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THE BIG TRANSITION



Spec. Stephen Sjostrom, left, of Twin Falls cuts the hair of Spec. Steven Martindale of Filer in front of their barracks while Sgt. Ronald Yoshida of Burley watches.



Members of Bravo Company 2-116th Cavalry stretch before a morning workout as the sun rises over Dona Ana Base Camp in New Mexico.

Local guardsmen adapt to life as full-time soldiers

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

DONA ANA BASE CAMP, N.M. — It's a regular sight around the camp about 8:30 every night.

After a long, hot day on the shooting range, riding around in convoys and on recon missions, or guard duty at the main gate, the soldiers of the 2nd Battalion of the 116th Idaho Cavalry Brigade are finally free of their 70 pounds or so of armor and equipment. After a hot shower, they put on their PTs — that's Army-speak for regulation T-shirts and shorts — and sit out on the front stoops of their hooches with their cell phones, talking to parents, wives, children and fiancées. It's the time of day they look forward to the most.

"They're even allowed a beer or two. A couple of older soldiers were overheard one day laughing about the "two-beer limit."



"Geez, back when I first went in the Army, it was a two-case limit," one of them joked. Some things about Army life have changed with the times. Thanks to technology, soldiers are only a cell phone call or e-mail away from loved ones on the homefront. But the work is

still hard, and the food is, well, mess hall quality. They long for their wives' homemade lasagna and their mothers' Dutch oven blueberry cobbler. Soldiers with the 2nd Battalion — transferred from the Idaho National Guard to full-time Army service — are more

than a month-into-combat training in the New Mexico desert just over the Texas border. At 100-plus degrees, it's not just hot, but humid hot, the kind of weather that leaves them wringing the sweat out of

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Idahoans in Iraq

Soldiers with the 2-116th Brigade Combat Team are in the midst of an 18-month deployment that eventually will take them on a one-year tour of duty in Iraq. Last week, Times-News reporter

Sandy Miller and photographer Ashley Smith were embedded with the local troops training at the Dona Ana Base Camp in New Mexico. You'll find a wrap-up of their week throughout today's paper.

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Later this week, watch for more of Miller's photos and all of Miller's stories online at www.magicvalley.com.

Pay analysis sparks controversy

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — State lawmakers appropriated more than enough money for most local school districts to pay for a new minimum salary for teachers, according to a new Legislative Services Office report.

In fact, in most cases there's also enough state money to cover annual teacher pay raises for additional experience and

education, says Jason Hancock, senior budget and policy analyst for the LSO.

But officials of several Magic Valley school districts said they are skeptical of the report and that it doesn't offer a full picture of state school funding. In fact, a number of local districts are being forced to dip into reserve funds to make ends meet for the coming fiscal year, the officials said.

Hancock wrote the report for members of the Joint Finance

Appropriations Committee to explain the possible effects of the state's new \$27,500 minimum teacher salary.

Hancock said when the minimum salary was \$25,000, districts only received \$24,210 for each teacher, leaving \$790 that they had to pay themselves. Hancock said that by receiving the full \$27,500, districts have \$790 freed up per teacher affected by the increase.

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Iraqi government OKs amnesty plan

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi signed an amnesty Saturday intended to persuade militants fighting a 15-month-old insurgency to put down their weapons and join government efforts to rebuild the country.

But the law pardons only minor criminals, not killers or terrorists, and appeared unlikely to dampen the violence, as some insurgent leaders called it "insignificant."

Meanwhile, sporadic explosions and gunfire echoed through Najaf, south of the capital.

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Troops say military unit did much good

PETERSBURG, Va. (AP) — They trained Iraqi police officers and set up a police academy, and helped rebuild courts and schools. Three of them received Purple Hearts and six earned Bronze Stars.

But members of the military police unit at the heart of the prisoner abuse scandal at Abu Ghraib prison said Saturday that they fear the good they did for the people of Iraq will be overlooked because of the abuse allegations.

"I don't know if people saw just how friendly we were with the local population. Folks on the street just loved it when we came into the city and we cleaned up the city with the Iraqi police," said Sgt. Stephen-Flores, who helped establish a police academy in the town of Al Hillah.

Seven members of the 372nd Military Police Company, an Army reserve unit based in Greensboro, N.C., are named in the scandal, including Pfc. Lyndie England, who was photographed mocking naked Iraqi detainees. A military hearing is being held at Fort Bragg, N.C., to determine whether she should face a court-martial. If convicted, she could get up to 30 years in prison. Only one of the seven soldiers accused in the abuse scandal has pleaded guilty.

More than 100 members of the 372nd returned to their families Monday at Fort Lee's Fort Lee near Petersburg. After five days of reassignment training, three reservists agreed to talk with the media about their accomplishments, so long as no mention of the prison abuse scandal was made.

Fort Lee personnel told journalists that if they asked questions about the abuse investigation or about the seven soldiers accused of abusing prisoners, the interviews Saturday would be cut short.

"The soldiers won't be able to talk about that because it's all under investigation," Fort Lee spokesman Travis Edwards said.

Personnel said he didn't want the prison abuse scandal to diminish the work of the MP unit. "I'm pretty proud of what we accomplished over there ... (The scandal) doesn't impact upon me, why would it?" he said.

"Our unit has a rich history. One little thing is not going to dampen us," Staff Sgt. John McLaughlin said. "The way you let one thing of a select group dampen you?"

Said Spc. Hope Rhodes, a cook: "We did our job, and we're proud of it."

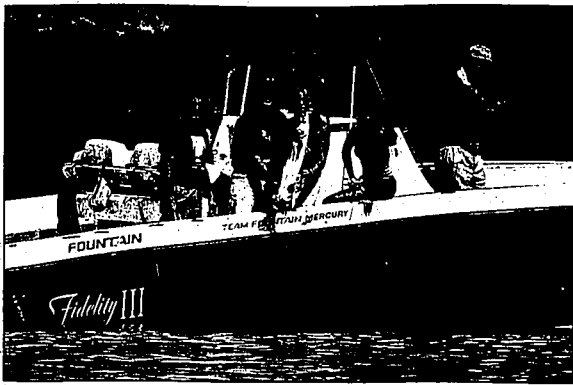
The unit's first task after arriving in Iraq on May 15, 2003, was to train new Iraqi police officers and help set up a police academy. Army officials said the unit was transferred to Abu Ghraib prison in October 2003, with some working in the detention center and others helping rebuild police stations, courts and schools in the area.

The MPs trained more than 2,000 Iraqi police officers at the academy.

Personnel said when they first arrived in Iraq the local police did not want to leave their stations without American soldiers, but that quickly changed. "They really got to the point where they wanted to show us, independent of us, they could do the job," he said.

"When we first got there it was the Wild West ... when we left you could walk the streets at night," he said.

A LITTLE PRESIDENTIAL BOASTING



President Bush displays a 38-inch striped bass that his daughter Jenna caught Saturday off the coast of Kennebunkport, Maine. At right, former President George H. W. Bush continues fishing.

Terror arrests in Pakistan signal closing in on some al-Qaida members

By Katherine Pfleger Shrader Associated Press writer

Analysis

WASHINGTON — The public focus during the current terror alert is on street closures and fortified buildings, with the country on guard.

But what ultimately may prove more significant is the trail of arrests in the last week, beginning in Pakistan and shifting to Britain, as the United States and its allies apparently close in on al-Qaida operatives who had their sights set on striking U.S. soil.

It is unclear — and perhaps unknown — whether the plot was abandoned years ago or remained active. This is a question with political implications because some critics accuse the Bush administration of raising terror warnings to bolster the president's image as commander in chief ahead of the November election.

Regardless, it seems clear that last week brought some of the biggest and most significant actions against al-Qaida since the March 2003 capture of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the terror network's former third-ranked member who masterminded the Sept. 11 attacks.

It was on July 29, at the CIA director's regular late-afternoon meeting, that acting chief John McLaughlin discussed some of the alarming information that had recently been received. That included extensive surveillance reports of five buildings in New York, Washington and Newark, N.J., he told senior agency operatives and analysts, FBI representatives and others from different intelligence agencies.

"He dropped out," said an Air Force lieutenant colonel of the 25-year-old man, who according to the U.S. military was a Taliban fighter in Afghanistan.

The detainee relayed his decision through an officer assigned as his "personal representative." He said, "I don't

want to participate anymore," said the Air Force officer whose identity was buried from being made public. The officer said the Iranian did not give a reason.

The detainee, who has been held for two years, has told the military he was a cook and driver and wasn't involved in combat.

Eleven cases have been heard since the review tribunals were convened at the U.S. military prison last week. The other detainees who refused to appear were three Yemenis, one Saudi and one Moroccan.

The military has given no reason for their absence, other than to say they have been generally uncooperative.

Khan's who was arrested last week in Britain. He is wanted in the United States for using U.S.-based Web sites to recruit fighters and raise support for Taliban forces in Afghanistan.

Ahmad had a document on battle gear plans for Navy vessels in the Persian Gulf, lawyers representing the United States said Friday at Ahmad's first court appearance in London.

Whether al-Hindi or any other detainees are involved with a radical cleric in Britain, Abu Hamza al-Masri, who was arrested by London police in May after an American extradition request, al-Masri is accused of trying to establish a terrorist training camp in Oregon while providing aid to both al-Qaida and the Taliban. His mosque has been linked to Sept. 11 suspect Zacarias Moussawi and would-be shoe bomber Richard Reid.

Whether the plot was still active, set aside for possible future use or abandoned.

Most important for Americans, are there other plotters still out there?

Democratic Senate intelligence aides put it this way: Intelligence agencies have had a few good weeks, but al-Qaida cells are multiplying faster than authorities can keep up with them.

The Bush administration says this: "We have, as we've said before, reason to believe that we are in a very serious threat environment," Deputy Attorney General James Comey said last week. "And we're working like crazy to try and make sure that that threat does not come to fruition."

It also cited them to Britain. Much of the surveillance work had been done in 2000, U.S. officials say, by a militant they consider to be a senior al-Qaida operative, known as Abu Elia al-Hindi or Abu Musa al-Hindi.

On Saturday, U.S. officials and government documents showed that al-Hindi was personally sent to the United States in early 2001 by Khalid Sheikh Mohammed to perform the surveillance on economic targets in New York.

Sull, many questions remain, among them:

— The role, if any, played by Babar Ahmad, a cousin of

Decapitation footage turns out to be hoax

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A video aired Saturday that purportedly showed an American being decapitated in Iraq was a hoax.

The man shown in the video, reached by The Associated Press in San Francisco, said he videotaped the staged heading at his friend's house using fake blood.

Benjamin Vanderford, 22, said he began distributing the video on the Internet months ago in hopes of drawing attention to his one-time campaign for city supervisor. When his political aspirations waned, he thought the video would serve as social commentary.

"It was part of a stunt, but no one noticed it up until now," Vanderford said. "I did this for a couple of reasons. One is to attract attention. But two is to just make a statement on these type of videos and how easily they can be faked." On the tape, Van-

derford sat on a chair in a dark room, his hands behind his back, trembling and rocking back and forth. The tape showed a hand with a knife cutting at the motionless man's neck, but did not show any militants.

"We need to leave this country alone. We need to stop this occupation," he said on the video, adding that he had been offered for exchange with prisoners in Iraq. "Everyone's going to be killed this way."

The videotape was posted on a militant Web site and aired on Arab television Saturday. Vanderford was clad in a T-shirt, not the orange jumpsuit that other hostages have been dressed in.

The video was titled "Abu Musab al-Zarqawi Slaughters an American." Zarqawi is an al-Qaida linked militant whose group, Tawhid and Jihad, has claimed responsibility for numerous deadly attacks across Iraq.

The Twin Falls Police Department is planning to Start another Citizen's Police Academy.

The Twin Falls Police Department is committed to increasing community awareness and involvement in the prevention of criminal activity. By giving members of our community a well-rounded, realistic overview of the police department's function, strong partnerships and resources can be developed.

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Iranian detainee refuses to appear at U.S. hearing

QUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — An Iranian detainee boycotted a U.S. military review hearing, the sixth prisoner to stay away from the proceeding to determine whether hundreds of Guantanamo Bay prisoners are being properly held or should be set free.

In his absence, Friday's open tribunal hearing lasted 13 minutes.

"He dropped out," said an Air Force lieutenant colonel of the 25-year-old man, who according to the U.S. military was a Taliban fighter in Afghanistan.

The detainee relayed his decision through an officer assigned as his "personal representative." He said, "I don't

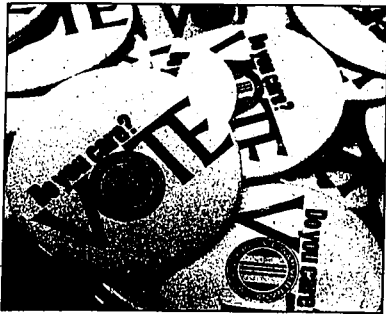
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NATION



Buttons urging veterans to vote are displayed at the Vietnam Veterans of America leadership conference in Nashville, Tenn., on Friday. Both political parties are seeking the support of Vietnam vets.

Election puts Vietnam veterans in spotlight

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The last time the Vietnam War loomed so large in a presidential election, it was 1972 and American soldiers were still fighting an elusive enemy in Southeast Asia.

But the war has taken center stage again as both parties seek the support of Vietnam veterans — turning to them as the emerging elder statesmen among American war veterans.

At a conference this past week, on the 40th anniversary of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, the Vietnam Veterans of America urged its members to make their voices heard.

"This election is probably more important than any election for president since the Vietnam era," Navy veteran Ed Vick, recently retired chairman of a giant Young and Rubicam, told the roughly 550 veterans at the convention Wednesday. "We must vote."

For Vietnam veterans — many of whom once felt disconnected from mainstream politics and ostracized by other veteran groups — it's surprising to be an important part of the 2004 presidential election.

"I had no idea I would be in the position I am now," said David Chung, a VVA member who said he returned from the war homeless. "A lot of people thought or hoped Vietnam would go away, but 30 years later it is at the center of things."

Many veterans see parallels between the current war in Iraq and the one they fought in. The enemy uses guerrilla tactics, casualties are mounting and public opinion is wavering.

Bill Chapman, a VVA member from Cocoa, Fla., remembers joining the Veterans of Foreign Wars when he returned from Vietnam and being told he didn't fight in a real war.

"Back then, VFW the American Legion really didn't want anything to do with us," said Tom Meinhardt of Michigan. "Now they are begging us to join their outfits."

Democratic candidate John

Kerry, a founding member of the VVA, is making his Vietnam experience a key part of his campaign, partly to highlight that President Bush avoided serving in Vietnam. In response, conservative groups are bringing out veterans to question Kerry's service.

That conflict sometimes evokes memories of the divisiveness that gripped the country during and after the Vietnam War, veterans said.

Many VVA members at the convention were hesitant to talk about the current political scene for fear of seeming to publicly endorse one candidate over another. Along with the group's connection to Kerry, its members include officials of the Bush administration such as Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, who also addressed delegates Wednesday.

Others, like Chung, hold a strong opinion that Kerry abandoned his comrades by returning home and opposing the war.

The VVA said it never endorses a candidate.

Putting their war in the middle of an election battle threatens to fracture the group. "It has caused some inner strife in the chapters," Chapman said. "You have die-hard Republicans and you have Democrats, too, and it's tearing some chapters apart like never before. After the election, we need to remember we will still be brothers."

Ours was one of the most controversial wars in history," Chapman said. "I'm still not over it, and it's more than 30 years ago."

The VVA is pressing the issue of Veterans Administration health care, hoping the political focus on their war and their members will translate into more money for what they say is an underfunded hospital system that denies benefits to 200,000 veterans because it runs out of money annually. It also wants to make sure the current crop of soldiers gets better government support.

Tape details Vietnam discussions

Nixon, Kissinger talked about withdrawal before 1972 election

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — Three months before the 1972 presidential election, Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger huddled together in the Oval Office to discuss when and how to get out of Vietnam.

Despite a massive bombing campaign during the spring and summer in the north, the Republican president had concluded that U.S.-backed "South Vietnam probably can never even survive anyway."

"We also have to realize, Henry, that winning an election is terribly important," Nixon told his national security adviser. "It's terribly important this year, but can we have a viable foreign policy if a year from now or two years from now, North Vietnam gobles up South Vietnam? That's the real question."

The conversation, recorded by Nixon's voice-activated taping system, was transcribed by the University of Virginia Miller Center of Public Affairs to be released Sunday, the 30th anniversary of Nixon's resignation.

Some historians, including biographer Jeffrey Kimball, considered it evidence that Nixon sacrificed American forces in his quest for a second term, keeping them, engaged to ensure that the South Vietnamese government wouldn't collapse before the election.

"But here's the problem: say they pulled out at the end of '71, or at the beginning of '72, Saigon might fall before the election. Or right after the election. What would that look like? It's clear — you can read from the transcripts — the election plays a part in their timing."

Kissinger, now a foreign policy consultant, said in an interview with The Associated Press that Kimball and other historians are focusing too much on an informal conversation that he said did not reflect Nixon's policies.

"Every once in a while he got discouraged and said 'chuck the whole thing' but that was never his policy," Kissinger said.

Historians said the conversation reflected Nixon's "decent interval" exit strategy in Vietnam. By propping up Saigon, the theory goes, the government could survive at least a few years on its own and Nixon would be able to distance himself from any political fallout when it collapsed.



U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, left, and President Richard Nixon are shown after Kissinger was sworn in as the 56th secretary of state in the Sept. 22, 1973, file photo. Three months before the 1972 presidential election, Nixon and Kissinger discussed when and how to get out of Vietnam.

This election is probably more important than any election for president since the Vietnam era.

— Ed Vick, Navy veteran

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their clothes at night. Each day, they look forward to what they call "a beer thirty" and they head to the PX to get some cold ones to put on ice.

They have less than 17 months to go on their 18-month deployment that will include a year in Iraq. Many of them said they were surprised to have been deployed. After all, they were a tank unit, and there was no need for more tanks in Iraq. But the government still deployed them, making most of them infantry — foot soldiers. They said they've adjusted as well as could be expected.

"It's infantry life," Staff Sgt. Don Graff of Murtaugh said. "A lot of these people are having a hard time. They've been citizen soldiers for so many years. We used to say, 'Two weeks and it will all be over.' We can't say that any more."

Life at the camp

The soldiers have lost track of time — their schedules are so crazy that the days just run into each other. A lot of them bought new watches that display the day of the week.

But there are some regular things they can count on. For instance, the Indian Boy barri-to and ice cream truck shows up every day at noon like clock-work. However, Sgt. 1st Class Rhee Williamson wishes it would quit parking in front of his hooch, where it plays the Pop-eye theme song over and over and over again.

"It's one of those tunes that sticks with you all day long," said Williamson, who was stationed at the Burley army. "It's fond memories are made of it, guess."

The training, organized by combat engineers of the Army's 91st Division out of Fort Carson, Colo., is meant to prepare soldiers for anything they might encounter in Iraq. They go out on convoys and recon missions in a mock Iraqi city. The Islamic call to prayer is played over loudspeakers five times a day — at the same times they'll hear it in Iraq. They encounter Iraqi protests at the main gate and improvised explosive devices. One day, a suicide bomber blew himself up at the main gate, "killing" himself and four soldiers.

Most of the soldiers said the training has been excellent and is giving them the confidence they'll need when they go in-country.

"We need to make sure that whatever they give to us, we can handle," said Pvt. 1st Class Aaron Franzen. "We're doing what we need to do, to do it safely and to come back."

Home is their FOB — Forward Operating Base — where their barracks, offices, training grounds, workout area and PX are surrounded by barbed wire. The periphery is guarded by armed soldiers around the clock. Things are much more dangerous on the other side of the barbed wire, but even inside the FOB, soldiers never go anywhere, even the latrine, without their M-16s.

One thing there's never enough of: sleep.



Staff Sgt. James Mace of Meridian, with Bravo Company 2-116th Cavalry, shaves in the latrine on Done Ana Base Camp in New Mexico.

Photo by ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

"Sleep is a four-letter word. It doesn't happen very often," said Staff Sgt. Rex Barnett of Twin Falls, who spent his 43rd birthday July 31 on ammo detail and doing transportation work.

"There's nothing special to do out here," Barnett said. "They're letting me off one detail because it's my birthday. It's my birthday present."

He'll turn 44 in Iraq. Before being deployed, Barnett had been a weekend warrior in the Idaho National Guard since 1986 and worked full-time for Independent Meat Co.

"The hardest part is going from civilian life to military life with the snap of a finger," Barnett said.

But the hardest thing for all the soldiers is being separated from their families.

"Last week a good friend back home died," said Spc. David Jones of Twin Falls. "She was like a grandmother to us, and my daughter, who is disabled, isn't taking it very well."

He said it's hard when someone in his family is having a rough time and he can't be there to help.

"It's difficult to keep your mind on your mission," Jones said.

Staying positive

Soldiers make the best of what little time off they get.

"I take advantage of the down time — getting some rest, calling home," said Spc. David Walden, son of Donald and Elizabeth Walden of Twin Falls.

Soldiers can often be found in their hooches huddling around DVD players watching movies. Comedies seem most popular.

"If we have down time, we play cards, watch movies," said Spc. Chris Mahler, son of Kevin and Judy Mahler of Kimberly.

"But they take their mission seriously."

"The leadership of this country is determined there's a reason we need to be there,"

Williamson said. "The bottom line is it's a case of human rights."

Unit 1st Sgt. Martin Rodriguez keeps a close eye on his men. He knows when to get tough and when to go easy on them.

"I'm a people person. You have to be," Rodriguez said. "You have to be hard on them, but you also have to be subtle with them. They feel safe with me. It all starts with trust. I want them to stand on their own two feet. I've had a rock-steady relationship with my men."

The soldiers can only hope their deployment doesn't get extended past 18 months. But they don't see the situation in Iraq being resolved

anytime soon.

"I think we're going to be there a long time," said Spc. David Leavitt, son of Max and Elaine Leavitt of Twin Falls. This will be the 23-year-old Leavitt's second tour of duty in Iraq.

In the meantime, they'll savor what few comforts there are in the life of a soldier — a beer thirty, a hot shower, talking to loved ones on their cell phones, sleep.

"You look outside and see a sunrise, and I guess it's worth getting up for," said medic Joshua Loder of Twin Falls.

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Spc. Bryan Crowley of G Troop 82nd Cavalry watches the door to the laundry facilities at the camp. Crowley is sitting on top of a clothes dryer to ensure his clothes are not taken.

IDAHOANS IN IRAQ

Where sleep is a four-letter word

It was Tuesday evening, and I was in the mess hall pouring myself another cup of coffee — the not-so-great-tasting, fully leaded kind, but containing the caffeine I so desperately needed after a week of little sleep.

"So, you're leaving tomorrow?" the soldier asked me.

"Yes," I said. "Oh," he said with a sense of longing in his voice. "To be able to take a hot bath, to be able to lie on the couch with some Oreos and a glass of milk and watch 'Oprah,' to be able to drive to work in the morning with a cup of coffee and listen to any radio station you want."

Then it dawned on me. It's not only their families and friends they miss, but also those simple, everyday kinds of things — things we don't really think about until they're gone.



SANDY MILLER

We had flown into El Paso, Texas, six days before. As the plane made its approach, I looked out the window knowing that the Dona Ana Base Camp, part of Fort Bliss, Texas, was down there somewhere. I looked at Ashley Smith, our photographer, and said, "Is that where we're going? It doesn't look like anything could survive down there." All I could see was dry, parched desert — so dry, the ground was actually cracked.

We landed at the El Paso airport, which was really quite nice. Restaurants, trendy gift shops. We saw Maj. Gordon, one of the Army public affairs officers, by baggage pickup talking on his cell phone. He helped us load our suitcases, laptops, notebooks and camera equipment into the van, and we headed for Fort Bliss. There, they made us little pictures with our pictures on them and warned us to take them with us wherever we went. I would later find out the hard way just how important that little picture of papers. Then it was on to the Dona Ana Base Camp, located in the New Mexico desert just over the Texas border.

And so began our week at combat training with the 2nd Battalion of the 116th Cavalry Brigade. Being "embedded reporters," they wanted us to get as much of the "real experience" as they could. We were issued our "battle rattle" — an armored vest, helmet and a CamelBaks, sort of a backpack for water. All in all, it weighed about 50 pounds, and we couldn't even walk to the latrine without it before 8:30 at night.

"Drink lots of water, but don't forget to eat — especially crackers, chips, anything with salt in it," Major Todd Edgar told us as he handed us our brand new CamelBaks. "If you don't eat, the next thing you know you'll be lying on the ground with medics pouring water on you and sticking IVs in your arms."

Maj. Edgar didn't mince words.

Being the only woman on that part of the base, I had my own barracks — or "hooh," as they call them — with 24 beds to choose from. I found it comforting that the medics were in the hooh next door and if I suffered from heatstroke, I wouldn't have far to crawl for help.

We were also alerted to the creepy crawlers native to the area. Rumor had it a rattlesnake was camped out underneath Hooh #213. I was two rows down in #215. Soldiers also warned us about the hand-sized tarantulas, and one day I came dangerously close to stepping on a centipede I saw was a foot long — well, maybe half a foot.

"Don't get too close to that," a soldier said as he drove by in a 5-ton truck. "They're poisonous." I had no intention of getting closely acquainted to the multi-legged beast.

Now, most bugs don't really

frighten me, but I have an absolute phobia when it comes to spiders. I thought I might not be able to sleep at night watching out for any eight-legged intruders. But we were so exhausted after bouncing around in Humvees all night on convoys and recon missions that sleep, if and when it came, was easy. By the time I left, I could have slept standing up. We quit keeping track of time after our first day there, when we worked 27 hours straight before catching a couple of winks. In the Army, sleep, one soldier told me, "is a four-letter word."

And now back to that ID card. One early morning, before we had to put on all that gear, I stopped by my hooh and took the long-sleeved shirt I had been wearing over a T-shirt the night before and tossed it on the bunk. I grabbed my notebook and pen and headed out to meet Ashley to cover hand-to-hand combat. I admit I was a little lost and couldn't find the sandpit. I must have looked like I was wandering around aimlessly, because, well, I was wandering around aimlessly. I walked past an area where soldiers were playing volleyball and basketball in their PTs. That's Army-speak for regulation shorts and T-shirts.

"Ma'am, just hold it there, Ma'am," one of the soldiers called out after I walked past. I thought that perhaps their volleyball had gotten away from them and they wanted me to throw it back. I looked around; no volleyball.

"Who are you, Ma'am?" one of the soldiers asked me.

"I'm a reporter with The Times-News," I replied. "We're embedded with our local troops."

"Got any ID, Ma'am?"

"Oh, uh," I thought. My ID was back in the pocket of my long-sleeved shirt that was now lying on one of my 24 bunks.

The next thing I knew, they called a woman soldier over to frisk me. Then, I was down on my knees in the dirt with my hands "cuffed" behind my back, two armed soldiers keeping close watch just in case I tried to make a run for it. One of the PI-chad soldiers started leafing through my notebook.

"Did you see what's in here?" he asked. "She's got names, activities."

"Yeah," I thought, "that's what reporters write down when they're doing stories."

What was next, I asked myself. Being shipped off to Guantanamo Bay, never to be seen or heard from again?

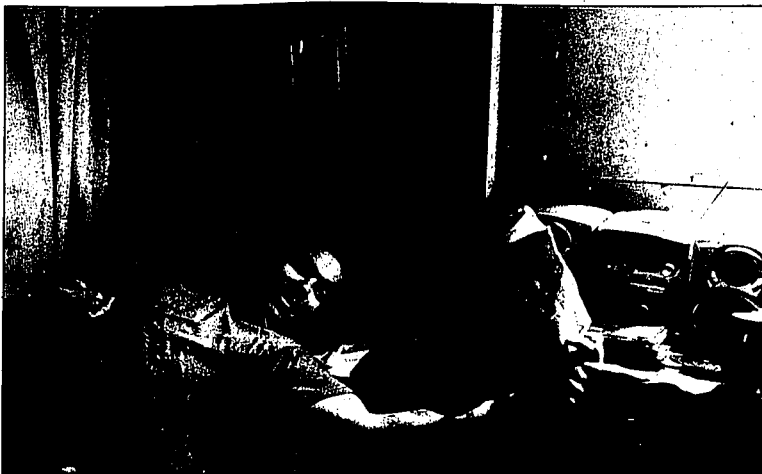
Finally, my "escort" came to rescue me. After that, I became positively paranoid about that ID card, constantly checking my pockets to make sure it was there. It became quite the joke around the base, and around the newsroom. And after the fear wore off, I came to laugh about it myself.

As hard as that week was — and it was hard, physically and mentally — I'm glad we had it. It's the kind of story we reporters and photographers live for. It's what makes covering all those hospital board and city council meetings in-between more tolerable. It's much easier to write about something you've experienced, easier to find the words after you've slept in the barracks, eaten in the mess hall, ridden in the Humvees. Regardless of what you think about this war, you can still support the soldiers. Most of them didn't ask for this mission.

When I asked them what message they wanted to send back home, many of them said, "Don't forget us."

We won't. As I walked to Army headquarters pulling my luggage behind me at dawn Wednesday morning, a soldier called out, "Take a safe trip."

"You, too," I thought. You, too. Meanwhile, I'll hope the day soon comes when they're all back home again, taking hot baths, drinking milk and eating Oreos, and driving down the street with their coffee listening to any old radio stations they want.



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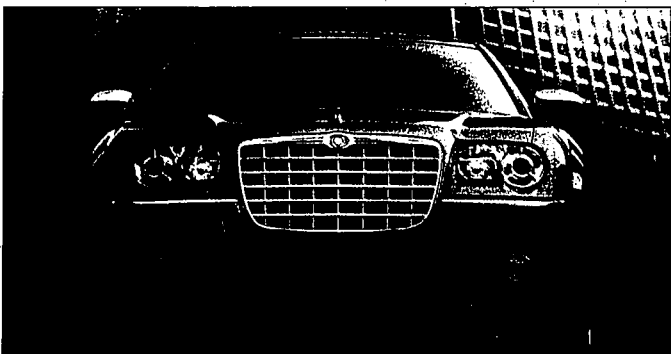


Above, Spc. Juan Villcana of Rupert reads the paper in his barracks. Photos of his wife, Jennifer, and son, Juan Carlos, 3, hang above him.

Left, heavy rain is highlighted in the headlights while Staff Sgt. Harold Carper of Burley talks with members of his night reconnaissance patrol before they depart Dona Ana Base Camp.

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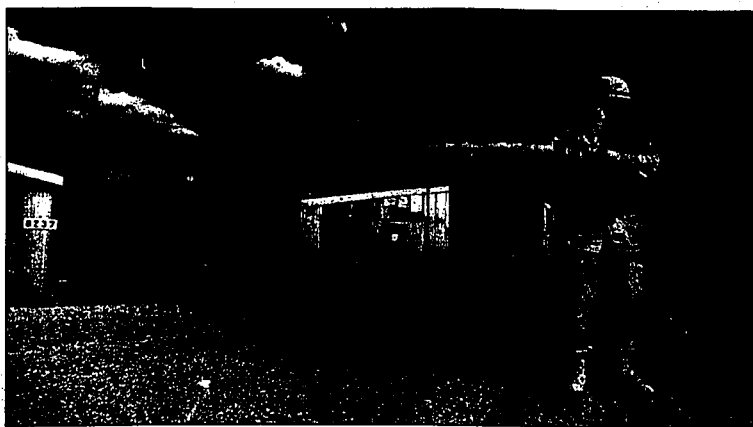
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Above, Staff Sgt. Harold Carper reviews paperwork in the evening in his 'hooch.'

Left, Pfc. Zachary Zollinger, 20, with Bravo Company 2-116th Cavalry, talks on his cell phone while the sun sets over barracks at Dona Ana Base Camp.

MESSAGES HOME

Members of the 2nd Battalion of the 116th Cavalry Brigade training at Fort Bliss, Texas, had this to say to people back home in south-central Idaho:

"Everybody misses friends and family back home. We can't wait to get our tour done and over with and get back to our families."

— *Sgt. Tracy Morton, Jerome Armory. Family: Wife Mayra, 5-1st son David. Parents month-old son David, Parents of Jerry and Teddie Morton of Kimberly.*

"I've got a great bunch of kids. Everybody's doing OK. Spirits are OK. The kids are fine. These men and women are sacrificing more than people will ever know. They need a little acknowledgment. Don't forget about us."

— *Unit 1st Sgt. Martin Rodriguez of Twin Falls. Family: Children Natalie, 25, and Martin Jr., 17.*

"You do not have to support Bush's campaign, but in spite of everything you can support the soldiers over there. We're doing a job we're obligated to do. We're going through a hard time in our lives, and we can use any support you can give us. Don't forget about us."

— *Spc. David Leavitt of Twin Falls. Family: Parents Max and Elaine Leavitt.*

"Just keep the homeland safe. Special message to wife April: GILBERFER."

— *Spc. Wesley Jones of Jerome*

"Thanks for the public support, and tie a yellow ribbon around the old oak tree. Tell all the mothers and fathers I'll do my best to bring them home safe."

— *Spc. Ray Roberts, Twin Falls Armory. Family: Wife Connie, grown sons Eddie, now serving in Afghanistan, and Kevin, now stationed at Fort Knox, Ky.*

"Thanks for the support. We've got your back."

— *Sgt. 1st Class Ric Williamson, Burley Armory. Family: Wife Barbara, two children.*



"Miss you all. I can't wait to be home."

— *Pvt. 1st Class Paul Vawter of Filer. Family: Parents Mike and Robin Vawter of Donnelly, Rancie Tyanne Freeburg.*

"A shout to Woody's Sports Bar from Texas."

— *Spc. Don Drury of Twin Falls*

"Tell my wife Carrie and my kids that I love them."

— *Staff Sgt. Rex Barnett, Twin Falls. Family: Wife Carrie, children Kayla, 8, and Chris, 3.*

"In the past, we were training for war. Now we're preparing for war. Before we got to go home for two weeks."

— *Sgt. James Richards, Family: Wife Vanessa, 1-year-old son Joseph and watch Chihuahua Goldie.*

"The hardest part is being away from my family. I love and miss everybody."

— *Spc. Chris Mahler. Family: Parents Kevin and Judy Mahler of Kimberly.*

"The hardest part is adjusting to full-time Army life and being away from my family. The good part is knowing we have the public support back home."

