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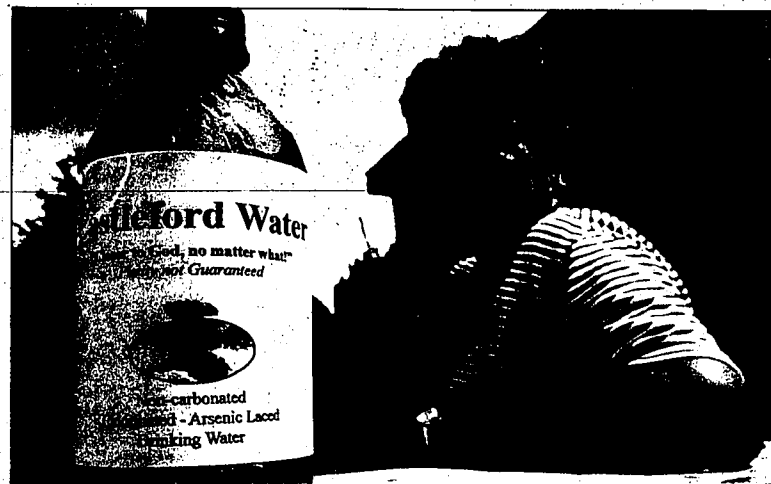


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# D.C. mulls arsenic woes



Castleford Mayor Rita Ruffing created these mock bottled water labels concerning the town's level of arsenic in its water supply. Three members of Idaho's congressional delegation have proposed federal legislation that might allow Castleford to be exempt from stricter arsenic standards set to go into effect in 2006. Ruffing plans to give the bottles out to politicians during an upcoming meeting.

## Federal legislation might be the answer in Castleford

By Sandra Wisecaver Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — Pleas for help from the city that's become a poster child for arsenic woes have not fallen on deaf ears in Washington, D.C. Three members of Idaho's congressional delegation recently have introduced federal legislation that could help Castleford solve its ar-

senic quandary. The city's water has been measured to have levels of arsenic at 22 parts per billion, which, under Environmental Protection Agency rules that kick into effect in January 2006, must be lowered to below 10 ppb. Castleford's request for a seven-year extension for compliance was denied by the U.S. House of Representatives. Please see ARSENIC, Page A7

### NewsTracker

■ **Last we knew:** Castleford city leaders threatened to sue the Environmental Protection Agency for what they consider an unfunded, unaffordable federal arsenic mandate. ■ **The latest:** Members of Idaho's congressional delegation have introduced legislation that could help Castleford fix its water system and give communities with populations less than 10,000 a choice about whether they have to comply with stricter

arsenic standards. ■ **What's next:** Hearings on legislation sponsored by Reps. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho) and Greg Walden (R-Ore.) to exempt communities with populations under 10,000 from the arsenic rule and Sen. Larry Craig's legislation for extended time for compliance are yet to be scheduled. Another Simpson-sponsored piece of legislation that includes \$450,000 for Castleford's water system could be signed into law later this year.

# Violence in Shiite holy city kills 300 militants, U.S. says

The Associated Press

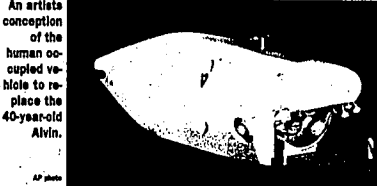
NAJAF, Iraq — U.S. helicopter gunships and fighter jets pounded Shiite Muslim insurgents hiding in a sprawling cemetery Friday in the most intense fighting in this holy city since the fall of Saddam Hussein. The U.S. military said 300 militants were killed in the past two days. The clashes between coalition forces and militant Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army lured in Shiite communities across the country, killing dozens of other Iraqis, according to Iraqi officials and the militants. The fighting, which began early Thursday, threatened to re-ignite the bloody, two-month Shiite insurrection that broke out in April — and the heavy U.S. response appeared

designed to quash militia activity quickly and prevent a repeat. Al-Sadr on Friday blamed all the violence in Iraq on the United States, which he called "our enemy and the enemy of the people." In a sermon read on his behalf at the Kufa Mosque near Najaf. A renewed Shiite uprising would cause severe problems for Iraq's fledgling interim government as it tries to gain popular support and for coalition forces that are already struggling against Sunni militants. The heavy battles came as the most powerful Shiite cleric in Iraq, Grand Ayatollah Ali Hussein al-Sistani, arrived in Britain to receive medical treatment for what an aide called "a health crisis" involving his heart. The 73-year-old ayatollah, who holds enormous influence among Iraq's Shiite majority,

has played a largely moderating role, urging Shiites not to resort to anti-U.S. violence, and during al-Sadr's first uprising he played a role in trying to calm the crisis. There was no information on the seriousness of al-Sistani's condition, but the trip was his first time out of Iraq in years. The aide, Shahr, named Khalaf, said al-Sistani "needs special treatment, but he is not in a deteriorated state." Al-Sadr aides called for a return to the truces that have kept relative calm for the past two months, and other Shiite leaders were trying to restore a cease-fire. "The Iraqi government said it was determined to crush all militias in the country, including the Mahdi Army, and Najaf Gov. Please see IRAQ, Page A2



Iraqi National Guardsmen are seen carrying light arms and an RPG as they ride on the back of a police vehicle during the second day of clashes with al-Sadr militants in the holy Muslim city of Najaf.



## Replacement sub will go deeper than predecessor

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A new deep-sea research vessel will be able to carry people to 99 percent of the ocean floor, diving deeper than the famed Alvin that pioneered the study of seafloor vents, plate tectonics and deep ocean creatures over the past 40 years. The new American submersible will provide the tools to reach "not for the stars but for the depths," Robert Gagosian,

president of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, said Friday at a briefing at the National Science Foundation. France, Russia and Japan also operate deep sea research vessels and China is building one, officials said. The new ship will have similar capabilities. It will dive thousands of feet deeper than Alvin, carry more scientific instruments, communicate more quickly and stay down longer. Please see SUBMARINE, Page A2

## Centennial funding gap widens

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — You may have perused the historical displays, ogled the extra fireworks on July 4, enjoyed canyon views from a new plaza and posed for a snapshot with the bronze statue of I.B. Perrine. Those things — and a host of centennial-themed events — helped the city mark its big 100 this year. But you won't walk on asphalt for the entire length of the newest stretch of Snake River Canyon trail this fall unless the nonprofit Twin Falls Centennial Commission manages to fill a \$75,000 hole that remains in its budget. The commission hopes you'll help. Much of the Centennial Commission's \$1 million budget depends on collecting donations from business and individual sponsors. Donors didn't line up as fast as organizers had hoped, leaving the commission \$55,000 short.



Then a \$5,000 sponsor withdrew, raising the shortfall to \$58,000. And the Pepsi Centennial Challenge on July 23-24 — a fund-raiser that was expected to net a profit of \$50,000 toward trail-building and other centennial costs — brought in just \$32,700 above expenses. That's a substantial sum, of course, but it lacked about \$17,300 of the anticipated profit. Add that to the \$58,000 budget shortfall, and the Centennial Commission is looking for another \$75,300. Chairman Ken Edmunds this week said his conversations with several potential donors left him confident they'll com-

mit a total of \$6,700 to the effort. He and fellow commission members will keep looking for the rest. "We'll get the majority of it, but it may be down to the end," Edmunds said. If fund-raising falls short, he said, the stretch of walking trail that's under construction from Shoshone Falls Park to the canyon rim above, and running along the rim to the west, won't be paved for its entire length. "The trail would not be as long," Edmunds said. The trail has already been blazed, and base materials were laid. By Sept. 15, contractor Stutzman Inc. and the Centennial Commission want to finish the trail and its overlooks. Edmunds hopes love of the trail "will open more wallets. "Everybody likes the trail," he said. "They want the trail to succeed."

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Comfortable temperatures and sunny skies. Highs in the lower 80s.
Tonight: Fair to clear skies and continued dry. Lows in the mid to the upper 50s.
Tomorrow: Sunny and mild. Highs in the lower to the mid 80s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Sunny skies and mostly dry. Highs near 80.
Tonight: Clear and cool. Lows in the upper 40s to near 50.
Tomorrow: Continued sunny, dry and warm. Highs in the lower 80s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Yesterday's Weather. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Atmospheric energy will allow for a few scattered showers or thunderstorms today.
BOISE Get out and enjoy the outdoors if you have the chance this weekend.

NORTHERN UTAH To see what is riding in your way as far as the weather is concerned throughout the weekend it will be sunny and warm.
MOUNTAIN VIEW WEATHER 8/7/04

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes monthly and historical data.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for August: Last, New, First, Full.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Twin Falls.

U.V. INDEX

Table showing UV index levels: Low, Moderate, High.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Monday. Lists cities like Boise, Burley, etc.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Monday. Lists cities like Denver, Dallas, etc.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Monday. Lists cities like London, Tokyo, etc.

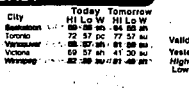
VERY HIGH

Very high temperatures expected for the weekend. To report wildlife, call 1-877-333-3333.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Monday. Lists cities like Calgary, Vancouver, etc.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Iraq

Continued from A1. Adnan al-Zarqi gave the insurgents 24 hours to leave the city. The Iraqi Army has proved difficult to put down in the past. It persisted despite heavy casualties during its first uprising, and U.S. commanders are hesitant to carry out a full fledged assault in the holiest Shiite city.

troops secured the main police station, said Maj. Iain Cloney, a British military spokesman. It was not clear if they recaptured the others. In Nasiriyah, assaulters attacked Italian troops early Friday with automatic weapons and targeted a police station.

