21 from the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Wis.



Brad Starley

Starley is a captain in the U.S. Army and stationed at the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas.

He graduated in the top

Twin Falls graduate receives assistantship

Jennifer Ashley has been selected to a graduate assistantship for the Boise State University Department of Criminal Justice Administration for the 2004 fall semester.

Assistantship positions come with a stipend of \$4,015 and a

fee waiver. Students must be full time with nine to 12 credits to be eligible for the position.

Ashley was a 2000 valedictorian graduate of Twin Falls High School. She graduated in 2004 from Albion's College of Idaho, majoring in psychology, where she was a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

She is the daughter of Ken and Cathy Ashley of Twin Falls.



Jennifer Ashley

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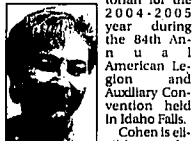


Oregon Trail Elementary 50 in a Minute ribbon winners for the second semester in the fourth grade are, from left, first row: Kendra Hendricks, Shawn Dye, Jessica Martinez, Tyra Contreras and Chance Keller Gartner.

T.F. woman wins election as state historian

TWIN FALLS — Kim Cohen of Twin Falls was elected state historian for the 2004-2005 year during the 84th Anniversary of the American Legion and Auxiliary Convention held in Idaho Falls.

Cohen is eligible for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary through her deceased father, Everett R. Kimball, who served in World War II; her deceased grandfather, Clarence Spence, a World



Kim Cohen

War I veteran; and her three brothers, Robert R. who is deceased, and Melvin C. and Richard D. Kimball, who have all been active in Nebraska Posts.

Cohen has been an active member of the Auxiliary Unit 7 for the past five years, serving as unit president for two terms, children and youth chairman for two years, historian and scrapbook chair for one year, poppy chairman for one year and currently as the unit secretary.

Cohen also is active in the Soroptimist International of Twin Falls, having served two years as president, as well as treasurer-elect and District SOLT chair-elect for 2005/2006.

She is a licensed insurance agent and has earned the status

of Certified Senior Advisor. She has three children and 11 grandchildren. She is married to Mark J. Cohen, who is an SAI, member in Post 7 through his deceased father, Richard Cohen from Hazelton.

Couple celebrates 40th anniversary

GOODING — Family and friends are invited to join Ed and Clarissa Brown for their 40th wedding anniversary.

Their children are hosting an open house from 2:30-5 p.m. Saturday at the Schubert House, 841 Main. The family requests no gifts.

The couple was married on July 31, 1964 in Dayton, Wash., and has resided in the Gooding



Counselors and children play at a Bible day camp. A new camp will be held Aug. 1-6 in Shoshone.

Church offers Bible day camp

SHOSHONE — The New Hope Lutheran Church of Shoshone and Luther Heights Bible Camp are co-sponsoring a day camp Aug. 1-6.

The camp is open to all children of the area who are entering first through sixth grades. The camp offers Bible study, worship, games for fun and recreation, arts, crafts,

singing, fellowship and nature studies. Counselors from Luther Heights will lead the program.

The first day of the camp will be held from 1-3 p.m. Aug. 1 on the lawn of the fellowship hall next to Christ Episcopal Church at the corner of West B and Highway 93.

From Aug. 2-6, the day camp

will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Shoshone City Park. Morning and afternoon snacks will be provided.

Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch. There is no charge to attend the day camp, but participants need to register by calling the church office at 886-7000.

SERVICE NEWS

Mitma completes training in Missouri

Navy Reserve Constructionman Dina Mitma, the daughter of Rebecca L. Perkins of Castleford and Julio Mitma of Bellevue, has completed the Construction Equipment Operators Course at the Naval Construction Training Center Detachment, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

During the 11-week course, Mitma received instruction on

construction and relevant fundamentals of land contouring and internal combustion engines. Mitma also learned about various hauling, excavating, loading, lifting and ditching equipment.

Mitma is a 2003 graduate of Wood River High School in Halley.

McCollum graduates from basic training

Army Pvt. Rick A. McCollum

has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

During training, he received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, rifle marksmanship, map reading, tactics, military courtesies, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history, core values and traditions. McCollum is the son of Russ and Donna Cockerill of Kimberly, Idaho, and graduated from Kimberly High School in 2002.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

of games. For more information, call 324-7578.

Jerome High School class of 1954 reunites

JEROME — The Jerome class of 1954 is having its 50th reunion on Sept. 11-12.

The Jerome classes of 1953 to 1955 are also invited.

For more information, call Jackie Larsen at 324-2056.

Hospital offers baby-sitting training

RUPERT — Minidoka Memorial Hospital is offering a Safe Sitter baby-sitting training course Friday and Saturday.

Safe Sitter is a medically-accurate program that teaches

boys and girls age 11-13 how to handle emergencies when caring for young children, such as when a child stops breathing or chokes, how to call for emergency help, basic children care skills including diapering and feeding, and how to entertain children and keep them safe.

The course will be offered from 1-5 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the conference room at the hospital, 1224 8th St.