— *Spc. David Walden, Family: Parents Donald and Elizabeth Walden of Twin Falls.*

"I love my mom, my dad and my sisters, and I miss my dogs (pound pups Chevy and Roxie)."

— *Pvt. Michael Morris, Family: Parents Bill and Maria Morris of Twin Falls.*

"We appreciate everything they're doing for us."

— *Sgt. 1st Class Alan Layton of Twin Falls. Family: Wife Lori, son Brian, 20, now serving in the Air Force in Iraq, and daughter Michelle, 15.*



"Hello to my wife, Jill, and my children — Mitchell, Michelle, Jennifer, Dusty, Bobby, Kimberly, Tracy and Leon. Love all of you. See you when I get home."

— *Sgt. Darrell Hollon of Bliss*

"I miss my girlfriend (Hayley Twitchell) more than anything. Tell them I miss them and I'll be back home soon."

— *Pvt. 1st Class Steven Henson of Richfield. Family: Parents Mitch and Rufina Henson.*

"I love them, and I'm proud to have them taking care of things while I'm gone. Tell my friends I'm looking forward to hanging out with them when I get back."

— *Pvt. 1st Class Vance Dayley of Rupert. Family: Wife Melissa, 8-month-old daughter Trennady; parents Dennis and Nola Dayley of Declo.*

"Tell my wife that I love her and the kids, and I miss them a lot. I look forward to seeing them again."

— *Sgt. James Van Meter of Gooding. Family: Wife Rita, children John and Jessica; mother Mary Correta of Jerome.*

"The Scout Platoon loves you and misses you."

— *Sgt. Brian Humphreys of Halley. Family: Wife Melissa, 22-month-old son Drake.*

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This year, one all-time state record didn't draw much fanfare.

Iraq
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ital, as Shiite leaders appealed for a renewed cease-fire to end two days of bloody battles between insurgents and Iraqi and U.S. forces in several Shiite communities.

On Saturday night, at least 12 explosions rocked central Baghdad, apparently targeting the fortified Green Zone enclave housing the U.S. Embassy and Iraqi interim government buildings. The military said some of the explosions appeared to be mortars.
The Najaf fighting has threatened to revive a Shiite

insurrection that broke out in April and was calmed only in a series of truces in June.

Five U.S. servicemembers have been killed in Najaf, including two Marines who died Friday, the military announced. The military says hundreds of militants have been killed, though the militiamen put the number far lower.

Also Friday, an insurgent fired a rocket-propelled grenade at a U.S. vehicle in Baghdad, killing one soldier. At least 925 U.S. service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003.



WORLD

U.N.: Al-Qaida used diamonds as means of money laundering

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — A series of witnesses place six top al-Qaida fugitives in Africa buying up diamonds in the run-up to Sept. 11 attacks, according to a confidential report by U.N.-backed prosecutors obtained by The Associated Press.



Former Liberian President Charles Taylor

The first-person accounts detailed by the prosecutors add to long-standing claims that al-Qaida laundered millions of dollars in terror funds through African diamonds before launching its deadliest offensive.

Al-Qaida figures, including some already wanted in pre-Sept. 11 attacks on U.S. targets, dealt directly with then-President Charles Taylor and other leaders and warlords in the West African country of Liberia from 1999 onward, according to the accounts. The witnesses told of meetings and sightings in seedy hotels and saloons in Monrovia, the blighted capital of what was then a rogue nation.

counts of links between al-Qaida and West Africa that news media and independent watchdog groups have previously reported.

"It is clear that al-Qaida has been in West Africa since September-1998 and maintained a continuous presence in the area through 2002," the U.N.-backed war-crimes investigators in West Africa, led by American David Crane, said in the confidential report obtained by the AP.

Separately, one U.S. intelligence official told the AP that evidence of an al-Qaida-Africa diamond link now was "close to overwhelming."

The official estimated al-Qaida proceeds in the diamond dealings at \$15 million.

The roster of al-Qaida fugitives allegedly witnessed in Liberia ahead of Sept. 11, 2001, include names that have since become infamous.

They include Ahmed Khalifan Ghallani, a Tanzanian wanted in the 1998 bombings of two African U.S. embassies, and arrested July 25 in Pakistan after an intense gunbattle.

Other al-Qaida figures placed in Liberia by direct sources cited

in the dossier:

- Fazul Abdullah Mohammed, a native of east Africa's Comoros islands, accused in 1998 and 2002 al-Qaida attacks in east Africa. Mohammed is wanted under a \$25 million U.S. bounty.

- Egyptian Mohammed Atef, an alleged Osama bin Laden military chief, killed in Afghanistan in 2001.

- Pakistani Aafia Siddiqui, the only prominent female figure in al-Qaida, considered by the United States to be a likely "fixer" for the group in the United States and elsewhere. Media reports have said Siddiqui was in Monrovia to iron out problems between the other al-Qaida operatives.

- Kenyan Sheik Ahmed Salim Swedan, an al-Qaida figure in the 1998 attacks in east Africa.

- Egyptian Abdullah Ahmed Abdullah, wanted in the 1998 attacks.

While the others are alleged to have largely scattered outside Africa after the Sept. 11 attacks, the dossier suggests Abdullah may have remained active—citing "source information" linking Abdullah to diamond smuggling in neighboring Guinea.

Witnesses depict Liberia's former president, Taylor, himself giving the al-Qaida operatives entry to the shady West African world of guns, cash and diamonds before Sept. 11.

Taylor, who has since been ousted and is now in exile in Nigeria, allegedly brought together rebels, state leaders and Islamic extremists under the common goal of cash.

Accounts in the report include an alleged September 1998 get-together at Taylor's executive mansion where middlemen introduced him to Abdullah.

Pakistan hunts for two terror suspects

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani agents are searching for two north African associates of a captured al-Qaida operative who is accused in the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in east Africa, security officials said Saturday.

The suspects were identified only as a Libyan named Abu Farj and an Egyptian named Hamza. They are believed to have spent time in Pakistan with Ahmed Khalifan Ghallani, a Tanzanian caught in Pakistan on July 25 with 13 other foreigners after a shootout in the eastern city of Gujrat.

Ghallani, one of the FBI's 22 most-wanted terrorists, has a \$25 million American bounty on his head stemming from his suspected involvement in the bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania that killed more than 200 people, including 12 Americans.

The suspects captured along with Ghallani included two South Africans believed to be plotting attacks in their homeland.

The hunt for Ghallani's two alleged associates began with a tip from an al-Qaida computer whiz, who helped Pakistani police arrest Ghallani and whose computer contained photographs of potential targets for attacks in the United States and Britain.

"Yes, our security agencies are looking for Abu Farj and Hamza, but I have no details," a senior government official said on condition of anonymity.

Another security official confirmed that Pakistani intelligence agents were searching for the pair, but he refused to elaborate. It was not immediately clear when Farj and Hamza entered Pakistan, where they went and what they were doing here.

Pakistan, a key ally of the United States in its war on terror, has arrested about 20 al-Qaida suspects in less than a month. The information gleaned has been shared with several countries, including the United States and Britain.

On July 15, Pakistani security officials captured Mohammed Naem Noor Khan, a Pakistani computer expert who helped them find Ghallani's hide-out in Gujrat.

Khan's computer contained photographs of potential targets in the United States and Britain, including London's Heathrow Airport and underpasses beneath London buildings.

On Tuesday, British authorities conducted a sweep in and around London that netted 13 suspects.

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WORLD

Cubans get by on trickle of water, team spirit

Region sees worst drought in 40 years

HOLGUIN, Cuba (AP) — For Rebeca Falla, it's getting harder and harder to chill out.

Eastern Cuba's worst drought in 40 years has turned cooking, washing clothes and scrubbing floors into a housewife's nightmare.

Then there's showering. Falla, 59, is accustomed to taking long, cold ones twice daily for relief from the humid 90-degree weather, but has to settle for a brief drizzle. "It leaves you in a very bad mood," she says.

The water shortage has affected thousands in Holguin city, 435 miles east of Havana in the area's hardest hit. Surrounding towns in Holguin province and the eastern provinces of Ciego de Avila and Las Tunas have also suffered.

Yucca, banana and sugarcane crops have withered away, spiking up prices in local markets. Nearly 13,000 bony cows have been slaughtered this year.

Authorities went on alert in Holguin, Cuba's fourth largest city, in July 2003, when rain failed to fill reservoirs. Two



Cubans line up to get water from a truck on July 29 in Holguin, Cuba. The eastern areas of Cuba are suffering from severe drought.

months later one of the city's three reservoirs dried up, then another in May when rainfall was 40 percent below normal.

"Never before have two reservoirs dried up," said Leandro Bermudez, Holguin's deputy director of Cuba's National Institute of Hydraulic Resources.

It has been very tense here. Although things have improved lately with more frequent rain showers, it will be

weeks before reservoirs and wells are replenished. The reservoir that dried up in May has recovered only enough to guarantee 30 days of water for hospitals and clinics in Holguin, a city of 300,000.

Faucets run empty, and most wells dried up long ago. Still, in communist Cuba, social solidarity is deeply ingrained, and the few remaining people with water on their

property open wells and hoses to neighbors.

"They have never turned anyone away," Idalia Gongora, 43, said as she and her daughter filled buckets from her neighbors' well. "Thank goodness, they are very charitable people. If not, we would have suffered much more."

Cuba's centralized government reacted rapidly, digging more than 100 new wells in and around Holguin and setting up dozens of stores selling drinking water for two Cuban cents a liter. With the Cuban peso trading at 26 to the U.S. dollar, that's far less than an American penny.

Government trucks and tractors were converted into water carriers. About 115 cruise this city delivering water. It's free but mostly nondrinkable.

One recent evening, dozens of people surrounded one water carrier as high-spirited as children around an ice cream truck, filling plastic and metal containers, even garbage cans. One man who returned repeatedly was teased by a neighbor, who shouted: "Mario's family appears to be growing by the minute!"

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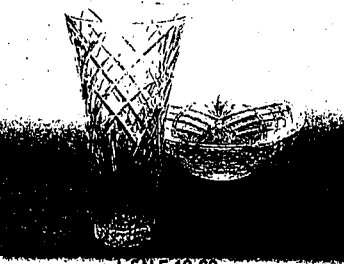
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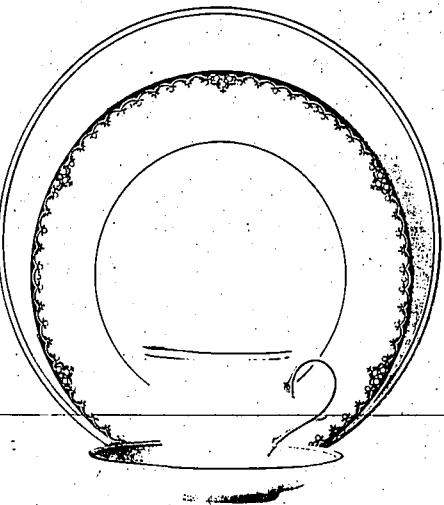
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WORLD

Asia flood death toll rises to 1,972

NEW DELHI — A flood-swollen river was overflowing a major Indian dam, threatening villages as 41 more deaths were reported across South Asia, taking the death toll to 1,972 in a season of rain destruction.

Twenty-nine people died during the past 24 hours in the badly affected Bharuch district in India's western Gujarat state, officials at the local police control room said.

The Narmada River dam, one of the largest such projects in India, was overflowing by more than 13 feet, S.K. Mahapatra, the dam's administrator. He said the amount of water flowing was more than 25 times the levels of a week ago at the 360-foot high dam.

"Because of continuing rain in the last 72 hours, it has started overflowing dangerously. We are monitoring the situation with the help of satellite images," Mahapatra told The Associated Press.

Thirty villages have been put on alert for emergency evacuation, he said.

The flooding in Gujarat has affected some 300,000 farmers and their crops of groundnut, cotton and sunflower, said Chief Minister Nanendra Modi, the state's top elected official.

NATO sends officers to Iraq to prepare for mission

ROME (AP) — NATO sent a first group of officers Saturday to Iraq to prepare for the alliance's training mission for Iraqi forces. The main part of the NATO Training Implementation Mission, led by Dutch Air Force Maj. Gen. Hans Billewink and initially consisting of about 45 people — should deploy in Iraq next week, NATO said in a statement from Naples. The first four officers left Saturday from a command center in the southern Italian city.

NATO leaders agreed to the mission at their summit in late June but had left details vague. The 29 NATO countries agreed a week ago to send the team after sidestepping a dispute between the United States and France over command of the alliance operation.

The advance team that left Saturday will work out plans for the training both inside and outside Iraq. The overall mission members are being drawn from NATO military planning headquarters in southern Belgium as well as command centers in Naples and Norfolk, Virginia.

Washington is to report back to NATO headquarters on Sept. 15 about proposed command links with the U.S.-led multinational force, which is expected to provide security.

Two election workers die in Afghan ambush

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Gunmen ambushed a convoy carrying election workers into a remote Taliban stronghold, killing two of them, officials said Saturday, bringing to a dozen the number of people slain so far while preparing for the landmark presidential vote.

Meanwhile, the U.S. military urged the Afghan government to take "immediate action" to find those behind recent deadly attacks on relief workers that have further restricted reconstruction efforts.

At least 30 militants shot at the jeeps from the joint Afghan-U.S. electoral body on Friday as they passed through Char Cheno, a district of central Uruzjan province, Gov. Jan Mohammed Khan told The Associated Press.

Khan said two members of the voter registration team were killed and all four vehicles were destroyed by fire after being strafed with assault-rifle and machine-gun fire.

The United Nations identified the victims as Mohammed Hashim, a training officer, and driver Mohammed Hussein. A third worker was missing, it said.



Flood victims walk on a makeshift bamboo bridge in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Saturday. Bangladesh government health officials said water borne diseases have afflicted more than 9,000 people across the country.

World in brief

The world body "condemns in the strongest terms the murderous attack," spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva said.

Palestinian Justice minister resigns in protest

RAMALLAH, West Bank — The Palestinian Justice minister announced his resignation Saturday to protest Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's refusal to share power, adding to growing turmoil in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The Palestinian justice minister, meanwhile, reiterated warnings that Jewish extremists may try to attack a Jerusalem shrine sacred to Muslims and Jews, and said suspected extremists should be detained without trial. Islamic leaders, addressing a rally of 30,000 at the holy site, accused the Israeli government of not doing enough to thwart a possible attack.

The Palestinian justice minister, Nabeed Arreyes, said he has been stripped of much of his authority over the legal system. Last year, Arafat created a rival agency to the Justice Ministry and continues to control the judiciary.

Arreyes said he submitted his resignation to Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia on Wednesday. However, Qureia said he has not accepted the resignation and would press the minister to stay. "We stand by him and we hope we can resolve the issue," Qureia told reporters in Ramallah.

Spaniards find little success in bombing inquiry

MADRID — Five months after the worst terror attack in Spain's history, a parliamentary inquiry into the March 11 Madrid train bombings has little to show save a spreading discomfort among Spaniards about its members' jockeying for political gain.

The inquiry — now recessed after a month of hearings — has drawn unflattering comparisons to the recently concluded U.S. 9/11 investigation, which was perceived here to have been far more comprehensive, forward-looking and bipartisan.

"The comparison with the Sept. 11 commission is lacerating," the leading El Pais

newspaper said. Francisco Jose Alcaraz, president of the Association of Victims of Terrorism, called the proceedings "more political than anything" and said he learned "absolutely nothing."

The 16 members — 11 supporters of the now-ruling Socialist Party and five from the Popular Party in office the day of the bombings — will reconvene Sept. 7 to schedule final witnesses or move straight to Parliament to debate findings. It was unclear whether the panel planned to present a written report with security recommendations.

Sitcom teaches farmers the ways of the EU

BUCHAREST, Romania — A sitcom set in a rural Romanian pub has become an overnight hit teaching farmers how to use bar codes, slaughter pigs humanely and breed goats the European Union way.

"In 'The Winding Road to Europe,' villagers belly up to the bar in the fictional La Europa pub and swap stories about how joining the EU will change their lives. As much public service announcement as entertainment, the show has tapped into a curious audience anxious about the changes ahead.

"Our characters laugh at themselves," said Gabriel Giurgiu, the show's project manager. "They admit they are uneducated."

Romania hopes to join by 2007, and polls show more than two in three people in the countryside support EU membership. The problem is, few have a clear concept of how the nation of 22 million must prepare to join.

Enter the European Union's Romania office, which has funded 12.15-minute episodes of "Winding Road" at \$16,800 each.

U.N.-Sudan agreement calls for safe areas

UNITED NATIONS — A new agreement between the United Nations and Sudan requires the

government to create safe areas in the crisis-ridden Darfur region within 30 days so civilians can search for food and water and work their land without fear of attack.

The "Plan of Action for Darfur" would halt all military operations by government forces, militias, and rebel groups in these safe areas, which are likely to be set up in camps where thousands of Sudanese have taken refuge and around towns and villages which still have large populations.

The agreement, which was reached Wednesday night by Sudanese Foreign Minister Mustafa Osman Ismail and U.N. special representative Jan Pronk, "has now been finalized by the Sudanese government," U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said Friday.

It will be signed Monday by the two officials in the Sudanese capital, Khartoum, he said.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan welcomes the agreement and "attaches great importance to substantive and verifiable progress being made during the next 30 days towards restoring full security for the Darfur region," Eckhard said.

— compiled from wire reports

Iran denies providing missile test site for Korea

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran on Saturday dismissed allegations it was providing test sites for North Korean long-range missiles designed to deliver nuclear warheads, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

A Bush administration official claimed earlier that North Korea was getting around a self-imposed missile test ban by sharing technology information with Iran, which is allegedly carrying out missile tests on Pyongyang's behalf.

Iranian Defense Minister Ali Shamkhani rejected the claim, saying "Iran does not cooperate with North Korea in missile technology and it does not need to."

President Bush has labeled Iran and North Korea as being part of an axis of evil, accusing both of pursuing nuclear weapons programs.

A leading military publication, Korea's Defense Weekly, reported recently that North Korea was developing two new ballistic missile systems that have "appreciably expanded the ballistic-missile threat."

Shamkhani said Iran is developing its Shahab-3 missile

as a measure against Israel's missile power, which Tehran concluded tests of last year.

The missile is thought to be capable of carrying a 2,200-pound warhead over a distance of some 800 miles, which would put Israel within its range.

While Shamkhani denied any kind of nuclear military activity by Iran, he said his country would not leave its people without defense.

"That's why we have to invest on nuclear defense preparation," he added without elaborating.

Washington is working with South Korea, Japan, China and Russia to negotiate an agreement with North Korea to end its nuclear weapons program.

With Iran, the White House has been trying to haul Tehran before the United Nations Security Council based on accusations that the Persian state has been trying to build nuclear weapons against its neighbors.

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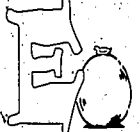
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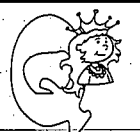
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EDITORIAL

Make plans now for Statehouse repairs

The Idaho State Capitol building, also known as the state's biggest fixer-upper, has waited long enough for renovation work.

For nearly five years, the state has delayed extensive repairs needed for the Statehouse in Boise, with \$32 million longer to do the job, it risks squandering a key piece of property as well as a pristine part of its history.

Most Idaho leaders agree on the pressing task. The question, however, is how to pay for it.

Three years ago, the Idaho Capitol Commission unveiled a \$64 million plan to renovate the Statehouse in Boise, with \$32 million coming from state general fund appropriations and \$32 million from state bonding authority.

In the interest of full disclosure, *Times-News* publisher Stephen Hartgen is now in his second term on the Capitol Commission.

The state's economic downturn changed that. Liberal legislators cried foul over renovating the Statehouse when revenue is down. Rather than pay for beautification of an old building, they preferred sending the money back into education.

So the state's \$32 million went back into the general fund, and the bonding plan was scrapped.

Fast forward to June of this summer. Torrential rain in downtown Boise created floods around the Capitol that led to an estimated \$70,000 damage to the building's basement. That wasn't all. Crews discovered that plumbing pipes aren't just falling apart, they're also assembled wrong. Wastewater (from sinks and fountains) should go down with sewer lines, but it's actually spilling into the city's river drain system.

Sometime in the early fall, crews will begin a \$3 million

project on the Capitol's exterior stone and sky lights, as well as the dome and parapets. That work is important, but it's basically just enough to keep rain-rolling off the roof.

Idahoans can no longer gild the lily that is the Statehouse. To fix the Capitol, money is needed to overhaul plumbing, cooling and heating, fire sprinkling on all floors and electrical systems.

Last week, Andy Erstad, a Boise architect and member of the Capitol Commission, recommended keeping the 1 percent sales tax on

the books to raise road funds. That sales tax increase is set to expire next summer. Legislative leaders, however, immediately rejected that proposal.

We agree that it would be inappropriate to keep the money for this single project. Instead, the state needs to follow the same plan that was proposed three years ago.

The state should appropriate money from the general fund back into the Capitol project. It could be less than the \$32 million originally used — perhaps as low as \$15 million. The total project might be slightly over \$50 million, part coming from one-time appropriation and part from bonds.

Other states, including Wisconsin, Maine, Georgia and now Utah, have applied similar formulas of state funding to complete state capitol restorations.

As the state economy gains speed in each quarter, we see no reason for Idaho to keep delaying the project any longer.

The year 2005 marks the centennial year of the start of construction for Idaho's Statehouse. To make sure the prized landmark lasts another hundred years, state leaders need to start planning now to restore it.

Securely insecure with warnings

I'm trying to get sufficiently frightened over Homeland Insecurity Chief Tom Ridge's latest terrorist warning, but I'm having a hard time. And it's not just because the information it's based on is three or four years old, or because I think it was intended to scare voters for political advantage.

JIM SHEA

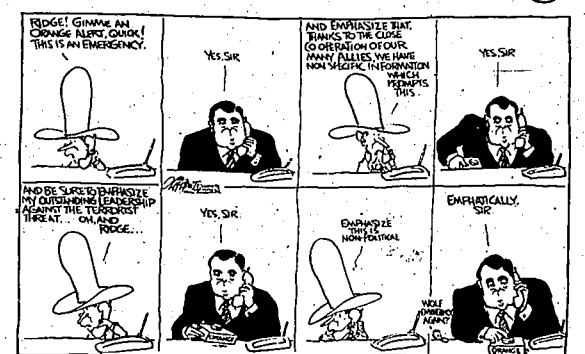
Let's be honest here: If the White House was simply looking to scare the bejesus out of us, they'd have had Brother Terrorist make the announcement.

No, my basic problem is that I find that the government's whole color-coded, fear-o-meter, terrorist-warning strategy is kind of lacking in common sense.

Why, for example, does the government announce the location of possible terrorist targets? I mean, if the police get a tip that someone is going to rob a bank, they don't go on television and tell everyone. No, they stake the place out and surprise the robbers when they show up.

I just don't understand how we expect to ever catch any terrorists if we keep letting them know we are on to them.

Another thing I have reservations about is the quality of our intelligence (see above). This is



particularly true when the source is something called "chatter."

Now, you can call me unreliable, but if the bad guys know we are listening to their cellphone conversations, don't you think they might find a different way to communicate with each other?

Or that they might use chatter to spread disinformation, or even as a way to yank our chain?

"Osama, who you talking to on the cell, man?"
"The White House, dude, I just told them we were going to

invade Texas. They're freakin'."

Of course, what may be even shakier than what the information alerts are based on are the folks charged with interpreting it.

Didn't the 9/11 commission just conclude that our spook community would have trouble finding out what was going to happen on the next episode of the "Sopranos," never mind what the world's whack-jobs were planning to do?

If all of this isn't illogical enough, consider the advice the government always gives to the general public after issuing

a new terrorist-attack warning: "Just go about your business."

And why should we just go about our business?

"Because if you don't, then the terrorists will have won." Yeah, well, maybe I'm missing something here, but from a purely personal perspective, if I get killed going about my business, the terrorists also will have won.

Jim Shea is a columnist for *The Hartford Courant*. He can be reached at jshea@courant.com.

Our view: Idaho

Leaders should mix state funding and bonding authority to fund the state capitol restoration. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Idea of restoring a draft has deadly flaws

In response to Mr. Manley's letter of July 25:

He speaks of our obligation as a "super power" to be the world police force. In response to a question to Mr. Manley: Can you provide me with the constitutional authority to police the planet and invade sovereign nations without provocation, destroying all that refuse to bow to our hand? Can't find that lawful authority? I thought not!

The Constitution is the law of the land. All public officials are bound by it. Obeying this law makes one a criminal. Yes, that includes peace-brained "I wanna be a cowboy" presidents.

He's correct that being a global cop will create enemies. He fails to mention disastrous foreign alliances as the major cause.

Note, our government's blind check support of the imperialistic Ismell juggernaut, which has murdered and displaced many thousands, stealing land and leveling villages with a military paid for by the taxless U.S. taxpayer.

"...we're making enemies!" "Like it or not," says he. While being raised, I was taught that if a wrong were being committed, we strive to right that wrong, not lay down and deny its existence.

We have true need of our troops, for sure. Instead of forcing them to police the planet illegally, let them do what they have constitutional authority to do: Protect our borders!

There is a massive invasion flooding across our unprotected border to the south. These idlers make no secret that they intend to occupy and lay claim to a large part of the land mass of the USA.

This is an aggressive act against us. Why are our people not deserving of protection, why no bombs being dropped? Illegal votes, my friends!

Mr. Manley, I pray you don't hate our sons and daughters so much to see them needlessly slain across the globe enforcing an immoral "murder for profit" agenda.

If you still seek a mandatory draft of unwilling men, consider to support true haters of freedom and sovereignty, I suggest you first volunteer yourself and family.

You, along with the families of Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz and others, hawks may blindly follow and give your lives toward establishment of the global plantation.

Leave sovereign Americans out of your deadly plan!

Remember: When you allow your law-bound servant to become a lawless master, tyranny is complete.

MILES CUNNINGHAM

Convict's work removal for medical reasons

Rebuttal to Wednesday, July 28 letter. "Officials use unfair tactics on rape convict."

Where Mr. Amen is completely wrong is that Twin Falls County authorities do want the public to know what is going on with the legal system so that the truth is known and not a fabrication or non-fact based opinion of the people outside the legal system.

When Toby LaPray was incarcerated, he was not denied his medication. This is a fabrication by LaPray which he would like everyone to believe but is simply untrue.

First, Mr. LaPray was not removed because he violated his inmate worker status; it was so his medical needs could be monitored, not simply because he has health problems.

Second, Mr. LaPray did receive proper medical attention by trained professionals in the medical field. Third, the disturbance that occurred was not a letter but an act of violence where Mr. LaPray acted like a 2-year-old and threw a temper tantrum when he didn't agree with the decision made by his administration. Personally, I could care less if Mr. LaPray wrote a thousand letters a day to *The Times-News* protesting Idaho law. Fourth, LaPray's actions did not put him in jail.

Apparently, a court or a jury of his peers believe he should be here. LaPray chose to waste his life and taxpayers' money by being a part of the Twin Falls County authorities.

I don't know about all people, but most of the guys I grew up with knew there were consequences for having a relationship with a minor once you turned 18 years old, and most of them weren't willing to suffer those consequences so they refrained from conducting themselves in a fashion that would get them into trouble. It is very simple to understand: It is the law. If you get caught breaking the law, then you have to face the consequences. If you don't agree with the law, lobby your state legislators and have it changed. If you still have all problems if the laws could suit everyone all of the time. Law enforcement wouldn't have to charge people; prosecutors wouldn't have to prosecute; defense attorneys wouldn't have to defend anyone and judges or juries wouldn't have to convict people.

LT. DOUG HUGHES
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(Editor's note: Doug Hughes is the assistant jail administrator for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.)

Vacating Martin creates major inconveniences

Your editorial of Aug. 1 re-

garding Martin Street was very timely, but it did not seem to consider the needs of that part of the county lying west and southwest of Twin Falls. The bulk of Twin Falls City residents live east of Washington Street and, hence, will not be inconvenienced by the closing of Martin Street. However, many county residents living south or southwest of Rock Creek regularly use Martin Street as an access to the rapidly expanding north end part of Twin Falls.

Closing Martin Street to accommodate the hospital would be a major inconvenience to many of the people who own the facility in the first place. This type of is not owned by its present administration nor is it solely owned by the "city." It is owned by Twin Falls County and the "city fathers" should not be permitted to control county assets.

I see great merit in, if necessary, buying Mrs. Kolouch's land regardless of the appraised value. It sounds to me like another attempt by the city to take advantage of the citizens and Mrs. Kolouch.

I, too, would like to know how much of our money has been spent to acquire Martin Street property and by what authority these purchases were made.

If St. Benedict's 25-bed hospital at the crossroads is going to be replaced by a Twin Falls County hospital, then there is little or no reason for our county hospital to expand. I am not a philosophy major, but somehow I fall to see the logic that the St. Benedict's hospital need to expand are in agreement!

Further, there has been (to my knowledge) no study of the use of Martin Street by hospital traffic as opposed to accessing Fluer Avenue. Indeed, this proposal needs serious consideration not only by Twin Falls but by affected county residents as well.

LESLIE L. DEAN
Twin Falls

Hospital-neighbor talks would have been good

After reading your editorial and past reporting concerning the vacation request of a portion of Martin Street for a hospital expansion, it became clear that you are not aware of the actual testimony presented during the public hearing before the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission last week.

The paper has referred twice to a purported request for an additional public hearing at the planning and zoning level. More precisely, I suggested during the hearing that the hospital get together with its neighbors to further discuss the proposal before the request was advanced.

Testimony revealed that the

hospital has been researching this expansion since somewhere between 2000 and 2001.

Testimony also revealed that meetings were held on many of the proposed expansion were only notified about the vacation request two weeks before the hearing. Those same individuals also felt that, because their businesses could be negatively impacted by the vacation request and ultimate building expansion, they should have been included in the process beforehand.

While the notification process the hospital used probably followed the letter of the law, it might also be said that the procedure alone didn't allow for good community relations. Meetings between the hospital and the surrounding neighbors could be very beneficial for all of those involved.

As I said in my comments during the hearing, similar meetings are held on many large scale developments in Twin Falls before they proceed through the public hearing process. While not everyone may come out of such a meeting with everything they want, they do come out more informed, and many times the community ends up with a better development.

DOM FRANK
Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Tom Frank is the chairman of the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission.)

Chipped beef has its own distinct flavor

All of us who have eaten school lunch recognize the recipe for "chipped beef" in last Sunday's Steve Crump column as a version of good 'ol hamburger gravy. Our school cooks at Wendell Elementary have tweaked it and now call it "hamburger stroganoff." It's delicious and a favorite of many of us at school.

Real chipped beef is thinly sliced, seasoned dried beef, can be stored without refrigeration, which is why it has been a favorite with the military. Back in the '50s, my mother—who was a home economics teacher and a good cook—would buy it in jars at the grocery.

She made chipped beef on toast occasionally, and I remember wondering why soldiers complained about it. It sure wasn't as good as the hot lunch hamburger gravy at school, though.

It's not a big issue, but I think someone should point out the distinction between "chipped beef" and "ground beef."

The ground beef in the recipe Steve printed may be the secret to its stiness, rather than the Worcestershire sauce—though a little Lea and Perrins never hurts!

KATHRYN M. COOPER
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OPINION

Tread slowly through 9/11 Commission tips

Proceed with caution. That, in essence, is the advice that the terrorism experts I know have for President Bush and Congress when it comes to handling the recommendations of the 9-11 Commission.



DAVID BRODER

Because the trade-offs between organizational simplicity and bureaucratic resistance are complex and difficult, these experts are nearly unanimous in saying it's important to take the time needed to sort through all these questions.

Members of the commission, starting with Chairman Tom Kean of New Jersey and Vice Chairman Lee Hamilton of Indiana, are mounting a full-scale national campaign to have the package of proposals unanimously endorsed by the commission late last month adopted without change—and soon.

They picked up one important ally in Sen. John Kerry, the Democratic presidential nominee. Kerry barely had time to read the recommendations before giving them his unqualified support. It suits his purpose to favor forceful action against terrorism, the one major issue where voters say they trust Bush more than the Democrat. But those who have studied the issue with care over the years urge a more deliberate pace of decision-making. "It is more important to do it right than to do it fast," former Sen. Warren Rudman of New Hampshire told me.

Rudman was the Republican co-chairman of a counter-terrorism commission, along with former Democratic Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado, that warned the nation in January 2001 of exactly the kind of attack which stunned Americans eight months later.

Their credentials as serious and committed activists against terrorism need no burning. When I saw Hart in Boston



during the Democratic National Convention, he was full of praise for the 9-11 Commission—but unequivocal about two or three points.

Referring to the suggestion that a new "intelligence czar" be named to ride herd on the CIA and all the other intelligence agencies, Hart said, "It would be a disaster" if the new official went into the Cabinet or onto the White House staff—the latter being the 9-11 Commission recommendation.

"You have to have a clear organizational separation between those responsible for generating intelligence and those policy-makers who are the consumers," Hart said. "You mix them, and you will inevitably get political pressures affecting the quality of the information."

When Hart and I talked, Bush had not yet weighed in on the issue, but it turned out we agreed. The president said the new national intelligence director and his staff should be in their own unit of government, not part of the White House or the Cabinet. Keep them insulated. But Hart voiced a second

concern that has only grown since Bush expressed his views. "Unless the new man has control over the whole intelligence budget of government," Hart said, "you simply have added a new layer of bureaucracy and set it up to fail."

"Every past proposal," Hart said, rattling off a half-dozen such efforts during his Senate years and since, "has foundered on the refusal of the Pentagon to give up an inch of control of its own intelligence spending."

The numbers he cited are those I now read regularly in the media: Of the roughly \$40 billion a year the government spends collecting and analyzing intelligence, about 80 percent is lodged in the Pentagon.

Rudman told me in a telephone interview that, as a practical matter, the military would fight to the end to keep control of "tactical intelligence," the specific data that allows them to plan the battles and monitor their progress.

But, he said, the generals have a weaker case for running their own strategic intelligence operations. The president has left this

view area murky, saying only that he envisions the new director would "coordinate" the budgets of the CIA and 15 other intelligence services.

But as any good bureaucrat knows, there is a world of difference between "coordinating" government operations and "controlling" them.

The impression is that Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld defended his turf very well during the internal administration debates over the 9-11 Commission and came away with the president's support.

Now it will fall to Congress to see if the Rumsfeld-Pentagon viewpoint prevails—and if it does, whether there is any point in just creating a new title and a new office in government.