Submarine

Continued from A1. Alvin has been a trusted trouper for four decades as a good friend, but science advances and so does technology, said Arden Bement, acting director of NSF.

Street

Continued from A1. The planning and zoning hearings "should" notify all property owners of the subdivision. In addition, each should have responded as to whether he agrees with the plan before the city can allow the request to be made.

Correction

Correction: The name Alvin was bestowed whimsically by scientists amused by a popular song featuring a singing chipmunk. Some have suggested the new vessel be named for one of that chipmunk's companions.

gunfire and explosions rocked the city Friday as helicopters flew overhead. The streets were nearly deserted, shops were closed, and some residents near the cemetery fled with their belongings on carts.

Assaults also attacked a police station and City Hall in the southern city of Basra, wounding three police and five civilians, police and hospital officials said.

the planning and zoning hearings, said hospital spokesman Steve Heston, who is also a City Council member. "From what I'm hearing, there is no resolution yet."

the public hearing process. There are three hearings scheduled before the council, the first one set for Aug. 23. The Holahan Subdivision includes all properties in the square between Martin and Rose streets and Shoup Avenue West and Addison Avenue West.

electoral official must remove himself from voting if he stands to make money or is employed by an entity that has an economic interest as the result of an issue being passed. Barigar will recuse himself from voting because he is a spokesman for Magd Valley Regional Councilman Chuck Talkington can't vote on the issue because he is a county employee, and the county owns the hospital.

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From left, Democratic vice presidential nominee Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., and Kerry's wife, Theresa Heinz Kerry, listen to a question by a hog farmer during an appearance at a farm near Smithville, Mo. Friday.

# Poll: Kerry narrows gap with Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrat John Kerry, whose nominating convention highlighted his war service and focused on national security, has narrowed the gap on President Bush's strong suit of protecting the country, according to an Associated Press poll that shows the race remains tight.

Flanked by his Vietnam crewmates, Kerry delivered an acceptance speech last week laden with references to patriotism, his decorated military record and his qualifications for commander in chief — a theme underscored by speaker after speaker over the

four-day gathering. The images and rhetoric registered with a number of voters. In the AP survey conducted Tuesday through Thursday, 43 percent said Kerry would do a better job of protecting the country — a gain of 6 percentage points for the Democratic presidential nominee from a similar survey in March.

Kerry improved his standing on the issue with a demographic group that tends to lean Republican: men under age 45. Bush still has an advantage on the issue, with 52 percent saying the Republican incumbent would do better in protecting the nation. But Bush's

percentage on the issue has dropped 6 percentage points since March, according to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs, and the latest survey was taken as he faced questions about dated intelligence for increased terror alerts.

Edison Montgomery, a 59-year-old Democrat from Lancaster, Ohio, said that after watching the convention he has grown more comfortable with Kerry — especially on whether he is capable of protecting the nation.

"It seems like he's got a good head on his shoulders," Montgomery said.

Despite the gains for the De-

mocratic challenger, Bush and Kerry remained essentially tied in the presidential race — an outcome similar to where they've been for months.

In a three-way matchup, Kerry and running mate John Edwards have the backing of 48 percent. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney 45 percent and independent Ballou and running mate Peter Camejo 3 percent.

The poll had a margin of error of 3.5 percentage points.

In July, Bush had a slight lead over Kerry — 49 percent to 45 percent — with 3 percent backing Nader.

Kerry also improved his

standing in state polls in two swing states — Florida and New Hampshire — pulling slightly ahead of Bush since the convention, according to the American Research Group.

Although Bush's ratings have dipped in other areas, including his stewardship of the war in Iraq and his handling of the economy, 51 percent still approve of the president's handling of the war on terrorism to 48 percent who disapprove in the AP poll.

"I don't think Kerry's ready to be president," said Laura Weber, a 37-year-old Republican from Pierre, S.D. "Bush would be more decisive."

# Anthrax probe agents raid man's homes

DOVER TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — FBI agents investigating the 2001 anthrax attacks searched the homes of a doctor who, days after the first anthrax mailings, had applied for a patent for a system to identify chemical and biological attacks.

Hours after Thursday's raids, Dr. Kenneth M. Berry was charged with assault for allegedly fighting with four family members at a seaside motel. Authorities said Berry, 46, of Wellsville, N.Y., was released from jail on \$10,000 bond.

More than three dozen agents, some in protective suits, combed through two Wellsville homes listed in property records as Berry's past and present addresses.

The investigators in Wellsville, a bucolic village of 5,000 residents near the Pennsylvania line, wrapped up their daylong search after dark but did not reveal whether they found anthrax. Mayor Brad Thomas said they did not.

"They packed up and they're gone," the mayor said.

"They may be doing some follow-up interviews but ... as far as I know, they're no longer



A towel, blown by the wind, hangs outside a buglow where Dr. Kenneth M. Berry had recently been staying, in the Ocean Beach section of Dover Township, N.J., Friday.

Two flatbed trucks hauled away the vehicles, according to another neighbor, Adam Fadel. One of the vehicles was returned Thursday evening.

There was no sign of law enforcement activity there Friday morning. Someone appeared to be inside, but no one answered a reporter's knock at the door.

An FBI spokesman in Wash-

ington said the FBI and Postal Inspection Service were searching multiple locations in Wellsville and Dover Township as part of the anthrax probe. He declined to say what agents were seeking.

"There is no present danger to public health or safety," said Joe Parris, FBI supervisory special agent.

"Anthrax-laced envelopes were mailed in fall 2001 to government offices and news media. Five people were killed and 17 fell ill, further rattling a nation on edge after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks," Attorney General John Ashcroft had labeled Dr. Steven Hattill, a former government scientist and bioweapons expert, as a "person of interest" in the case. Hattill, who once worked at the Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick, Md., has denied any wrongdoing in the case. Hattill and other officials, saying his reputation was ruined. The lawsuit is pending. Hattill attorney Tom Connolly in Washington, D.C., declined to comment Friday on the searches involving Berry.

# Police: Killer remains at large after six found dead

DELTONA, Fla. (AP) — Four men and two women were found slain in a home Friday after one of them failed to show up for an early morning shift at a nearby Burger King, and authorities said the killer was apparently at large.

"It appears that we have a murderer on the loose," Volusia County Sheriff's spokesman Gary Davidson said.

Sheriff Ben Johnson did not offer a possible motive or specify how the victims died. "There was an extreme level of violence," he said.

Davidson said the bodies, along with a dead dog, were found in different rooms of the three-bedroom home in Deltona, about 25 miles north of Orlando.

The victims, whose names

were not immediately released, ranged in age from 18 to mid-30s, and they did not appear to be related.

The bodies were discovered after one victim's co-worker at Burger King called a friend and asked the person to visit the home because the victim had not arrived for work, officials said.

In a statement, Burger King said "the victims of the tragedy" worked at a Deltona franchise, and that the franchisee was working with local officials and the company during the investigation.

A company spokeswoman declined to clarify whether all the victims worked at the restaurant.

The franchisee did not return calls for comment.

# Official: Rape, kidnap case will be reviewed

HOUSTON (AP) — The case of a man sent to prison in 1997 for the kidnap and rape of a 14-year-old girl will be reviewed after questions were raised about his conviction and the role of the city's embattled police lab, the police chief said Friday.

A legal group representing George Rodriguez alleges faulty testimony from a police crime lab scientist led to a wrongful conviction.

The group — the New York-based Innocence Project — wants a judge to hear Rodriguez's case and find that he would have been exonerated if DNA testing — which was not used by Houston police in the 1990s — had been conducted on a hair found at the scene.

Prosecutors disagree, saying a hair sample that defense attorneys say supports Rodriguez's innocence could have come from anyone.

"The crime scene in this case was not a pristine crime scene," Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal said. "To be kind, it was squalid. Any number of hairs could have been off the bed that was used."

The former director of the lab's DNA section, Jim Bolding, was working as a serologist when he testified at Rodriguez's trial. A serologist is an expert on bodily fluids. The Innocence Project contends he erroneously testified that, based on analysis of the semen, another suspect could not have been the rapist.

# Funk legend Rick James dies in L.A.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Funk legend Rick James, best known for the 1981 hit "Super Freak" before his career collapsed in a cloud of violent drug charges, died Friday. He was 58.

James died in his sleep at his residence near Universal City, apparently of natural causes, said his publicist, Sujata Murthy. James lived alone and was found dead by his personal assistant, who notified police, she said.

The exact cause was not immediately known. "There'll be an autopsy and we'll find that out shortly," Murthy said.

With long hair, elaborately styled in braids or ribbed curls, James was one of the biggest R&B stars of the 1960s, composing danceable rhythms and pioneering ballads that gained a wide following.

Aside from "Super Freak" — which MC Hammer used a decade later as the backing track for his rap smash "U Can't Touch This" — James' hits included "Mary Jane," "Ebony Eyes" and "Fire and Desire," a stirring duet with Teena Marie.

"He was really fantastic, he was a creator," singer Little Richard told MSNBC.