Lunch will be provided on Saturday. A written test will be given for certification. The cost is \$25 for both days. Scholarships are available based on financial need.

To register or for more information, call Trena Phillips, 436-0481 ext. 369.

Horse Fun Day is scheduled at fairgrounds

JEROME — The Jerome County 4-H Horse Fun Day will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome County Fairgrounds, 202 N. Fl.

All Jerome County horse 4-H members are welcome for a day

WEDDINGS

DEAGLE-FISHER

TWIN FALLS — Jill M. Deagle and Steven W. Fisher Jr. were married Feb. 21.

The bride is the daughter of Daniel S. and Stacey Deagle of Twin Falls.

The bridegroom is the son of Steve Fisher of Medford, Ore., and Brenda Fisher of Twin Falls.

Christie Deagle, sister of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor.

Sevy Fisher, brother of the groom, served as best man. Shaun Poplman, friend of the groom, was the witness.

A reception was held Feb. 28 at The Ballroom in Twin Falls. BreAnna Hall, cousin of the bride, attended the guest book. Gift attendants were Cory Stieelman and Jenna Jullman, cousins of the groom.



Jill and Steven Fisher

The bride is attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. She is employed at Merrill Consulting in Provo.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. He is employed at Hertz of Magic Valley in Twin Falls.

The newlyweds reside in Provo.

THE MORLEYS

BURLEY — Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan H. "Sib" Morley celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 5.

Morley and Melba Tanner were married July 5, 1944, in the Cardston, Alberta LDS Temple, Canada.

They have lived in Burley for 52 years, where they had a business, Sib's Pharmacy, for approximately 40 years.

They are active in the LDS Church and have served three missions together, serving in Puerto Rico, Spain and at the Boise Temple. They also served in the Spanish Branch several times. They have both served at various capacities of the LDS Church such as bishop of the Burley 5th Ward for nine years, High Council, Sunday school president, Relief Society president, Young Women's president, Stake Relief Society and numerous other callings.

They enjoyed their hobby of raising Arabian horses and also enjoyed working their little piece of land, which is now known as Sylvan Circle. He lives at home on Sylvan Circle and she is residing at Rosetta Assisted Living for Alzheimer's.

They raised six children, Howard (Lucia) Morley of Middleton, Ric (Shaunna) Morley of Taylorsville, Utah, Terri (Matt) Clark of South Jordan, Utah, Tim (Carmilia) Morley of West Jordan, Utah, Tony (Tami) Morley of Burley, and Tammi (Michael) Pollard of Burley.

The couple has 24 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Sylvan and Melba Morley



Virgil and Helga Adams

Adams of Soda Springs, David Adams of Nampa, Dennis Adams of Buhl and Connie Adams of Porterville, Calif.

THE ADAMES

BUHL — Mr. and Mrs. Virgil D. Adams of Buhl will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, July 25.

Adams and Helga Bommerfelt were married July 25, 1954, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls.

They have lived in Wendell, Aloha, Ore., Twin Falls, Murray, Utah, and Buhl. He worked in auto parts. She is a housewife.

They are active members of Saint John's Lutheran Church in Buhl.

They have four children, Carol

SCHMITT-BRAGA

TWIN FALLS — Katie Schmitt and Troy Braga were married June 5 at the Reformed Church in Twin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Arden and Karen Schmitt of Gooding. She graduated from Gooding High School and earned her nursing degree from the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. She is currently employed in Physicians Immediate Care in Richland, Wash.

The bridegroom is the son of Jim and Iloxy Braga of Gooding. He graduated from Gooding High School and the University of Idaho. He will complete his master's degree from Washington State University in Pullman, Wash.



Katie and Troy Braga

ton State University in December. He is currently employed at Battelle in Richland.

The couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico, and will reside in Richland.

BASSETT-TIEWS

BERNIE — Chelsey Bassett and Johnathan Tiews were married May 14.

A potluck dinner reception to honor the couple will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at his grandmother's home at 513 Golf Course Road in Jerome.

The bride is the daughter of Jay and Susan Bassett of Loveland, Colo. She is studying to be a dental hygienist.

The bridegroom is the son of Clarence Tiews of Jerome and Diana Iwalia. He has spent the last four years in the U.S. Army with one year in northern Iraq.



Chelsey and John Tiews

with the 4th Infantry Division. He will be attending Colorado State University in the fall.

The couple will reside in Fowler, Colo.

ENGAGEMENTS

JACOBSON-OLSEN

BUHL — Finn and Lisa Jacobson of Buhl announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Marie Jacobson, to Tyler Aubrey Olsen, son of Stephen and Lana Olsen of Kimberly.

Jacobson is a 2002 graduate of Buhl High School and Mr. Jean's College of Hair Design. She is employed at Fantastic Sams hair salon in Twin Falls.

Olsen is a 2000 graduate of Kimberly High School and attended Brigham Young University in Utah. He served an LDS mission in Guam. He is employed at SRO Construction in Twin Falls.