As in most issues, what makes this one hard is that there are legitimate considerations tugging in different directions.

But the stakes here are very high—the safety of the nation. Congress needs to take the time to get it right.

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Streeter's rant speaks of a different USA

After reading Jack Streeter's diatribe of Aug. 3, I'm glad I don't live in his America.

It sounds too much like the America of Sen. Joseph McCarthy, the former Soviet Union, Communist China, Nazi Germany or fascist Spain. In the land of the free and the home of the brave, it is essential that we have full, honest and open debate.

It is far more un-American to follow blindly than it is to challenge and ask critical questions of public policy.

I consider Michael Moore

one of the great American heroes of our times.

I think he missed some key points in his film: not being critical enough about U.S. foreign policy and our nation's wasteful consumptive habits of the earth's resources as cause for people around the world being hungry.

What he did do, and is of great public service, is get America talking again, of questioning.

It is too bad Al Gore didn't start speaking out stronger and sooner about the abuses of the Bush administration.

If you want to talk treason, un-patriotic and un-American,

let's go to Bush's lies about the reason for going to war, about the lives on both sides lost, about tax breaks for the rich, about gutted environmental laws, the (un)-Patriot Act and record deficit spending.

I'll throw my lot in with Michael Moore and Al Gore any day before I'd follow the likes of George W., Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld or Jack Streeter.

I love this country and I'm not leaving.

I'm also not allowing it to be destroyed by right-wing kooks and so-called neo-cons.

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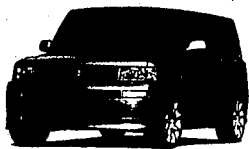
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Drilling in the *d e s e r t*



A member of 2nd Platoon Bravo Company 2-116th points at an 'insurgent' dressed in Iraq clothing during a training exercise to simulate protesters not listening to commands on the perimeter of the camp.



Sgt. Tony Fackrell, left, wrestles with Sgt. 1st Class Roy Barrera, both of Bravo Company of the 2-116th Cavalry, during a morning rapid assault tactics system training class at the Dona Ana Base Camp.

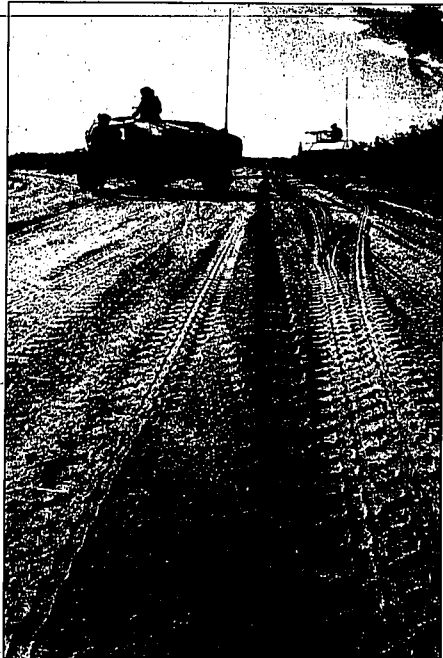


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Top, Spc. Matt Haney of Twin Falls, a medic with Bravo Company 2-116th Cavalry, motions to the Humvee gunner that those in the vehicle are "dead" after a mock improvised explosive device went off near their vehicle.

Above, blank 50-caliber rounds wait to be loaded into a machine gun while members of the Mortar Platoon, Bravo Company 2-116th, talk with instructors. Right, Humvees with the Mortar Platoon take up defensive positions during a training exercise.



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Gordon C. Hogan - Twin Falls

Gordon C. Hogan, age 64, passed away Aug. 4, 2004, in his home due to cancer.

He was born June 9, 1940, in Bancroft, Idaho, and grew up there. He was active in sports during high school and college and went on to make his career as a coach and math teacher.



Gordon received many coach of the year awards. Last year he was inducted into the Idaho High School Activities Association Hall of Fame.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Elsie; his father, Eldred; his brother, George; and his daughter, Audrene.

He is survived by his wife, Linnea; his son, Josh (Lisa);

and his grandchildren, Matthew, Kyle and Tara.

A celebration of Gordon's life will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Family would like to greet with friends from 4 until 6 p.m. Sunday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel as well as from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Monday.

A graveside service will take place at 4:30 p.m. in the afternoon on Monday at the Bancroft cemetery in Bancroft, Idaho.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to Kimberly High School for renovation of the football complex as well as to Kimberly High School. Attn: George Arrossa, 141 Center St., Kimberly, ID 83341.

In 1961, he married his high school sweetheart, Linnea Creer. His son, Josh, was born April 7, 1962. While he was going to college in Logan, Utah, his daughter, Audrene, was born on March 23, 1965.

In the fall of 1967, Gordon took a coaching/teaching job at Reynolds High School in Hainess, Idaho. After eight years at Hainess, he moved to Kimberly High School in 1975. He was there 24 years before moving in 1999. He began a part-time job driving charter bus for Sun Valley Stages in 1977.

As a member of the 4th District Coaches Association,

Arvel 'Jim' Rasmussen - Declo

Arvel Ernest "Jim" Rasmussen, age 82, of Declo, died Friday, Aug. 6, 2004, at Highland Estates in Declo.



Arvel married Edna Mills Taylor on March 29, 1956, in the Logan LDS Temple. They were good companions one to another and spent eight wonderful years together.

He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served faithfully in various callings. He was a stake missionary, high priest group instructor, a cub scout leader and had served as an executive secretary in a bishopric.

He served a mission to Hawaii, and with his first wife, Edith, they served as genealogy missionaries in New York State. Arvel enjoyed temple work and he and Edna served as officiators in the Logan Temple for more than seven years.

In addition to his children, he is survived by his stepchildren, Sharon (Marvin) Hassen of Quartz Site, Ariz., Willson (Gordon) Henderson of Milwaukie, Ore., Jim (Vicki) Kidd of Idaho Falls, Betty (Ray) Garfield of Clinton, Utah, and Steve (Patty) Kidd of Nephi, Utah; 38 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Malda ("Fuzz") Vallette of Burley. In addition to his first wife, Edith, he was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Tarvel "Sam" Rasmussen.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, at the Declo Snake Center, 213 W. Main St., with Bishop Steve Darrington officiating. Burial will follow at Gem Memorial Gardens with military rites under the direction of local veterans.

Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

He was born Oct. 21, 1921, in Springdale, Idaho, the son of Tarvel "Tobe" and Mildred Steiner Rasmussen. He attended Springdale School graduating as valedictorian of his eighth grade class and then was a graduate of Burley High School. Arvel was a veteran of World War II, having served in the United States Navy.

He married Edith Lee on June 5, 1946, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple, together they had six children, Irene (Craig) Kamehart of Salt Lake City, Utah, Norman Rasmussen of Boise, Idaho, Arlen (Cathy) Rasmussen of Bay, Utah, Russell (Shelly) Rasmussen of Burley, Janine (Don) Curtis of Orem, Utah, and Anita (Richard) Baird of Rupert. Edith preceded him in death in April, 1995.

Arvel owned a farm in the View area of Burley, and was a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service for more than 25 years. He enjoyed fishing, fixing broken things, and riding motorcycles. Arvel had a wonderful musical talent

Ray Clayton - Shoshone



He was an enthusiastic outdoorsman and loved hunting, fishing and snowmobiling.

He worked for the Idaho Department of Transportation for 36 years, retiring Jan. 1, 1992. Ray spent four summers managing the Smiley Creek Airstrip near Stanley.

He also enjoyed his experience as a host at Henry's Lake State Park.

Ray loved people and had many friends.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; and children, Jodi Clayton of Twin Falls, Toby (Connie) Clayton of Boise and Penny (Rob) Moline of Salt Lake City; and four special grandchildren, Ty and Zach Clayton of Boise and Caitlin and Jordan Moline of Salt Lake City.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Beverly Thompson; and an infant brother, Rodney.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Shoshone, Idaho, 205 E. Fifth, with Pastor William E. Lineberry officiating. Inurnment will follow in the Shoshone Cemetery.

Cremation and services are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Nathan Wyatt Ramsey - Nampa



casions. In addition to culinary skills, Nathan enjoyed drawing and cartooning, and he was fascinated by the study of sharks.

Nathan wore his heart on his sleeve and will be missed by many.

He is survived by his par-

Ray Dean Clayton, 68, of Shoshone, passed away in the early morning hours of Aug. 6, 2004, at his home with his wife and children in attendance.

Ray was born on May 9, 1936, in Pocatello, Idaho, to Earl A. Clayton and Dorothy M. (Piper) Clayton. He attended school in Albion, where his mother was attending Albion State Teachers College.

He graduated from Shoshone High School and was active in sports; he also played football for the Boise Junior College Broncos.

On Aug. 5, 1955, he married Anne E. (Betty) Finlayson and they were blessed with three wonderful children.

His life revolved around his family.

Ray was an ardent fan of all his children and grandchildren's activities and spent many hours devoted to teaching them to enjoy life, love and friends.

Nathan Wyatt Ramsey, 28, of Nampa, passed away at home on Aug. 7, 2004.

He was born in Caldwell, Idaho, on June 20, 1976. Father's Day, to Thomas Earl and Joni Nadine Lawrence Ramsey. At the age of 8 days, his parents and big brother, Jason, moved with Nathan to Filer, Idaho. His parents later divorced.

Nathan attended school in Filer and later majored in culinary arts at the College of Southern Idaho. Nathan worked in restaurants on and off with stints at wiring high-end homes in Austin, Texas, and driving a forklift at Simplicity.

He always returned to cooking and bartending, most recently at Elliott's. He was celebrated as the best martini maker in the Treasure Valley and offered catered elaborate dinners for friends' special oc-

OBITUARY

Kristina Swenson - Jerome

Kristina Swenson, 58, of Lakewood, Calif., and former area resident, died Aug. 1, 2004, at her home.

She was born Nov. 1, 1945, in Wendell, the daughter of Paul and Elda Barker Swenson. She was reared and educated at Idaho Falls and then graduated from Brigham Young University with a bachelor's degree. Kristina moved to California 35 years ago and began working in the aerospace industry and at the time of her death was a

logistics specialist for McDonnell Douglas/Boeing.

She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, served as a worker at the Los Angeles Temple and was a member of the Southern California Mormon Choir.

Survivors include her brothers, John (Iloa) Swenson of Payson, Ariz., and Marvin (Audrey) Swenson of Las Vegas. Next two aunts, Iola Richardson Lee and Abby (Lo) Payne;

and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; an aunt, Edna Neal; and two uncles, Art Barker and Lawrence Swenson.

The funeral for Kristina Swenson will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, in the Hope Jerusalem Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Burial will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. No viewing is planned.

DEATH NOTICE

Beverly F. Barnes

TWIN FALLS — Beverly F. Barnes, 69, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, at her home.

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

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The Family of Florence Opal Blackley, Dick & Judy Allen & Family, Jim & Cass Blackley & Family

We want to thank each and every one of our dear relatives for their kindness, prayers, cards, visits, memorials, food, flowers, plants.

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Most of all their love and support at the passing for our Mom, Grandmother, Great-Grandmom and Great Great Grandmom.

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Hispanic leader dies at 106

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Some 150 family members and many other guests gathered Saturday to pay their respects to longtime Heyburn resident Jose Rodriguez, who died last week at the age of 106.

Seven years before Burley was founded, Rodriguez was born in Nuevo Leon, Mexico. He came to the United States when he was 11 as part of a family of migrant workers and traveled throughout the country doing farm work.

He eventually became a labor contractor, before settling in Idaho in the 1950s, said his granddaughter, Christine Rodriguez.

After arriving in Mini-Cassia, he started a trucking company, Rodriguez and Sons, with sons Fidel and Jesse. The company ran four trucks hauling produce to Pocatello, and Fidel still runs the company today.

Besides being a hard worker, Rodriguez fought for the rights of the less fortunate.

With longtime friend Gladys Esquibel, Rodriguez lobbied for passage of a bill providing sanitation facilities for migrant workers in the 1970s.

"It was the first bill in Idaho to help migrant farm workers," Esquibel said.

"He was a real advocate for his people," Esquibel said. "He was also one of the first participants to apply for the self-help housing project."

The Idaho Citizens for Minority Affairs program allowed participants to contribute labor in lieu of down payments and build their own homes, Esquibel said.

At the age of 80, Rodriguez not only built homes in Truppers and Heyburn, but also helped his sons build homes.

Clearly, age did not slow Rodriguez down.

"At 99 he was still traveling back and forth to Mexico by himself," Esquibel said. "He still had a sister there who had gone blind, and he went to help her out."

Perhaps the most interesting part of Rodriguez's extraordinary life was the time he spent fighting alongside Pancho Villa during the Mexican Revolution at the age of 13.

"He always talked about fighting as one of the troops and knowing Pancho Villa," Esquibel said. "He was very patriotic to Mexico."

But Rodriguez has a softer side as well.

"His greatest wish was for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren to learn to speak

Spanish," Rodriguez said. "He would get mad at us grandkids because our kids didn't speak Spanish, so he taught them by having them sing hymns, and he would just get such enjoyment out of that."

Rodriguez's second oldest son, Melton, is a minister, and his life's dream was to build for him his own church. That dream came true in 2000 when Burley's Puerta al Cielo Pentecostal Church was established.

"An outspoken man, Rodriguez didn't hesitate to share his opinions and would speak his mind quickly when he saw something he didn't like," Esquibel said.

"He was a disciplinarian in the family, too," Esquibel said. "He knew the definition of parenting, and he wanted affirm to show fatherly love through discipline."

As for his longevity, Rodriguez had a simple philosophy.

"My grandpa didn't smoke, and he didn't drink," Christine Rodriguez said. "He always told us what kept him healthy was eating a lot of salsa, avocado and beans."

Rodriguez was honored by U.S. Sen. Larry Craig for being the oldest living Hispanic resident of Idaho, and was recognized in 2002 as the oldest Idaho resident to receive Social Security.

Rodriguez is survived by his seven children, 51 grandchildren, 106 great-grandchildren and 83 great-grandchildren — many of whom still live in the Mini-Cassia area.

Until he was diagnosed with cancer just two months ago, Rodriguez continued to travel back and forth between Heyburn and his daughter's home in Arizona, said his granddaughter, Norma Zimmerman.

"He touched a lot of people's lives," Esquibel said.

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Photo: Jose Rodriguez in 1954

Photo: Jose Rodriguez at his 106th birthday

Tourists buoy economy of tiny Alaskan village

The Washington Post

HOONAH, Alaska — The encircling forest has been all but chopped down, and logging jobs are nearly gone. Income from salmon fishing has plummeted, a casualty of global warming.

Yet this tiny native village on an island in southeastern Alaska is suddenly swimming in cash.

If Marge Peterson, a village trinket-maker, does not make \$400 after six hours of selling

carrying made of fish-head soap, she thinks something is amiss.

Sealskin moccasins, at \$360 a pair, are disappearing as fast as village women can stitch them together.

Her tour packages (\$90) are packed. So are humpback whales (\$79) and charter excursions for salmon and halibut (\$179).

Hoonah's financial rupture — and fretting the cultural dislocation — of being discovered by one of Alaska's fastest-growing industries: cruise-ship tourism.

Pale interlopers from the lower 48, smelling of sunscreen, wearing khakis with complicated pockets and videotaping everything in sight, are disembarking here this summer for the first time.

With wonder in their eyes and cash in their wallets, they come off big white shirts in herds of 2,400 to 4,000.

They seem to find this village of rustic tin roofs, parked roads and 860 Alaskans, most of them members of the Tlingit tribe, to be the Far North experience they've been dreaming about.

"This is more remote, more wild, more like you are out in the elements," said Don Albin, owner of Don's Furniture City in "Three Rivers, Mich. His cruise was a gift from his wife Lou, in honor of his 80th birthday.

"It couldn't be better," said Louise Albin, enumerating the joys of Hoonah, and its surroundings on Chichagof Island, where people are outnumbered by brown bears (the big, often grizzly bears that are called grizzlies in the lower 48), in a two-to-one ratio.

They saw a brown bear, a bald eagle, several sea lions and a whole lot of spawning salmon.

Large cruise ships are not new in Alaska. For decades, the number of ships and passengers has been swelling along the state's southeast panhandle — as the logging industry shrinks.

It is the very phenomenon that cuts against the resource-extraction grain of Alaska's political leaders, who continue to grumble about a 24-year-old congressional decision to create 104 million acres of parks and refuges across the nation's largest state. As former governor Walter J. Hickel once complained, "We can't just let nature run wild."

Yet wilderness — at least, wilderness as perceived from the deck of a luxury cruise costing several thousand dollars — will lure about 800,000 people to the Alaskan coast this year, injecting more than \$700 million into the state's economy.

When the big boats are thick in the ports, the invasion transforms such small ports as Juneau, Ketchikan and Sitka into crowded, kitschy tourist traps, where T-shirt hawkers and fast-food outlets crowd the 49th state with the licky-tacky feel of the Jersey shore. That ambience has become a word-of-mouth downer for cruise-ship marketing.

Ergo, Hoonah — the newest, rawest, and by far, smallest port of call for cruise ships plying the Inside Passage of southeast Alaska. It is a collaborative in-

vention of a Juneau guide company and the local native corporation, Huna Totem.

Part of the reason this town needs tourism is that Huna Totem, in a rush to cash in on logging, hired contractors to make massive, environmentally damaging clear-cuts of forests on native-owned land on Chichagof Island.

Timber companies have since chopped down nearly all the marketable trees — and laid off nearly all the Tlingits who had been working in the woods. Cruise ships drop anchor in Hoonah's harbor beside a steep and eroding clear-cut hill.

To prepare for the crowds which roll in at a rate of one ship a week and could increase in coming years to a level that a derelict cannery was refurbished as a museum mall.

"We never could have pulled it off without the cooperation of all the people in the village," said John Dybdahl, who grew up in a cabin beside Hoonah's salmon cannery and is now president of the company that runs the destination.

Old machines once used to lop the heads-off-salmon-have been painted, polished and beaded with headless salmon and severed salmon heads (made of real-looking, odorless plastic). There's a theater for Tlingit cultural performances.

Neatly you can use a credit card to attend a salmon bake or buy necklaces made of fishing hook swivels.

To the delight of people in this village — where unemployment has been running at about 60 percent, the school has been hemorrhaging students and the municipal budget has been in the red — sales have been phenomenally brisk.

"There are very few places where you actually have a captive audience that wants to buy what you have for sale," Dybdahl said. "But here it is pretty much guaranteed that, when a ship is in port, 800 to 1,000 people will walk into my shop."

The town expects sales tax revenue to triple this year and to rise even more steeply as more ships arrive in coming years, said Jerry Medina, the town administrator. He said Hoonah will use the money to pay for overdue bills, pave roads, extend water and sewer lines and buy a new fire truck.

The money just made a believer out of Kathy Mills Marvin, 45, a Tlingit craftswoman who lives in the village and whose first reaction when she heard about the coming of the cruise ships was disgust.

"I didn't want anything to do with it," she said. "I had seen all the tourists in Juneau, and I was worried that they would overrun us."

To mitigate this concern, a decision was made to impose a limit on cruise ships: no more than one a day (excluding weekends) during an 18-week season.

Marvin said she and most people in town now "feel pretty protected" from the influx, even as they make more money off it than they had thought possible.

She said she cannot make baby boote moccasins (\$75) fast enough to keep up with demand.

In this village that has seen little in recent years but a rise in unemployment, there was widespread cynicism — even as the cannery was refurbished as a cruise-ship destination — that tourists would come.

"They didn't believe it until May 23, when the first ship came," Dybdahl said.

East is East but West is less humid

You raise your kids, sacrifice for them, hope and pray they turn out to be happy and decent people, and then they up and move to the Eastern Time Zone. It's sad but true. My sons, 25 and 23, are living in Tampa, Fla. and Columbus, Ohio, respectively. Where did I go wrong?

Ove Always been a left Coast guy. Born and bred in Idaho, went to college in California, worked in Montana, and then back to Idaho. All I wanted from the striped pants network anchors in New York City to know the difference between Idaho and Iowa.

But ever since I was a kid, in everything from the network TV promos to baseball schedules, it's been drummed into my dear little ear that the only times worth keeping were Eastern Standard and Eastern Daylight.

It's elitist, effete and vengeful. If you ask me — a throwback to the days when 98 percent of Americans surfed the Eastern Seaboard. This has been the case for more than 150 years, but the EDT crowd says if they're the repository of all that's worthwhile in our culture.

Everything to the west is, to quote Dorothy Parker, "the great beyond."

Never mind that three-fifths of Americans now live in the Central, Mountain and Pacific time zones. Never mind that no American president from the Eastern Time Zone has been elected since Jimmy Carter.

Never mind that Donald Trump, New Jersey, Jerry Falwell, P.C. Hixon and Washington, D.C., are all Eastern afflictions.

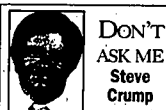
Not Mecca, always, must be to the east.

So now, because of the two-hour time difference, I have to get home by 5:30 p.m. If I want to talk to my kids on the phone, they call me at 7:30 in the morning because it's already 9:30 back east.

And those telltale phrases that are so practiced by Easterners are beginning to creep into my conversation: "I've been up for hours." "We're going clubbing tonight." "I'll get back to you in a New York minute."

"A New York minute," for cryin' out loud. This from a kid who used to eat tater pigs at the county fair.

And there's the constant whining. My youngest son, in



Columbus, works at a Target store on the edge of the Ohio State University campus and has to walk to work. OSU has 48,000 students. 51 percent of them female. That means that Eric has to walk to work every morning with 25,000 coeds.

It's humid in much of the Eastern Time Zone, and in South Florida they have something called "heat index value," which is a measurement how the combination of heat and humidity feels. This time of year, that index is near 100 every day — as bad as it gets.

"It was so bad that I was sweating at the bus stop at 7:30 in the morning," my oldest son whimpers. This from a kid who lives 10 minutes from the beach.

There are some opportunities for Dad of the Golden West to gloat, though. My oldest son's apartment lease stipulates that the landlord will bring in a pest exterminator every other month — never a good sign.

And if Michael and his roommates use more than a certain amount of electricity in a given month, they have to pay the difference.

Tell me, have you ever known a college kid who turned off his computer or turned down his stereo? It's going to be a damned comfortable spending the last week of each month in Tampa without A/C, don't you think?

Still, I miss my kids terribly, so I've been looking into airline schedules to Tampa and to Columbus in the same trip.

The cheapest fare I've found so far has connections in Anchorage and Puerto Rico, and you have to book 7 1/2 years in advance. So I guess I'll just wait for them to tire of coeds, sun, sand and surf and come home.

Do you think I should wait up?

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Yellowstone slide cleanup will cost big

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — Removing mudslides that blocked the East Entrance Road over Sylvan Pass is expected to cost about \$275,000.

The expenses include repairing the road, which was closed for about a week after the July 18 slides, triggered by 1.7 inches of rain.

Crews hired by park officials

cleared about 30,000 tons of mud, rock and debris — some of it 10 feet deep in places.

Howe Crockett, a construction engineer with the Federal Highway Administration, said the estimate is preliminary and does not include costs incurred by the park.

A large expense will be replacing in large culvert plugged with mud.

Companies: Unfair process left them unable to compete

LEWISTON (AP) — Two companies filed a \$1.8 million claim against the city and Nez Perce county, saying they were unfairly excluded from discussions on rebuilding the local airport.

Attorneys for Deben Construction of Orofino and M.A. DeAtley Construction of Clarkston are the low bidder, a Steelman-Duff of Clarkston, was given an unfair advantage.

Steelman-Duff's bid was based on use of rock from a county-owned quarry that is adjacent to the airport. Christian R. Cox of the Spokane law firm D. Dunn and Black wrote in the claim filed Thursday in

the Lewiston city and Nez Perce County clerk's offices.

The same offer wasn't made to other bidders.

"Nez Perce County representatives engaged in collusion, conspiracy, and other unlawful agreements that gave Steelman an unfair advantage in bidding the project," the claim says.

Steelman got the project with a bid of \$4.7 million.

Deben's bid was \$432,000 higher and DeAtley was \$950,000 more.

Nez Perce County Deputy prosecutor Jack Little dismissed the claim as "groundless," saying the companies could not possibly be damaged to the level they are claiming.

from other countries have spent their time observing school classes during the day, and taking language coursework during the evening for three to four weeks.

The Mari Institute contacted Dr. Bill Saxton about having educators and government officials visit the school. Saxton invited Crane to visit the institute. Both men are involved with Hope International.

"They wanted to hear from Americans in government and learn about American teaching methods," Crane said. "They want to know our methodologies."

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Wyoming ranchers worry after finding diseased cows

GILLETTE, Wyo. (AP) — The meeting wasn't to start for another half-hour, but already a group of ranchers had gathered outside the extension office. Leaning against their trucks, they commiserated about the implications of two brucellosis cases reported in northeastern Wyoming's Campbell County.

The meeting Thursday night was organized by state and federal officials to address concerns about the impact of the disease. "There's no need for overreacting and pointing fingers," State Veterinarian Jim Logan said. "We want to get through this with as little impact as possible on the community."

Still, the usual scapegoats — state and federal wildlife managers — came in for criticism, with ranchers saying not enough is being done to reduce spread of the disease in big game.

"It's mystery on top of mystery at these meetings," rancher Gary Thruer said. "I think the Game and Fish people have got to do more. Wildlife is the culprit as far as I'm concerned."

Logan reassured livestock producers and community members that the situation was under control and the only thing to do is watch and wait.

"We're here tonight to talk about what the future holds for this area," Logan said. "We'll have a better idea of the implications for the community as we discover the extent of the disease in the quarantined herds when the testing is completed in the next few weeks."

The two infected cows were part of 50 sent to the livestock sale in Pierre, S.D. Positive test results were confirmed this past week.

It was the fourth herd in Wyoming found to have brucellosis in the past 10 months. The others were in western Wyoming.

The disease can cause animals to abort and chronic flu-like symptoms in humans.

About 350 cattle in the herd where the infected cows originated and 1,500 head in six herds that had contact with the first group have been quarantined and are being tested.

Both Logan and Bret Combs, a veterinarian with the U.S. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, said the U.S. Depart-

ment of the Interior is not doing enough to help rein in the disease.

"The Department of the Interior needs to move forward on management and surveillance," Logan said. "And getting the agency to act is something we all have to lend a hand in and be more vocal about."

The owners of the infected cows are Justin and Linda Edwards, officials announced. The names of the six ranchers who own the contact herds are being withheld until testing is complete.

John Hines, a state senator who raises cattle, is concerned about the economic impacts to the community.

"We've already been struggling over the feed issue because of the drought," he said. "But now out-of-state buyers will think twice before buying Wyoming cattle."

More Utah farmers get irrigation cutoff notices

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — About 350 farmers will have their irrigation water cut off as early as Saturday night due to drought conditions.

The West Cache Canal Co., a consortium of irrigators who farm 15,000 acres in the area between Cornish and Newton, has used up its supply of Bear Lake storage water. The company was expected to close its canal gates Saturday night.

The cutoff comes just days after another group of irrigators

between the Idaho border and Cutler Dam, the Utah Small Pumpers Association, was ordered by the state to stop taking water from the river.

Farmers expect to see the Utah farmland northwest of Logan now green with alfalfa to turn brown quickly.

"The west side is going to be basically dry," West Cache Canal Co. President Joe Larsen said Friday.

Utah Power takes water from Bear Lake into the river to sup-

plement its natural flow. But in the sixth year of a drought, the lake is at a 70-year low and the company is prohibited from pumping after it reaches a certain level. As a result, irrigators who rely on Bear Lake storage water received only a fraction of their allocations this year.

The irrigators were made aware of the situation early this spring, and like Larsen, many chose not to plant any corn, a late-season, water-intensive crop. Others, however, planted

corn anyway because it can produce more than 20 tons of forage per acre, whereas alfalfa produces only four or five.

"The people who I really feel sorry for now are the people who've got some corn," Larsen said. "I don't know if they've got enough moisture in the ground to make that corn a cob. ... These dairymen need their corn and their corn silage, and they almost had to gamble and go ahead and plant it because they needed it."

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Fiesta parade competes with traffic

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With breezy weather and an enthusiastic crowd, only poor traffic control could mar the Hispanic Heritage Parade on Saturday evening.

One side of Shoshone Street was blocked off for the parade, while traffic moved on the other side and spectators waited for vehicles to pass before turning into the street to grab candy.

"That's not right," said Lupe Castaneda, of Twin Falls, who is running the Miss Chiquitita contest. "They should just stop the traffic."

The parade started at Fred Meyer on Blue Lakes Boulevard in one lane of traffic, then police closed both southbound lanes at Fler Avenue for safety reasons, said Sgt. Steve Ryan of the Twin Falls Police. Ryan said the parade going on Blue Lakes was part of a last-minute compromise between the city and parade organizers.

Ryan said the challenge is how to have a parade and not inconvenience people at the same of.

"It's a Catch-22," Ryan said. He hopes next year the city and parade organizers will be able to work out a better time and location for the parade.

Parade participants, many of them marching for the first time, were enthusiastic about the 15th Hispanic Heritage Fiesta.

College of Southern Idaho Professor Rosa Dávila, wore her lab coat on a float with desks and flags to represent the college's Latinos Unidos Club. Dávila is the faculty advisor for the club which helps Hispanic students and recruits them at local high schools.

"It just makes a difference for a lot of people," Dávila said.

Carles, the Hispanic heritage coordinator at the Boys and Girls Club, said he hoped the parade would be better than last year. He said there were about 40-50 items in the parade.

Several dancers from the Burley High School and Junior High School's Spanish Club brought their Mexican folk dances to the street Saturday evening.

Richard Martínez, who is entering eighth grade, said the

Party on

The Hispanic Heritage Fiesta continues today with Un Día en el Valle (A Day in the Valley) in the Twin Falls City Park from noon to 8 p.m. Admission is free.

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2 p.m. — Grupo Folklórico Aztlan dancers
3 p.m. — Sol de Acapulco, a mariachi band
4 p.m. — Grito (yelling) contest
4:15 p.m. — Sonadores del Norte

group members are proud to show off their heritage.

The float from the Emiliano Zapata Migrant Head Start Program in Burley came in spite of losing half its balloons on the trip to Twin Falls. Dora Gochmour, who teaches a class for infants up to age 18 months, said the float with colors of the American and Mexican flags was meant to represent the two cultures uniting for the future. Teachers Sonia Ramirez and Ofelia Escobedo and their pupils helped make the paper flowers and other decorations, while Cook Piedad Loyza spearheaded the school's efforts.

"It's something exciting,"

5 p.m. — 2004 Hispanic Heritage Queen and court's pageant dance
5:30 p.m. — Deseo
6:30 p.m. — Jalapeno eating contest
8:45 p.m. — Karibe

Ongoing events:
• Miss Chiquitita contest for girls ages 3 to 7 of Hispanic descent. Winners will be crowned at the fiesta.
• Fifth annual car show with a special appearance from Street Customs magazine model Martha Zermeno.

Loya said. "We did it for the children."

Ryan said about 50 people came to watch the parade.

Shavon Gutierrez, of Twin Falls, said her husband is bringing two low riders to the car show today. She and her three children enjoyed the parade.

"It's really nice, for the kids especially, they love the horses," Gutierrez said.

The day's festivities ended with a street dance on Main Avenue near the water fountain.

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SERVICES

Carolee Parrott of Twin Falls, service at 10:30 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Phyllis Lenora Bettha of Shoshone, graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at the

Shoshone Cemetery, East Highway 26 (Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory, Jerome).

Wilson Timothy Garner, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Monday at the Paul Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 424 W. Ellis, Paul.

visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Jacqueline Lee Conrad of Gooding, celebration of life at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Church of the Nazarene in Gooding (Cremation Society of Idaho, Boise).

Parents pay for extracurricular activities

BOISE (AP) — More parents are experiencing sticker shock this year as they register their children for public school.

In Meridian, Idaho largest school district, parents of middle- or high school students are being charged \$25 or \$50 dollars above the usual fees to allow their children to participate in activities ranging from football to the debate team.

The required payments come on top of the other traditional expenses, such as \$50 for a year-book and \$35 for a student activity card.

Meridian School District, faced with a \$3.4 million budget shortfall for this school year, adopted a "pay-for-play" plan.

Jeanette Ockerman, a Meridian parent with three secondary students, said she will spend about \$300 at registration so her kids can participate in music

and sports. It's an increase of about \$100, or 33 percent, from last year.

"That's significant," Ockerman said. "It is like registering a whole other child for school."

The pay-for-play concept is a growing reality for public school parents.

Nearly half of 146 high schools surveyed last August by the Idaho High School Activities Association imposed a participation fee of \$10 to \$100.

Meridian school officials say the pay-for-play fee should generate between \$160,000 and \$200,000 that will go toward funding the \$1.9 million the district pays in stipends for educators who guide after-school activities such as drama, band, choir and sports.

Parents are paying only a fraction of the costs for those activities, which average nearly

\$191 per child per activity, said Linda Clark, district superintendent.

Meridian's budget shortfall left the district with a tough choice of paying for academics or activities, Clark said.

"We can't fully support the extracurricular activities at the expense of curricular programs," she said. "Otherwise we would be taking \$160,000 from instruction."

Boise School District is not discussing a pay-for-play fee yet, said Stan Olson, district superintendent.

However, Boise schools will increase the fee for student activity cards from \$6 to \$10 in junior high and from \$25 to \$30 for high school students to defray costs of extracurricular activities. Card purchases are optional and don't keep kids from participating.

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Crapo says funding and delisting are tied together

PLUMMER (AP) — U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo said any cleanup or water quality monitoring plans for Lake Coeur d'Alene must have funding in place before the lake is removed from Superfund oversight.

Crapo made the remarks on Friday after meeting with Coeur d'Alene tribal officials for nearly two hours.

The lake, a popular tourism and recreation playground, contains an estimated 77 million tons of toxic mining wastes that have washed down the Coeur d'Alene River for more than a century.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency two years ago expanded its Superfund cleanup Silver Valley mine waste to include the entire Coeur d'Alene River Basin.

The expanded project will cost \$360 million and extend from Mulden to Spokane.

Earlier this week, Coeur d'Alene Tribe Chairman Erlie Stensgar pledged \$5 million in tribal funds and challenged the Idaho and federal governments to match the amount.

Stensgar said the tribe doesn't want to see a water quality management plan adopted without funding and then see the lake delisted.