Toward the end of the '80s, James' fame began to fade as he became embroiled in drugs, legal problems and health troubles.

In 1993 he was convicted in two separate cases of assaulting women. The first case occurred in 1991, when prosecutors said James and his girlfriend tied a woman to a chair, burned her with a hot crack pipe and forced her to perform sex acts during a cocaine binge at his West Hollywood home.

James was free on bail when the second assault occurred in 1992 in James' hotel room.

He served more than two years in Folsom Prison.

In 1997 he released a new album, but a year later he suffered a stroke while performing at Denver's Mammoth Events Center, derailing a comeback tour.

In 1998 he also underwent hip replacement surgery.

# Britain detains alleged author of surveillance report on U.S. buildings

LONDON (AP) — A key al-Qaida operative suspected of authoring surveillance documents that sparked terror alerts in the United States was among 12 terror suspects arrested in Britain, an official said. The operative is believed to have been in the United States in 2000.

The documents of surveillance in Pakistan and Britain were found on the computers of two accused members of Osama bin Laden's terror network arrested in Pak-

istan last month. Pakistani intelligence officials told The Associated Press the computers also held images of London's Heathrow Airport and that this information was passed to British officials.

The revelations draw a link between two major sweeps against suspected al-Qaida networks in Pakistan and Britain as well as the alerts announced Sunday in New York, New Jersey and Washington.

At least 20 people have been

detained in Pakistan in the past month, and Britain is holding 12 men.

The British detainees include 11 men picked up in raids Tuesday. Two others arrested in those raids have since been released, including a 25-year-old man who was freed Friday without charge. The twelfth detainee is Babar Ahmad, whose arrest was announced Thursday and who is wanted in the United States for allegedly helping finance terrorist activity.

Among those arrested Tuesday in Britain was a senior al-Qaida member, known as Abu Eisa al-Hindi or Abu Musa al-Hindi, who the official said is suspected of having written the surveillance reports detailing security, construction and other features of the five U.S. financial buildings.

The official called al-Hindi "a key al-Qaida operative."

Al-Hindi is believed to have been in the United States in 2000.

# Reservist says intelligence officer abused prisoners

HAGERSTOWN, Md. (AP) — An Army reservist who saw naked detainees being humiliated at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq says military intelligence officials led and directed the abuse.

The account by Kenneth A. Davis, a former sergeant in the Maryland-based 372nd Military Police Company, conflicts with testimony given earlier this week at the pretrial hearing of Pfc. Lynndee England, one of seven members of the 372nd charged with abusing detainees.

Davis' account — in a May statement to Army investigators and in interviews this week with The Associated Press — makes him the first member of the unit who is not facing charges to publicly describe one of the episodes that led to criminal charges against others. No military intelligence personnel have been charged in England's hearing, and their testimony at the England's hearing points to the military police as the perpetrators.

Davis, 33, of Hagerstown, Md., said Friday that testimony given Thursday by Spc. Israel Rivera, an analyst with the 325th Military Intelligence Battalion, was "inaccurate."

Davis said he testified that he watched military police force detainees to crawl naked "low enough that their genitalia were rubbing on the floor, causing pain." Rivera testified that he was disgusted by the abuse.

Davis gave a different account of the episode, blaming military intelligence soldiers. He and Rivera are among seven soldiers and a civilian interpreter photographed standing around three naked men shackled together on the floor of an Abu Ghraib corridor on Oct. 25, 2002. The scene happened upon the scene when he went looking for a soldier in a prison area where interrogations took place.

He said he found the soldier talking with Spc. Charles A. Gracer Jr., one of the reservists charged with abuse. Davis said he watched Spc. Armin J. Cruz and Spc. Roman Krol, also with the 325th Military Intelligence Battalion, handcuff two naked male detainees to the bars of two facing cells.

Davis said Cruz and Krol then pushed the men together, face-to-face, forcing them to embrace while demanding that they confess to raping a boy in the prison. He said Cruz approached him and asked sarcastically, "Do you think we crossed the line?"

Davis said he replied, "I'm not sure — you are ML." He said Cruz told him the men were being interrogated and said, "We know what you are doing."

He said Rivera arrived shortly before a third detainee was brought in by Staff Sgt. Ivan L. "Chip" Frederick, another of the accused military police officers. Then Cruz and Krol threw water on the concrete floor and ordered the detainees to flatten themselves face-down and grab their buttocks with their elbows and forearms. Davis said. When the detainees tried to raise their hips, Cruz and Krol pushed them down, he said.

Davis said Rivera's testimony "absolutely blows my mind."

"It's amazing his saying that because MI was laughing and pushing down in the middle of their backs," he said Friday. He said he did not recall seeing any military police officers forcing inmates to crawl.

In his written statement, Davis said he turned to Rivera, and asked, "Did you all ever consider that they guys (sic) are innocent?"

Davis said Rivera replied, "I've been interrogated and you know, sergeant, they are guilty."

Rivera described parts of the same episode Thursday at England's hearing and in a June 4 report filed in the England's case. In the article, he implicated Cruz and Krol in the abuse but said military police officers initiated it.

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## Shadow of 9/11 remains over NY

So we awoke again in New York to a terror warning last week, confirmation — as if any was needed — that the next three weeks leading up to the Republican convention, and from there to the November election, holds special peril for this most iconic of American cities. As I began to sort through the news and make phone calls and talk to friends and neighbors, I found myself posing variations on the same questions, in terms so simple as to risk a predictable answer.

**MICHAEL POWELL**

seemed to open a clarifying window into a realm of terrible possibility. To know what could come meant confronting all manner of questions, from how to defend ourselves to where I might live with my family. For others, to go near that window promised a moribund future, filled with dread and repression of civil liberties and ill-considered invasion of foreign lands (views I fully understand). They turn away to remain human. Their description of alerts as naught but politics strike me as denial, but can I so easily argue it's irrational?

My own epiphany about the power of denial came four or five weeks after Sept. 11. It was that rare autumn day when I was able to leave behind the funerals and anthrax and despair and work on a piece about the struggling Jersey Journal newspaper. I rode the PATI train to Jersey City and strolled into one of those vast old public libraries that are monuments to the corruptions and glories of the early 1900s. I

walked up marble steps to a small oak room, where the librarian handed me a clip file. As I leafed through the yellowed bits of newspaper, I came upon stories not of the first attack on the World Trade Center, which I had covered for New York Newsworld, nor of the recent Sept. 11 attacks. Instead I read of a different plot, the near-catastrophic plan hatched in the summer of 1993 by followers of Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman. Their plan had been to strike on July 4 of that year, using suicide truck bombs to blow up the United Nations building, the Holland and Lincoln tunnels, and the George Washington Bridge. The plot had come tantalizingly close to fruition. Police and federal agents had burst in on the sheik's followers as they stirred a toxic brew of fertilizer and diesel fuel.

In reading these pieces I was struck by how little I had remembered of this. I was living in New York at that time; my wife had just given birth to our second son in January 1993. Yet this conspiracy registered then as another of those obscure plots with an obscure one-eyed sheik out of central casting. The notion that the failed attempt to take down the World Trade Center and these thwarted suicide bombings represented the dark dawn of a new age for my city and my children seemed too far-fetched, and too grim, to contemplate.

Only in the fall of 2001, sitting in that library with a smoke plume spiraling up from the floor that was Ground Zero, did that long-ago plot take coherent and frightening form in my mind's eye.

So maybe denial is woven into the fabric of living in New York City. Maybe it's unreasonable to try to love any work and raise children and grow old without ignoring the horrors that lie just beyond the horizon. A friend argues that we may as well worry about brain tumors or falling air conditioners as about terror attacks. And, oh yes, he sees in the most recent alert the hand of the Bush administration suspiciously at play.

Except that this argument sounds too reductive. Politicians may manipulate terror alerts for cross advantage, and perhaps more damagingly, intelligence agents may interpret new shards of information in a manner tailored to the worldview of their bosses.

We can beware of this and at the same time realize that al-Qaida seems likely to do its damnedest to hit New York City again, quite possibly during the convention or at some other symbolic moment before the election.

New York City Commissioner Raymond Kelly, a fine and honest officer, is aware that his department expends a psychological chill or two every time we go to high alert. He has several times signaled his skepticism about overwrought terror warnings emanating from Washington. But he and Mayor Michael Bloomberg, convinced no disbelief last Sunday, they mobilized this city, their response informed by the national belief that we can take concrete steps to lessen the threat of terror, that we are not lost in fate's maw.

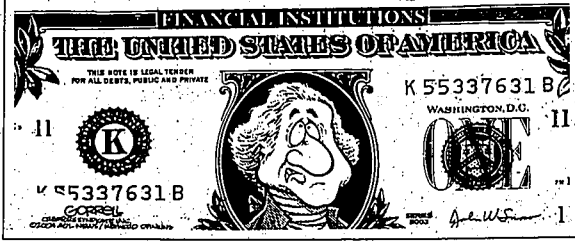
On Monday morning, as reports emerged that the Bush administration may have oversteated the clear and present danger of the recent alert, my e-mail inbox filled with messages from friends and neighbors. I read their eloquent talk of Orwell and discrimination, and their expectations that those among us who had been worried must feel better now.