Danielle Marie Jacobson and Tyler Olsen

The wedding is planned for Thursday, July 29, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. July 29 at The White House in Twin Falls.

NIELSON-WRIGHT

BOISE — Dennis and Joan Nielson of Boise announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Suzanne Nielson, to Trenton L. Wright, son of Stephen Hartgen and Linda Wright (Hartgen) of Twin Falls and Roy and Cathy Wright of Las Vegas, Nev.

Nielson is a graduate of Meridian High School in 1997 and the University of Idaho with a degree in elementary education in 2001. She has been employed as a teacher by the Yupit School District in Iliukskak, Alaska, and by the Prince William County School District in Manassas, Va.

Wright is a graduate of Filer High School in 1995 and the University of Idaho with a degree in political science in 2000. He has been employed as a legislative aide on the U.S. Senate Committee on Aging for Sen. Larry E. Craig, R-Idaho, Washington D.C., and as a legislative assistant for the U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz. He currently accepted a position as director of government affairs for the Ada County



Kristin Suzanne Nielson and Trenton L. Wright

Association of Realtors in Boise. The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 31, at the First Baptist Church in Boise. A reception will follow at The Stonehouse in Boise on July 31. The couple will reside in the Boise area.

Creative ideas for old dresses

Knigh Ridder Newspapers

Most women of a certain age have a closet full of polyester/acetate in the back of their closets, a frilly parade of dresses in shades with strippers' names — Ice Pink, Moon Lavender, Hot Entertainment. They're the dresses that your friend, the big hair in the white veil, promised you could wear again after her wedding.

"If someone calls, and says, 'I have a bridesmaid's dress,' we say 'no' and tell people to donate to theaters," said Heather Craig of Revene in Columbia, S.C., which emphatically will not take a bridesmaid dress for resale.

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Magic Valley scrapbooks

THE SCRAPBOOKS that Fred and Alice Rudolph brought back from their 1916 mountain adventure are a treasure trove of evidence that the young Twin Falls couple and their friends were among the city's early explorers who stumbled to the same area that draws me to the Sawtooth Wilderness hiking trails almost 90 years later.

So when Annabel R. Frazier, daughter of Fred and Alice, brought the scrapbook to our newsroom, I found it difficult to restrain my delight.

Here are eight of my favorites from Fred's collection.

Perhaps here you'll see Fred and Alice and their friends in adventure, including a couple who became Annabel's future husband — in a few of the most favorite corners of Idaho's outdoors.

Virginia S. Hutchins



Fred Rudolph, at center front, and his friends pause at a monument marking the site of ice caves north of Shoshone, on April 30, 1916. 'Note the ropes for rappelling down. Steps were built much later,' Annabel Frazier says.

Photo courtesy of ANNABEL R. FRAZIER of Twin Falls



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Hazel and Ray Horting and Alice Brown, right, enjoy Alturas Lake, north of Galena Summit in the Stanley Basin, in 1916.



Photo courtesy of ANNABEL R. FRAZIER of Twin Falls

Nita Crater (Shirk), left, Alice Brown (Rudolph) and Alice's older sister Vera Brown (Conover) make the steep climb toward Cassia County's Lake Cleveland on July 4, 1915.

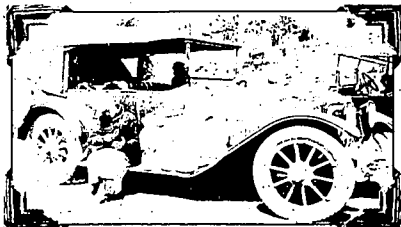


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Vora Brown Conover and Charles Conover pause at the top of Galena Summit in about 1916. 'In those days the road was treacherous, and a lot of horseshoe turns,' Annabel Frazier says. The big tent that's tied on the automobile's running board always went with the Conovers — and, later, with Frazier's family — on overnight trips.



Photo courtesy of ANNABEL R. FRAZIER of Twin Falls

From below, the cameraman here is looking up the old steps at Shoshone Falls, in 1916.



Photo courtesy of ANNABEL R. FRAZIER of Twin Falls

Friends enjoy dinner time in the heart of Idaho's Sawtooth mountain range in 1916.

In his scrapbook, Fred Rudolph (pictured third from right in the back) labeled this photograph.

'A break in the rock near the caves.' The photo was taken April 30, 1916, at ice caves north of Shoshone. His future wife, Alice Brown, is the woman at front left; Fred and Alice were married in 1919. Their companions on this 1916 outing include Leonard Shirk and Nita Crater, at back right; Charles Conover, at far left; and Vera Brown, at front right. The other two men are unidentified.

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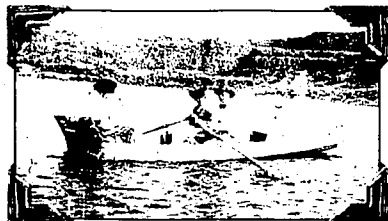


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Alice Brown, left, and Hazel and Ray Horting row at Dierkes Lake in 1916.