Local governments and business interests have fought the designation, saying the stigma of "Superfund" would cripple tourism and a local economy already hurt by declining natural resources industry.

The EPA, however, said if the lake is to be removed from Superfund oversight, Superfund money must be used for any cleanup or monitoring programs.

On Friday, Crapo agreed the simple existence of a management plan is not a way to dodge Superfund oversight.

"The objective the tribe has raised is the objective all Idahoans share in common. We must achieve a lake management plan that is implemented," he said. "The tribe has put their money on the table," Crapo said, adding it's time other parties did, too.

WEST

Where's the fire? Prediction unit tries to find out before it happens

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — It's barely dawn when Mike Fitzpatrick starts his shift with a blur of colorful maps, figures and endless charts, but already he knows what the day will bring. Lightning will strike in places he expects. Winds will pick up, moist places will dry and flames will roar.

But where will the next wildfire hit? Are homes and lives threatened? When should crews go to stop it? Could it get out of control?

"This is Predictive Services of the Northwest Intergency Coordination Center," and Fitzpatrick is in the business of forecasting wildfires.

It's crucial in the fire-prone West. The decisions made here can save time, money and lives.

Near Portland International Airport, in a nondescript office building cluttered with stacks of graphs, coffee mugs and maps bursting with tacks, Fitzpatrick, head of the six-person prediction unit, gets the morning's status report. The evening shift ended at midnight, and Fitzpatrick has to quickly find out how wildfires in Washington and Oregon behaved overnight.

A fire that began the day before near an Oregon Indian reservation is still burning. Conditions are ripe for a bad day. Brush and trees are everywhere, the ground is flat, the wind steady. The small community of Sinnasho is in the fire's path. Already, 1,500 acres have burned.

"Wind is going to be the deciding factor over there today," Fitzpatrick tells the center manager, Gerry Day.

In 1996, 105,000 acres burned in the same area. Fitzpatrick thinks about the resources tied up fighting fires in California and Alaska. He hopes he won't need them.

He glances at the huge dry-erase board of fire details and sees that 130 firefighters and

five engines are already on the scene, fire managers want four more engines.

"This thing is going to turn into a big fire," Fitzpatrick says. It's 7:35 a.m.

After the 1988 fires in Yellowstone National Park, government agencies suggested a change. Instead of reacting to fires after they begin, what about trying to predict them before they happen?

It was a new way of thinking about wildfires, and it would take 10 more years before Predictive Services was created here, the first in the country. It wasn't until 2001, after the hiring of two meteorologists, that the unit really took off. Across the country, there are now 10 other prediction units like this one.

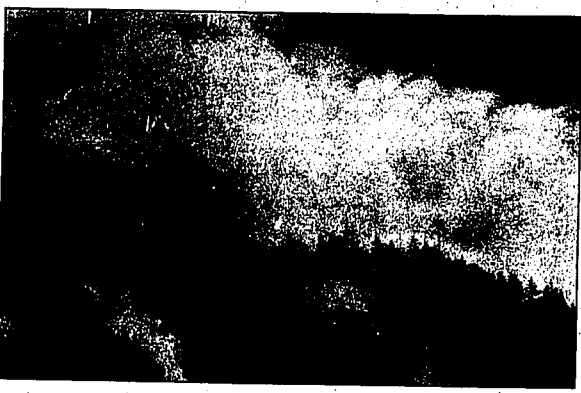
It's mid-morning when Paul Werth, fire weather program manager for the Pacific Northwest, hands Fitzpatrick graphs that show pressure in the atmosphere, rivers of air moving over Washington and Oregon, and wind, unstable air patterns and dryness are perfect conditions for large fires.

"It looks like we're going to get into more thunderstorm activity," Werth tells Fitzpatrick.

While Fitzpatrick worries about the future, it's Werth's job to study the past. He pores over more than 40 years of records and predictions from different countries to come up with a scenario for the Pacific Northwest. He can predict weather patterns 10 days out by studying temperature, rainfall, humidity, fuel moisture and what happened in the past.

"Before we had Predictive Services, we only knew what the fire danger was for the next day," Werth says. "But fire managers really want to know what it's going to be next week."

The Pacific Northwest gets an average of 4,000 wildfires a year; most are caused by lightning.



A helicopter flies from a wildfire to retrieve more water, Tuesday northwest of Granite Falls, Wash.

This year has been mild so far, with just more than 36,000 acres burned in Washington and Oregon, but scientists here know that can change in Oregon right now, all but one area of the state — the central section of the Oregon coast — is at high risk for fire. All of Washington is at risk.

The next cubicle over, meteorologist Terry Marsha goes over his lightning predictions. "The day before, the forecast lightning to strike in five distinct areas; he was right on four. The lightning sparked 150 small fires, but they were quickly put out."

He talks with meteorologists from the National Weather Service, plugs weather data into equations and comes up with a probability for wildfires starting.

Miles away in the Mount Hood National Forest, a remote area weather station pumps out

data every hour: rainfall, wind speed and direction. Marsha relies on 200 such stations to help him make his forecasts.

"The fuel conditions are ready to go," he says. "All you're waiting for is something to set it off."

It's Marsha's job to find out where that might be.

Almost noon, and the six fires burning in Washington and one in Oregon are holding. Fitzpatrick predicts the Log Springs fire near the Warm Springs Indian Reservation will burn another 1,500 acres today.

On the other side of the multi-agency coordination center, Steve Dickenson, a former smokejumper and Hotshot crew leader, uses the Intelligetec reports to determine which fires should get re-

sources. When fire managers run out of their own crews, they call here and ask for help.

Dispatchers can quickly assign crews, engines and air tankers, but Dickenson has to make the tough decisions on which fires to make a priority. A wrong decision could leave another area vulnerable.

A fire manager in Washington wants to know if he can let extra crews go, but Dickenson, the emergency operations manager, wants him to keep them for now. The threat is still there.

"In the past, when we have not had Predictive Services, decisions were made — just anecdotally," Dickenson says. "We need to be making decisions on the best science."

Two days ago, air tankers were positioned in Moses Lake, Wash., when Dickenson decid-

ed to move them to Redmond, Ore. The same morning, a fire broke out along the California-Oregon border, and the tankers put it out.

"I try to pre-position six hours before," he says. "Two hours is too late. Having that resource there before it's needed is crucial."

Marsha can forecast lightning strikes within a few hours. Dickenson reviews the forecast, compares it to fuel conditions in the area, surveys how many local crews are available and dispatches resources to the areas most at risk.

"We have not got science to the point where you can tell where the fire is going to be started," he says. "We just try to put it as close to the lightning track as it's been forecasted."

There are times, Dickenson says, when he moves resources and nothing happens. But, that doesn't happen often.

The Log Springs fire had extra crews on the scene when it had burned just 60 acres.

"It can be crazy. I'll be tested very much this August and September," he says.

Mount Hood National Forest fire manager Reggie Huston says the wildfire forecast "gives us the ability to do quite a bit of pre-planning for any type of event that may be coming at us."

Huston says if she knows an area in the forest is at risk, she can assign more crews and helicopters and alert the public.

When Dickenson's resources are tapped, the National Intergency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho, takes over, able to dispatch crews from all over the country.

"It's absolutely key," says Rose Davis, spokeswoman for NIFEC, which has its own prediction unit. "We have to think in front of fire. We have to use Predictive Services to tell us where the fire danger increases so we can get our resources moving today."

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John B. Robertson graduated from Princeton in 1930 and returned to Twin Falls to join his father in the agency, and shortly thereafter, John became the sole proprietor of the business. In 1950, John Whitsell joined the firm, and the new partnership began operating as the Robertson-Whitsell Agency.

In April, 1963, Dan Obenchain joined the firm as a partner. Obenchain's insurance background consisted of over five years with the Idaho Rating Bureau (fire-rating organization) and then over ten years with the SpringField-Monarch

Insurance Companies. He had been serving as a regional manager in San Francisco at the time. In 1963 the agency started operating as Robertson-Whitsell-Obenchain Insurance. The firm name continued on in that manner until sometime in 1965, when the name of Whitsell was discontinued, thus shortening the name once again, this time to Robertson-Obenchain Insurance.

Late February, 1971, John Robertson passed away very suddenly of heart problems. During the partnership years of Robertson, & Obenchain (1963-1971), the agency's operations were moved twice. In 1969, a developer purchased the Perrine Hotel building from John Robertson, then the building owner. It was demolished to make way for the new Interstate Bank building, now Magic Valley Bank, located on the southwest corner of Shoshone West and Main West. The insurance office was to be temporarily located at 330 Third Street East. In the late fall of 1970, Robertson & Obenchain purchased the property known as the Gillespie building (built in 1920), located at 323 Shoshone Street North (now

the drive-in port for the First Federal Savings & Loan Association's new building). Obenchain continued operating at this location under the same name, until about 1976, at which time the current name, Obenchain Insurance, was adopted. The Obenchain Agency offices, and the Obenchain Community Room, are now located at 264 Main Avenue South in Twin Falls.

Tim Obenchain joined the agency in 1979 after graduating from Boise State University with a degree in business and serving three years with the Allied Insurance Company in their Boise office. He had been the underwriting manager of the commercial lines department.

The Obenchains operated the agency together for a number of years. Then in 1981, David Werbeck joined the agency sales force and, after several successful years in sales, became a partner in 1988. Dave graduated from UCLA in 1969 with a degree in economics, then attended UCLA's Graduate School of Business Management, completing that phase in 1972. Tim Obenchain and Dave Werbeck are partners and current owners of the agency.

WEST

Agency investigates death of circus lion

The Washington Post
WASHINGTON — The Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey circus is facing a federal investigation amid allegations that it allowed a young lion to die in a sweltering animal train crossing the Mojave desert and then tried to keep key information from the government.

In was extremely hot and the animal needed help. He said circus officials would not stop the train to cool the animal of despite reports by him and another handler that the 2-year-old lion, named Clyde, and other animals were suffering from intense heat.

Hagan said in the affidavit that the circus fired him soon after on what he contends was a pretext. The lion's death in July and the federal investigation have quickly become part of the battle between circus and animal rights activists over the treatment of animals in captivity.

Darin Johnson, national spokesman for Ringling Brothers, disagreed, saying the company has been dedicated to the humane treatment of its animals for 134 years and is using the "sad death" of Clyde as an opportunity to review and improve policies for transporting animals.

Stuck in the middle? Get past the diet plateau. Monday in Image.

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Convicts help with Capitol restoration

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Convicts hoping to learn new skills and are doing some of the dirtiest work for Utah's Capitol restoration.

Prisoners who are nearing their parole dates are earning good-behavior points for Utah Corrections Industries, removing asbestos, demolishing walls and moving boxes to get started on the Capitol's \$200 million renovation.

A division of the state's corrections department, Utah Corrections Industries gives qualified prisoners an opportunity to be productive in real-world working situations.

About 600 prisoners are involved in the work program, though most of them stay within the prison walls. Thirty inmates make the daily trek to the Capitol accompanied by three corrections officers.

Utah Corrections Industries, operating under the Preservation Board during this project, says the prisoners like real employees. They have to sign contracts, and they can be fired for doing something as seemingly minor as making an unauthorized phone call.

Ernest Cordova, a 24-year-old inmate, has combined to put in 15,000 man hours doing government work as asbestos abatement and relocating of offices.

The biggest cost reduction comes from not having to pay wages. Inmates earn such rewards as extra at-home visits and stipends, varying in value from \$1 to \$1,650 a month.

Cordova, who earned his high school diploma and began college while at the Gunnison prison facility, plans on using his new skills in his family's construction business after he's done serving his time.

In the meantime, he's enjoying the freedom of "being able to wander around and get something done. ... I feel like I accomplish something. He also laughed when he admitted he had to join the program to get his first tour of the Capitol.

Cordova and his fellow inmates had quite the task when it came to ridding the outside of the rotunda of asbestos. The exterior was coated with a stucco-like coating containing the dangerous substance, used in the past to waterproof and insulate.

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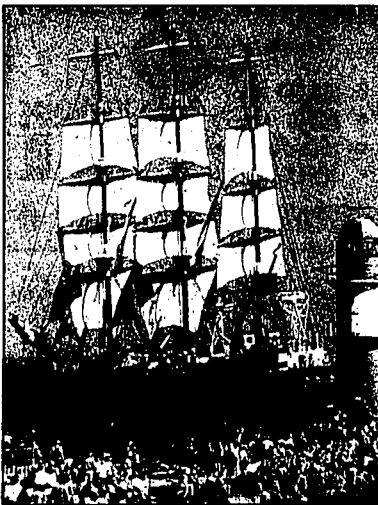
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Pittsburgh imposes stiff fines to boost recycling

PITTSBURGH (AP) — When Pittsburgh began fining residents earlier this year for not complying with the city's mandatory recycling law, it was venturing into relatively uncharted territory. Few Pennsylvania communities with mandatory recycling laws fine residents.

If city workers don't see bundles of newspapers or the blue bags used for glass, cans and plastic placed outside a home on recycling day, the city will contact the resident about the requirement, said Guy Costa, the public works director.

"If we send you a letter and then you continue not to recycle, then we send you a citation," Costa said, who called the fines a last resort.

The city has issued about 100 citations since stepping up enforcement in the spring. Fines with court costs are \$62.50. A second offense costs more than \$500, though Costa said none have been issued.

Costa said failing to recycle costs the city money. It's paid \$11 a ton for glass, cans and plastics and \$30 a ton for newspaper, Costa said. Statewide, the average cost to take municipal trash to a landfill is about \$57 per ton, according to the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Pittsburgh, like other communities that recycle, also can qualify for performance grants, which help pay for manpower and equipment.

"There's a lot of incentives in there for the city and the residents to recycle as much as they can," Costa said. About 40

percent of city households recycle, he said.

While some people have complained about the fines, Costa said he's been getting mostly positive comments.

"The feedback I've been getting is, 'It's about time because I've been recycling and my neighbor hasn't been,'" Costa said.

Recycling became mandatory in 1988 in larger communities in Pennsylvania and has since expanded to many smaller communities. In 2002, the most recent year for which figures are available, the state recycling rate was about 38 percent, said DEP spokesman Tom Bathbun.

Neither the DEP nor the federal Environmental Protection Agency track communities that fine residents for not recycling.

"We just want (recycling communities) to have a successful program," Bathbun said.

A sampling of communities showed fines are not used often. Recycling officials said they stress education instead.

Recycling has issued very few fines said Ann Saurman, education and enforcement coordinator for the city's bureau of recycling and solid waste. Workers notify nonrecyclers by certified letter. The city will supply bins if needed and follow up to make sure the message has gotten across.

"Most of the time, those steps are effective," Saurman said.

Over the last half-dozen years, Saurman said, the city has had an average recycling compliance rate of 95 percent.

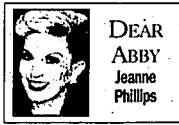
Dog's loss is high price for man's lesson

DEAR ABBY: I found my dog, "Belle," last year at the pound. We bonded instantly and I knew I had to take her. She was sweet, funny and fearless.

I remembered the truck commercials on TV where the message was dogs love trucks. Belle was no exception. The day I bought my used pickup, she hopped into the bed and was ready to go. It seemed that half the vehicles I saw growing up were old pickups with dogs — always unrestrained.

At first, there were short trips to the store or on a back road. But after a month, we got more adventurous. Sometimes Belle would get excited and lean over and snap at passing cars. That should have warned me, but at the time I thought it was funny. It never occurred to me to be concerned. Not until she fell out.

I watched in the mirror as she tumbled to the road. Belle survived the fall and started to get up, but before she could get out



DEAR ABBY
Jeane Phillips

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of the way, an oncoming car hit her. It was stupid, awful and completely unexpected. And it could have been prevented. A simple harness, or better yet, keeping my beautiful Belle in the cab would have saved her life.

Now, because of a stupid, maddening I had of a man, his dog and his truck, I have lost

beloved friend. Please, Abby, warn your readers that if they have a pet they care about, not to allow it to ride unrestrained in a truck bed.

— GRIEVING
IN LEXINGTON, KY.

DEAR GRIEVING: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your beloved pet. I'm printing your reminder for the benefit of other pet owners, but I would like to extend it. I frequently see young children standing on the seats of vehicles driven by their mothers, while Mom chats away on her cell phone. I have also seen pets and people riding unrestrained in the back of open trucks. It takes only a moment for an accident to happen. These kinds of accidents can be life-altering or fatal. So please, folks, use a little restraint — the kind that buckles.

DEAR ABBY: I recently relocated to live near my son, "Gary," and his girlfriend, "Gina." Gary

supports Gina and her three children, and talks constantly about marrying her and adopting the kids. Gary believes that Gina will marry him one day, but she's conflicted to me that once she finishes college and starts her career, she does not see herself married to my son.

I'm torn between telling Gary the truth and hurting him (not to mention causing our relationship), or letting him find out in two years that he has been seriously used.

— TORN MOM
IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR TORN: Talk to Gina and urge her to level with your son. If she refuses, then you must do it. If he finds out in two years that you know all along that he was being used and said nothing it will be more damaging to your relationship than if you tell him the truth now. He won't like hearing it, but you must tell him what Gina told you. If he were my son, I would.

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Injury sidelines Cardinal back

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona Cardinals running back Marcel Shipp, the team's leading rusher last season, will miss at least eight weeks with a broken left leg.

Cardinals coach Dennis Green said Shipp appeared to dislocate his left ankle in the team's intrasquad scrimmage on Friday, but more X-rays revealed a broken fibula.

"We were hoping that would not be the case, but it looks like it probably will be," Green said Saturday. "We'll just take our time and make sure he's on the heal and on the mend and look at the rest of it later."

Shipp had a plate and screws inserted into the leg Friday and further surgery is expected to add pins to the broken leg.

Shipp, who led the Cardinals with 630 rushing yards in 2003, was caught beneath a pile during a routine running play and was taken off the field on a cart. He was unavailable for comment Saturday.

"I talked to him (Friday) night and he seemed pretty good, so I assume he had a good amount of good pain medication," Cardinals running back Damien Anderson said. "He was up in spirits. He seemed very, very positive."

Anderson and Josh Scobey will now battle it out for the No. 2 spot on the depth chart behind starting running back Emmitt Smith.



Arizona Cardinals running back Marcel Shipp runs with the ball during the first quarter, in this file photo.



Saturday, Titans quarterback Steve McNair, the league's co-MVP, didn't practice in the two morning sessions, but took part during a first-team session and the two-minute drill.

Atlanta quarterback Michael Vick tossed a handful of passes early, then left the offense in the hands of rookie Matt Shaub. Vick watched the rest of the workout from the sidelines while he rested his right hamstring.

Rookie Quincy Wilson, son of former Chicago linebacker Otis Wilson, had eight carries for 47 yards for Atlanta. Titans rookie Jarrett Payton, son of the late Walter Payton, had five carries for 23 yards.

Five Indianapolis players did not take part in Saturday's scrimmage due to injury: rookie linebacker Antonio Crow, rookie defensive tackle Nautyn McKay, Loscher, defensive tackle David Pugh, cornerback Corey Chamblin, and cornerback Willie Miller.

Offensive tackle Turk Glenn missed his fifth straight day of practice as he tries to get under a team-mandated weight limit.

Cleveland linebacker Brant Boyer will miss at least eight weeks after undergoing surgery

to repair a broken bone in his right foot. Boyer, a 10-year veteran and the Browns' special teams captain, was hurt Friday when someone stepped on his foot during practice.

Buccaners

Tampa Bay wide receiver Joey Galloway left practice Saturday with a sore right knee, and first-round pick receiver Michael Clayton missed workouts because of a bruised sternum. Receiver Charles Lee skipped practice with a hamstring injury. Also missing practice Saturday were guard Matt Stinchcomb (calf), tackles Todd Steussie (knee) and Kenyatta Walker (knee), defensive tackles Ellis Wyms (ankle) and DeVone Claybrooks (ankle), and defensive end Reinard Wilson (knee). Quarterback Brad Johnson and cornerback Ronde Barber also missed practice because of general soreness.

Linebacker Shelton Quarles practiced with a cast on his left wrist after suffering a hairline fracture earlier in the week.

Chargers

The San Diego Chargers have signed journeyman quarterback Joe Gerhart.

Germaine played in the Arena Football League last season and hasn't played in an NFL game since 1999.

Quarterback Drew Brees is healthy but backup Doug Flutie will be sidelined for two weeks after having arthroscopic surgery on his knee. Cleo Lemon, a member of the practice squad last

year, is San Diego's other quarterback. Rookie Philip Rivers is still unsigned.

Germaine was drafted by St. Louis in 1999. He also played for Kansas City and Cincinnati in the NFL.

Rams and Bears

St. Louis quarterback Marc Bulger and running back Marshall Faulk did not play in the Rams' scrimmage Saturday against the Chicago Bears in Mecom, Ill. Chicago linebacker Brian Urlacher, nursing a hamstring injury, and wide receiver Marty Booker also sat out.

Bengals

Cincinnati rookie linebacker Landon Johnson sat out a mock game due to a sore shoulder suffered during Friday's scrimmage. Left tackle Levi Jones, injured in a car accident July 29, is expected back at practice on Monday. He has been limited to conditioning drills the entire training camp. Guard Eric Steinbach (sore elbow) is expected to return to practice sometime next week.

Texans

Houston center Dennis O'Sullivan, who went down Friday with a right knee injury, was diagnosed with a sprain.

Raiders

Adam Treu, who has been listed as Oakland's starting center, returned to practice Saturday. The Raiders are easing him back in because of a sore shoulder.

High school practice startup dates, times

TWIN FALLS — Here are the starting dates and times for the area's high school sports programs as provided. More will be published Thursday as provided. Coaches can report their startup times and dates by calling 1-800-658-3883, ext. 239 and leaving a message.

Buhl

Football — Players can check out their equipment at 7:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 13. Practice begins at 8:30 a.m. and continues at 6 p.m. that day.

Volleyball — 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.

Burley

Boys soccer — Boys varsity and junior varsity soccer opens with practice at 5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 13. Call Wes Nyblade for more information at 577-3319. Tryouts continue at 8 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16 at the high school.

Cross country — Athletes are asked to meet at 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 13 at the high school track. Call Mary Miller at 735-3033 for more information.

Declo

Football — 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 grade must have taken a physical.

Soccer — boys practice opens Friday, Aug. 13 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and continues on Saturday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. For more information, call 312-4270.

Volleyball — Tryouts from 8-10 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13 at the gym. Physicals are needed for every athlete entering grades 9 and 11.

Dietrich

Football — The Dietrich Blue Devils football team's first practice is from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 13.

Volleyball — Tryouts begin at 8:50 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16.

Filer

Volleyball — On Friday, Aug. 13, practice begins for the freshmen from 9-11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for sophomores and upperclassmen. On Saturday, freshmen go from 2-4 p.m. and others 4-7 p.m.

Call Janice Brown at 326-3122 for more information.

Gooding

Cross country — starts up at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 13 at the Idaho School of the Deaf and Blind track.

Football — practice will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 9.

Volleyball — practice begins at 8 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 16.

Hagerman

Football — First practice is 7:30 a.m. Monday at the high school. Contact coach Lonnie Fuchs at 437-6020 for more information.

Kimberly

Football — Equipment checkout is Aug. 10-11 at 7-9

a.m. and 7-9 p.m. at old high school gym. Practice begins Aug. 16 at 7 a.m.

Volleyball — Practice for freshmen, junior varsity and varsity begins at 7 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16. The middle school camp runs from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Aug. 9-11. Call 734-5724 for more information.

Minico

Football — mandatory player/parent meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Minico High School Auditorium.

Volleyball — This is the first day of football practice. For more information, contact Coach Perrigo at 436-8899.

Twin Falls High

Cross country — The first practice runs from 2-4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13. Athletes are asked to meet at the back of the gym.

Football — Equipment checkout for varsity players. Sophomores can check out gear from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cris soccer — Tryouts last from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13 at Ascension Fields.

Valley

Football — The first practice will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9 at the school field. For more information, call Marlin Mussenman at 432-5644.

Wendell

Football — Practice begins at 7 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 9, with afternoon practice taking place at 2-4 p.m. Players must have physicals prior to the start of practice. For more information, call Steve Goodbody at 836-5740.

Cris soccer — First practice is 8-10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 13 at the school.

Gooding Middle School

Cross country — practice will start after 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25.

Football — practice will start after 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23.

Kimberly Middle School

Football — Equipment checkout is Aug. 24-25 from 4-6 p.m. Practice begins Aug. 26 at 3:30 p.m.

T.F. middle schools

Soccer — Tryouts for the 2004 Twin Falls Middle School Soccer Team for boys and girls in grades 6-8 will be conducted on Saturday, Aug. 21 from 9-11 a.m. on the O'Leary Junior High School soccer field. Players from both O'Leary and Robert Stuart and any other schools that do not have a sanctioned soccer program are invited. Practice will begin Aug. 23 and games will be played through the end of October.

For more information, contact Susan Privette at 733-4411, Vince Gibson at 735-0176, or Mark Goodman at 733-1699.

West Minico Junior High

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

Bills

Buffalo running back Willis McGahee found the end zone often Saturday in his first NFL scrimmage.

The former Miami Hurricanes star was selected 22nd overall in the 2003 draft, but missed all of last season after reconstructive surgery on his left knee. McGahee finished with 10 carries for 40 yards and one reception for 9 yards against the Browns in Saturday's scrimmage.

McGahee scored up the middle on a 1-yard plunge to cap a six-play, 65-yard drive and scored on three straight plays on the 2 during a goal-line drive.

On his way back to the sideline, McGahee was greeted by a standing ovation from the crowd at the Bills training camp site in suburban Rochester.

"It's good to know that they're behind me and they want to see how I do," McGahee said. "I'm just glad to score and let them know that I can still do certain things."

Redskins

Coach Joe Gibbs named Mark Brunell the starter for the Monday night's Hall of Fame game against Denver in Canton, Ohio. The 11-year veteran says no one should expect to see regular-season crispness in the first preseason game.

"It's important that you look sharp every day, particularly when you approach a game," Brunell said. "We've got to be patient, understand that during the course of this preseason that there may be some three-and-outs. There may be some moments where we struggle a little bit, but I think we're going to be all right."

Titans and Falcons

Tennessee and Atlanta scrimmaged before 31,408 fans, wrapping up three days of practices between the teams on

Busch races to fourth Busch Series victory of the season

CLERMONT, Ind. (AP) — Kyle Busch passed up a final pit stop for a second place in the qualifying Johnny Sauter in the closing laps to win the NASCAR Kroger 200 Busch Series race Saturday night at Indianapolis Raceway Park.

Sauter, also finished second in the Craftsman Truck race Friday night, started from the pole, but lost the lead when he pitted after 131 of the 200 laps on the 0.686-mile oval.

He dropped back to 14th but steadily worked his way back to toward the front. Then when Greg Biffle and David Green took their final pit stops, Busch stayed on the track and overtook the lead he kept for the final 44 laps.

Sauter moved up during a series of cautions and passed Jason Leffler for second place with 22 laps remaining. He was still three seconds behind Busch at that point and cut the margin to under a second in the final 10 laps.

Busch, winning his fourth race of the season to remain in second place in the series

points, beat Sauter to the finish by 0.896 seconds. Leffler was third, and points leader Martin Truex Jr. wound up fourth after an early penalty dropped him to the rear of the field.

Another Mears wins Indy pole

INDIANAPOLIS — Casey Mears grew up dreaming about winning poles and races at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. He just never pictured doing it in a stock car.

On Saturday, Mears took a big step in his budding NASCAR Nextel Cup career, and the first step toward emulating the Indianapolis success of uncle Rick Mears, by winning the pole for the Brickyard 400.

He took full advantage of an early draw in the qualifying line to post a lap of 186.233 mph. That broke the Indianapolis stock car qualifying record of 184.343, set last year by Kevin Harvick.

"It feels great to be back here at Indy and holding up the

Mears name proud," Casey said after driving his No. 41 Dodge to the second pole of his career and second in as many weeks. "Hopefully, I will have a good race on Sunday. It would just mean everything in the world."

The top six qualifiers for Sunday's race were all faster than Harvick's lap.

Ward Burton, who held the pole briefly before Mears made his run, wound up second at 185.391, followed by Elliott Sadler at 185.162, Joe Nemechek at 184.976, Dale Earnhardt Jr. at 184.968 and rookie Brian Vickers at 184.665.

Last-lap pass gives Chaffin truck victory

CLERMONT, Ind. — Johnny Sauter and Travis Kvapil were so intent on beating each other, they forgot about Chad Chaffin.

As the two leaders jockeyed for position and made slight contact with less than a half-lap remaining, Chaffin passed both on the outside and won his second NASCAR Craftsman Truck



Johnny Sauter leads the pack into turn one after an early restart of the NASCAR Kroger 200 Busch Series race Saturday night at Indianapolis Raceway Park in Indianapolis.

series race of the year Friday night

"It slowed them both up," Chaffin said after his victory in the Power Stroke Diesel 200. "I had a killer run up off turn four and opened up the outside lane. That's usually a scary place to go, but I knew it was my only shot."

The victory was Chaffin's first since the MBNA American 200 on June 4. Car owner Bobby Hamilton finished third and took over the series points lead at 14 of 25 races.

Sauter, a Nextel Cup rookie,

appeared headed for his first truck victory, leading Dennis Setzer by almost 10 seconds before the yellow caution came out for debris on the track with 23 laps to go.

That cut Sauter's lead to less than a second, but he still seemed in control until the final yellow for a spin by Steve Park with eight laps left.

The last lap on the 0.686-mile Indianapolis Raceway Park oval was the only one that Chaffin led. Sauter, who led 139 of the races' 200 laps, stayed on the

truck when Chaffin came in for fresh tires during the next-to-last yellow. He said he still thought he could have held Chaffin off at the finish.

"I didn't need that last caution, obviously," Sauter said. "But nonetheless, I knew it was going to be a showdown to the finish. Travis tried to get me a little bit sideways there, and I obviously chopped him a little bit to screw up his momentum, and Chad had a heck of a run."

That slowed us both up enough to let Chad get by us."



The lost games

FOOTSTEPS AWAY FROM HUMBLE BEGINNING

Modern Olympics giant returns to roots

By Brian Murphy
Associated Press writer

ATHENS, Greece — A seat had been the lightly eroded end of Athens' old horseshoe-shaped marble stadium offers a rare vantage point of the first modern Olympics 108 years ago.

Athens then and now

The first Olympics in 1896 in Athens and this year's Athens Games, according to the International Olympic Committee.

1896
NATIONS: 14
ATHLETES: 214
SPORTS: 9
DAYS: 10

2004
NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES: 201
ATHLETES: 10,500
SPORTS: 28
DAYS: 17

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At just the right angle, eyes see only the bone-white stone, flame-shaped cypress trees and Acropolis rising in the distance.

The spectators who sat here during the 1896 Games had a very similar view. But there are not many places like this left in Athens. More than years separate the Olympic rebirth and the version of the Summer Games that begin Friday.

The world, the games and the host city are all profoundly different. "I don't see too much of a connection between these games and 1896," said Bill Mallon, president of the International Society of Olympic Historians. "A better analogy could be the ancient games. Back then it was the best athletes coming together with city states at war and all sorts of political tensions. It's not so different now."

The enduring snapshots of this year's Olympics will undoubtedly include the unmatched security cameras, armed guards, surveillance aircraft, an Olympic Village with fortifications suited for a maximum-security prison.

The 1896 Games, by comparison, were a casual affair. European royalty mingled with spectators. Athletes caught naps in shaded groves near the stadium. The tennis champion

was a tourist who competed for Britain.

The Americans almost didn't make it. U.S. organizers miscalculated the starting date by relying on the Julian calendar used by Greece at the time. They arrived just five days before Greece's King George I formally opened the first Olympics since another ruler, Roman Emperor Theodosius, banned them as pagan in 393.

The improbable dream of a French baron, Pierre de Coubertin, had come true.

Coubertin — an avid admirer of ancient Greek ideals — lobbied for years to stir interest in reviving the games. The idea got a cool reception.

Earlier attempts had already sputtered, including 17th century games in England and a series of 19th century meets in Greece called the Zappas Games after founder Panagiotis Zappas, whose head is entombed in the Zappeion villa in Athens. The rest of his remains were sent to his adopted home in Romania.

But Coubertin persisted. At an international sports meeting in France in 1894, he managed to push through a proposal to resurrect the Olympics.

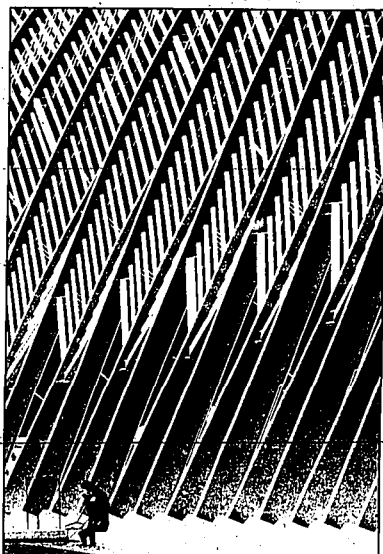
Dozens of men from 13 countries — including the 13 late-arriving U.S. athletes — made it to Athens to join at least 150 Greek competitors. Women were not allowed into the Olympics until four years later in Paris.

The stadium — with marble from the famed Mount Penteli quarries outside Athens — was built over the site of ancient festival grounds for the goddess Athena. The stadium was picked up by an ethnic Greek businessman from Egypt. The cinder-and-clay track was squeezed into the narrow infield with courses so tight that runners had to slow or risk tipping over.

But such shortcomings were mostly overlooked by the athletes of the age — a collection of amateurs, adventurers and heirs with time on their hands. "Why, it was a moment to inspire," wrote a Boston triple jumper, James Brendan Connolly, in a memoir on his days as an Olympian in Athens.

Connolly paid his own way because his Suffolk Athletic Club lacked the cash. He quit Harvard after the dean refused his request for leave. He never regretted the decision.

Connolly became the first Olympic champion in more than 1,500 years with a leap of 44 feet, 11 3/4 inches in the



Top, A runner's dusty feet are seen after taking part in a footrace in the ancient stadium of Nemea, 60 miles southwest of Athens on Saturday. Above, workers clean a wading pool dwarfed by a structure of steel vaults, named The Agora — The Market — designed by Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava, which is part of the Olympic stadium complex in Athens, Saturday.

triple jump — which was then a hop-hop-jump combination. His prize: a silver medal and olive wreath.