I called an old friend on this, writing him back that all this good concern felt like fooling myself. He responded after a while with the suggestion that those of us — myself and his wife, among others — who came within the shadow of the falling towers on Sept. 11 had acquired an intimate view of terror. The question, which he was generous enough to leave entirely open-ended, is whether such experience renders us captives of irrational fear, or allows us to discern the terrible shape of a possible future.

For now, I feel confident about only this: Denial may well allow New Yorkers to live and love. But we should not fool ourselves into believing that it confers upon us any immunity.

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## LETTERS

### Smoking ban benefits non-smokers

In regard to Barbara Eckler's letter, in 2002, the second year in a row to see a steep rise, another 1.7 million people joined the ranks of those in the United States living in poverty. The total rose to 34.6 million. This is up from 32.9 million in poverty the year before and 31.6 million in 2000. According to a report issued by the U.S. Census Bureau on Sept. 26, 2003, the poverty rate in 2002 was 12.1 percent, up from 11.7 percent in 2001 and 11.3 percent in 2000. In 2002, there were 7.2 million poor families, nearly one in 10, in the United States, up from 6.8 million in 2001 and 6.4 million in 2000. Moreover, 2003 is shaping up to be just as bad, and 2004 could see even greater increases in poverty and declines in income. A report for 2003 has yet to be filed this year.

### Story on Szantos should be shared further

It was nearly a month ago that you shared with your readers the article by Julie Ponce regarding the Szanto family who came to Twin Falls. Thanks for this remarkable story. Each time I read it, the tears come. It inspired me to send copies to our nine children to hopefully share with the 26 grandchildren when it is timely. Surely there must be other stories like the Refugee Center and or the College of Southern Idaho could share with your readers. Our youth need to be exposed to this type of story in inspiring them to reach and stretch that they might achieve greater goals and inspire others.

### Departing chief has fond memories of Gooding

To the citizens of Gooding: I have had the honor and privilege to serve you as a police officer for the past 28 1/2 years and as the chief of police for 11 of these years. I have accepted a position with the Halley Police Department and will be leaving the Gooding department as of Aug. 5. My leaving is bittersweet in that I have spent my entire law enforcement career here in Gooding and had anticipated retiring from the Gooding Police Department. However, due to lack of support from the current mayor and City Council, I feel it is necessary to start fresh with a new department. I will miss my daily interaction with the citizens, especially the youth, as an officer, but by family and I will continue to live and participate in the community as private citizens. I want to thank all of those who have supported me over the years, and I am once again would like to apologize to anyone I may have offended during my tenure with the department. I also want to thank some of those same people for their renewed encouragement as I begin a new chapter in my life and career. I would like to extend best wishes to Chief Jerry Perry and the officers of the Gooding Police Department. I would encourage all of you to support Chief Perry as I intend to do as a private citizen. Thanks again for all your hard years of support and encouragement.

### Liberal principles are worth defending

To the writer whose recent attack on liberalism (July 30, 2004) was beyond belief, I offer the following from the Second College Edition, American Heritage Dictionary (please don't be offended by the academic references): Liberal: (1) Having, expressing or following political views or policies that favor "civil liberties, democratic reforms" and "a manner of governmental power to promote social progress." (2) Having, expressing or following views or policies that favor the "freedom of individuals" to act or express themselves in a manner of their own choosing. (Emphasis added.) Conservative: (1) Tending to "oppose change"; favoring traditional views and values. (2) Moderate cautions; "restrained." (Emphasis added.)

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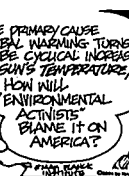
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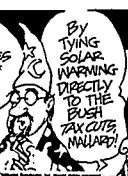
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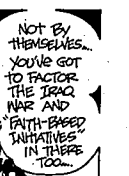
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# Probe will explore gulf's depths

PANAMA CITY, Fla. (AP) — Scientists will use advanced technology never before deployed beneath the sea as they try to discover new species, behaviors and phenomena in a 10-day expedition to the Gulf of Mexico's deepest reaches.

An international team of 16 scientists embark Saturday on the \$210,000 mission, called Operation Deep Scope. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is paying for the expedition through a grant to the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution of Fort Pierce.



Edna Widder, upper left corner, prepares the Johnson-Sea-Link submersible craft for a mission, in Panama City, Fla., on Friday.

"It's true exploration," said Edna Widder, the expedition's co-leader and a senior scientist at Harbor Branch. "The areas are going at least one place that nobody's ever been before, and there we're definitely exploring things that nobody has ever explored before."

She discussed Deep Scope on Friday aboard the Seward Johnson II, a Harbor Branch research vessel.

After departing Panama City in the Florida Panhandle, the ship will head first for the DeSoto Canyon, about 120 miles south of Pensacola.

Scientists will use a mini-submarine aboard the vessel to visit recently detected pinnacles on the canyon's western wall about 2,700 feet below the surface.

The expedition also will use a combination of new devices to observe deep-sea creatures, including a stealthy camera

system that can be left on the bottom for 24 hours at a time to photograph sea creatures under low levels of infrared light invisible to the animals.

Widder said it will "allow us to see without being seen."

Until now, scientists had limited options for observing deep-sea life.

"We have to drag nets through the water to bring the animals up to us, or we go down with these big, bright

nousy submersibles or remote-operated vehicles, which any animal with any kind of sensory system — and any sense — is going to get away from," Widder said.

Scientists have never seen a living example of one elusive deep-sea creature, the giant squid, but they know it exists because dead squids have floated to the surface. Widder said spotting one during the expedition "would be a dream come true."

Another Harbor Branch scientist, Tammy Frank, the expedition's other co-leader, will use the mini-sub to deploy traps she designed in hopes of bringing deep-sea animals to the surface without damaging their eyes.

Charles Mazel, of Physical Sciences Inc. in Andover, Mass., will use special lights similar to black light to photograph creatures that glow off their own light, known as bioluminescence.

Scientists also will explore a deep-water coral reef, a community of clams and worms that rely on methane-eating bacteria for nutrition and the Brine Pool, a shallow lake of exceptionally salty water 2,135 feet below the surface.

Dispatches about each day's findings will be posted on Harbor Branch's Web site, <http://www.at-sea.org>. Articles by the scientists and lesson plans will be posted on the web at <http://oceanexplorer.noaa.gov>.

# Unmanned planes gain military's attention

Los Angeles Times

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE — With its plane-like wings and a leisurely cruising speed of 84 mph, the propeller-driven Predator spy plane looked poky compared to the fighter jets zooming across the desert sky.

But when the Predator made a picture-perfect landing, 600 people encircled it. The crowd appeared eager to prop the pilot onto their shoulders — except the plane doesn't have a pilot or a cockpit or any windows. The unmanned aircraft was "piloted" by a computer operator pushing a joystick in a nearby trailer.

This week the Air Force will be the first time let the public view four of its once-secret robotic planes in operation. Instead of a typical air show with fast and acrobatic airplanes, the unmanned aircraft made wide swoops before gradually descending to land. Another dozen unmanned military aircraft were parked nearby, including two that are designed to drop bombs.

Remote-controlled planes are "no longer a hobby-shop business," said Maj. Gen. Wilbert D. Pearson Jr., commander of Edwards Air Force Base. "It's now a serious military operation."

The Pentagon has put unmanned aircraft at the forefront of its weapons development program — promising rich rewards for military contractors.

The Bush administration has committed \$2 billion in this year's Defense Department budget to developing and buying more unmanned aircraft, and analysts believe another \$1 billion is coaxed within the top-secret portion of the Pentagon's budget.

By 2010, Pentagon strategists envision replacing a third of the nation's military aircraft inventory with pilotless planes.

Although unmanned aircraft have been around for decades — some were used in Vietnam in the 1970s — the technology has taken off in earnest in the last couple of years. One reason is because of the Predator's success during the war in Afghanistan.

In one incident, a Predator built by General Atomics Aeronautical Systems Inc. spotted a Taliban convoy, then fired a Hellfire missile, striking the target. It was the first time an unmanned airplane had identified a target, then successfully fired a weapon at it.

Meanwhile, during the invasion of Iraq last year, U.S. forces are thought to have used at least a dozen robotic planes. These include the 5-pound Dragon Eye, used by the Marine Corps as a reconnaissance craft to transmit live images of Iraqi troop movements.

"Afghanistan and Iraq were absolutely critical" to the coming of age of unmanned aircraft, said Richard Merleau, a defense analyst with research firm Frost & Sullivan.

The mini-air show at Edwards was part of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International convention in Anaheim, Calif., this week, where more than 200 companies hawked their latest robotic

flying machines. Exhibitors included aerospace giants Boeing Co. and Northrop Grumman Corp. as well as mom-and-pop companies.

The size and cost of the aircraft varied widely, from a \$5,000, 6-inch-long plane equipped with a camera, to Northrop's \$45-million Global Hawk, the most advanced spy plane in the U.S. arsenal.

The jet-powered Global Hawk can reach speeds of 360 mph, take spy images from 60,000 feet and stay airborne for 35 hours.

The U.S. military accounts for about 70 percent of the unmanned aircraft market, but the military in Australia and Japan, and some businesses are eyeing their use.

Also, the Coast Guard is testing an unmanned plane to use for coastal patrol in Alaska and the Forest Service is looking at them to help fight fires by looking for hotspots.

As a result, aerospace companies of all sizes are betting on projections that the unmanned aircraft market will top \$6 billion a year by 2010, up from \$1 billion in 2001. "You have companies popping up left and right," Merleau said.

More than 3,000 people attended this week's convention. Among them: hobbyists trying to turn their expertise in remote-controlled toy planes into lucrative defense contracts.

Another vendor at the convention was Stephen J. Morris, a computer programmer from Mountain View, Calif. He said the Marine Corps has been talking to him about using one of his unmanned aircrafts for convoy protection. Morris' Bat plane, about 4 feet long, is launched from an 8-foot cart that can be mounted on a car.

Once airborne, the plane, equipped with a video camera, follows a programmed path up to 3,000 feet, transmitting live images of the road ahead, scouting for any potential ambush.

Morris has been a model aircraft hobbyist for years, but fine-tuned his expertise in aircraft controls by making unmanned vehicles in the late 1990s. "The interest is growing but so is the competition," he said.

An intense competition is under way between Northrop and Boeing to go beyond pilotless surveillance aircraft and build an unmanned combat plane.

The prototypes are about the size of a fighter jet but are shaped like a kite without a tail, with engines fused into the top of the body. The Pentagon wants a plane that can fly up to 1,000 miles at 500 mph to drop bombs on anti-aircraft radar installations and missile launchers. The Pentagon hopes to start deploying the craft by 2008.

Two Boeing X-45 unmanned aircraft made simultaneous, preprogrammed flights Sunday over Edwards. And recently the Boeing plane dropped an inert bomb at a Mojave Desert range.

Meanwhile, in Palmdale, Lockheed Martin Corp.'s famed Skunk Works engineers are working on a separate project: a unique, unmanned aircraft modeled after the super-fast SR-71 Blackbird spy plane.

# Judge lifts contact-ban-in teacher-sex case

SEATTLE (AP) — A judge on Friday agreed to lift an order barring Mary Kay Lenehan from contacting VII Fualaua, the former sixth-grade student she was convicted of having sex with when he was a minor.

Earlier, now 21, had challenged the court order, saying he is an adult and can pick his own friends, especially the mother of his two children.

Fualaua, now a 34-year-old elementary school teacher in suburban Des Moines when she began having sex with Fualaua.

Fualaua, who was in New York City, appeared on NBC's "Today" show, told the show that he's looking forward to seeing Letourneau and deciding if they can have a life together.

Letourneau's two daughters with Fualaua are now 6 and 7.

# Appellate court upholds decision to stop live Web cams of Arizona inmates

PHOENIX (AP) — A federal appeals panel on Friday upheld a lower court's decision to stop cameras from transmitting live video of Maricopa County jail inmates to the Internet.

One of the judges from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the practice "constitutes a level of humiliation that almost anyone would regard as profoundly undesirable."

The ruling came on an appeal by Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio, who challenged a U.S. District Court judge's decision to stop the cameras.

Arpaio's attorneys argued that the cameras violate 14th Amendment guarantees of due process and equal protection.

Twenty-four former inmates at Phoenix's Madison Street Jail — which exclusively holds people awaiting trial — filed the lawsuit in May 2001 against Arpaio and Maricopa County, which includes the Phoenix area.

The inmates said the use of the jail cameras amounted to an unconstitutional punishment of people who had not been convicted of a crime.

A call to Arpaio, who gained notoriety for putting inmates on chain gangs and issuing them striped uniforms and pink underwear, was not immediately returned Friday.

James Hamm, program director for Middle Ground Prison Reform, the group that filed the inmates' lawsuit, said the ruling affirms all that the plaintiffs alleged.

"What happened to these people was that they were being treated as if they were zoo animals are," Hamm said.

Three cameras feed live video of a men's holding cell, a booking area and an incoming inmate's entry area on the sheriff's Web site, and later, a crime Web site.

Judges Richard Paez and Marsha Berzon affirmed the lower court's decision.

The ruling is one of a series of complete strangers, not to mention friends, loved ones, co-workers and employers, as one is booked, fingerprinted, and generally processed as an arrestee, and as one sits, stands or lies in a holding cell, constitutes a level of humiliation that almost anyone would regard as profoundly undesirable and strive to avoid," Paez wrote.

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Castelford city officials say the money they used to contribute to the deputy's salary, will now go toward a water system study related to the pending arsenic mandate.

# Officials say arsenic mandate led to loss of deputy

CASTLEFORD — With \$8,000 less in its proposed 2004-05 budget compared with last year, Castelford city officials say they can no longer afford consistent law-enforcement protection.

And they're partially blaming the pending federal mandate on arsenic for their woes.

In 2002, the city and school district split the annual salary of a Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy with the sheriff's department.

In 2000 and 2001, each entity fronted \$8,231. In 2002, due to cost-of-living increases, Castelford taxpayers contributed \$19,437 — \$11,037 from the city and \$8,400 from the school district.

This past year, the Castelford School District was only able to contribute \$5,000. The city contributed another \$9,437 for a total of \$14,501 from the Castelford entities.

The sheriff's department picked up the rest.

Castelford residents last year

wanted to keep the presence of a deputy in their community so the city borrowed from its reserve funds.

But by law the city must keep in \$18,600 in reserves for annual payments — \$8,600 for the sewer system and \$10,000 for the water system.

Since 2000, Castelford's reserve funds have dwindled from \$45,300 to \$18,366, which means the city this year has a reserve shortfall of \$234.

The city's proposed 2004-05 budget of \$167,594 reflects lower interest earnings and

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committee assignment he was able to help," Reveler said.

"I think the odds for passage are very good. I think Castelford stands a good chance of seeing some — if not all — of this money."

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, has joined colleagues Sens. Ben Nelson, D-Nebr., and Pete Domenici, R-N.M., to introduce the Rural Community Arsenic Relief Act. The legislation would extend the time period for communities with populations less than 10,000 to comply with stricter arsenic standards.

Leading scientists consider the EPA's conclusion that water with more than 10 ppb arsenic is unsafe to drink is flawed and based on misinterpreted data, U.S. Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter said in a speech before House of Representatives on June 25.

"EPA is once again just an enforcer, and waiting until 2006 to impose lines on communities that are not in compliance," he said.

But Castelford could get more than a time exemption from the arsenic rule if the Small Community Options for Regulatory Equity Act, co-sponsored by Simpson and Otter, becomes law.

"All across rural America, small communities are struggling with how to pay for federal regulations that simply don't make sense," Simpson, a

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OPA, prompting city leaders to threaten a lawsuit against the federal agency.

A \$450,000 allocation for Castelford's water infrastructure in legislation introduced by Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, could help address system problems, which are more than solely an arsenic issue. The city's water lines are deteriorating and its water tower leans to the east.

But arsenic remains a key factor. The cost to build a treatment plant to remove the naturally occurring element from the city's drinking water has been estimated at \$200,000 and operating it could cost \$104,000 annually for this city of 277 residents. Castelford's entire proposed budget for 2004-05 is \$167,594 — down about \$8,000 from last year.

Mayor Rita Ruffing said the city turned to the Idaho delegation for the advice of Don Munkers, the Idaho Rural Water Association's CEO.

Simpson has been monitoring what has been going on with the EPA's new arsenic standards and the problems they've created for Castelford, said John Reveler, the senator's legislative director.

The congressman felt Castelford needed assistance and he was very pleased that through his appropriations

member of the appropriations subcommittee overseeing the EPA, recently said in a press release. "In the case of arsenic, over 150 Idaho water systems are facing millions in compliance costs and severe penalties unless they reduce naturally occurring arsenic levels to an arbitrary, unnecessary number."

The legislation would allow communities a choice of whether they want the EPA to enforce regulations on naturally occurring contaminants.

If communities with populations under 10,000 decide it's too costly to comply with the rule, an exemption from the regulation could be requested. "The EPA would then be required to grant the request."

"Congress provided flexibility for the EPA to determine whether it is economically or technologically feasible to obtain a certain level of reduced contamination," Otter said in his June 25 speech. "Unfortunately, EPA has decided to not use that flexibility."

With even less money in next year's proposed budget, city leaders know dollars will have to be stretched just to cover normal operational costs. Dollars that used to pay for a local sheriff's deputy will instead help pay for the water system study, city officials claim.

Within the past year Castle-

ford has raised its water rates 74 percent — a prerequisite to becoming eligible for various grants.

"To fund the requirements to meet the new EPA arsenic standard, we may have to raise water rates again," Ruffing said. "I see no way that the low-income families in our city can afford to pay more. Yet, there is the possibility the rates would have to be raised again to pay for the ongoing costs of running the treatment plant."

"I honestly don't feel the people in this community feel that threatened by the arsenic. I strongly support Congressman Otter and Simpson's bill that would give the power back to the citizens of the community."

Otter and Simpson have faith that local officials can ensure public safety with the fiscal realities of their communities, said Mark Warbis, Otter's communications director.

If local governing officials determine that the concentration of arsenic poses a threat, they'll make the case to their citizens about what needs to be done, Warbis said.

"Congressman Otter and Congressman Simpson have a lot of faith in local people doing what is right for their citizens," he said. "They have more of a vested interest in this than a bureaucrat from Washington, D.C., could ever have."