The gold medal was not introduced until 1904. Coubertin wanted gold to be the top prize in Athens, but Greece's Crown Prince Constantine didn't want it to seem as if the athletes were being paid. The Greeks had expected to dominate the games. Instead, the Americans won on their way to taking the most victories: 11 in all. The marathon became a point of national pride for the host country.

The race is inspired by the legend of messenger Pheidippides running to Athens in 490 B.C. to announce — with his dying breath — Greek victory over Persians in the Battle of Marathon. In 1896, a water-set-



The statue of a discus thrower in front of a flag with the Olympic rings in the Panathenian Marble Stadium, which hosted the 1896 Olympics, in Athens on Tuesday just 10 days before the opening ceremony of the Aug. 13-23 Games.

Athens' forgotten games seen as a Olympic savior

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Call them the lost games. A decade after the Olympic revival in 1896, athletes again gathered in Athens. More than medals were at stake.

The young Olympic movement was in desperate trouble. Some scholars believe the 1906 competition may have pulled the games back from the brink. But the International Olympic Committee refuses to give full recognition to the so-called "intermediate" games, claiming they were outside the four-year cycle and don't deserve the honor.

"The 1906 games were real Olympics," said Bill Mallon, president of the International Society of Olympic Historians. "They saved the Olympic culture. If they had another difficult Olympics... it's not sure whether it would have survived."

After their 1896 rebirth, the Olympics quickly lost their spark.

The 1900 Games in Paris ended up being scattered over more than five months during the World's Fair with some quirky ideas. The Olympic fencing events were held in the fair's cullery area. But there was one important breakthrough: the first female athletes.

St. Louis in 1904 was even more of a sideshow. Travel was so difficult and expensive that only 12 other nations sent ath-

letes. Nearly half the events had only Americans competing. The venue for the games — the St. Louis World Exposition — is now better known as a trivia question about the birthplace of the ice cream cone.

The 1906 Games were a compromise. The Greeks and their supporters wanted the Olympics permanently in Athens. French Baron Pierre de Coubertin, considered the father of the modern games, wanted the games to move around the world.

The solution was for Athens to host interim Summer Olympics. The four-year international cycle also would continue.

The 1906 Games shed the carnival atmosphere. For the first time, athletes entered the stadium in a procession behind their flags. Historians describe the 10-day competition as well-organized, dignified, and full of pageantry that included 6,000 schoolchildren at the closing ceremony.

The 1906 Olympics in London was credited with restoring much-needed credibility to the games.

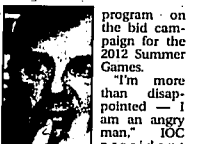
Balkan conflicts and then World War I hurt efforts to continue the interim games in Greece. The dream vanished for good in the 1920s — and apparently so did the earlier deal between the Greeks and the IOC.

IOC suspends Bulgarian member implicated in Olympic bid corruption

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Pursuing a "zero tolerance" policy against corruption, the IOC suspended a senior Bulgarian sports official accused of misconduct Saturday and revoked his credentials for the Athens Olympics.

Four lobbyists implicated in alleged vote-peddling for bid cities were also barred from the games.

Determined to avoid any repeat of the Salt Lake City scandal, the International Olympic Committee acted swiftly to deal with suggestions of bribery in a BBC television



Ivan Slavkov

program on the bid campaign for the 2012 Summer Games.

"I'm more than disappointed — I am an angry man," IOC president Rogge said. "I am angry at the behavior of some people within and without the IOC. The behavior of some peo-

ple is tarnishing what is a wonderful movement... It's always very sad to see some individuals don't respect the rules."

Bulgarian IOC member Ivan Slavkov was recently filmed by an undercover BBC television crew discussing how votes could be bought. The program, aired Wednesday in Britain, also featured four middlemen who said they could secure IOC members' votes for money.

New York, Paris, London, Madrid and Moscow are vying for the 2012 Games. The IOC will

select the host city in July 2005.

The IOC ethics commission submitted a report on the case at the opening of a two-day executive board meeting. The board accepted the panel's recommendations to "provisionally suspend" Slavkov of all his IOC rights and functions pending a full inquiry.

Slavkov contends he knew it was a setup and played along to expose what he thought was a real attempt to corrupt the process — a defense rejected by the ethics panel.

The IOC also withdrew Slavkov's credentials for the Athens Olympics, which begin Aug. 13. The 64-year-old Slavkov, who heads Bulgaria's national Olympic committee and soccer federation, had been scheduled to arrive Sunday to attend the three-day IOC general assembly beginning Tuesday.

The last IOC member to be suspended was Kim Un-ryong, a vice president who was sentenced to 2.5 years in prison in June on embezzlement and

bribery charges in South Korea. He is appealing, and his IOC rights remain intact.

If an IOC member is found guilty of serious violations, the board can propose expulsion. That requires a two-thirds vote of the full 100-plus general assembly.

Rogge said Slavkov will be given a chance to defend himself at a hearing. The earliest he could be considered for possible expulsion would be at the next IOC session in Singapore in July 2005, Rogge said.

Dressage

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rider's cues. The riders are judged on form and position. Each team consists of four horses and riders but only the best three scores are used to determine team standings.

Competitors ride for the team standings first, using the Grand Prix pattern, which consists of 38 compulsory movements. During this test, a rider's score goes toward both the team and individual score. The top riders then advance to compete for individual medals by riding in the Grand Prix Special, a condensed version of the Grand Prix and the Grand Prix Level Freestyle, an original composition of the Grand Prix movements set to music. The rider's three scores are added, then divided by three to give the overall individual score. In case of a tie for medal standings, the rider with the

higher artistic marks in the freestyle class places higher.

A seasoned show-ring competitor, McDonald began riding hunter/jumpers then turned to dressage following a riding accident. After she and her husband, Bob, a top trainer, clinician and judge — accepted an offer from Peggy Thomas to run the River Grove Farm in Sun Valley, McDonald's career took off. With Thomas' support, McDonald had the opportunity to compete in world-class events across the country. In 1998, she rode Thomas' horse, "Bear-vaage," to a 12th-place finish in the FEI Volvo World Cup Final in Gortelburg, Sweden.

In 1998, McDonald rode Brentina in the State Line Tack/USEF National Intermediary I Championship and the Pan Am selection at the

How's she doing?

- Spectators can follow McDonald's performance via the Internet at: www.NBCOlympics.com. Check under Sport: equestrian. The Times-News will publish results as available.
- There will be two types of equestrian events at the Olympics, the dressage and the three-day event.
- The equestrian events will be

- held Aug. 15-18, 20-25 and 27.
- The individual dressage finals will be broadcast on the USA network on Aug. 25 and the BR/VO network will be broadcasting various equestrian events throughout the games.
- Check local listings for times. A full Olympics TV schedule can be read on Page C6.
- This story was originally published Saturday in Idaho Horse Quarterly.

Bayer/USEF Festival of Champions in Gladstone, N.J. The pair won three classes and the championship title. Those wins earned them a coveted spot on the United States Equestrian Team's Pan Am dressage team. McDonald, who had been riding Brentina since she was

urchased as a 3 year old in Germany, was ecstatic because the Pan American Games would be their first major international event.

At the 1999 Pan American Games the pair won the individual gold medal and their performance helped earn the

team a gold medal, their first since 1983. From then on, the pair's list of accomplishments has consistently grown. Now they're chasing one of the most coveted titles, Olympic medalist And. If they win the individual dressage gold medal, they will be the first Americans to do so.

"Debbie's chances are excellent," said her husband, Bob McDonald. "We don't have a North American judge on the panel, but the mare has been consistent and they are rated No. 2 in the world."

A youngster, McDonald's parents couldn't afford to hire riding lessons and pay for the upkeep of a horse. If she wanted to ride, she would have to pay her own way. Her folks encouraged her and purchased her first horse, actually a pony, for \$200. From then on, it was her responsibility to pay for the pony. She

did that by cleaning 20 stalls each afternoon after school and helping around the stable. She learned as much as she could from those around her and soon discovered she had a knack for selecting good horses.

As a teen, she met her then future husband, who gave her the opportunity to ride and work with him. With his guidance, she began buying and selling horses to supplement her career and enable her to ride with such top riders as Hilda-Gurney-Stepfen Peters and Lilo Fore.

In a 1980 interview, McDonald offered this advice to new riders: "Work hard and never lose sight of your dreams. Dreams do come true and not only to those that are fortunate to have the money to do it, I believe. If you work hard and do it badly enough, it can happen."

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Basketball was first played in 1891 in Springfield, Mass., as a way for students to keep warm in the winter months. Twelve men's and women's teams will compete in the Olympic tournament.

Seeking a connection

Brown struggles with a team he didn't bargain for

By Chris Sheridan Associated Press writer

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro — Larry Brown's face turned redder and redder as he lamented the demise of American basketball, the interest of Gen X and the dangers of overconfidence.

To say Brown was at his wit's end in the wee hours of Friday would only begin to describe his feelings.

"They don't get it," he said repeatedly, shaking his head in a mixture of disgust and forboding.

When someone suggested the U.S. Olympic team could lose by 20 points in its exhibition game against Serbia-Montenegro, Brown didn't budge.

"It might be like that at half-time," he said.

It wasn't. On Friday night at Belgrade Arena, his team finally played some defense and managed to look inspired in a 78-60 victory over the defending world champions.

But Brown is never satisfied, never entirely happy. He accentuated the negative before grudgingly acknowledging the positive.

Still, it turned out over what he still didn't get into a lot of things, but we played hard and we tried to do what was right. And I think that was a significant step," he said.

Brown is coaching a team he didn't bargain for, a collection of youngsters—who could—have used another four years to prepare for their roles as national team players.

What he had in mind a year ago was Tracy McGrady, Kobe Bryant and Jason Kidd feeding the ball to Shaquille O'Neal, Kevin Garnett and Elton Brand, while he sat at the helm of a U.S.



U.S. basketball head coach Larry Brown reacts during a press conference at the Ottoman era Ciragan Palace in Istanbul, Turkey, Saturday. The USA Basketball team will face Turkey for a friendly game in Istanbul today in preparation for the upcoming Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece.

team that re-established itself as the class of the sport.

Instead, he retained just three holdovers from the squad that qualified for the Olympics last summer in Puerto Rico. Injuries, security fears and disinterested knocking out the best players, leaving Brown with a kiddie corps more versed in body art and entourage management than in the nuances of ball movement or weak-side help defense.

"We don't have the team we expected to have," has been Brown's stock comment to anyone questioning what the expectations should be for a country that has gone 103-2 since head coach Joseph P. "Doc" Rester set sail for Berlin in 1936—the first year men's basketball was an Olympic sport.

Brown himself was a member of the 1964 team that won the gold medal in Tokyo.

He says one of his fondest memories was when Antonio McDyess removed his gold medal after the U.S. team's 2000 victory in Sydney and placed it around Brown's neck because coaches didn't receive gold.

That was no easy victory. If anything, those games illustrated

how much the world has caught up to the United States in the 12 years since the Dream Team stormed through the Barcelona Games. How else to explain a two-point semifinal victory over Lithuania and a 10-point win over France in the final.

Athens promises to be even tougher, and Brown feels he's one of the few who recognizes that. When the U.S. team gathered in Jacksonville, Fla., for training camp late last month, he was angsty when Carmelo Anthony casually guaranteed a gold medal.

Last week's humiliating exhibition loss to Italy and the last-second victory over Germany—a team that didn't even qualify for Athens—has exposed the reality of where the United States stands in the basketball universe.

The last thing Brown wants is for it to hit bottom on his watch.

It remains to be seen whether he'll connect well enough with a team of neophytes who are just starting to comprehend the difficulty—they'll face in trying to re-establish America as the world leader in hoops.

Selected events at the Athens Games, Aug. 13-29

ARCHERY WHERE: Olympic Stadium. WHEN: Aug. 13-17. MEDALS: Men's and women's individual and team compound. OUTLOOK: Archery competition will be at the Olympic Stadium. The men's and women's individual and team compound events will be held on Aug. 13-17. The men's and women's individual and team compound events will be held on Aug. 13-17.

BADMINTON WHERE: Olym. Indoor Hall. WHEN: Aug. 13-17. MEDALS: Men's and women's singles, doubles, mixed doubles, team. OUTLOOK: Badminton competition will be at the Olym. Indoor Hall. The men's and women's singles, doubles, mixed doubles, and team events will be held on Aug. 13-17.

BASEBALL WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-23. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Baseball competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-23.

BASKETBALL - MEN'S WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Gold, silver, bronze. OUTLOOK: Men's basketball competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The event will be held on Aug. 13-29.

BASKETBALL - WOMEN'S WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Gold, silver, bronze. OUTLOOK: Women's basketball competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The event will be held on Aug. 13-29.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Beach volleyball competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-29.

BOXING WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Boxing competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-29.

CANOE/KAYAK WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Canoe and kayak competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-29.

CYCLING WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Cycling competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-29.

DIVING WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Diving competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-29.

FENCING WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Fencing competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-29.

FIELD HOCKEY WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Field hockey competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-29.

GYMNASTICS WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Gymnastics competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-29.

HANDBALL WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Handball competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-29.

JUDO WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Judo competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-29.

MODERN PENTATHLON WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Modern pentathlon competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-29.

ROWING WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Rowing competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-29.

SAILING WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Sailing competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-29.

SHOOTING WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Shooting competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-29.

SOCCER WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Soccer competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-29.

SWIMMING WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Swimming competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-29.

TABLE TENNIS WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Table tennis competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-29.

TAEKWONDO WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Taekwondo competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-29.

TENNIS WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Tennis competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-29.

TRACK AND FIELD WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Track and field competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-29.

TRIALATHLON WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Triathlon competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-29.

VOLLEYBALL WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Volleyball competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-29.

WATER POLO WHERE: Hellenic Olympic Complex. WHEN: Aug. 13-29. MEDALS: Men's and women's. OUTLOOK: Water polo competition will be at the Hellenic Olympic Complex. The men's and women's events will be held on Aug. 13-29.

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Sprinter Edwards faces suspension

Decision could open door for Marion Jones to defend 100 title

GIORGIOUPOLI, Greece (AP) — Barring a successful appeal, sprinter Torri Edwards will be suspended for at least two years for taking a banned stimulant, knocking her out of the Olympics and perhaps giving Marion Jones a chance to defend her gold medal in the 100 meters.

A review panel concluded there was no exceptional circumstance that would warrant a lesser penalty, Travis Tygart, director of legal affairs for the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, told The Associated Press on Saturday.

The rules say it's a minimum of two years. Tygart said.

The finding by the panel of the International Association of Athletics Federations has been forwarded to the U.S. arbitration panel that initially heard Edwards' case. That panel will determine Edwards' penalty but has no authority to make it less than a two-year ban, Tygart said.

circumstances in Edwards' case, but the IAAF board disagreed. The panel's official finding is expected next week. Edwards can appeal to the International Court of Arbitration for Sport, whose ruling would be binding.

Edwards' lawyer, Emanuel Hudson, did not return several phone calls to his office, but he told The New York Times that Edwards was "very saddened and disappointed" by the ruling. She said during the U.S. Olympic trials in July that she would appeal any suspension as far as she could.

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Tori Edwards

cause she was paid a substantial appearance fee and was the meet's leading attraction. Edwards was expected to contend for medals in the 100 and 200 in Athens. Her absence could give Jones a chance to defend her gold medal in the 100 because it would free up a spot in the event.

Gail Devers, the fourth-place finisher in the 100 at the trials, would be entitled to Edwards' spot. But the 37-year-old Devers, in her fifth Olympics, could decide to focus on the 100-meter hurdles, an event she has dominated for the last decade, expected at the Olympics.

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The three sports requiring paddles and boats have three different histories. Canoeing and kayaking originated from American Indians and rowing began as a university sport in 18th century England.



The USA Eight Women with Mary Whipple, Lianne Nelson, Anna Mickelson, Laurel Korholz, Caryn Davies, Allison Cox, Megan Dirkmatt, Samantha Magee and Kate Johnson, from left to right, back after winning the Women's Eight Final, in this June 20 photo, at the Rowing World Cup on the Lake Rotsee in Lucerne, Switzerland.

In women rowing's elite event, U.S. appears to be team to beat

By Brett Martel Associated Press writer

The eight female rowers powering America's best boat at the Athens Games are imposing, each about 6 feet and 175 pounds. Their long legs are thick from the explosive lower-body thrusts that begin each synchronized pull of the oars as they cut through the water. Their well-defined biceps would put many men to shame. And anything less than Olympic gold will sorely disappoint them.

"This is by far, both from the rowing standpoint and the chemistry between the strongest I've ever been in," crew member Megan Dirkmatt says. "There's just something that clicks." Americans have long been competitive in rowing, but the sport has seen a surge in popularity among women in recent years, drawing more of the country's biggest, strongest female athletes.

"The talent pool is thickening for certain," says Kate Johnson, a four-time national team member, who'll row with the eight in rowing's elite event. The American women won the 2002 World Championships, and they believed they should have won again last year before they made a rare mistake: One of their oars caught the water wrong, bringing the boat to a stop and leaving them in fifth place.

This year, the women's eight comes into the Olympics having won the past two World Cup races, in Munich, Germany, and Lucerne, Switzerland.

Women's rowing at the Olympics began at the 1976 Montreal Games, when the United States won bronze in the eight. But until the NCAA began sanctioning women's rowing in 1992, the sport thrived only at a select group of schools, all but excluding some top female athletes. A lot of the teams were just small club teams thrown together, trying to compete here and there, and not really going anywhere," recalls Dirkmatt, who was one of only 10 women on the California-Berkeley team when she transferred there in 1998.

There were about 30 when she graduated in 2000. Johnson was a rowing pioneer at Michigan, one of dozens of universities to elevate women's rowing to varsity status in the past seven years. Her college team won the first Big Ten rowing championship, and she was the conference's first athlete of the year in the sport.

Dirkmatt and Johnson credit the growth of their sport to a 1996 appeals court ruling involving Title IX, a decades-old law meant to ensure equal resources for men and women in education. The ruling pressured college athletic departments to improve women's sports, and rowing became one of the big winners. More than 90 schools elevated women's rowing to varsity status the following year. That figure has risen to 143.

Johnson and four other women on the U.S. eight team — Ali Cox, Caryn Davies, Sam Magee and Anna Mickelson — are still in college or graduated after 1997. Laurel Korholz and Lianne Nelson finished school a

few years earlier. Many of the women on the U.S. team had a terrific college experience," assistant national team coach Chris Wilson says. "They didn't get the same attention as women's basketball, but they had the same access to strength and condition facilities and all the benefits other sports have, and that raised their expectations of themselves."

Wilson rowed for Yale in the early 1980s, and she and her teammates had to sew their racing patches on their shirts themselves. She can appreciate how for the sport has come a long way. "I'm so happy that finally these women have what they need," Wilson says. "Just the fact they have slick racing uniforms and access to facilities... It's a tremendous change on that front."

Such changes were bound to be a boon for a sport like rowing, which combines strength and endurance with precision technique. Over the course of a 2,000-meter race, rowers try to have all oars in perfect unison, which they splash down, pull through the water, lift up and slice back through the air to set-up the next stroke. This happens more than 40 times a minute for up to 6.5 minutes, depending on conditions.

And for much of the last several years, the American women have done it best. These women walk around with their shoulders back," Wilson says. "They have an energy about them that certainly comes from self-confidence and pride in who they are as elite athletes."

Five events that are must-see television

By Helene Elliott Los Angeles Times writer

Five suggestions for good viewing in Athens, Greece:

- The men's and women's marathons. The race will start in Marathon, where it all began. Can't beat that for authenticity. They'll end at the 1896 Olympic stadium, one of the newer buildings in this ancient land. (Women, Aug. 22; men, Aug. 29.)
- Swimmer Michael Phelps marking — or surpassing — Mark Spitz's record of seven gold medals in one Olympics. Ian Crocker of the U.S. and Ian Thorpe of Australia might swim between him and the record. (Aug. 14-21.)

ment. This will be the international farewell for plowman Brian Hamm, Julie Roudy, Jay Fawcett, Brundt Chastain and Kristine Lilly. Can they recapture the spirit that carried them to a gold medal in Athens, defying the odds on the walls of thousands of young girls? (Aug. 11/26; final, Aug. 26.)

• Rulon Gardner, minus a toe lost to frostbite and with pins in his wrist after another of his injuries, defends his Greco-Roman heavyweight wrestling title. He plans to leave his shoes on the mat after his last match, the traditional sign of a wrestler's retirement. When he's done, the sport will lose a fun personality — but at Athens it will gain some great stories, with the first Olympic women's wrestling tournament, in which every woman

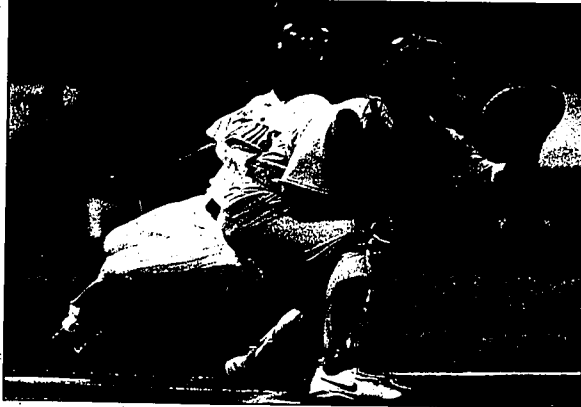
has overcome a parental, psychological or physical obstacle to be there. (Aug. 22-23; finals, women's freestyle, Aug. 23; men's Greco-Roman, Aug. 25-26; men's freestyle, Aug. 28-29.)

The men's basketball tournament. The rest of the world has caught up to the U.S., which could entertain more than a couple of top-notch NBA players to wear the red, white and blue. If Detroit Pistons' Coach Larry Brown guides this young group to gold, he will have earned NBA and Olympic titles in the same year; he also won a gold medal as a player in 1964. If anyone defeats the U.S., blame it on NBA Commissioner David Stern's zeal for spreading the gospel of basketball around the globe. (Aug. 14-28; final, Aug. 28.)



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Minnesota Twins' Torii Hunter, left, slides into home behind Oakland Athletics catcher Damian Miller with the Twins' first run after a single by Ford Ford in the fourth inning Saturday in Minneapolis.

Twins cool down Athletics

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Johan Santana struck out 10 again for Minnesota, outpitching Tim Lincecum in a marquee matchup, 4-3.

Santana (11-6) won his fourth straight decision and reached double digits in strikeouts for the eighth time in his last 10 starts, increasing his AL-leading total to 183. Torii Hunter scored twice and drove in another run for the Twins, who have won 14 of 18.

Hudson (7-4) pitched well in his return to the mound for Oakland, which lost for just the fourth time in 14 games.

Activated from the 15-day disabled list before the game, the right-hander allowed four runs and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings. He struck out four and walked one in his first outing since June 22, when he strained his left oblique muscle.

a two-run double in the seventh that gave the Angels the lead for good.

Yankees 6, Blue Jays 0
NEW YORK — Orlando Hernandez won his fourth straight decision in a remarkable comeback, and the New York Yankees defeated the Toronto Blue Jays 6-0 on Saturday.

Hernandez (4-0), who had rotator cuff surgery last year and was released by Montreal in December, allowed five hits in eight sharp innings. He struck out six and walked two, pitching the Yankees (70-39) to their fourth victory in a row.

In three outings against Toronto, Hernandez has not allowed a run in 17 innings.

Scott Proctor finished the six-inning New York's third shutout of the season. Toronto was blanked for the ninth time.

Orioles 3, Rangers 1
BALTIMORE — Rodrigo Lopez turned in a solid pitching performance, and the Orioles beat former teammate Scott Erickson and the Texas Rangers for their fifth straight victory.

Lopez (9-7) allowed only two hits, walked none and struck out seven in 6 2-3 innings.

He faced only one batter over the minimum and retired his first 10 hitters, six by strikeouts.

Erickson (0-1) yielded three runs and 10 hits over 5 2-3 innings in his debut with Texas. The right-hander, obtained in a trade with the New York Mets last week, was with the Orioles from 1995 through last season.

Mariners 5, Devil Rays 2
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Ron Villone allowed two runs in six-plus innings and Miguel Olivo

hit a three-run homer, leading Seattle over Tampa Bay.

Mariners manager Bob Melvin was ejected while exchanging lineup cards before the game. He argued with crew chief Joe West, one night after Seattle lost on a disputed obstruction call in the 10th inning.

Red Sox 7, Tigers 4

DETROIT — Pedro Martinez struck out 11 for the second straight start and David Ortiz drove in two runs in his first game since serving a five-game suspension for the Red Sox.

It was Martinez's 69th game with 10 or more strikeouts with Boston, breaking the team record he shared with Roger Clemens. He allowed two runs — one earned — and five singles in seven innings.

Martinez (12-4) struck out the first five he faced, and seven through three innings, in helping the Red Sox end a two-game losing streak. He improved to 9-0 in nine career starts against the Tigers.

Jeremy Bonderman (6-9) dropped to 0-3 in his last five starts, allowing three runs on four hits in five innings. The loss was Detroit's fifth in six games.

Indians 6, White Sox 5

CHICAGO — Matt Lawton hit a three-run homer off Shingo Takatsu in the ninth inning to vault the Indians into second place in the AL Central.

Takatsu (4-3) blew his first save of the season, allowing singles by Coco Crisp and Grady Sizemore before Lawton's go-ahead shot.

The Indians won for the 11th time in 18 games, while the stunned White Sox lost for the 11th time in 13 games.

Cardinals edge Mets in bottom of the ninth; rookie hits a key single

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Rookie Yadier Molina, batting with the bases loaded after an intentional walk to Larry Walker, blooped a single to center with two outs in the ninth to lead the Cardinals past the New York Mets 2-1.

Walker, acquired in a trade with Colorado on Friday night, was welcomed with a standing ovation that lasted well over a minute when he pinch-hit with two on and one out in the seventh.

A near-sellout crowd of 45,364 stayed on its feet throughout the at-bat and gave him another ovation even after he struck out against Kris Benson.

Walker soon participated in the winning rally.

The fans boomed when the five-time All-Star was walked intentionally by Mike Stanton (0-5) with runners on second and third and two outs in the ninth.

Molina followed by dumping a soft single into shallow left-center.

Julian Tavarez (4-3) got the win for the Cardinals, who have won 15 of 19 and have the best record in the majors at 71-38.

Braves 6, Diamondbacks 2

PHOENIX — Paul Byrd won credit in two starts for the first time in nearly two years, allowing two runs in 7 1-3 innings — his longest outing of the season.

Chipper Jones backed Byrd with two RBIs and Rafael Furcal had an RBI double for the Braves, who won for the ninth time in 10 games and improved to 17-5 since the All-Star break.

Byrd (4-3), who missed last season with elbow problems, allowed five hits and no walks in his best performance since working seven scoreless in a 4-0 win over Cleveland on June 19.

It was his first appearance since having ligament replacement surgery on his right elbow on July 1, 2003.

Quinton McCracken had a leadoff home run and a sacrifice fly for the Diamondbacks, who skidded to their 22nd loss in 26 games.

The defeat left Arizona (35-77) a franchise-record 42 games below .500.

Edgar Gonzalez (0-5) lost his sixth in a row since winning his major league debut last year.

Marlins 5, Brewers 0

MIAMI — Jeff Conine hit a grand slam and Ismael Valdez pitched six shutout innings to win his debut with Florida.

Valdez (10-6), acquired a week ago in a trade with San Diego, allowed two hits and walked three.

The outing was the longest in his past eight starts, and he reached double figures in victories for the first time since 1998.

The right-hander improved to 3-0 with an ERA of 0.86 against the Brewers this year.

Rudy Seanez, Billy Koch and Nate Burm allowed one hit over the last three innings to compete the three-hitter.

Expos 8, Astros 3

HOUSTON — Jon Rauch won his first start for the Expos, and Alex Gonzalez hit a two-run homer to help snap Montreal's three-game losing streak.

Rauch (1-0), acquired from the Chicago White Sox in a trade for Carl Everett, was called up from Triple-A Friday night.

He allowed three runs and seven hits in six innings, while striking out four and walking one.

Andy Pettitte got a no-decision in his first start for the Astros since July 26, when he left with a sore left elbow.

He missed one start and decided to pitch despite continued elbow pain.

Pettitte gave up two runs, both earned, on six hits in five innings.

Montreal scored four times in the seventh inning to erase a 3-2 deficit. Jose Vidro put the Expos ahead for good with a

two-run single.

Rockies 9, Reds 5

DENVER — Jeremy Burnitz and Preston Wilson hit consecutive homers, and the Colorado Rockies used a five-run sixth inning to defeat the Cincinnati Reds 9-5 Saturday night.

Burnitz got two hits to end a 1-for-15 slide.

Vinny Castilla added two RBIs, and Jorge Piedra drove in two runs with his first major league hit.

The Rockies recalled Piedra from Triple-A Colorado Springs before the game to replace star outfielder Larry Walker, who was traded to St. Louis on Friday night. Colorado is 2-0 since the deal.

Adam Bernero relieved and allowed one run in three solid innings. Allan Simpson (1-1) escaped a jam in the sixth for the win.

Scott Dohmann worked two innings, and Steve Reed pitched a scoreless ninth.

Major League Baseball

All Times MDT												
AMERICAN LEAGUE												
East Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr			
New York	70	39	.642	—	7.3	W4	42.4	21.8	28.5	10-8		
Boston	59	49	.546	10.5	2-5	W1	33.18	26.31	9-9			
Tampa Bay	52	58	.473	18.5	2-5	L1	33.26	19.32	15-3			
Baltimore	51	57	.472	18.5	2-7	W5	27.29	24.28	5-13			
Toronto	47	63	.427	22.5	3-4	L4	29.27	18.36	6-10			
Central Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr			
Minnesota	62	47	.569	—	2-7.3	W1	33.25	29.22	11-7			
Chicago	55	54	.504	6	2-6.4	W4	32.23	25.11	10-8			
Chicago	54	55	.495	7	2-6	W1	30.23	24.30	7-10			
Detroit	51	59	.464	11.5	4-6	L1	28.29	23.30	9-9			
Kansas City	39	69	.361	22.5	4-6	L2	26.31	13.38	6-12			
West Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr			
Oakland	61	48	.560	—	2-6.4	L1	36.15	25.33	10-8			
Texas	60	48	.556	5	4-6	L2	31.1	22.31	10-8			
Anaheim	60	50	.545	1.5	2-7.3	W3	30.24	26.27	7-11			
Seattle	41	69	.373	20.5	2-3.7	W1	25.27	16.42	9-9			
NATIONAL LEAGUE												
East Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr			
Atlanta	66	47	.589	—	2-9.1	W4	30.22	32.25	10-8			
Philadelphia	57	52	.523	5	5-5	W4	29.24	28.28	9-9			
Florida	54	53	.506	7	2-6.4	W3	30.24	25.30	7-11			
New York	52	57	.477	10	4-6	L2	27.23	25.34	10-8			
Montreal	43	66	.394	19	5-5	W1	23.29	20.37	7-11			
Central Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr			
St. Louis	61	48	.560	—	2-6.2	W4	35.21	36.17	11-7			
Chicago	61	49	.555	10.5	7-5	W1	31.21	30.28	8-4			
Houston	55	50	.520	16.5	2-5-1	L1	29.30	26.25	7-5			
Cincinnati	53	57	.482	18.5	3-7	L2	29.23	24.34	5-7			
Milwaukee	51	58	.468	20	2-3.7	L5	26.27	23.31	8-4			
Pittsburgh	49	58	.458	21	2-6.2	L5	26.26	23.32	2-10			
West Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr			
Los Angeles	64	44	.593	—	6-4	L1	35.20	32.24	10-8			
San Diego	59	50	.541	5.5	4-6	W1	31.27	28.23	10-8			
San Francisco	59	53	.525	7	3-7	L1	32.27	27.26	11-7			
Colorado	49	61	.445	16	4-6	L2	27.23	25.34	10-8			
Arizona	35	77	.313	31	3-7	L3	26.37	17.37	6-12			

2-first game was a win

NATIONAL LEAGUE Saturday's Games

Minnesota 4, Oakland 3
N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 0
Baltimore 3, Texas 1
Seattle 5, Tampa Bay 2
Boston 7, Detroit 4
Cleveland 6, Chicago White Sox 5
Anaheim 7, Kansas City 5

Sunday's Games
Boston (Walden 7-4) at Detroit (Roberson 9-4), 11:05 a.m.
Seattle (Basta 9-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Lieber 7-1), 11:05 a.m.
Toronto (Moyer 6-7) at Tampa Bay (Bell 4-5), 11:15 a.m.
Texas (Rogers 13-4) at Baltimore (Ponson 6-12), 11:35 a.m.
Oakland (Muller 15-3) at Minnesota (Silva 10-7), 12:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Elarton 1-2) at Chicago White Sox (Conteras 9-5), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Lackey 9-10) at Kansas City (Wood 1-4), 5:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE Saturday's Games

St. Louis 2, N.Y. Mets 1
Atlanta 6, Astros 2
Chicago Cubs 8, San Francisco 4
Florida 5, Milwaukee 0
Montreal 8, Houston 3
Colorado 9, Cincinnati 5
Pittsburgh 1 at San Diego, late
Philadelphia 4 at Los Angeles, late

Sunday's Games
Montreal (Tucker 1-1) at Houston (Clemens 12-3), 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Lieber 8-3) at St. Louis (Marquis 11-4), 12:15 p.m.
Cincinnati (Lyle 6-10) at Colorado (Fassett 2-7), 1:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Capuano 5-4) at Florida (Wallis 8-7), 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (O'Perez 6-8) at San Diego (Lawrence 11-8), 2:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Myers 6-8) at Los Angeles (Ponny 9-8), 2:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Fiu Cruz 12-6) at Arizona (Fossum 2-10), 2:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 4-4) at San Francisco (Lowy 1-4), 5:05 p.m.

Santana's helping Twins pull away

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Just over a year ago, Johan Santana was being used out of the bullpen. When he pitches now, the Minnesota Twins don't really need one.

Santana has entrenched himself at the top of the rotation, and the left-hander's dominance this summer is helping Minnesota pull away in the AL Central. Chasing a third straight division title, the Twins took a season-high six-game lead over the Chicago White Sox into the weekend.



Minnesota Twins' starting pitcher Johan Santana pitches to Oakland Athletics' Eric Byrnes during the first inning Saturday in Minneapolis.