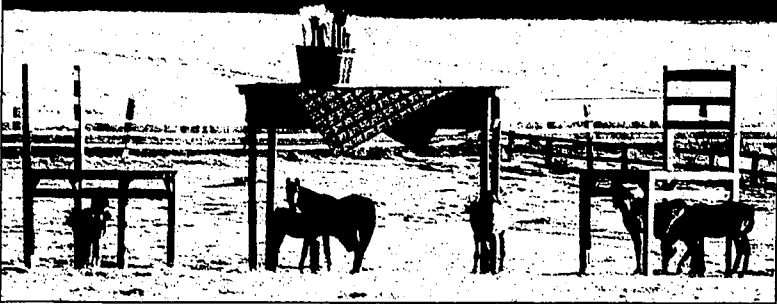
# Business to Business

September Special Interest Highlight: Agriculture & Harvest

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UNDER THE TABLE



Horses stand in the shade of a gigantic table and two chairs during heavy summer heat in Doellsteden near Erfurt, eastern Germany, on Friday. Wood dealer Jens Braun built the unusual furniture as a protection for his horses.

Japan leaves out A-bomb victims

TOKYO (AP) — They endured the atomic nightmares of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and then struggled for decades to live in one of the world's most impoverished, isolated countries.

The atomic bomb survivors living in North Korea share yet one more unhappy distinction: They are the only victims of the U.S. nuclear attacks on Japan who receive no assistance from the Japanese government.

The plight of these forgotten victims is getting more attention this year as Japan marks the 59th anniversary of the destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

There is one remaining issue involving overseas atomic bombing survivors, and that is North Korea," Health Minister Chikara Sakaguchi said last week.

It is known about bomb survivors in North Korea, many of whom were repatriated to their homeland in the late 1950s. The Japanese government estimates there are about 830 of them, but support groups say the real number is twice that, 1,553.

Even less is known about their health or their access to treatment. Bomb survivors numbering 285,600, including 5,000 living abroad — can develop myriad radiation-related maladies, including cancer and liver troubles.

The North Koreans were brought by the hundreds of thousands to Japan as soldiers and laborers during Tokyo's



A young Japanese boy watches candles lit around the Atomic Bomb Dome in Hiroshima, western Japan, Friday.

harsh 1910-1945 colonization of the Korean Peninsula.

The North Korean survivors are largely victims of politics. Tokyo has long resisted providing full assistance to survivors who don't live in Japan, but a 2002 court ruling forced the government to funnel more relief to victims abroad.

The government provides monthly allowances of up to \$1,250 and free medical check-ups to survivors in Japan. Foreign-born survivors, mostly in South Korea but also in many other countries, get a smaller package of assistance.

Since 2002, the monthly allowances have been available to all survivors as long as they had special certificates avail-

able only in Japan.

Government officials say they do not know of any North Koreans who registered before leaving Japan. Under the strict communist regime in Pyongyang, citizens are not free to travel to Japan to register now.

Even with registration, officials in Tokyo say they are loathe to send them benefits in North Korea because they have no idea whether the money would be confiscated by the revenue-starved government.

Japan and North Korea have never had diplomatic relations, and the situation of the bomb victims is unlikely to change while the two countries remain estranged, government officials acknowledge.

"Realistically, there is little we

herdsman, speaking on condition he not be identified further. Surviving was "a miracle. It's due to God."

The accounts — along with others describing numerous missing men — support U.N. and Amnesty International findings on three newly discovered mass graves in rebel territory. The graves hold a total of 59 bodies, some of whom suffered from the United Nations said Monday.

The U.N. Security Council called the killings a massacre. "We were in difficult conditions: no water, no food, no air. Sometimes they pumped tear gas into the container," said Slaka, who also refused to allow his full name to be used for fear of reprisal.

The allegations represent the most serious charges of rights abuses lodged against Ivory Coast's rebels since they took control of the north in a nine-month civil war which officially ended in 2003.

The killings occurred during a flare-up of factional fighting in June, when the main rebel leader, Guillaume Soro, put down an uprising by followers of dissident Ibrahim Coulibaly. Soro's forces said just 22 people died in the uprising.

Rebel spokesman Alain Lobognon denied that the container was used to imprison people. He would not comment on the other allegations.

Rebels have controlled the north of cocoa-rich Ivory Coast — once one of West Africa's most

can do until the diplomatic ties are normalized," said Takaaki Kikuta, a Health Ministry official in charge of atomic bombing survivors.

"Among many uncertainties, we are not familiar with North Korea's financial system, or whether the aid money would safely reach the survivors if we sent it," he added.

Supporters, however, say that a special effort should be made for the North Koreans.

All these years, the Japanese government has abandoned survivors in North Korea," said Lee Sil Gun, a 75-year-old Pyongyang resident in Japan and himself a Hiroshima survivor.

Lee was in Japan's western port city of Kobe selling black market rice the day the bomb exploded over Hiroshima, and he was exposed to radiation when he returned home the following day.

He now suffers from liver ailments. Many of his Korean friends and neighbors who survived the bombing later moved to North Korea in a state-sponsored repatriation program beginning 1959.

Lee, who interviewed about a dozen survivors during a visit to Pyongyang two years ago, said many North Korean survivors are getting old, frail and in dire need for help as soon as possible.

"I'm sure there are ways to provide humanitarian support rather than waiting for normalization," Lee said.

stable and prosperous nations — since launching an unsuccessful coup attempt in September 2002.

The civil war that followed split the country between the mainly Muslim north and predominantly Christian and animist south.

Over the past year, troops and militias loyal to President Laurent Gbagbo have been accused of numerous abuses, including the killings of at least 120 people during and after an attempted March opposition rally in the commercial capital, Abidjan.

However, survivors and others now accuse the chief rebel movement of killing dozens of prisoners, many of them civilians, during and after the June uprising.

Israel reopens Gaza-Egypt border

RAFAH BORDER CROSSING. Gaza Strip — Israel reopened the border crossing between Gaza and Egypt on Friday, allowing some 1,500 Palestinians to head home after being stranded in Egypt for three weeks.

Elsewhere in Gaza, a Palestinian trying to plant a bomb near an Israeli settlement was killed by the Israeli army Friday, the military said. The 18-year-old was a member of the militant Islamic Jihad group, Palestinian officials said.

The first busload of Palestinians crossed into Gaza early Friday. The Haaretz newspaper Web site reported that U.S. pressure forced Israel to reopen the crossing.

Israel closed the Rafah terminal July 18, saying it had intelligence that Palestinian militants had dug a tunnel under the crossing or a nearby Israeli army outpost and were planning to blow it up.

Soldiers searched the area during the closure, but army officials declined to say Friday whether anything suspicious was found.

India, Pakistan hold 'frank, honest' talks

NEW DELHI — India and Pakistan finished two days of "frank and candid" talks Friday on their competing claims for the world's highest battleground — a glacier cutting through the Himalayas and agreed to meet again in the future.

The talks between top defense officials were the first in six years concerning the Siachen Glacier, traversing the Himalayan region — dividing the longtime, nuclear-armed South Asian rivals. Troops from both nations have faced each other atop the 20,000-foot-high region since 1984.

The Siachen issue is part of a larger dispute concerning Kashmir, over which India and Pakistan have fought two of their three wars since gaining independence from Britain in 1947.

Indian Defense Secretary Ajai Vikram Singh and his Pakistani counterpart, Hamid Nawaz Khan, discussed possible compromises Friday concerning disengagement and the redeployment of troops.

"Frank and candid discussions were held in a cordial and constructive atmosphere, aimed at taking the process forward," a joint statement said.

Authorities now confirm 399 deaths after blaze

ASUNCION, Paraguay — Authorities lowered the death toll Friday from a weekend supermarket blaze, announcing that 399 people were killed and 144 remain missing from Paraguay's worst tragedy in decades.

Attorney-General Oscar Latorre said authorities struck 27 names from the list of the dead after reports filed by hospitals, morgues and rescuers were found to contain duplications and other errors. He said 52 of the 399 bodies haven't yet been identified.

Authorities have charged a co-owner of the Ycua Bolanos supermarket and four others with manslaughter after a security guard said he was ordered after Sunday's fire broke out to

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lock doors to prevent people from stealing.

On Friday, forensic experts were still studying the site trying to determine the cause of the blaze, which some officials speculated may have been started by an exploding gas canister in the store's food court.

Two former East German leaders get probation

BERLIN — A court found two former top East German officials guilty Friday of failing to stop the killing of people trying to escape across the Berlin wall and sentenced them to probation.

The trial was likely to be the last high-profile case, closing an era nearly 15 years after the wall was torn down to mark the beginning of the end of Soviet domination in Central and Eastern Europe.

Hans-Joachim Bohme, 74, and Siegfried Lorenz, 73, former members of the ruling Politburo of the East German Communist Party, enticed supporters outside the court.

Both were convicted of being accessories to murder in three shooting deaths between 1986 and 1989.

A leading former East German democracy activist said it was important that judges establish responsibility, regardless of the sentence.

"People who lost relatives at the wall are concerned perhaps not so much with tough sentences as with justice being done, and that means establishing authoritatively that what happened was wrong," said Marianne Birthler, who now oversees the archives of the Stasi, the former East German secret police.

Russian troops conduct anti-terror exercises

BALYKCIH, Kyrgyzstan — Russian jets and helicopters struck mountain-side targets in northern Kyrgyzstan on Friday in Central Asia's largest anti-terrorist military exercises — since the Soviet collapse.

The more than 2,000 troops participating in the exercises were trying to demonstrate the ability of countries in the Collective Security Treaty Organization, a grouping of six former Soviet republics, to beat back a terrorist incursion.

It was also a chance for Russia to show it's still a force in Central Asia, where the arrival of American troops after the Sept. 11 attacks spawned a new struggle for influence in the strategic area.

The situation in Central Asia is stable, but we don't rule out terrorist attacks in Afghanistan or any other countries in the region," Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov said.

Aircraft from a new Russian-led base in Kyrgyzstan took part in the exercises for the first time, and a Russian commander said Moscow plans to double the number of troops based there by the end of the year. U.S. forces are also based in Kyrgyzstan, — compiled from wire reports

Survivors tell of mass killings in Ivory Coast

KORHOGO, Ivory Coast (AP) — Dozens of boys and men suffocated in an airless, sweltering shipping container in which rebels locked more than 100 people for days, two survivors told The Associated Press, giving accounts of atrocities during factional fighting in Ivory Coast's rebel-held north.

With detainees packed in too tightly to move — or even breathe — one man, named Slaka, said he survived by gasping air through a small hole in the top of the container.

When the 40-foot-long by 9-foot-high container was opened, 75 bodies were pulled out, a second survivor, Amadou, told the AP on Friday.

"I thought I was going to die," said Amadou, a 25-year-old

U.N. expert finds violations by Sudanese forces

GENEVA (AP) — A top U.N. human rights investigator Friday released a report that blames the Sudanese government for atrocities against its civilians in the Darfur region and says "millions of civilians" could be killed.

"It is beyond doubt that the Government of the Sudan is responsible for extrajudicial and summary executions of large numbers of people over the last several months in the Darfur region, as well as in the Shilluk Kingdom in Upper Nile State," said Asma Jahangir, the U.N. investigator on executions, in a report passed on a 15-day visit to the region in June.

The current humanitarian disaster unfolding in Darfur, for which the government is largely responsible, has at millions of civilians at risk, and it is very likely that many will die in the months to come as a result of starvation and disease," she said.

Jahangir said there was "over-

whelming evidence" that the killing was carried out "in a coordinated manner by the armed forces of the government and government-backed militias. They appear to be carried out in a systematic manner."

The scale of violations means they "could constitute crimes against humanity for which the government of the Sudan must bear responsibility," she said.

Last week the U.N. Security Council passed a resolution giving Sudan 30 days to curb the pro-government Arab militias blamed for the violence in Darfur or face diplomatic and economic penalties.

The militias, called the Janjaweed, have been blamed for violence that has killed 30,000 people, forced a million from their homes and left an estimated 2.2 million in urgent

need of relief aid.

"I remain seriously concerned at the very slow and negligible reaction of the government toward the situation unfolding in Darfur," Jahangir said. "Such a reaction despite the huge international outcry would appear to indicate either complete disregard for the right to life of the population of Darfur, or, at worst, complicity in the events."

She said all attacks against the civilian population must stop and that the government must disarm all militias.

The government also must assure that aid workers have complete access to people in need, Jahangir said.

In New York, U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said the Sudanese government and the United Nations would sign an agreement Monday outlining steps Sudan must take this month to start disarming the militias and other outlawed groups and to improve security in western Darfur.

Advertisement for Kregel's True Value Hardware. It features a large graphic of a wood finish can and text: "OPEN SUNDAYS 10 TO 4", "The finest wood finish available.", "REG. \$30.99", "\$24.99 Gal.", "Kregel's True Value Hardware", "Help Is Just Around The Corner", "628 Main Ave. South Twin Falls • 736-0080", "HOURS: MON-SAT. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. SUNDAY 10 a.m.-4 p.m."

Advertisement for Spring Air mattresses. It features a large graphic of a mattress and text: "Test the Mattress", "more people prefer", "Never Turn Mattress", "FREE", "369.95", "369.95", "FINE FURNITURE", "2338 Overland Ave • Burley, ID • 678-5775"

**MORNING LINE**

**SPORTSQUOTE**

The guy is two years younger than me, and he's still playing. That's incredible.

— Anaheim manager Mike Scioscia on 43-year-old Andres Galarraga, who was signed by the Angels as a free agent

**TRIVIA QUESTION:**

Besides the Panthers and Eagles, Rodney Peete has played for four other NFL teams in his 16-year career. Who are they?

...answer below

**TODAY'S SCHEDULE**

**Magic Valley Speedway**  
Modifeds, Ponys, Thunders, Race Trucks, Indy Cars, 6 p.m.  
**Legion baseball**  
A State Tournament, Hall-well Park, Pocatello

**IN BRIEF**

**TFHS holds gear checkout Thursday**

**TWIN FALLS** — Football equipment checkout for Twin Falls High School will from 9-11 a.m. Thursday for varsity players. Sophomores can check out gear from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**District IV holds football rules meeting**

**TWIN FALLS** — The District IV state rules meeting for football coaches and officials will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at Twin Falls High School.

**Dietrich announces practice times**

**DIETRICH** — The Dietrich Blue Devils football team's first practice is from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 13 with volleyball starting up at 8:50 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16.

**Declo football starts on Aug. 18**

**DECLO** — The first practice for Declo football is at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18. Gear will be available then. All players entering ninth and 11th grades must have taken a physical.

**Buhl volleyball will have parents' meeting**

**BUHL** — Parent of prospective Buhl High School volleyball players are asked to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. in the high school library. Tryouts start at 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 13.

**Wendell girls soccer begins next Friday**

**WENDELL** — The Wendell High School girls soccer program opens tryouts at 8 a.m. Friday, Aug. 13.

**TFHS holds girls soccer tryouts soon**

**TWIN FALLS** — Tryouts for the Twin Falls High School girls soccer team last from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13 at Ascension Fields.

**W. Minico volleyball starts Tuesday**

**REPORT** — The West Minico Junior High School volleyball programs starts tryouts at noon Tuesday and continues on Wednesday. The tryouts last two hours.

Compiled from staff reports

**TRIVIA ANSWER:**

Peete played for the Detroit Lions, Dallas Cowboys, Washington Redskins and Oakland Raiders.

## U.S. routs Serbia-Montenegro

The Associated Press

**BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro** — Perhaps the worst is already in the past for the U.S. Olympic men's basketball team.

Following coach Larry Brown's mantra of "playing the right way," the Americans dominated the defending world champions with defense in an impressive 79-61 exhibition victory over Serbia-Montenegro on Friday night.

The Americans took a partisan crowd out of the game by holding Serbia-Montenegro to just nine points in the second quarter, showing none of the faults that hampered them in earlier games against Italy and Germany while shutting down an opponent that appeared both overconfident and incompetent.

"We played hard and we tried to do what was right, and I think that was a significant step," Brown said.

Tim Duncan led the U.S. team with 16 points. LeBron James added 11 and the entire team played with a level of determination that should go a long way toward re-establishing them as one of the favorites for the gold medal in Athens.

When the evening began, they weren't even picked to win the game. Local betting parlors listed the Serbian team as a four-point favorite.

"We are the team that everyone wants to play their best basketball against," Lamar Odom said. "We're playing for a lot, and it means a lot to us."

The U.S. team went 14-for-14 from the free throw line

and 30-of-60 from the field while holding the Serbian team to 35 percent shooting overall and 1-for-14 accuracy from 3-point range.

A 14-0 run to begin the second quarter put the Americans in control, and their defense the rest of the way kept the home team from making any kind of extended rally.

A crowd of about 18,000 showed the Americans their respect by standing and applauding as the game ended.

Rather than playing a zone as Italy and Germany did almost exclusively in the Americans' earlier exhibition games, the Serbian team went with a man-to-man scheme.

The U.S. team also played man-to-man defense, and two of the game's best one-on-one moves were made by Dejan Bodiroga — often called the best player in Europe — against Carmelo Anthony. The first was the most impressive, Bodiroga dribbling behind his back and through his legs before darting around Anthony for a layup.

The game got away from Serbia-Montenegro early in the second quarter, and the big run brought the American players and coaches off the bench in jubilation.

One of the most impressive stretches was a blocked shot by Shawn Marion that led to a breakaway. Marion sprinting downcourt to finish it with a dunk off a pass from Stephon Marbury.

The U.S. team's next game will be against Turkey on Sunday night.



Shawn Marion, of the U.S., hangs from the rim during the exhibition basketball match between Serbia and Montenegro, in Belgrade, Friday. The U.S. team is preparing in Serbia and Montenegro for the upcoming Olympic Summer Games in Athens.

## A NEW HOPE

### Kastor leads U.S. revival in women's marathon

The Associated Press

**GIORGIOUPOLI, Greece** — Twenty years ago, a slight figure wearing a white painter's cap emerged from the tunnel at the Coliseum in Los Angeles to a burst of roars and applause.

Joan Benoit was the winner of the first Olympic women's marathon. Since then, however, Americans have had little to cheer about.

Athens might be different. Deena Kastor represents the country's best hope for a marathon medal since Benoit's 1984 victory.

"I couldn't have prepared myself any better," Kastor said as she and the other two U.S. women marathoners relaxed Friday at a seaside resort in Crete, where the U.S. track and field team has set up its pre-Olympic training camp.

Four years ago, the United States had just one woman in the Olympic marathon, Christine Clark, a doctor from Alaska who finished 18th in the Sydney games. This year, there is a full contingent: Kastor, 40-year-old South African transplant Colleen De Reuck, and Jen Rhines, who eclipsed her personal best by 11 minutes to finish third at the U.S. trials.