"Just to see how he makes the great batters look like they never played before," catcher Matthew LeCroy said, "it's amazing."

Entering Saturday's start against Oakland, Santana was 8-2 with a 1.50 ERA and 112 strikeouts with just 33 hits allowed in his last 84 innings — spanning 11 outings.

"I think everything right now is working very good for me. Santana said this week. "I'm just doing my job. Whatever they ask me to do."

It's easy for superlatives to flow from teammates, but comments made by Santana's opponents last Sunday — after he beat Pedro Martinez and

Boston 4-3 with 12 strikeouts while pitching two-hit ball for eight innings — were even more telling.

"He reminds me of myself when I was a little bit younger," said Martinez, a three-time Cy Young award winner and six-time All-Star. "His stuff is probably a little bit better than mine at that age. I just hope he stays healthy and continues to pitch like he has been."

"Sounds like trouble for hitters around the league."

"That was the best pitching performance we've seen all year," Red Sox leadoff man Johnny Damon said. "He was good before, but now — wow! There's not a lot you can do."

Santana, 25, came into the season with a durability concern — he opened Game 1 of Minnesota's playoff series against the Yankees in New York last year with four shutout innings before leaving with leg cramps. He also needed surgery to remove bone chips from his elbow last fall, and his progress this spring was slow.

Maddux

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He allowed four runs and seven hits in five-plus innings, striking out three and walking three.

Maddux is the second Cubs pitcher to reach 30 wins. Grover Cleveland Alexander achieved the feat in his last win of the 1924 season, a 7-3, 12-inning victory, over the New York

Giants in which he pitched a complete game.

Everybody thought it would be easier for Maddux once the Giants moved ace Jason Schmidt to a day to pitch Friday, then called up rookie right-hander Brad Hennessey to make his major league debut.

Hennessey, who is 6 years

old when Maddux made his major league debut in September 1986, allowed four earned runs and seven hits in 4 2-3 innings.

It was the first time a pitcher reached 300 wins against a pitcher making his major league debut since John McPherson lost to Cy Young in 1901.

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Windsong's Legacy wins race

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Windong's Legacy was not only a big victory for Windsong's Legacy and driver-trainer Trond Smedshammer, it also turned out to be a nice payday for the American Quarter Horse Society.

The charity got a \$25,000 donation from the owners of Windsong's Legacy on Saturday after the colt made a three-wide move in the stretch and captured harness racing's biggest trotting event by a length.

"This is the biggest win of my career," said the 37-year-old Smedshammer, who came to the United States in 1987 virtually penniless. "You can't beat this."

Cantab Hall, last year's trotter of the year, finished a length behind in second place. Cash Hall finished third, falling to give driver John Campbell a record-extending sixth Hambletonian win.

Favored Tom Ridge, the colt named after the Homeland Security Secretary, faded to eighth



Windsong's Legacy (7), driven by Trond Smedshammer, wins the Hambletonian on Saturday at the Meadowlands Racetrack in East Rutherford, N.J.

after leading the field to the stretch.

Eileen Donon, the colt who underwent lifesaving hernia surgery last month by the same surgeon who helped heal Kentucky Derby winner Smarty Jones, went on a break at the start and finished last in the field of nine colts and one gelding.

Windsong's Legacy trotted the mile in 1:54.1, the slowest Hambletonian since Malabar Man won in 1:55 in 1997.

"It hasn't sunk in yet," said Smedshammer, who saw last year's Hambletonian pre-race favorite Power To Charm finish fifth. "It feels good now but I'm sure it will feel better tomorrow."

Golf

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the second player to win the same LPGA event five times, matching Mickey Wright who won the Sea Island Open in 1957-58, 1960-61 and 1963.

After shooting a 72, Pak is tied for fifth, five shots back heading into the final round.

"It will not be easy," Pak said after a third-round 72 while playing in the same pairing with Stupples. "Especially because she has so much confidence in her game."

Tied for third, four shots back, are Jeong Jaung (68) and second-round co-leader Meg Mallon, who struggled to a 74. Lori Kane matched the day's low round with a 67 and was tied for fifth with Pak. Lorena Ochoa (69), Nancy Scranton (69), Leta Lindley (71), Brandie Burton (74) and Karrie Webb (73) at 210.

Purtzer leads 3M Championship

BLAINE, Minn. — Tom

Purtzer shot a 4-under 68 on Saturday to take a two-stroke lead over Tom Kite into the final round of the Champions Tour's 3M Championship.

Last year in Purtzer's first appearance at the TPC of the Twin Cities, he was tied for the lead late in the final round but hit two tee shots into the water on 17.

He finished with a 74 that left him tied for 10th, four strokes behind winner Wayne Levi.

PGA

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you can roll the ball up to the greens, others say you have to curry it to get to the right spot.

"That's the thing," he said. "We don't know."

About the only thing anyone expects is another strong performance by Phil Mickelson, who transformed himself from the guy who couldn't win a major into the lefty who does everything right.

If not for missing a couple of short par puts at Shinnecock and Troon, Mickelson could be going for the Grand Slam. In-

stead, he has gone 1-2-3 in the majors, starting with his breakthrough win at the Masters, and now has a chance to become the first player to finish in the top 3 in all four professional majors in the same year.

Ernie Els gets one last chance to erase a season of major heartache: While he is closer than ever to replacing Woods at No. 1 in the world ranking, all that matters to the Big Easy is winning majors.

And all he has this year are three close calls, including runner-up finishes to Mickelson at

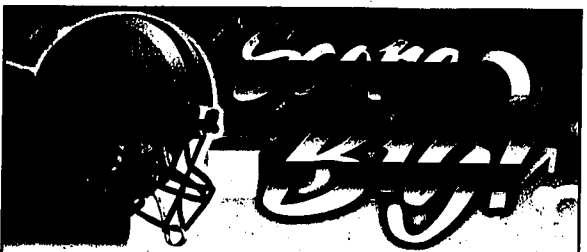
the Masters and Todd Hamilton in a playoff at the British Open.

At stake for the Americans is the last hope of making the Ryder Cup team. Because of the byes are double at a major, 34 players have a mathematical chance of getting into the top 10.

Most of the attention is on John Daly (No. 20), the only two-time major winner to have never played in the Ryder Cup, and Jay Haas (No. 14), at age 50 trying to become the oldest American to qualify for the team.

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Appraisal seminar comes to Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — The American Society of Agricultural Appraisers is offering a Personal Property Appraisal seminar Sept. 15-19 in Twin Falls.

The seminar is designed for those who are or desire to become livestock, farm equipment or horse appraisers. Topics to be covered include principles of appraising, valuation methodology, market research and analysis, appraisal report writing and the "Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice."

The fee is \$595 for ASAA members or \$650 for nonmembers. For information, call (800) 408-7570 or visit www.amagappraisers.com.

Women Realtors hold meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Women's Council of Realtors will hold its regular monthly meeting at noon Friday.

This month's meeting will be a plant tour at Seastrom Manufacturing Co. Inc. A lunch will follow the tour at the plant.

For information, call Rhonda Boisvert at 733-3321, Ext. 144.

Board OKs increase in sales price limit

HAILEY — The Idaho Housing and Finance Association's board meeting in Hailey at the Balmoral apartment complex — approved a 26 percent increase in the sales price limit for its home loans in Blaine County and authorized a non-profit facilities bond issue for the Wood River Community YMCA.

"The increase in sales price limits for homes in this area from \$150,000 to \$189,000 increases the homeownership opportunities for many residents," said Gerald Hunter, IHFA president and executive director. "This change will provide some help, but sales prices are still high in Blaine County that the adjustment may have a minor impact."

"However, for some borrowers, every little bit helps. The \$189,000 limit is a federal maximum that cannot be exceeded."

Hunter said IHFA also increased income limits to \$71,000 for a one- or two-person household and to \$81,000 for a three-person household or more.

A \$16 million 501(c)(3) Non-profit Facilities Bond also was approved for the Wood River Community YMCA.

Dave Wilson, National Association of Home Builders president, and a resident of Wood River Valley, participated in the meeting, as did Wally Huffman, Sun Valley Co. general manager; Blaine-Ketchum Housing Authority Executive Director Michael David; and Ketchum Mayor Ed Simon.

— compiled from staff reports

ON THE RISE



Zach Hohlhagard of Stanley Associates Inc. in Twin Falls frames the second floor of the new Premier insurance building in Twin Falls' Westpark development. Mike Snodgrass, co-owner of Stanley Associates Inc., said rising construction costs are not yet affecting the construction of new Magic Valley commercial projects.

Construction prices haven't deterred commercial projects

By Robert P. Mayer
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — A quick rise in construction materials prices was one of the factors that kept California-based Hydro Fitting Manufacturing Corp. from relocating to Twin Falls. But other valley contractors and business owners aren't letting rising construction costs deter their building plans — yet.

"I don't like the higher prices either, but real estate investments have always been good for us," said Mike Hutchings, owner of Clearwater Care Center in Twin Falls.

Hutchings acquired local property in September and within a few months began construction of new office space. He wasn't aware of the steep prices until the bids were in and "at that point I was already committed," Hutchings said.

Indeed, the cost of construction materials — particularly steel and lumber — have escalated during the last year or so, said Mike Snodgrass, co-owner of commercial building company Stanley Associates Inc. in Twin Falls.

For example, rebar — the supporting rods in concrete — goes up in price some 10 percent each month, he said.

"The plywood market has been a roller coaster in the last year; up to \$17 a sheet in November, down to \$9 in

December and then up again — peaking at \$19 a sheet in March. Since then, it has stabilized a touch.

But the price increases have not slowed businesses from remodeling or undertaking new construction, said Gary Bond, president of the Magic Valley Builders Association.

Bond said he believes that a sense of optimism toward today's economic climate helps business owners overcome the fear of high construction prices.

After nearly three years of cautious business behavior in the shadow of a national recession and 9/11, business owners are ready to spend again, he said.

"I think people's attitudes are a little more positive," he said. "Even though things cost more, the future looks rosy, so they're more willing to take a risk."

For Hutchings, his reason is more practical: low interest rates. Upon comparing expensive construction supplies with lower interest rates, it's a wash, he said.

In fact, as the care center owner for 17 years, Hutchings remembers when interest rates were in the double digits. Yet the higher material prices make it a tough go for those on the construction side.

"It's a challenge to make bids on construction projects when the price on

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These articles first appeared in the August edition of *Southern Idaho Business*, a business-to-business publication of the Times-News. We are reprinting them here to ensure all Times-News readers have a chance to benefit.

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Try to be the low bidder, and you may end up losing the profit as the construction materials quickly exceed the price on the bid. Bid too high to cover the unpredictable price increases, and you're likely to lose the contract.

"It's crazy right now — it really is," Snodgrass said. "Right now it's a real chess match to hold your own."

Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney said he was aware of the hardships contractors seeking public contracts face in today's economic climate.

"We absolutely understand the difficulty," he said.

Yet, unless state legislators change state law, there's little that public entities can do to greater accommodate the quickly changing prices.

"We should probably keep the bidding process as close to the minimum as possible," Courtney said.

Stanley Associates is in the "rough framing" stages of construction on two commercial projects: the Twin Falls Animal Shelter and Premier Insurance.

But should construction material prices continue on their unpredictable path, Snodgrass said, it's only a matter of time before other business owners are scared to build.

"There's going to be a breaking point," he said.

Jerome's officials promote growth

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Jerome's economic development officials plan to use a "double assault approach" to market business opportunities on the city's South Lincoln Street.

Kevin Eldred, the city's newly hired economic development director, is gearing up to recruit new businesses utilizing "shotgun" and "rifle" approaches.

"We're not exactly reinventing the wheel," Eldred said. "We're putting together marketing material that has been used in the past for a new two-front assault."

Eldred will use the shotgun approach to establish networking connections with professional business recruiters through trade shows. These recruiters work with business owners to determine the best sites for relocation of companies.

"If you build a relationship with the recruiter, hopefully you will be one of the sites on their recommended list of top 10 picks," Eldred said.

The rifle approach will be a straight shot, targeting a specific company.

"You won't get every company you target, but if you spark interest in one or two — then you can talk," he said.

Eldred is putting together a marketing brochure of the South Lincoln area, promoting

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available properties and buildings, city and state incentives and estimates of business-operation costs.

"I believe we have the opportunity to provide the solution for companies in states like California," Eldred said. "It's just cheaper here. Our corporate tax and workmen's compensation rates are lower. A company paying \$500,000 into (workers') compensation in California would pay about \$40,000 here."

"Idaho also provides funds for training employees and funds for longevity of employees — those you hire and keep on board."

"For example, over a 10-year period, with Idaho state incentives, purchasing property and constructing a business with 100 employees, a company could save about \$20 million, based on current rates," Eldred continued. "Businesses are concerned about the bottom line, and savings are a big selling point here."

Eldred said the city's recruitment focus is on manufacturing and light industrial companies.

"I'm certainly not going to turn a company away that is

South Park's residential growth outpaces commercial

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Kathy Hall isn't asking for much. She just doesn't want to have to drive 10 to 15 minutes to do her weekly grocery shopping — when she lives within Twin Falls' city limits.

As residents of eastern Twin Falls' Park View Estates subdivision, Hall and her husband, Richard, live in an area of the city that has experienced high-paced residential growth in recent years.

But commercial development in the area known as South Park has been slower to catch up.

"The area south of the Rock Creek bridge on Washington Street South is a mix of commercial, industrial, and residential properties, said city planning and zoning assistant Renee Caraway.

Major Magic Valley food processors Glanbia Foods and Lamb Weston maintain factories in the area. A nightclub, a Mexican restaurant, a cafe, a tattoo parlor and two convenience stores do business there, too.

But despite the construction of several new subdivisions that have steadily increased the number of people living in the area, there is still a definite lack of commercial development in the southern part of the city, said

growing to be a breaking point," he said.

goods changes at such a rapid rate, Snodgrass said. Before, he would let a bid stand for 30 days. Now, his bids are good for only 10 days.

The key is good communication between contractor and business owner, Snodgrass said. And so far, owners have been receptive to the situation.

"It's the public sector that makes the situation challenging, he said.

By law, contracts must be good for a minimum of 30 days. That produces a

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Dave McAlindin, Twin Falls' economic development director.

"It's a chicken or the egg" situation, McAlindin said. Commercial development follows population growth, and the area just hasn't yet reached the "critical mass" in population to make the area attractive to developers, he said.

"Commercial development goes where developers are going to get the most bang for their buck," McAlindin said.

Affordable housing grows — but where are the stores?

Hall said she and her husband were drawn to the Park View subdivision — next to Oregon Trail Elementary School on Park Avenue — two years ago because they could build a new home "for the same price as buying an older one in another part of town."

But Hall wishes she had more shopping choices near their

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Julie Christiano-May

TWIN FALLS — Julie Christiano-May is the new director of Agape School and Child Care in Twin Falls.

May has returned to Agape, where she served as director from 1994 to 2000. May has worked in the field of early childhood education for 25 years as classroom teacher, as program director, teaching parenting classes and working with other related programs.

She has an associate's degree in social services and early childhood education and has the National Child Development Associate credential and Montessori certification. She is a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

May plans to enroll at Idaho State University and complete her degree in human resource management.



Julie Christiano-May

and local boards which are affiliated with the state and National Association of Realtors. Each local board will submit its Realtor of the Year for consideration for the statewide award.

Mike Tudor

TWIN FALLS — Middlekauff Group announced the addition of Mike Tudor as body shop manager. With over 25 years of experience in the automotive repair industry, Tudor will oversee all collision repair work for all four Middlekauff dealerships. Tudor is qualified in every area of automotive collision repair, having worked as a manager, senior automotive technician and with paint over the past 25 years in Magic Valley. Tudor can be found at Blue Lakes Ford at 1243 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. or can be reached at 736-2480.



Mike Tudor

Sales Consultants

TWIN FALLS — Chevrolet/Cadillac of Twin Falls, a Lithia store, made five employee announcements.

• Don Walden, sales consultant for Chevrolet/Cadillac of Twin Falls, was ranked by Lithia as the No. 1 salesperson in the Western Region for two months in a row. Walden spent 32 years in law enforcement prior to seven years in automobile sales in Twin Falls.



Don Walden

• Tyrel Hoagland is sales consultant with Chevrolet/Cadillac of Twin Falls for six months. He achieved Salesman of the Month his first month with the store. Prior to his current role in the auto industry, Hoagland worked for Cutler Construction. He is a Wendell High School graduate.



Tyrel Hoagland

• Ron Maughan has been in the auto business since 1969; prior to his current career with Chevrolet/Cadillac of Twin Falls, he worked for Thelsen Motors and a body shop in Chevrolet. Maughan raised locally and has lived in the community most of his life.



Ron Maughan

• Lance Bryan King has been a sales consultant with Chevrolet/Cadillac of Twin Falls for the past eight months. Previously, King worked with the Department of Health and Welfare and the Cinnamon Hills Youth Crisis Center. He has a bachelor's degree in family and consumer science from Utah State University. He is married and has four children.



Lance Bryan King



Glenn Hoffman

• Chevrolet/Cadillac of Twin Falls' new sales consultant is Glenn Hoffman. He has been in the automobile sales industry for the past 15 years and has served six years in the U.S. Army. He is GM-certified 2002 and 2003, and has a bachelor's degree in mathematics. Hoffman has received an Army Commendation medal, Humanitarian medal, four Army Achievement medals and two Good Conduct medals. He and his wife of 18 years have two children.

Real estate agents

TWIN FALLS — The Collins Connection of Prudential Idaho Homes & Investments met up with Kent Collins, Cindy Collins and their licensed assistant, Julie Hill — was named to Prudential Real Estate Affiliates Inc.'s Chairman's Circle-Platinum for 2003.

The award recognizes residential sales professionals who sold over 120 homes for the year. Prudential Real Estate Affiliates is a company of Prudential Financial Inc.

The Collins Connection was recognized during awards ceremonies at Prudential Real Estate Sales Convention held in Miami, March 7. More than 6,000 real estate professionals from the United States and Canada attended.

Prudential Idaho Homes & Investments is an independently owned and operated Prudential Real Estate Network.

Broadcasters

TWIN FALLS — Idaho's "Best in Broadcasting" awards, sponsored by the Idaho State Broadcasters Association, were presented July 31 in Sun Valley. This year's judges were members of the Nebraska Broadcasters Association.

In Division B in local commercial production, JR Ramsey and Tom Nelson of KIXX Radio received the award for Best Commercial — Single for their commercial for High Desert Spices titled "Robin Hood."

Remodelers

TWIN FALLS — Noel and Donna Erickson, owners of the Kitchen Tune-Up of Twin Falls franchise, attended the annual training conference July 22-24 at the KIU home office in Aberdeen, S.D.



Noel Erickson

The Ericksons gathered ideas on remodeling trends and new home-improvement products and techniques, expanded their skills in customer service and learned about Kitchen Tune-Up's new line of commercial laminate cabinets and other casework.



Donna Erickson

The 7-year-old local firm's services include one-day reconditioning and repair of stained wood finishes; refacing cabinets and replacing doors and hardware; installing custom and semi-custom cabinets; and bathtub and shower services.

The Ericksons can be reached at 736-1035.

U.S. Bancorp Foundation

contributed \$10,000 to the Family Home Buyer Education program administered by the Idaho Partners for Home Buyer Education. The contribution will assist with contract expenses, textbooks and other class materials and program administration. U.S. Bank has contributed a total of \$85,000 to the program since 2000.

The home buyer education program is provided by the IHBIE, a nonprofit organization that has joined with local partners in Idaho to offer Family Home classes every month statewide. Class content covers everything from qualifying for a mortgage and choosing a real estate professional to making an offer and closing.

Finally Home! anticipates graduating a total of 2,400 future Idaho homeowners in 2004.

■ Support of Twin Falls sold sandwiches at the Snake River Summer Championship swim meet held July 23-25 at the Twin Falls YMCA City Pool, then donated the proceeds to the YMCA Magic Valley Marlins Swim team to help defray the costs of competition.

Rupert Subway Store manager Kim Greene said Subway sold about 100 4-inch sandwich sections for \$2 apiece to people attending the swim meet over the weekend. The money donated to the Marlins team will buy

CONTRIBUTIONS

new equipment and help cover travel costs, pool and membership fees and other expenses. In addition, Subway donated about 350 coupons, each good for a free cookie at Subway to kids participating in the three-day event.

The Marlins hosted this year's Summer Championship and placed fourth out of 12 teams competing. Two members of the Marlins advanced to zone competition, to be held in Redding, Calif., in mid-August.

■ On July 23-24, the Twin Falls Centennial Commission and Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course held the Pepsi Centennial Golf Challenge, a fund-raiser scramble netting about \$32,000. Funds will be used for construction of the canyon-rim walking trail above Shoshone Falls Park.

The following businesses made this possible:

Pepsi of Twin Falls, \$15,000; Irwin Realty, \$5,000; Jerome Cheese Co., \$5,000; Gold's Gym and Sunnyside, \$4,000; Herza of Magic Valley, \$2,500; PSI Environmental Systems, \$2,500; Watkins Distributing, \$2,500; Donnelly Sports, \$750; Darren Hall Construction, \$750; Edge Welding, \$750; OMI, \$500; EHM Engineering, \$500; Intermountain Gas and Eureka Construction, \$500; J.C. Custom Farms, \$500; Cooper Construction, \$500; Falls Brand, \$500; Dr. Craig Holman, \$200; and Pomerelle Patisserie, Rock Creek Restaurants, The Buffalo Cafe, Kelly's Breakfast & Lunch, Latham Motors, Barry Equipment & Rental, American Lumber & Apparel, Lyle Signs, Bill Color and Gem State Welding.

Live and silent auction items were donated by Cain's Home Furnishings, Horze Magle, Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course, Jensen Jewelers, Spurling Country Club, Boise Ranch Golf Course, Ridgecrest Golf Course, Banbury Golf Club, Meadowcreek Golf Resort, McCall Golf Course, Terrace Lakes Resort Golf Course, Pilecrest Golf Course, Sage Lakes Golf Course, Sand Creek Golf Course, Riverside Golf Course, Highland Golf Course, Blue Lakes Country Club, Canyon Springs Golf Course, Burley Golf Course, Rupert Country Club, Sun Valley Resort Golf Course, Jackson Hole Golf and Tennis, Twin Pines Country Club, Shilo Inn, Fred Meyer, Dr. Kenneth Patterson, King's Pottery, Advanced Window Washing, Country Greenhouse, Backyard Indoor Go-Karting, Gertrude's Brick Oven Cookery, The Wild Hair, Native Skin, Massage Therapy by Heidi, Reader Flying Service, Mel Quade's Electronics, Addison Photography Studios, Mr. A's Dry Cleaners, Mountain West Optical, Dr. Gary Walker, Cedar Lanes, Baskin-Robbins 31 Flavors, Hank On, Blue Lakes Sporting Goods, Action Cycles & Sleds, First Federal, Beams Quality Flooring, Home Baking, Elevation Sports, College of Southern Idaho, The Little Red Hen, Precision Dry Products, Hey's South Hills Vineyard & Winery, Welch, Allan & Hark, TDK Auto Services, Stuart Morrison Tires, Longview Fibre, Everybody's Business, Mackay Mountain PGA, Pepsi of Twin Falls and Gold's Gym and Sunnyside.

Amy E. Lierman

FILER — Amy E. Lierman of Filer joined the Idaho Transportation Department in Shoshone as public affairs specialist.

Lierman will serve as spokeswoman for the department's District 4, prepare news releases, respond to public and media inquiries and assist with the department's Internet-based road report. Her goal is to keep the public informed about things that are vital to them — safe transportation, commuting and planning for the future. Her position is the first of its kind for this district.

We recognize the importance of keeping citizens informed about department activities, and adding a public affairs member to our staff will ensure the flow of information will remain a priority," said Devin Rigby, District 4 engineer.

Lierman has eight years of marketing and sales experience. Before joining the transportation department, she was assistant marketing director and customer service manager for Magic Valley Mall.

Lierman can be reached at 896-7828.

Wanda Foster

TWIN FALLS — Wanda Foster, of Canyonside Realty in Twin Falls, was selected as the 2004 Realtor of the Year by the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors.

Foster has been a Realtor since 1989 and is the Twin Falls association's past-president and an Idaho Association of Realtors director.

She has been involved in community projects and organizations, including the Women's Council of REALTORS, and she was named the official artist to represent Idaho by painting the 2003 national Christmas tree.

The Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors makes its selection based on contributions to the betterment of community life, and consumer service conduct and Realtor spirit.

The award is sponsored by the Idaho Association of Realtors.



Wanda Foster

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

YourBusiness is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

- Promotions and staff changes.
- New certifications.
- Seminars and workshops.
- Awards and achievements.
- Charitable business activities.
- Other business news.

Please e-mail items to Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins at virginia@magicvalley.com

Or contact her at: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, 733-0931, Ext. 242, Fax: 677-4543 or 734-5538



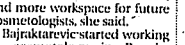
Virginia S. Hutchins

MILESTONES

Arma's Beauty Salon sees new look

TWIN FALLS — Arma Bajraktarevic became the owner of what is now called Arma's Beauty Salon in January.

Bajraktarevic and her husband, Arma, relocated the salon in March, transforming it to a new stylish salon with bright, warm colors and new cabinets, giving it a friendly and modern feel and more workspace for future cosmetologists, she said.



Arma Bajraktarevic

Bajraktarevic started working in cosmetology in Bosnia, where she owned her own salon and business. Because of the war, they moved to Germany, where she continued in beauty and modern design. This year, she tested the hair show in Salt Lake City, enhancing her creativity in hair design with new cutting techniques and trends. She continues working with new trends and coloring technology daily.

Arma's Beauty Salon, at 537 Main Ave. E., currently has two cosmetologists with more than 50 years of combined experience. They specialize in hair styling, coloring and perms. Bajraktarevic is seeking up to four more cosmetologists, especially a nail technician.

Salon hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The business can be reached at 734-8380.

New insurance business opens in Rupert

RUPERT — Cameron & Cameron Insurance and Financial Services recently opened for business at 629 Fremont St.

Owners David D. Cameron and Janet Boyd-Cameron and agent Debbie Ervin staff the office. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday. The company offers health and life insurance, medical supplements, investments, individual retirement accounts, IRAs and business and retirement planning.

David Cameron has 41 years of experience in the insurance business; Janet Cameron has 17 years of experience in financial services and 32 years in income tax practice; and Ervin has been in the insurance business for 21 1/2 years.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house was held July 29-30.

The company can be reached at 436-3584.

Chiropactic business opens in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — Nielson Family Chiropactic opened for business July 12 at 200 Falls Ave. S.W. Inside the physicians' Immediate Care Center.

Dr. Chad Nielson holds a bachelor's degree from Idaho State University and a doctor of chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. He offers chiropactic care for children and adults.

A grand opening will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday, with a Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m.

Nielson Family Chiropactic can be reached at 733-2322. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 2 to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Walk-ins are welcome.

New sports fitness firm comes to Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — Ben Harman

recently opened a sport-specific strength training, fitness and sports nutrition consulting firm — Sports, Fitness and Nutrition Center of Twin Falls — at 849 Capitol Drive.

Some of Twin Falls offers personal programs and personal training for an individual's sport or for general development, aerobic fitness, and flexibility and weight loss; personal training or partner training; and group training in health clubs; group training and periodized training programs; strength training; general and sports nutrition consulting; workshops in sports nutrition, weight reduction, exercise, eating for successful performance, exercise and aging; and more.

Harman has a bachelor's degree in Human Development and physical education. Part of his administrative master's degree, he completed coursework in exercise science. He is certified to teach health in public schools and has done so for the past six years. He also is certified in Spanish and English as a Second Language and conducts business in Spanish if the customer prefers.

Harman has a personal trainer or since first becoming certified with the American Council on Exercise in 1993. He later certified as a personal trainer with the National Strength and Conditioning Association and then became a certified strength and conditioning specialist.

Those who contract for a custom membership \$180 for nine to 16 team members and \$170 for 17 or more team members. To register, call (800) 288-0051 or visit www.luminaries.com.

The event is hosted by the Boise State University College of Business and Economics, Center for Management Development in cooperation with Fortune magazine.

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CSI holds career planning workshop

Money in brief

Experts will present leadership seminar

BOISE — A board of experts and authors on leadership and business will present a seminar in October to advise business leaders and their organizations — and according to seminar organizers — help them find their personal leadership power and ability to achieve greatness.

"Leadership from the Ground Up: Effectiveness in Changing Times" will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Oct. 13 in the Doubletree Ballroom at the Doubletree Boise Hotel, 2900

Chidren Blvd. A lunch break will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Participants will hear from authors Donald Trump, Rudy Charney, Stephen R. Covey, Ram Charan, Stephen Covey, Ram Charan and Jack Welch and observe chief executive officer panel featuring Fortune 500 CEOs.

Cost is \$199 per person for up to eight members; \$180 for nine to 16 team members and \$170 for 17 or more team members. To register, call (800) 288-0051 or visit www.luminaries.com.

Questions swirl over water plan

BURLEY, Idaho — A cooperative-management plan proposed by ground-water users was greeted with skepticism when presented to a working group of the legislative committee tasked with finding solutions to the conflict between ground-water and spring users.

Tim Deeg, a ground-water user from American Falls, said the 14-page document contained a lot of room for negotiation. Ground-water users said most of the goals offered by spring users at an earlier meeting were reasonable and acceptable, and that those goals could be reached through the proposed cooperative-management plan.

"That proposal includes creating a state water-management authority to collect user fees that would be used to pay for mitigation and recharge efforts. Ground-water users said any one or only that benefits from the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer should pay the user fee — including domestic wells.

"We need to use the aquifer as a storage project," said Helen Carlquist, who farms near Hazelton and uses both surface water and ground water to irrigate.

Producers say sugar sales allotment too high

HAZELTON, Idaho — National sugar sales allowed for the 2004 fiscal year could oversupply markets so much that prices will drop by \$1-\$2 a ton, said



Farmbeat
Highlights of this week's Magic Valley Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

Perry Meulman, president of the Idaho Sugar Beet Growers Association.

The U.S. Agriculture Department announced July 16 an "overall allotment quantity" of 8.1 million tons under the sugar program which controls supplies to stabilize prices instead of using subsidies.

"When they came out with that, the market just went kapooy," Meulman said.

The sugar-production industry, using the department's own market analysis from January, had asked for a figure of 7.7 million tons to balance supply with expected demand, said Mark Duffin, executive director of the Idaho Sugar Beet Growers Association.

"We don't know why they chose to ignore their own studies and set the allotment higher than we feel it should have been," Duffin said.

Prices are already hovering at the levels that indicate they can forfeit sugar to the government under the sugar loan program, he said. And producers are also storing more than 700,000 tons of sugar at their own expense that they're not allowed to sell under existing quotas.

Sugar situation

- USDA allows sugar sales of 8.1 million tons
- Sugar producers had requested 7 million tons
- Producers worry that oversupply will cut sugar prices \$1-\$2 a ton.
- Sugar-production associations have asked USDA to hold back 405,000 tons of the 8.1 million tons.
- Amalgamated Sugar Co. plans to cut acreage next year by 12 percent.

Pumpers asked to shut down in September

BURLEY, Idaho — Ground-water pumpers in the North Snake Ground Water District have been asked to shut down for a week in September.

The voluntary shutdown from Sept. 3 to Sept. 10 coincides with the planned shut down of the North Side Canal Co. North Side Canal Co. stockholders have been cut to 70 percent of normal deliveries this season, and the planned one-week shutdown is intended to save water for late harvest.

Lynn Carlquist, who is a by-lin member on the North Snake Ground Water District but receives about two-thirds of his irrigation water from the North Side Canal Co., said letters have been sent to all members of the North Snake

Ground Water District asking them to observe the shutdown.

Insecticide offers spray advantage

PAUL, Idaho — A new potato insecticide is being tested on a 5-acre test plot near Paul and is expected to get a label approval soon.

The New Symgenta product, Cruiser — which represents a new subclass of chemicals called neonicotinoids — is being tested side by side with Genesis, which is a Bayer product.

The test plots are on Circle G Farm, which is owned by Jeff Gibson, north of Paul.

Neonicotinoids are similar to and modeled after natural nicotine, which was used as an insecticide since the early 1940s.

Research has come a long way since the days when nicotine was one of the only insecticides available.

Cruiser is a liquid seed treatment that can be applied accurately and safely, said Sam Thornton, of Symgenta.

Thornton demonstrated an applicator called Spud Gun, a machine that mixes water with the product, allowing the grower to apply the liquid treatment directly to the seed. Most insecticides are normally applied in a dust treatment, he said.

"Wouldn't that be a leap forward in technology," Thornton said when the suggestion was first made.

Business publication seeks nominations

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — We're looking for outstanding businessmen to spotlight for *Southern Idaho Business* upcoming "Women in Business" feature.

In its November edition, *Southern Idaho Business* will profile a number of women who have made a difference in the workplace and deserve recognition.

Southern Idaho Business, a business-to-business publication of *The Times-News*, is distributed monthly to business owners and managers throughout Magic Valley.

We're looking for women in non-profit or governmental organizations who have done any of these things:

- Improved their company's bottom line.
- Made significant changes in the workplace that have benefited their co-workers, such as improving safety or pushing for workplace policies that enable more women to work successfully.
- Brought a creative idea to life as an entrepreneur and gained success from it.
- Effected change in her industry or profession though leadership of professional organizations or business mentoring programs.

Broken the infamous "glass ceiling" by excelling in fields dominated by men.

Do you know a businesswoman who meets any of these standards? Fill out the following application form and tell us about her.

We'll be judging submissions based on measurable business accomplishments — like growth rates, business strategies, professional achievements and the like — or on specific improvements in an employer's workplace policies.

And if you're a businesswoman who'd like to nominate yourself, go ahead and do so.

There's no age requirement for this recognition. Those recognized in our recent 2004 Under 40 feature are not eligible for nomination.

Deadline for submissions is Sept. 17.

Direct nominations to: Megan Hinds, *The Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. All nominations must be submitted in writing.

Questions? Contact Hinds at 735-3238 or mhinds@magicvalley.com.

'Women in Business' nomination form

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Company/organization: _____

Title: _____
(Education (degrees, diploma(s), course of study, etc.): _____)

Business performance and history: _____

Measurable business accomplishments: _____

Community accomplishments (job responsibilities, projects, business-affiliated programs, leadership training programs, etc.): _____

Achievements and awards: _____

Additional comments or attributes: _____

Nominator: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Company/organization: _____

Title: _____

Relationship to nominee: _____

Hospitals move toward 'paperless' age

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — With no patient chart in sight, Dr. Sheila Gamache strides into Thom Kolby's hospital room to check on him a day after the 54-year-old arrived ashen-faced and perilously close to death with a clogged artery starving his heart of oxygen.

"Rather than flipping through a clipboard thick with pages of notations and test results, Gamache gets up to speed on Kolby's condition simply by logging onto a wireless notepad

in the room, which connects to a handheld electronic records system accessible with a few keystrokes.

Federal officials who are trying to convince more hospital executives to go "paperless" say electronic records can make hospitals more efficient, reduce medical errors and lower health-care costs.

The costs of the transition can be high, and many physicians are also unwilling to trade the ease of jotting down paperbound notes for the convenience of scanning for a system that requires them to type the same information into a computer.

But concerns aside, digital records are a leap ahead for the health system noted in cumbersome 19th century filing systems.

The Indiana Heart Hospital's year-old digital records system was Gamache, a cardiologist, to show Kolby an X-ray movie of his beating heart just after he was admitted the day before with a clogged artery and in excruciating pain.

"Do you see that right there?" she tells Kolby gravely, pointing to the looped movie of the blockage displayed on a flat-screen computer in his room.

"I'm not kidding, they have a name for these and they're called widow-makers."

Kolby, of New Palestine, Ind., watches the digital movie quiet-

ly with his sons Tyler, 14, and Caleb, 12, then observes, "That must have been the pain I was feeling." He tells Gamache he is feeling wonderful and is glad to be alive a day after a surgeon reopened the blocked artery by inserting a stent.

After the checkup, Gamache sits down at a computer outside Kolby's room — one of 650 spread across the 88-bed hospital — to enter notes and order changes in his blood-thinning medication.

And all of it without the typical paper trail filled with scribbled physician handwriting.

Despite its digital records system, which cost \$15 million to implement, the hospital is not fully paperless. It still generates paper so that it can interface with the majority of the medical community that remains burdened with paper-filled records rooms.

To cut that paper load and meet President Bush's goal of making sure most Americans have computerized medical

records available within 10 years, the federal government is trying to move things along.

On July 21, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson outlined a plan that sets technology standards and provides financial incentives for doctors and hospitals to invest in health care information technology.

Dan Brailer is the national coordinator for health information technology appointed by President Bush in May, said cost has been one barrier. He said it can cost tens of millions of dollars for a large hospital, or network of hospitals, to make the change. Getting physicians, nurses and medical technicians to abandon years of routine for a new system is another obstacle.

"We don't just automate the old systems — we change the way the work is done. And sometimes there's resistance to change," Brailer said. Younger physicians are less apt to object.

Outpaces

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home. Southern Twin Falls has one small supermarket, Swensen's Magic Market on Washington Street South.

Hall stops by the Magic Market occasionally to pick up small items, but she treks to Blue Lakes Boulevard North for most of her groceries.

"We were used to being close to everything," said Hall, who moved to Twin Falls from Pocatello. "(Now) I do my shopping at WinCo."

Clinton Swensen, owner of Swensen's Magic Market, declined to comment for this article.

The Park View development offers new homes priced less than \$100,000. The houses appeal to young couples, families and retiring baby boomers, said Lynn Rasmussen of Gem State Realty Inc. Rasmussen markets the homes for the subdivision's stage of construction.

The cost of land in southern Twin Falls is significantly lower than residential land in other parts of the city. TKO Construc-

tion owner Todd Ostrom told *Southern Idaho Business* in 2003. Ostrom said he paid \$265,000 for about 24 acres in phase II of Park View, which he estimated was 25 to 40 percent less than residential land in western or eastern Twin Falls.

It took just over a year to sell out the first-phase development, Ostrom then told *Southern Idaho Business*.

Park View now has 120 homes and is entering its third phase, Rasmussen said, in early July 19 of 37 lots in the third phase had been sold.

"There's potential for 300 to 400 houses," Rasmussen said.

Two other affordable subdivisions are growing by leaps and bounds as well, just down the street from Park View, Wolverton Corp., Development & Construction's Parkwood subdivision is entering its third phase of construction. Willis Inc.'s Magic Valley Ranch subdivision off South Washington will soon break ground on its sixth phase.

A prime commercial development location

Additional commercial development in South Park is just a matter of time, McAlindin said. One prime opportunity is the building on South Washington formerly occupied by Norco Windows.

The 150,000-square-foot building on 36 acres was vacated in October 1997, and the idea of occupying it has been bandied about by developers ever since, said David Price, a Burley real estate broker who co-owns the building.

In 2001, Twin Falls County officials debated purchasing the building for a jail, then backed out after deciding those plans were too expensive and inconvenient. The building was also being used for storage by Jerome Cheese.

The Norco location could be a prime spot for a supermarket, McAlindin said. But Price said it's not likely that any developers would be willing to

buy the property if they weren't planning to use the building.

"It's not conducive to retail," he said. "You can buy land for a lot less money."

But while some residents like Hall wish for the day when a large supermarket sets up shop in South Park, other residents enjoy the peace and quiet afforded them by living away from the city's commercial traffic.

Another Park View resident, Kristi Starr, doesn't mind making the trip to the supermarket every week.

"I personally don't like all the commercial traffic in the city," Starr said.

But would she shop at a larger store closer to home? "It depends on what store it (would be)," Starr said. "If there was a place with reasonable prices and a good selection, then I might go there."

Times-News writer Megan Hinds can be reached at 735-3238 or mhinds@magicvalley.com.

Jerome

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manufacturing. The focus is to match the company's needs to a specific location, she said.

There are a number of Jerome commercial properties that have been built in and around Wal-Mart, the North Side Center and the WOW Logistics plant, Rogers said.

The North River Developers group — an organization of real estate agency who have invested in the South Lincoln properties and are involved in recruiting businesses — is making plans to revamp former homes into commercial property, said Steve Di Luca, a member of the group.

"The business people of Twin Falls certainly need to look at Jerome," Di Luca said. "It's a

busy little community. We're actively pursuing other retail tenants as well as office tenants."

Infrastructure extends from Main Street in downtown Jerome down South Lincoln to Interstate 84. It will be extended to the south side of the freeway for the new 300 South Lincoln project, said Jerome City Engineer Scott Bybee.

Lines will be bored under the freeway, and between 8,000 and 9,000 feet of water and sewer lines with a lift station will be installed.

As part of the project, a new sewer line will be extended from 300 South to the sewer treatment plant, located west of South Lincoln. The project will expand the capacity of the en-

tre south end to absorb new growth, Bybee said.

"The city also is upgrading the city's sewage treatment plant that will increase the plant's capacity up to about 4 million

gallons per day — doubling the plant's current capacity.

"The water system is also capable of delivering the same service," Bybee said. "We can handle the growth."

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By Harry Wessal The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Jon Kane's workday usually stretches from 9 in the morning to 8 at night. To keep it from being even longer, the Orlando attorney eats lunch at his desk.

On a recent workday, Kane's midday meal consisted of a package of StarKiss tuna and crackers, washed down with a Coke. "I clear off a portion of my desk next to the computer and eat while working," says Kane, 40, with the law firm of Mataro & Harbert. "I used to not eat lunch at all. This is an improvement."

Kane has plenty of company in the working world. A February 2004 survey of more than 1,500 workers nationwide found that 42 percent of workers regularly eat lunch at their desks. That's up from 39 percent in 2002, according to Career-Builders.com, the Internet recruiting firm that conducted the survey.

Eating at your desk may be time-efficient, but from a health and hygiene standpoint, you're better off hanging in the company restroom.

Really. "If you eat at your desk, you may want to skip the next few paragraphs, if you can get at your desk and want to win a bar bet, read on."

Three summers ago, University of Arizona microbiologist Charles Gerba conducted a "workplace germ study" in four U.S. cities: Tucson, Ariz., San Francisco, New York and Tampa.

Gerba and his team of researchers took bacteria samples from 12 different workplace surfaces — from desktops, phones and keyboards to water-fountain handles, elevator buttons and light switches.

On average, toilet seats had bacteria levels of 49 per square inch — the lowest of the 12 surfaces tested. On average, desktops had bacteria levels that were 428 times higher — 20,961 per square inch.

In case you're confused by all those numbers, here's the summary: A toilet seat is cleaner than your desk.

And desktops were only No. 2 among the germ-coated workplace surfaces tested. The winner: Desk telephones, which had 25,127 bacteria per square inch. (Fortunately, it's tough to balance a club sandwich on a telephone.)

The workplace germ study was funded by Clorox, which makes disinfecting wipes designed to kill all those nasty bacteria. Nevertheless, Gerba's findings were unambiguous: "The average desktop has more bacteria than any surface tested."

Safe guard your house while on your vacation

By Justin Bachman AP Business Writer

WARRANT: Look around the office this month and you'll spy plenty of empty desks. Vacation rules!

But while your desk or work site may be safe, your empty home may not be an inviting target for thieves and burglars. To help, the Insurance Information Institute reminds those heading for a holiday.

Most home burglaries occur in July and August, the popular travel months, according to FBI statistics. U.S. residential burglary losses average \$1,400 per home, with more than \$1 billion

in the bathroom," his study concluded. There is a logical explanation to this off-putting finding. Most workplace bathrooms, including those checked in Gerba's study, undergo regular janitorial cleaning, using strong disinfectants. Work desks, particularly cluttered ones, can go weeks, months, even years between cleanings.

Both Ashley, professor of food-service management at the University of Central Florida, explains that humans are able to tolerate "a reasonable amount" of germs. "But he rarely says ever, cuts at his desk. Just thinking about it makes him uncomfortable."

"There's an accumulation over time of people coughing, sneezing and talking over their desks," says Ashley, who teaches at the University of Central Florida's Rosen College of Hospitality Management.

Ashley says cross-contamination is hard to avoid when eating at your desk. The sandwich may lay on a paper wrapper instead of the desktop, but then you pick it up with the hand and bring it to your mouth or typed on the keyboard.

Besides, Ashley adds, "If something falls out of the sandwich and lands on the desk, putting your percent of us will eat it rather than throw it away."

In addition to frequent hand washing "for at least 20 seconds and rinsing under the hottest water you can stand," Ashley advises using an antibacterial spray to clean the desktop, phone, mouse and phone regularly — at least once a week. He also likes the idea of keeping a wipeless antibacterial hand cleaner at the desk and using it before eating.

If you're eating a sandwich or sub, use the paper wrapper to hold it as you eat. Ashley adds, "If you're using a utensil, make sure it's clean and does not touch the desk."

Doug Parker disdains such advice. An Orlando graphical computer programmer, he heats up home-cooked meals in an office microwave and eats at his cluttered desk nearly every work day.

"I think the cleanliness thing in this country is overdone," says Parker, 43. "I make it a point to dust my desktop every now and then, and I don't sneeze on my food. I do computer cleanups, but I don't see how you can get an Orlando software manufacturing company, says he eats healthful food and rarely gets sick. "In the work environments I've been in, I see no need to concern myself with bacteria."

"The human body is a billion cells with 15 billion bacteria," he adds. "Why is anybody breaking out?"

paid out, according to the New York-based Institute.

So, to reduce the chance of your post-trip bliss fading into a horrible discovery at home, the III offers a few tips:

- Make a break-in time-consuming. Dead-bolt window and door locks can slow and frustrate a burglar, and often qualify for insurance discounts.
- Keep your home lighted well. Put indoor lights on a timer, and keep exterior lights hard to access.
- Check for door quality. A great lock is useless in a shoddy door. Outside doors should be metal or solid hardwood that is at least 1 3/4 inches thick.

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Russ Louch answered the phone a little breathlessly last week.

"I'm just putting brownies in the oven," he explained, and laughed just a little. Some banging and clanging started in the background. His children, Melanie, almost 4, and David, 2 1/2, were grudgingly lapping up the leftover brownie batter in the bowls.

This is a typical day in the life of Louch, who decided to become one of 105,000 stay-at-home dads with children under the age of 15, according to 2002 Census Bureau figures.

As women increasingly go back to work after a child is born and start to close the wage gap, alternative living arrangements of all sorts have been turning from alternative to the norm. The number of stay-at-home fathers is still nominal compared with the one in four mothers who drop out of the labor force, but Louch is one of a slightly growing number of men who stay at home while their wives head off to work each day.

"I think society and the workplace are changing to accommodate the economic realities of today's environment," said John A. Challenger, head of outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas in Chicago.

Although there is a long way to go in terms of gender-based pay equity, he said, "more women are breadwinners. That creates more opportunity for couples to align their parental and work responsibilities and their personal and work lives in ways that work out best."

Louch gave up his life in the information technology industry, where he worked 65 to 70 hours each week, in February 2001, not long after Melanie was born. He and his wife, Maria Elena, an occupational therapist, had Melanie in day care at a neighbor's house for about six months. That neighbor had to leave the country for a month, so Louch took the month off under the Family and Medical Leave Act.

During that month, Louch and his wife saw a difference in their daughter's behavior. She was laughing and looking more. After long discussions, the Louches, who live in Der-

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wood, Md., decided Russ should stay home. Maria Elena had a better salary and benefits and worked more normal hours than he did.

Louch, like the many other fathers dipping their toes into the waters typically inhabited by mothers, admitted his at-home life isn't all he had dreamed of. "I had grand visions ... When we decided I'd stay home, I immediately had a list of all these projects I'd get done," Louch said. "I was rather naive. It's a lot of work taking care of little kids."

Louch is just one kind of stay-at-home dad. The 105,000 stay-at-homes the census counted are those not in the labor force at all. Many other fathers have decided to put their job on the back burner, taking on short-term projects while spending most of the day watching their children. Others have started a business while staying home with the children — at least when the kids are young enough to take several long naps during the day.

Checking back in with Michael Paranzino, a stay-at-home dad, I wrote about a year ago, life at home with 3-year-old Cameron is still going well. But the at-home dad, who works on his lobbying business during the week, admitted it is still not an easy transition. He's getting used to it, however. He noted that while standing in line to often frowled among those nearby who asked, "What do you do?" Where he used to tap-dance around it, now he

easily says, "I am a stay-at-home dad." Since lobbying fits in around child-rearing, he has brought his parents or a babysitter in when he goes to the Hill, the lobbying part of his "what do you do" comes second in his conversations.

He has learned to focus on just a few clients rather than try to get a bunch of new business. That way, he said, he can do a long job for two companies, which he only wants more once Paranzino is back on the scene, full time.

After we spoke last week, however, he e-mailed back: "While I am catching me at a great time — many months in a row of Cam being particularly fun and easy, great weather, and successes with my consulting work — it is not all wine and roses, by any means. There are painfully boring days, there are incredibly frustrating days, and there are days when I can't stop thinking about what I could accomplish professionally if I worked 60 hours per week instead of 60 hours per month."

But with his wife, Heather, a neuroscientist, working hard at her job at the National Institutes of Health, this will remain the plan for now.

It can be an isolating life, said P. Jay Massey, a stay-at-home dad to Tucker, now 5. When he did the biologist wife decided he should stay home, Massey had a hard time finding other dads like him. He had one friend who did the same thing a couple of months before Massey did, but other than that, he was alone.

So he searched out other dads online and decided with his other stay-at-home dad friend to start a business two months after Tucker was born.

That helped to end his isolation. And he learned things along the way, including the importance of an answering machine. "When you change a diaper, the phone will ring," he said.

Today, he runs Cox Design Associates Inc., a software company in Pensacola, Fla., at home. He also runs www.worldwide.com, a resource for stay-at-home fathers. His site is not the only one. There are hundreds of dad Web logs, or blogs, out there. Louch has one called the daddyblog.com (which lists 13 others, "Daddy Yaks"). Some sites feature articles on famous dads, like Roger Clemens, the former New York Yankee who retired to be with his family and coach his kids' baseball games, then was lured out of retirement by the Houston Astros. His return to the game was not unconditional: A clause in his contract stated that he does not have to travel out of town with the Astros unless he's pitching.

But not all dads are as lucky as multimillionaire Clemens. In a study released last week by the Program on WorkLife Law at American University's Washington College of Law, working-class fathers risk pay loss, disciplinary action and even dismissal when they do not assume family responsibilities at work.

The study followed 31 labor arbitrations that involved family care. Of those cases, only 10 percent of men won their cases, while 45 percent of women did.

"There's a norm that it's unacceptable for men to have these responsibilities," Mary C. Sill, a program director and faculty at the American University, said in a phone conference discussing results of the study.

Granted, the number of stay-at-home dads keeps growing and has likely doubled since, said 10 years ago, said Joan C. Williams, law professor and director of the WorkLife Law program. Williams worked on the study with Sill and is the author of "Unbinding Gender: Why Family and Work Conflict and What to Do About It."

"Part of that is because there were very few to begin with," she said. "On the other hand, it's amazing it's happening at all."

Discuss debt to help marriage last, experts say

By Pamela Yip The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — When it comes to marriage, the most important discussion you and your spouse can have is how they will manage their finances after they become one economic unit.

Experts say more marriages end in divorce because of money issues than over anything else.

Within that discussion, one of the most sensitive subjects is debt.

"If there's pre-existing debt prior to the marriage, there has to be a serious discussion of how it will be handled," said Debbie Cox, vice president and wealth adviser at JPMorgan Private Bank in Dallas.

Most experts recommend a prenuptial agreement for newlyweds with financial issues. But whether a couple goes that far or not, any significant debt issues exist to be dealt with upfront.

"The watchword here is full disclosure — the full extent of the debt, what the monthly payments are, and when the total is

due," said the Vanden Eykel, a family law attorney and managing partner at Koons, Fuller, Vanden Eykel & Robertson PC in Dallas.

The first and best solution, of course, is to pay off or pay down as much of the debt as you can before you marry.

Most couples, once they get married, will start making a big purchase, such as a house, and if you have a lot of outstanding debt, that could impede your opportunity of obtaining a mortgage," said Rudy Cavazos Jr., spokesman at Money Management International in Houston, a credit counseling firm.

If love has overwhelmed any financial concerns and you're bringing debt into a marriage, then experts have suggestions for dealing with the situation.

The first question to ask is: Will you pay off the debt jointly, or will the debt remain the sole responsibility of the spouse who incurred it? Let's say a man owns a home before he gets married, and

after the marriage, the couple lives in his home.

"Who's going to pay for it?" asked Cox, an estate planning attorney who deals with financial issues concerning families.

"If the wife helps pay for the mortgage, she's actually paying the husband's separate liability."

That's assuming the husband hasn't added his wife's name to the mortgage.

"What happens if the marriage ends and the wife has paid a bunch of money toward the mortgage?"

"If it is going to be reimbursed," Cox asked, "it can be a very sensitive subject when you're talking about the house." The husband could convey an interest in the house to his wife, but it's not the same as taking on the liability for the mortgage, she said.

"The liability on the note is still with the husband," Cox said. Many experts say the best way to protect yourself is to draw up a prenuptial agreement that spells out how the

debts will be handled.

"We always recommend that clients consider a prenuptial agreement just as a matter of course," said Kallia McCarthy, a certified financial planner and certified divorce planner at Quest Capital Management in Dallas.

It could say the party who brought debts into the marriage is going to be responsible for paying it off, or that both parties are responsible for paying it off," McCarthy said.

A prenuptial pact can be a marker for creditors as to which spouse they can pursue to collect a debt.

Aside from the legal issues, there are nonfinancial reasons why couples need to talk about debt before they marry.

For instance, how did he or she incur the debt? Is it one thing if a wife got into debt helping to support her mother or paying for her parents' final expenses at death. It's another thing if a spouse racked up the debt through lack of financial discipline.

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national leader in the manufacture of 50,000 pre-engineered wood buildings. We are an aggressive customer service oriented individual to sell our diversified product line and manage our Hazelton ID office. Responsibilities include: prospecting, selling & managing the building construction through completion. Construction experience is required. Strong organizational, communication and management skills are essential. \$25,000 annual base salary. PLUS a weekly sales and general commission. Quarterly performance bonus. Annual management bonus to potentially earn \$50,000-\$100,000 plus annually. Benefits package includes health and dental insurance, 2-cap safety program, 401k plan, paid vacation, holidays, and company vehicle. Clear Building Corp. is a family owned and operated company with over 25 years of experience. Send resume to: 808-845-7070 or e-mail sales@clearbuilding.com

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• Distribute product to order fillers.
• Must be willing to be loaded, Count and fill out load book for transport drivers.
• Check orders for accuracy.

FOUND
Black Lab dog, 2 years old, choker chain, has been trained. Found in Wendell by Snack Bar. Call 208-536-5332

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German Shepherd, male, on Ritchie Road. No tags or collar. Found in Wendell by Snack Bar. Call 208-536-5332

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Male Chocolate lab in Hazelton. Found on Sunday, July 31st 9:48am

FOUND
Rabbit, CSI area. Call to identify. 735-5133

FOUND
Set of keys w/ Ritco dog and box of dog food. Call 539-1830

FREE
Black Lab, fixed, good with kids, 4 years old. Call 208-536-6332

STOLEN
Large reward offered for information leading to the recovery of women's antique dresser and night stand. Painted light mint green with underlayer of peach color. If future is to be in our family for generations and we'd love to have it back. This was stolen from a locked garage at 3178 E. 36th St. on 8/1/04. Sugar Factory some time during week of July 27th thru 31st. Any information please call confidential. Please call 208-731-7626

113 CHILD CARE SERVICES
A RN/MOTHER CIP/PCR Certified
Openings, all shifts & ages. Media arranged. Interested. 734-4070

LICENSED CHILD-CARE
ICCP & CPR certified. Meals & snacks included. Call 208-735-2636

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looking for two kids to watch in my home. 7am-6pm. Call Jaemie 208-735-2636

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HUMAN RESOURCES
Must be experienced in general accounting, payroll, workers compensation, sales tax, and Human Resources. Cougar Min. software a plus. Willing to relocate. Apply in person at: Mountain Nurseries 2862 Jefferson Ave. E. Twin Falls

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DRIVERS
Oliver Milk Transportation
Local drivers, CDL req., tankers, and doubles endorsement. Insurance, 401k. Call 206-324-3515.

TOP GUN
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DRIVERS
Ready to drive. Full benefits. Pay DOE. Full benefits. Idaho Concrete Co. 1284 Addison Ave. W. Do. Free workplace.

DRIVERS
Wanted, local resident work haul, CDL required. Days/weekends/night. Nite/Inn Trucking 543-8539.

EDUCATION
Buhl School District is accepting applications for two (2) Special Education Para Professionals. Application materials are available at 920 Main St., Buhl, Idaho. Or by calling 543-6436. Degree workplace.

EDUCATION
Gooding J. School District has an opening for an aide at the High School level for the English as a Second Language program. Send resume to: 1000 N. Main St., Gooding, Idaho 83402. Interviews open until filled.

EDUCATION
Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind is accepting applications for an Interpreter. Duties include interpreting in service programs, meetings, mainstream classes, etc. Applicants must provide interpreting services for deaf staff. The interpreter must be fluent in American Sign Language, English, and have a Conceptual Accurate Signed English.

EDUCATION
Kimberly School district needs a full-time bilingual (Spanish/English) teacher assistant or preschool-grade 12 second language qualifications and their families. Please call 423-410 ext 3309 for an application.

EDUCATION
Montana Pre-school Aide needed at Acom Learning Center. Call 733-7055.

EDUCATION
Part-time Adult ESL Instructors and Facilitators positions. Part time classes. Opened until filled. Find complete duties, qualifications, application process, and form on the CSI Web at www.csiweb.com. EOE/AA.

EDUCATION
Sign Language Interpreter full-time 9 month position with benefits starts August 16 or ASAP. Apply in person. Find complete duties, qualifications, application process, and form on the CSI Web at www.csiweb.com. EOE/AA.

EDUCATION
South Central Head Start is accepting applications for the following PT Classroom Aids: 1st Grade, \$8.88/hr. 20hr/DOE. PT Bus Driver in Buhl, \$8.88/hr. DOE. PT Support Services Aide in Twin Falls. Apply at 324 Hansen Dr., E. EOE/AA.

EDUCATION
Full-time part-time position working 18-19.5 hours/week and some evenings. Find complete duties, qualifications, application process, and form on the CSI Web at www.csiweb.com. EOE/AA.

ELECTRICIAN
Journals for electricians & experienced apprentices needed. Apply at: Electric 437 E. 5th St. N. Burley, ID 83318.

EQUIPMENT
Operation & Maintenance of Specialized Railway Equipment. Loram Maintenance of Way, Inc., a leader in the railway maintenance industry, is seeking people to operate and maintain its sophisticated railway maintenance equipment. If you have mechanical ability, an ability to work with large equipment, Loram may have an opportunity for you that offers:

GENERAL
100% Nationwide travel. Operatively 6 weeks on the road followed by 2 weeks time and a half OT. 20-25 hours of work per week. Earning potential of \$2000 per month. Salary increases every 90 days for the first 2 years. Insurance benefits (medical, dental, life). Fantastic 401K plan (15% match). \$250 travel completion bonus. Business related travel and lodging paid by Loram.

GENERAL
Along-with-having-a-mechanical aptitude, the applicant must take and pass a pre-employment physical and drug test. Applicant must own and possess a current and valid driver's license. A school diploma/GED is preferred. Interested applicants should direct their resumes to Job Service, 771 North College Road.

GENERAL
Loram Maintenance of Way, Inc. is seeking a qualified person to fill the position of Employer M/F/V/H. Employer Paid Ad.

FARM
Nonpareil Corporation is seeking an experienced farm manager to oversee operation in petric, grain and hay crops. Must be proficient in all aspects of farm operation including the budgeting and planning. A minimum 5 years experience in farm operation and management of all equipment including irrigation systems. Position offers a competitive package including excellent benefits. This is an excellent opportunity for an outstanding leader to join a top-notch company in the agricultural industry. Please send resume or application to: Farm Manager Position Nonpareil Corporation 400 N. 400 W. Blackfoot, ID 83211. EOE

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FARM
Full-time applicant must have exp. with all aspects of large row crop operation. Pivot operation. Call 206-324-7148.

GENERAL
COMPANY EXPANSION
WANTED
Interview Now being Accepted On A First come First Served Basis. Growing Company Need 20 People to Fill. IMMEDIATE OPENINGS NO STRIKES NO LAYOFFS

GENERAL
Expanding Distribution Center has openings in several departments from display to management. Must be able to work easily. No experience necessary. We provide training that can lead to a very secure position with a salary of \$1500 to start. Call Susan for details. 734-2883.

GENERAL
Immediate openings: General Labor, Housekeeping, Construction, Clerical, Forklift Drivers, Irrigator, Medic Health. PERSONNEL PLUS
No applicant fee. www.personnelplus.com 111 River Ave. 733-7900 Fax: 733-7901 878-4040

GENERAL
Want A Good Income? People needed for our planned expansion program. Full-time, Part-time. \$3.00-\$5.00. Average per week to start. No experience needed. We train. 733-2844 ext. 103.

GENERAL
We have the following full time positions available: Housekeeping, Mill Operator, Warehouse Labor, Data Entry, Groundskeeper. Call 733-2844 for more information.

HAIR
"Looking to Advance Your Career?" GreatClips, The largest single hair care brand in the U.S. & Canada with over 2,200 salons in 48 states. An immediate opening for a stylist in our Twin Falls location. We offer the BEST compensation package in our industry!

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Name & Number confidential interview

FARM
Wanted experienced tractor operator. Call 206-324-7148.

INSTALLERS
Ironwood Communications Full-time positions for satellite TV installers, Idaho Falls, Twin Falls & surrounding areas. Earn up to \$1000.00/week. Experience preferred, but will train. Must have own truck. Call 206-403-1819. EOE/DF/Fre Workplace.

JOURNEYMAN LINEMAN
Idaho Falls Power has an opening for Journeyman Power Lineman. Performs a variety of jobs on a variety of skilled duties related to installation, maintenance, and repair of transmission and distribution power lines & electrical equipment essential to delivery of electrical utility services. Must have successfully completed a four year apprenticeship. Must be 18+. Journeyman Lineman exam and have a valid CDL. For application contact City Personnel 375 D. Street, Idaho Falls, ID 83402 or call 208-528-1248.

KITCHEN HELP
Twin Falls Center is looking for a PM Tray Aide part-time. Must be dependable, able to work in a fast paced kitchen. Prefer someone with experience in therapeutic diets and sanitation. Will train the right person. 734-2844. Or call Cindy at 734-4284. EOE.

LOGISTICS
Logistics Coordinator to oversee operation of outbound customer orders, both domestic and international. Coordinate shipments, negotiate freight rates, manage shipping records, provide customer service, etc. Must be knowledgeable in computer software in industry with strong computer skills. Send resume with salary requirements to: Glanbia Foods, Inc. 1373 Filmore St. Twin Falls, ID 83301. Email: glanbia@glanbia.com A/E/O/E-Drug Free Workplace.

MAINTENANCE
Internal promotion, Glanbia Foods has immediate opening for a Plant Maintenance Manager in modern cheese & whey plant in Gooding, Idaho. Requires knowledge of all areas of industrial maintenance. Prefer engineering degree or equivalent experience. Glanbia offers a competitive benefit and compensation package including relocation assistance. Send resume with salary requirements to: Glanbia Foods, Inc. 1373 Filmore Street Twin Falls, ID 83301. Email: glanbia@glanbia.com A/E/O/E Drug Free Workplace.

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Horseboot, carbox, salbutamol needed. Find the one of your dreams in the classifieds 733-0993.

JANITORIAL
PT position for floor work, 36-hr. week. Must have application & references. 208-733-5272.

MAINTENANCE
Immediate opening for industrial maintenance technician at modern food plant in Gooding, Idaho. Mechanical & electrical background preferred. Competitive DOE. Very excellent benefit package. Apply in person, 2-4pm, at Glanbia Foods, 1721 Lincoln St. Gooding ID, or call 735-4111 for interview appointment. A/E/O/E-Drug Free Workplace.

MAINTENANCE
Sears Manufacturing Company, accepting applications for full-time maintenance mechanic. Experience in electrical, mechanical, and hydraulic metal fabrications. Wages up to \$15.00/hr. Health, dental, life insurance, vacation, paid holidays, and 401(k) plan. Applications available at: Sears Plant Service Office 2182 S. Lincoln Blvd. Twin Falls, ID 83302. Call 208-340-8101.

MANAGEMENT
Retail management position available for experienced individuals who has previous manager's experience, knowledge of computers and enjoys working with the public. 401k, individual profit sharing, dental and profit sharing. Salary \$1,600-\$2,000. Only by resume to: Manager, PO Box 780, Burley ID 83314.

MANAGER
WANTED
With total annual sales of \$4.7 billion and ranked 46th among Forbes top 500 private companies, Flying J Inc. is the leader in the food, fuel, and hospitality industry. We currently have openings for manager/trainee's in retail convenient store. The successful candidate must have people skills, the ability to learn quickly, and the ability to supervise a large group of people. Retail experience is required and must be able to relocate.

Flying J Inc. offers competitive salaries and excellent benefits. So if your looking for a fast pace and challenging atmosphere Flying J is the answer. If you are a motivated individual with a desire to learn, send resume to: Flying J Inc. Travel Plaza Fax: 324-4097 Attn: Keith

EO/Drug Testing Required
Horseboot, carbox, salbutamol needed. Find the one of your dreams in the classifieds 733-0993.

LABORERS
Residential/Commercial: Glaziers needed. Fast, Glass hiring for nonhern Nevada. EOE/Women/m. Exp. Move bonus, long term employment. Call Alan 715-784-0254 or fax resume to 1-775-331-0644.

MANAGER (WANTED) CONTINENTAL LOANS
A National Finance Corp. Due to rapid expansion we are seeking an ASSISTANT MANAGER JEROME LOCATION We Offer: Paid Vacation Paid Holidays Sick Leave Personal Days Bereavement Leave Paid Health and Life Insurance Dental Benefits Profit Sharing 401k Plan Company will provide all training. Bilingual, plus English/Spanish. Send Resume to: Continental Loans 271 S. Lincoln St. Jerome, ID 83338 Attn: Neils or 208-324-3572 or apply in person

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MANUFACTURING
Sears Manufacturing Company has a current opening for a shift supervisor for our retail convenient operation in Jerome, Idaho. The person we want to hire has manufacturing background and a high degree of mechanical know-how. Must be a hands-on, self-motivated person with motivational skills. A background in plastics manufacturing would also be a plus. In the position, you will be responsible for the daily activities of about 75 employees. If you are quality minded and have a desire to learn, send resume to: Sears Manufacturing Company 2182 South Lincoln St. Jerome, ID 83338 or fax to (208)324-2978. Applications are available at the Plant Security Office.

MANAGER
Manager Trainee
A fortune 200 hundred company is currently interviewing for (2) Career-minded individuals. We Provide: Paid Training Merit Promotion Health & 401k plans for a confidential interview call 800-448-1224

MARKET RESEARCH
DISCOVERIES
Has immediate openings for part-time work (15-30 hrs/week), Night Shift if you are interested in the following: Labor Stock Work Environment. Also a part-time No. of calls to the Office & Market Research. Competitive Wages Incentives. Work Distance from CSI Campus. Starting Time to 10:00 AM. Flexible Scheduling. Please pick up an application at: Research Group 762 Falls Ave. Fax 208-731-6153 For more information call 1-888-253-5480

MARKETING
Marketing Associate growing needs people to join our marketing team. Help develop marketing strategies, work with customers, etc. Must be willing to miscellaneous office. Working on DOE. College education preferred. Send resume & cover letter to: PO 2347 Twin Falls, ID 83303

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That Saturday you placed an ad in the Times-News? Now it's time to come pick up your picture. So you can be a Success Dept today!

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RN's Night Shift 6pm-6am BRIDGEVIEW OFFERS:
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LODGE MANAGER
Mountain Village Resort in Stanley, Idaho has an immediate opening for Lodge Manager. Extensive experience in the Lodging Industry is required. This is a full-time position with excellent benefits. Salary D.O.E. Applicants must have verifiable successful experience with full knowledge of sales building, cost control and personnel management. E.O.E. Apply by resume to: General Manager Mountain Village Resort P.O. Box 156 Stanley, ID 83278 Fax: (208) 774-3647

MISCELLANEOUS
Sun Valley Resort has multiple job openings for seasonal and peak workers from December, 2004 through April, 2005. Please find the positions listed with their Job Order Number.