The 31-year-old Kastor thinks Americans lost interest in the marathon during the last two decades, but that it's on the upswing.

"We now see a marathon boom in the United States," she said. "It's gotten exciting again. To go to some of the major marathons and see 30,000 people lined up at the starting line, it's exciting to see America going that way."

De Reuck said much of the renewed interest is due to Kastor, who carries U.S. hopes despite



Deena Kastor passes Amy Begley, left, and Nicole Alah during the women's 10,000 meters at the Olympic Track and Field trials in Sacramento, Calif., in this July 16 photo. Joan Benoit was the winner of the first Olympic women's marathon. Since then, however, Americans have had little to cheer about. Athens might be different. Deena Kastor represents the country's best hope for a marathon medal since Benoit's 1984 victory.

**Countdown**



## Maddux tries again for 300th win

The Associated Press

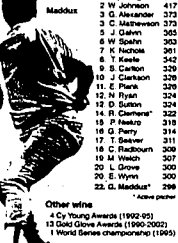
**SAN FRANCISCO** — Greg Maddux appeared relaxed all week, as if the major milestone he's about to add to his impeccable resume was just a distant thought.

At Coors Field, the humble and focused right-hander stopped to socialize with the clubhouse attendants and casually chatted up his Chicago teammates, seemingly his calm self even as he's about to make history.

"I'm trying," Maddux said with a smile Thursday. "What are you going to do? I guess I could worry and panic about it, but I'm not going to."

On Saturday, the four-time Cy Young Award winner will try for the second time to get his 300th career victory when the Cubs

300 wins club  
1 C. Young 511  
2 W. Johnson 417  
3 G. Alexander 373  
4 C. Matthews 317  
5 J. Davison 305  
6 W. Spahn 283  
7 K. Niekirk 261  
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\*All-time career



Other winners  
4 Cy Young Awards (1992-99)  
13 Gold Glove Awards (1990-2002)  
1 World Series championship (1995)

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## China, host of 2008 Olympics, vows to outrun drug-stained past

The Associated Press

**BEIJING** — They work in the shadow of Beijing's main sports complex, lab technicians in white coats who screen samples from Chinese athletes and look for performance-enhancing drugs.

On the eve of the Athens Olympics, these workers could prove to be just as important to China as the swimmers and runners who will compete for medals and fame.

China, plagued by a series of drug cases in the 1990s, wants to improve its image before the 2008 Beijing Games.

"Not only do we want to send our best and most accomplished athletes" to the Olympics, we must also send our cleanest athletes," said Shi Kangcheng, China's anti-dop-

**NFL Hall of Fame**

Sunday  
Induction Ceremony, 11 a.m.  
• TV: 3 p.m., ESPN Classic

**Pro Football Hall of Fame inducts four**

The Associated Press

**CANTON, Ohio** — John Elway fearlessly stared down opponents and the clock in the final minutes of games. Yet the prospect of election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame made him sweat.

Barry Sanders calmly linked his way around and through tacklers nearly twice his size. But the possibility of being chosen for the Canton shrine got Sanders all nervous.

They need not have worried as both the two-time Super Bowl champion quarterback of the Denver Broncos and the 10-time 1,000-yard rusher for the Detroit Lions got in on their first tries.

They'll join Carl Eller and Bob Brown, who took considerable

longer to be selected, as the Class of 2004 on Sunday.

Elway admits the lead-up to January's balloting was an anxious time. The man who led more fourth-quarter or overtime victory drives (47) than any other quarterback was angry.

"You're hopeful, but you're not really involved in the process," Elway says. "You try not to get too excited until you officially hear you are in, but I would have been disappointed if I didn't get in."

"Still, you don't want to put the cart before the horse."

As a player, Elway drove the cart like Ben-Hur and performed like Secretariat. The 1987 league MVP, he ranks second to Dan Marino in many passing categories, including

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

Auto Racing

- NASCAR Nextel Cup pole qualifying for Brickyard 400, 7 p.m.
NASCAR Nextel Cup 'Happy Hour Series,' final practice for Brickyard 400, SPEED, 2:30 p.m.
NASCAR Busch Series qualifying for Kroger 200, SPEED, 3:30 p.m.
Rolex Sports Car Series, SPEED, 8 p.m.
NASCAR Busch Series, Kroger 200, TNT, 6 p.m.

Xtreme Sports

- X Games, Day 3, ESPN, noon
X Games, Day 3, ABC, 2 p.m.
X Games, Day 3, ESPN, 7 p.m.

Golf

- European PGA Tour, The KLM - Open, third round, TGC, 7 a.m.
Newquide Tour, Cox Classic, third round, TGC, 11:30 a.m.
LPGA Jamie Farr Classic, third round, ESPN2, noon.
PGA Tour, the International, first round at Castle Rock, Colo., CBS, 4 p.m.
Champions Tour 3M Championship, second round, TGC, 3 p.m.

Baseball

- Hot Mats at Cardinals or Athletics at-Twins: FOX, 11 a.m.
Cubs at Giants, FOX, 2 p.m.
Outlets at Kansas City, Sports Illustrated, ESPN, 5 p.m.

Basketball

- FIBA Women's Diamond Ball Tournament, Australia vs. Greece, NBA-TV, 11:30 a.m.

Boxing

- Champion Acostino Freitas (35-0-0), vs. Diego Corrales (38-2-0), for WBO lightweight championship, SHO, 7 p.m.

Curling

- Standards, the Hambleton, Ontario, CBS, noon.
NTRA Whitney Handicap, Amsterdam Derby and West Virginia Derby, ESPN, 3 p.m.

Tennis

- ATP Western & Southern Financial Group Masters, semifinals, ESPN2, 4 p.m.
WTA Tour Rogers Cup, semifinals, ESPN2, 8 p.m.

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Local soldier scores

Home-in-one in Korea
SEOUL — U.S. Army Maj. Bruce Evans of Twin Falls, used a 7-iron to ace the 165-yard 3rd Hole No. 3 at the Sung Nam Golf Course in Seoul, South Korea recently. The hole was sponsored by United Airlines which awards two round-trip airline tickets to any major city in the states where it is hit. Major Evans will use one of the tickets to travel home for Christmas on his mid-tour break to Twin Falls where wife Erin and kids reside.

Jerome one-pitch league begins soon

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District has announced that it will begin its one-pitch league schedule. Upper-division teams will play on Mondays with games starting Aug. 23. Lower-division teams will play on Wednesdays beginning Aug. 25. 25 teams will play doubleheaders on their league nights.

There are spots for eight teams in each division. Teams face an \$140 per team with registration fees and four contact names accepted until Aug. 16. Teams will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Call the Jerome Recreation District at 324-3389 for more information.

Triathlon qualifier event will be held in Emmett

EMMETT — The Emmett National Qualifier Triathlon will be held Saturday, Aug. 14. The triathlon includes a 1.5K swim, a 10K run and a 40K bike race, and 10K run.

Over 100 amateur athletes will compete in the event. The ages range from teenagers to masters over 60 years old. There is also competition for physically challenged individuals. The top athletes from this event qualify for the 2004 USA Triathlon National Age Group Championships and potentially the World Championships held last year in New Zealand.

Major League Soccer

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IOC member faces possible suspension

AITHENS, Greece — A Bulgarian Olympic official implicated in alleged bribery corruption faces possible suspension from the IOC. Ivan Slavkov was secretly filmed by an undercover BBC reporter while discussing how money could be bought in the campaign to host the 2012 Summer Games. The program also featured four lobbyists claiming they could secure IOC membership for a price.

Clear Lakes ladies announce golf results

BUHL — On July 29, 21 ladies turned out at the Clear Lakes Golf Course for a game of Enlie Meemie, a game with scoring based on the Par 5, 5s, and the best par 4's combined with 1/2 the handicap to determine the final score. Edie Whitney and Ginger Rogers tied for first place with 26 followed by Caroly Erickson and Bev Gandiga in second at 26.5 and Barbara Adamson third with 28.5. Gobbles for the day were made by Joyce Crandall, Oleta Roberts, and Edie Whitney. Fewest putt honor went to Oleta Roberts and Joyce Gandiga with 29.

Coaches asked to provide practice times

TWIN FALLS — Area high school fall sports coaches are asked to call the Times-News at 1-800-558-3883 ext. 233 with practice startup times so the information can be published in Sunday's edition.

USU player released after three days in jail

LOGAN, Utah — Utah State University football player Antonio Penymann served a three-day jail sentence for assault and interfering with a legal arrest. Penymann, who was released Tuesday, had been sentenced to 180 days in Cache County jail on each charge. But 177 of the days were suspended, and he was allowed to serve the three-day sentence on concurrent charges.

Payton goes to Celtics as Lakers rebuild

BOSTON — The Los Angeles Lakers resumed their makeover Friday by trading Gary Payton and Rick Fox to the Boston Celtics for Chuckie Blum, Marcus Banks and Chris Mihm. The Celtics also received a conditional first-round draft pick and cash in the deal and sent a second-round pick to the Western Conference champions.

Despite struggling through his first year with the team, the 36-year-old Payton once averaged 14.6 points — his highest since the 1992-93 season — and a career-low 42 assists in the regular season last year. He averaged 7.8 points and 5.3 assists in the playoffs.

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