MAINTENANCE TECH
needed for 30 unit complex in Buhl, 20-30 hours per week. Call 206-343-0740.

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Great Opportunity (Paul, Idaho) Mechanics Needed - Full Benefits Package - Year Round Work - Will Train - Call Today for Immediate Opening Transystems 1027 S. Main St. Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 Fax 208-731-6153 For more information call 1-888-253-5480

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Immediate full-time opening for a journeyman diesel mechanic to work in our service truck shop. Compensation, hourly with overtime. Hourly rates depend on qualifications and experience. Contact: Jackson Trucking P.O. Box 53 Jerome, ID 208-324-3004

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Transmission mechanic needed for a local trucking company. 2 years verifiable transmission experience required. Working on 13-speeds. Wage DOE between offer and counter. PO 2347 Twin Falls, ID 83303

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CHILDREN'S ALPINE INSTRUCTOR, 20 POSITIONS, JOB ORDER NO. 1119786:
Teach children (ages 4-14) in groups and individually how to ski; explain and demonstrate use of ski equipment and skiing techniques; observe students and correct mistakes; explain and enforce safety rules. The position will be subject to rotating shifts ranging from 1 to 6 hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entry level wage \$10/hr. Experience required: Current PSA Level 1 or equivalent required.

SNOWBOARD INSTRUCTOR, 10 POSITIONS, JOB ORDER NO. 1119796:
Teach students, individually and in groups, how to snowboard; explain and demonstrate use of snowboard equipment and snowboarding techniques; observe students and correct mistakes; explain and enforce safety rules. The position will be subject to rotating shifts ranging from 1 to 6 hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entry level wage \$14/hr. Experience required: Current ASA Level I or equivalent required.

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St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center Ultrasound Technologist Flex, float, lodging provided & paid for 1-2 days a week pay cycle. A.D.M.S required. For additional information visit our website www.stlukes.org. EOE/AA/M/F/D/V

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CODER II - Full-time days. RHIA, RHIT or CCS required. Minimum of one to two years experience preferred.
COMPUTER OPERATOR II - HS diploma or equivalent required. In-depth knowledge of Microsoft office products, LAN-based microcomputer and multi-computered multi-user systems required.
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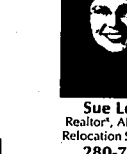
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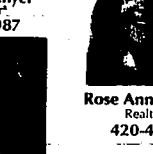
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2 acres family room, 3-bay garage
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Property is 1 full block in Jerome
townsite. Owner will carry
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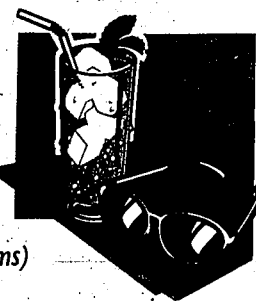
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Come on, what are you afraid of?

Last week, I took a "phobias quiz" on the MSN Web site. I answered about half of the questions correctly, and was told that's "not bad." Most of the time, I guessed.

I mean, who would know that dendrophobia is a fear of trees, or that triskaidekaphobia is a fear of the number 13 - or that people could even suffer from a fear of vegetables, or knees, or peanut butter sticking to the roof of the mouth.



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

But that seems to be the point of phobias. They are "exaggerated, persistent and overpowering fears" that doesn't have to be rational at all. And since the names of the phobias are derived from Greek or Latin, some people can hardly pronounce the names of their fears.

That could be double trouble for someone who suffers from sesquipedalophobia: fear of long words.

We don't have too many phobias in my family. Once, when my daughter was about 4, she suddenly became terrified of going to Pennsylvania on vacation. We were dumfounded until we found out she had misunderstood the word "Pennsylvania" and thought Pennsylvania was where Dracula's castle was.

But I'm not sure that counts as a phobia.

My husband doesn't like spiders and snakes very much, but I never have figured out if he really has a phobia problem or if he just enjoys talking about the old film *King Kong* that began, "I don't like spiders and snakes."

I think my son has a fear of wash machines.

As for me, I fear adventurous expeditions. I think that fear probably dates back to the day when my mother made me believe that I was going to die in the street. I was 16 at the time.

So that probably isn't a phobia. I probably just turned out to be a worrier.

But I've never shot a BB into my eye.

According to all the surveys I've seen, at least half of Americans have going to bed, and 35 million adults are scared enough to be classified as "dentally anxious." This country also has 40 million terrified adults. But I refuse to think about that.

According to the phobia quiz, dentophobia - fear of dentists or dental work - is common.

I once asked a dentist what it felt like to be in a profession that makes everyone avoid you.

Kind of like being a newspaper reporter," he replied.

That's the trouble with dentists. Wounded senses of humor.

Sometimes our phobias can interfere with our dreams. Other times, there may only seem to be connections.

For example, typical dream subjects such as falling an exam, being naked in the presence of strangers or falling through the air may mean one thing to one person and something entirely different to another, dream experts say.

I remember hearing a speaker address a women's group on the subject of fear. Everyone has been taken care of, and all of us have to discover our own best ways to deal with them.

She went on to say that one of the most common fears is that you will find out I really don't know what I'm doing. "The idea is that you will get the \$100,000 job and someone will walk in and say, "He really doesn't know what he's doing."

Wonder if they have a name for that?

I never did decide that the best we can do with all this is to find a good healthy way to relieve the stress.

I once read that sitting and watching an aquarium can lower your blood pressure, and I still recall the day my husband and I bought one.

"Wow, now I'm going to be stress-free and sleep like a baby and have sweet dreams and no phobias for the rest of my life," I told myself. "All because of this aquarium."

I had forgotten that someone has to clean it.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Lots of Americans take a vacation from vacations

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY - He had trouble making himself take a vacation. Then Mike Bevan retired. Now he wrangles 950 trees on his farm here.

Can you spot a workaholic? "The trees are something I do because I want to," said Bevan, 63, a former engineer. "I've learned to take time off."

But it was a struggle.

"There are always plenty of reasons to put off taking vacation," he said. "It seems sometimes like it's more work to catch up on everything when you get back."

Bevan has lots of company. Expedia.com, the online travel service, commissions an annual survey on vacations. The latest showed that the average American worker gives back 1.8 vacation days a year - the equivalent of \$19.5 billion.

But they're not happy about it. Fifty-seven percent of respondents indicated they plan to take all their vacation days this year, in an effort to prioritize rest, relaxation and spending time with loved ones.

"Consumers seem concerned regarding downtime," said Erik Blachford, president of Expedia North America. "While many Americans feel too busy to take vacation, the desire to utilize it has become a top priority."

"Workplace stress can take its toll," said Dorothy Cantor, a New Jersey psychologist, president of the American Psychological Foundation and author of "What Do You Want to Do When You Grow Up?" "In order to maintain a strong state of mental health, the human body needs a release and a source of replenishment. An ideal vacation should eliminate stress, encourage relaxation and provide opportunities for rejuvenation, making the benefits of the experience immensurable."

Robertson, author of "Work to Live" and founder of the Work to Live campaign, which is lobbying Congress to



Mike Bevan bought this tree farm in 1993, growing trees. After two years, though, Bevan decided to grow for and sell to nurseries. He now has nearly 950 trees growing on his property.

mandate a minimum annual vacation, ticks off the toll of failing to go on holiday.

"The average middle income family now works four months more in total hours than they did in 1979," he said.

"Americans work up to 12 weeks more in total hours per year than the Europeans. Half of all U.S. travel is in two or three-day microscopic

trips. Twenty-six percent of Americans take no vacation at all.

"U.S. vacations are the shortest in the industrialized world - 8.1 days after a year on the job, compared to four to six weeks for Europeans. Even the Chinese get three weeks off."

"The cost of overwork is enormous - on bodies, minds, families, soaring health costs, and, yes, even on productivity," Bevan worked for 30 years for Schlumberger, a French oil-field service company. The hours were long and the job stressful, but being away could be even more so, he says.

How flexible is your boss?

American companies that allow vacation to be:

Carried over	63 percent (for salaried employees)
Cashed out	64 percent (for hourly employees)
Bought/sold	15 percent
	10 percent

Source: Hewitt Associates

"Part of it was being afraid that things were going to go to pot while I was gone," he said.

Other common excuses fall into these categories:

- I can't afford to go anywhere.
- I just as well work.
- I'm just too busy.
- I'll lose my job.

"The overwork culture promotes gobs of guilt for anyone who would want to take off more than the bare minimum that their consciences should be able to live with... which is a few long weekends and a week at the 'outside'." Robertson writes in his book, "Besides the guilt, there's fear, fear that tak-

ing all of your vacation time at once will mark you as someone who enjoys not working, which could undercut perception of commitment and work ethic. Summon the firing squad paperwork together in the last decade of his career, but he had to make himself do it.

"You just have to decide that you owe it yourself and your family," he said.

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Who's on vacation?

Estimated average number of paid holidays and vacation days in the private sector, 2000:

Holidays	Vacation days	Total	
All private sector workers	9.4	7.6	14.2
Medium/large workplaces	8.0	10.7	18.7
Small workplaces	5.3	7.3	12.6
Professional/technical	7.6	11.0	18.6
Clerical/sales	6.5	8.9	15.4
Blue collar/service	5.9	7.6	13.5

Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics; Center for Economic Policy Research

Custody rules differ after gay parents split

California court says woman has no parental rights

Los Angeles Times

SAN FRANCISCO - The petite woman in a pin-striped suit recalled the last visit with her 8-year-old twin daughters. It had been months since she had seen the girls, and a court had just ruled that she had no legal right ever to be with them again.

"I told my girls they needed to know that every moment of the day, every minute of every hour, they are in my mind and they are in my heart," said the 42-year-old Marin County resident, her face wet with tears.

Known in court papers only as K.M., the woman is the girls' genetic mother. She could not protect a child because of a diseased uterus; her partner, a woman known in court as E.G., was infertile. K.M. donated her eggs to her partner. Using a sperm donor, her partner conceived, and the women raised the twins together for five years.

Three years ago, the couple split up. K.M. says her former partner no longer allows her to see or talk to the girls. Courts have ruled that K.M. has the legal status of an egg donor and no parental rights, in part because she signed a standard donor form at the fertility clinic.

The case, which K.M. has appealed to the California Supreme Court, is one of a growing number around the United States in which new reproductive technologies and nontraditional families collide with old legal principles.

Though courts often stretch to give children both a legal father and a legal mother, the formulas for deciding parent-hood frequently do not fit the realities of same-sex couples.



Kim Mazucca sits on the bed of one of her two children who used to live with her and her partner. Now Mazucca is in a child custody battle with her former female partner.

"When you read the legal cases," said Deborah Wald, a family-law attorney in San Francisco, "what becomes crystal clear is that children of same-sex couples aren't entitled to the same level of protection as children of opposite-sex couples."

Opponents of same-sex marriage find that entirely appropriate. Court battles between gay parents show why couples of the same gender should not have children, they say.

"Every child needs a mom and a dad," Dale Schowenger, a staff lawyer for the Alliance Defense Fund, which wages legal battles promoting traditional religious views. "Every male couple deprives a child of a mom; every female couple deprives a child of a dad."

But advocates for gay couples say changes in technology and family structures make those arguments out of date. The last census found about 27,000 households in the state where children were being reared by parents of the same gender. Technology now allows two

women to become the natural mothers of a child, two men to mix their sperm and create a baby with a donated egg and a hired surrogate.

"Neither the Legislature nor the courts are keeping up at all with the changes," Wald said.

In ruling against K.M., a Court of Appeal in San Francisco conceded that the decision would have "harsh consequences" for the children.

"There is no dispute that K.M. acted as an affectionate mother to the girls, and that the girls are emotionally attached to her," the judges said, while maintaining that the law left them no choice.

Expanding the legal definition of a parent could allow others - child care providers and relatives or friends of a child, for example - to seek parental status, courts have said.

Functioning as a parent does not bestow legal status as a parent, the appeals court ruled in K.M.'s case.

The law in California is changing. Under a new statute that will take effect next year, same-sex couples who are reg-

istered with the state as domestic partners will both be legal parents to children born into their households. That law will not affect children born before Jan. 1, 2005.

Same-sex couples who already have children can ensure parental rights using other legal processes, including adoption. But until recently, some courts in California refused to let same-sex couples employ adoption procedures, Wald said. Moreover, she said, many couples never go through the formalities.

"I actually think it is not all that uncommon for people to never get around to getting their legal paperwork together in many areas of their life," she said.

Courts in several other states have granted custody or visitation rights to nonbiological parents who had not adopted. Recently, in the first decision of its kind in California, a Court of Appeal in Los Angeles ruled that a woman might be entitled to some parental rights over her former lesbian partner's objections if she could show that she had treated the partner's child as her own.

Despite that ruling, most lawyers say adoptions remain the safest route for same-sex couples. "If you don't do a second-parent adoption in California, the other mom can be completely cut off from her child and the child cut off from somebody she completely considers her parent," said Nancy Polikoff, a professor at the American University Law School in Washington, D.C.

Now, two cases - K.M.'s quest for shared parental rights and an effort by El Dorado County to force a woman to pay child support to her former partner - could change the entire state approach. The state Supreme Court is expected to decide later this summer whether to consider the cases.

Make a splash with these games of summer

The dog days of summer are here, but you don't have to let the heat keep you trapped indoors with the air conditioner blasting. It's summertime, baby, every day should be a celebration. Get outside and have some fun with these games, which will keep you cool and active.

The big bounce

You need: A jump rope, cups for each player and water. Fill each cup with water. One at a time with their cups in hand, players must jump rope and complete three consecutive skips before jumping out.

Once everyone has finished their task, players hold up their cups. The jumper with the most water left wins the game.

Jump rope relay

You need: The same equipment as above.

Divide the players into teams and fill one cup for each team. Holding her team's cup, the first player jumps into the turning rope and skips at least three times. Then, she must call in another teammate by singing this rhyme: "Water in the cup, splashing all about, jump in (teammate's name), and help me out." After the second child jumps in, the first player passes her the cup and then jumps out. The second player calls in the next person and so forth until all the teammates have had a chance to jump while holding the cup. Then, it's the second team's turn. The team that has the most water in its cup wins.

Source: Kansas City Star

FAMILY LIFE

ANNIVERSARIES

THE MCCARTHY'S

GOODING - Robert and Pat McCarthy of Gooding will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary on Tuesday, Aug. 16. The couple was married Aug. 10, 1951, in Salt Lake City, Utah. They have lived in Gooding since 1971, where they farmed and raised horses. She has worked at Beacon Bean Company and Painter's IGA and currently is working for the Gooding School District.

The couple has three children: Johnnie (Timothy) McCarthy of Emmett, Kathy (Kent) Benson of Murrain and Joe McCarthy of Gooding. They have 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

THE COUCHES

BURLEY - Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Couch of Burley will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Best Western Burley Inn, 800 N. Overland Ave., Burley. The family requests no gifts.

Couch and Delores Lott were married Aug. 10, 1954, at the home of Jack and Mable Lott. They have six children, 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

THE JACOBSENS

TWIN FALLS - Bill and Maurine Jacobsen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a surprise holiday in Salt Lake City. They were later joined by their family for dinner at the Reef restaurant.

They were married June 16, 1954, in the LDS Temple in Logan, Utah.

After graduating from Utah State University, they moved to Virginia for an office-training (post ROTC) at Arlington. Upon finishing, they moved to Twin Falls, where he had accepted a teaching position in the Industrial Arts Department at Twin Falls High School. She enjoyed teaching piano lessons to many students in the valley.

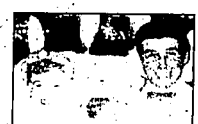
They raised their six children plus two foster children in Twin Falls. She received her registered nursing degree from the College of Southern Idaho in 1987. She worked in the neonatal intensive care unit at Magic Valley Regional Hospital until retiring in 1997. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1988 with the rank of full colonel. In 1990, he retired from teaching in the public school system, although he does continue to occasionally teach at CSI.



Robert and Pat McCarthy



Sherman and Delores Couch



Bill and Maurine Jacobsen



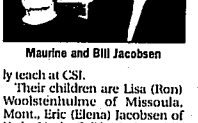
Maurine and Bill Jacobsen



Jenna Lee and Darl Gled



Jennifer and Darl Gled



Catherine Hallam and Joshua Rudolph

THE GLEEDS

MALAD - Mr. and Mrs. Darl S. Gled, formerly of Twin Falls, were honored at a private party for their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated with family members on Aug. 6 at a family vacation home in Star Valley, Wyo.

Gled and Jenna Lee Hassell were married Aug. 6, 1954, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. They have lived in Idaho, New Mexico, California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Utah, Hawaii and Arizona.

He has had a long career with the Boy Scouts of America. He served in Twin Falls Area Council from 1980 to 1975. He retired from scouting in 2000 and they now reside in Malad. She continues her life career as a homemaker.

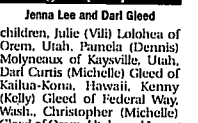
They have been active in many civic and community organizations including: Twin Falls Rotary Club, United Way and community advisory boards. They are active members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and have served in various ward and stake leadership positions. The event was hosted by their children, Julie (Vili) Lolohua of Orem, Utah, Pamela (Dennis) Molyneux of Kaysville, Utah, Darl Curtis (Michelle) Gled of Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, Kenny (Kathy) Gled of Federal Way, Wash., Christopher (Michelle) Gled of Orem, Utah, and Jason (Deanna) Gled of Minneapolis, Minn.



Jenna Lee and Darl Gled



Jennifer and Darl Gled



Catherine Hallam and Joshua Rudolph

The couple has 26 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren with one on the way.

ENGAGEMENT

HALLAM-RUDOLPH

HAZLETON - Pastors Walter and Cindy Hallam of Dickinson, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine DiAnn Hallam, to Joshua Adam Rudolph, son of Rod and Becky Rudolph of Hazelton.

Hallam will graduate from the University of Houston in December. Rudolph is a graduate of Valley High School and Abundant Life School of Ministry in La Marque, Texas.

They are employed as youth pastors at Abundant Life Christian Center in La Marque.



Catherine Hallam and Joshua Rudolph

A reception will be held following the ceremony at The Manor House in Houston, Texas.

WEDDINGS

MERRILL-YOUNG

ALBION - Katie Jane Merrill and Jeremy L. Young were married Aug. 7 in the Logan Temple. The bride is the daughter of Clair and Kathy Merrill of Smithfield, Utah.

The bridegroom is the son of Lamont and Pam Young of Albion.

The bride is a 2001 graduate of Skyview High School in Logan, Utah. She has been attending Utah State University, where she is majoring in social work.

The bridegroom is a 1998 graduate of Declo High School. He served a two-year LDS mission to La Paz, Bolivia. He graduated from Utah State University in May 2004 with a degree in secondary education for mathematics. The couple will reside in Logan, while she continues her education. He will be teaching at Bear River High School in Tremonton, Utah.



Jeremy and Katie Young

A reception to honor the couple was held Aug. 7 in Smithfield. A reception also will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at the Young residence, 1024 E. 900 S., Albion.

BEER-DOUD

FAIRFIELD - Barbara Jane Beer and Manuel C. Doud III were married June 12 in an outdoor ceremony at Soldier Mountain Ranch and Resort in Fairfield.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Deanna Beer of Wendell.

The groom is the son of Diane and Manuel C. Doud Jr. of North Platte, Neb., and Craig and Dell Bates of Gause, Texas.

Attendants to the bride were Amy Beer of Wendell and Sarah White of Bergen, N.Y., sisters of the bride, and Jessica Hernandez of Santee, Calif., sister of the groom.

Shil Malaya of Twin Falls, friend of the bride, was flower girl.

Attendants to the groom were Wes-Brewer of Lamoni, Calif., brother of the groom, and Manuel Doud Jr., father of the groom.

Escorts were Todd Dains of Gooding and Thad Whitesell of Twin Falls, cousins of the bride, and Joey Hernandez of Santee, Calif., brother-in-law of the groom.

Ringbearer was Kash Young of Twin Falls, grand-nephew of the bride. Special guests included Bethah Dains of Gooding and Wilma Routh of Wendell, grandmothers of the bride, and Manuel and Pat Doud of Rockdale, Texas, grand-parents of the groom.

The Rev. Leslie Tellez of the Illegerman Christian Center officiated the ceremony.



Barbara and Manuel Doud

A reception in the lodge was held following the ceremony. Music for the ceremony and reception was performed by Mark Hansen of Fairfield.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Wendell High School. She attended the College of Southern Idaho for one year and then joined the Navy in July 2001. She was stationed on the USS Nimitz during an eight-month deployment in the Persian Gulf in 2003. She is currently stationed at Camp Pendleton in California on his second tour of duty with the Marines.

After a honeymoon traveling the West and Midwest, the couple will reside in Santee, Calif., until they have completed their enlistments with the military.

ENGAGEMENTS

STORY-MARTENS

BURLEY - Larry and Karen Story of Paul announce the engagement of their daughter, Kay Story, to John Martens of Paul and Gail Martens of Burley.

The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at Sweetheart Manor in Burley. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 12 at Sweetheart Manor.



Kay Story and John Martens

DIXON-SUTHERLAND

JEROME - Paul and Wendy Dixon of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Heidi Dixon, to Brandon Kent Sutherland, son of Debbie Jansen of Boise and Kent Sutherland of Utah.

Dixon is a graduate of Jerome High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho. She currently is residing and working in Boise.

Sutherland is a graduate of Capital High School in Boise and will graduate from Boise State University in the spring. The wedding is planned for Friday, Aug. 13, at the Idaho Botanical Gardens in Boise. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Jerome 7th Ward LDS Church, 100 S. 50 E.



Brandon Sutherland and Heidi Dixon

WASDEN-CRAFTON

RUPERT - Lawrence and Tracey Wasden of Nampa announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Camille Wasden, to Curtis Lee Crafton, son of Bryan and Leslie Crafton of Rupert.

Wasden is a 2002 graduate of Brigham Young University-Idaho and Boise State University pursuing a nursing career. She is employed by the American Heart Association in Boise.

Crafton is a 2000 graduate of Minico High School in Rupert. At the conclusion of his freshman year at Albion College of Idaho, he served a two-year mission for the LDS Church in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. He is a music major at Albion College and host at the Olive Garden.

The wedding is planned for Friday, Aug. 13, in the Boise LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 13 at the Triple Farm, 59 N. Happy Valley, Nampa. A reception also will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Acacia LDS Church, 20403 5th St.



Curtis Crafton and Ashley Wasden

GILLETT-NESTLER

DECLO - Dan and Carolyn Gillett of Declo announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie Gillett, to Kirk John Nestler, son of Paul and Carla Nestler of Pocatello.

Gillett is a graduate of Burley High School and Idaho State University. She will be attending graduate school at ISU.

Nestler is a graduate of Pocatello High School and ISU. He is employed at the Bureau of Land Management fighting fires.

The wedding is planned for Friday, Aug. 13, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Gillett residence.



Lisa Gillett and Kirk Nestler

ENGAGEMENT

STARK-HUMPHRIES

KIMBERLY - Gary and Diane Stark of Nampa announce the engagement of their daughter, Koriel Marie Stark, to Bill Humphries, son of Max and Darla Humphries of Kimberly.

Stark is a 2002 graduate of Kuna High School in Kuna and a 2004 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She will continue her education at Idaho State University. She is employed at Tomato's Italian Grill in Twin Falls.

Humphries is a 2000 graduate of Kimberly High School. He served a mission from 2001 to 2003 in the Georgia Atlanta Spanish-speaking Mission. He is attending ISU in Pocatello and is employed at Tomato's Italian Grill in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Thursday, Aug. 12, in the Boise LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at the residence of Max Humphries Sr., 3926 N. 3600 E., Kimberly.



Koriel Stark and Bill Humphries

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EVENT	DATE & TIME	LOCATION
Pinechile Assisted Living Walk	August 26 - 1 p.m.	Twin Falls Senior Center
Half Marathon: 10k, 5k	August 21 - 8 a.m.	Miracle Hot Springs/Iwy 30
Party Bridge	August 25 - 6 p.m.	Twin Falls Bridge Center
Duplicate Bridge	August 26 - 7 p.m.	Bowladrome
Bowling	August 26-29	YMCA/City Pool
Bocce	August 28 - 10 a.m.	YMCA/City Pool
Water Aerobics	August 28 - 11 a.m.	YMCA/City Pool
Artistic Water Aquatics	August 28 - 10 a.m.	Twin Falls High School Track
Track and Field	August 28 - 8:30 a.m.	YMCA/City Pool
Swimming	August 28 - 12:30 p.m.	YMCA/CITY POOL
PNIC	August 29 - 8:30 a.m.	Clear Lakes Country Club - Buhl
Golf	August 29 - 9 a.m.	Twin Falls High School Courts
Bicycle	August 28 - 8 a.m.	
Tennis	August 28 - 8 a.m.	

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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.
Burgin Center will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Menus:
Monday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, peas, carrots, bread, melon bowl
Tuesday: Ham with pineapple, scalloped potatoes, corn, sliced tomatoes, bread, cream puffs
Wednesday: Turkey, potatoes and gravy, yams w/ fruit, veggies, green salad, cranberry roll
Thursday: Hawaiian chicken, six salads, fresh fruit, rice cream
Friday: Ground bread stroganoff, broccoli and cauliflower, Jell-O salad, green salad, muffin
Activities:
Tuesday: Quilting
NO exercise
Wednesday: Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure
Thursday: Quilting
Elk's Card Club
Foot clinic
Jackpot trip
NO exercise
Friday: Hawaiian luau, wear Hawaiian clothing
Gem State Fiddlers
Pinocle
Friday: Quilting, Blood pressure
Lunch bingo
NO exercise
Saturday: Super bingo

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl
Today: Fried chicken dinner
Monday: Deli sandwich, pasta salad, fruit, pudding, coffee
Tuesday: Lemon pepper cod, scrambled potatoes, colelaw, creambrad, apricots, peanut butter cookie
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Swiss steak, potatoes and gravy, green beans, colelaw, peaches, angel biscuits, birthday cake
Activities:
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m. Seniors, \$4, under age 60, \$4.50.
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Cards, 6-9 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Crafts, 1-4 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Blood pressure, 11:45 a.m.
Birthday dinner, noon
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

Flier 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.
Menus:
Tuesday: Hot beef sandwich and gravy
Thursday: Chef's salad

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
Menus:
Monday: Finger steaks, french fries, green beans, pickled beets, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Meat loaf, potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit medley, carrot cake
Wednesday: Ham, scalloped potatoes, sweet potatoes, Jell-O fruit, cream puffs
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy, hashbrowns, fruit, zucchini bread
Friday: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, corn, under the sea salad, sherbert
Activities:
Tuesday: Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pinocle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Foot clinic and blood pressure
Friday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly
Menus:
Monday: Ham, potato casserole, creamed peas, Jell-O bread and butter, lemon pudding, cookie
Tuesday: Roast pork, potatoes and gravy, green beans, chocolate pudding
Friday: Potato bar w/ trimmings, rolls and butter, pudding, fruit
Activities:
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bingo, 11:55 p.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Gooding City Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.
Menus:
Monday: Turkey casserole, peas and carrots, Jell-O salad, bread, muffin
Tuesday: Hamburgers, fries, baked beans, collardw, dessert
Wednesday: Liver and onions, potatoes and gravy, peas, fruit salad, bread, peas
Thursday: Baked chicken, potatoes and gravy, spinach, pasta
Activities:
Monday: Pool, 9 a.m.
Pinocle, 12:30 p.m.
Fuduck in Glenns Ferry, 5 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Art guild, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11 a.m.
Hearing clinic, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Medicare info. w/ Senator Crapo, 12:30 p.m.
FPS, 4 p.m.
Pinocle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1:30 p.m.
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.
Menus:
Monday: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, green salad, dessert
Wednesday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, cottage cheese w/ peas, blueberry pie
Friday: Soup and sandwiches, dessert
Eden
Suggested donations for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Wednesdays are cookie and bread bake days and Tuesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.
Menus:
Tuesday: Barbecue chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, colelaw, fruit
Thursday: Sweet and sour pork, rice, cottage cheese, broccoli, peas, pears
Activities:
Wednesday: Bake Day Bingo, 7 p.m.
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7:30-11 a.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden
Suggested donations for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Wednesdays are cookie and bread bake days and Tuesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.
Menus:
Tuesday: Barbecue chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, colelaw, fruit
Thursday: Sweet and sour pork, rice, cottage cheese, broccoli, peas, pears
Activities:
Wednesday: Bake Day Bingo, 7 p.m.
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7:30-11 a.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizen, Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menus:
Tuesday: Pizza, salad, apple sauce, peanut butter cookies
Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich, lime Jell-O vegetable salad, lemon pie
Friday: Ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, homemade rolls, rice custard
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: Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early-bird bingo, 6:30 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Friday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Blaire County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey
Tuesday: Meatloaf w/ tomato gravy, mashed potatoes, biscuits, green beans, summer salad, Ben's chocolate cake
Wednesday: Salad bar w/ Idaho baked potato soup, Texas cheese toast, peach salad, ever cookies
Friday: Roast beef w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, colelaw, strawberry fluff salad, hot rolls, carrots, apple pie
Activities:
Tuesday: Symphony, 5:15 p.m.
Monday: Redfish picnic, 10 a.m.
Symphony, 5:15 p.m.
Tuesday: BR, 1:30 a.m.
Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Fire safety, 3 p.m.
Symphony, 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday: Development committee, 6:30 a.m.
Board, 9:30 a.m.
Symphony, 5:15 p.m.
Thursday: Accred. Co., 10 a.m.
Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday: Three mile crossing winery and museum, 9 a.m.
Symphony, 5:15 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menus:
Monday: Sausage gravy and biscuits, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, chocolate cake
Tuesday: Hamburgers, potato soup, peach cobbler
Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Menus:
Monday: Salad, spaghetti, veggies, garlic toast, fruit
Tuesday: Bean salad, meat loaf, mashed potatoes, biscuit, ice cream
Wednesday: Salad, baked potato bar, broccoli, Texas toast, fruit cup
Thursday: Pea salad, baked ham, oven broiled, veggies, rolls, pudding
Friday: Smogasbord
Activities:
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinocle, 1-4 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pinocle, 1-4 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
SHIBA assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinocle, 1-4 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7 a.m. to noon
Yard sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday: Jackpot trip, bus leaves Rupert center at 10 a.m. Cost is \$10

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley
Menus:
Monday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, carrots, salad, roll, cherry cobbler
Tuesday: Ham and bean soup, corn bread, colelaw, peaches, ice cream
Wednesday: Birthday/anniversary dinner
Thursday: Lasagna, green salad, sugar snap peas, fruit, brownies
Friday: Beefy stir fry, rice, mixed veggies, roll, peach cobbler
Activities:
Monday: All play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Board meeting
Blood pressure
Tuesday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Dance, 10 a.m.
Woodcarving class, 8 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Hearing aid assistance, 11 a.m.
Organ lessons
Night pinocle, 7 p.m.
Friday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Sunday Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams
DO WHAT TO WHOM By Anabel Michaels, Williamsburg, Virginia

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33 Cold-dried process
37 Mammals
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41 Root to Roman
42 Temperamental
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44 Limerick
48 Times in "The Firm"
49 Meas. base
50 Sphere
51 Ruler
54 Trebek or Karas
57 123
58 Shake
62 By way of
63 Best singer
67 Duke's wife
68 Spotted wildcat
70 Turn left
71 In style of
73 Bridge across the Grand Canal
74 "An Officer and a Gentleman"
76 Probe Mt.
77 Zimniran
79 NY stock setting
80 Overwhelming
82 Rights grp.
83 Many millennia
84 Summers in Celsius
86 Entrepreneur anding grp.
87 Internal address letters
88 In - day and - age
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95 Of bees
97 Part of F.R.S.A.
100 Hoosier
102 president
105 Discipline
108 Adventures
109 Model Chevy
110 Warlike
112 Org. of Couples
113 Love
114 Allison's aunt
115 Rust, e.g.
116 Barnmouth
117 Stoker's friend
118 Graphic eliminator
125 Enslavement
126 Captain of clowns
128 Captain of
129 Lacey
127 Gay Nineties
128 Maturity
129 Mating equipment mtr
2 Part of NYC
3 Many of "Where Eagles Dare"
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6 Gray and Candler
7 Hall's crown?
8 Kavan di "Kojak"
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12 Antis rep.
13 Ohio, e.g.
14 Temper
15 Stecker
16 Nouveaux riches
17 Boring tool
18 Front of view
19 Conds
24 Estrada and Sate
26 NASA orbiter
28 Tax mtr.
31 Weekly abbr.
32 Gardner's tool
33 Almont
34 Seven, to Venus
35 Chilled
36 That lady
39 Promade
40 Melville work
45 Welsh actor lover
46 Bolser's lover
47 Annual cycles
48 Baines jumps
49 Angry fowl
51 Angler's tool
52 Book-jacket copy
54 Highest points
55 Winner of the French Open
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58 Word of disgust
59 Abrupt transitions
60 Crisp toast
61 Elche's medium
62 Outer South African component
65 Rank and Dix
66 Nasser's first name
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77 Remove one's
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99 Hospital pros
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117 Jeff Davis
118 U.K. tel book
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120 - as directed
121 Some NFL linemen
122 Ninnywham

Aries should visit community barbeque

IF AUGUST 8 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY you can stop and smell the roses, as ambition has been your middle name for a long time. This is the king of birthday when traditional gifts prevail, which is usually just fine with the king or queen of the jungle.

but remember to get a receipt for your taxes.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you are on a budget, beware of impulsive spending. Be as sincere as possible, but honor the values of others. They may not share your beliefs.

Find the rest of the horoscopes on Page E5.

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Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders
TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Being straightforward will help maintain the peace. A touch of extravagance may be in the air, so think twice before purchasing.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Intimate relationships require major TLC. Partners might want proof of your affection in material ways, so provide little luxuries.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): You might not be in the mood for socializing, but are more than willing to go along for the ride with a congenial partner.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 23): If you are trying to start a diet, too many temptations can hinder your plan. Indulgence is the keyword today, so relax and enjoy yourself.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your finesse in social situations helps you avoid controversy. Make donations to charities.

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COMMUNITY

Community Editor: Pat Marzantonia - 735-3288

Castleford library grew out of love of reading

By Pat Marzantonia
Times-News writer

CASTLEFORD — Rena Holderreed loved reading so much she started a library. Like the town, the Castleford Lending Library is small. In fact, it's only open once a month. There's no check out — only the honor system. Everything is donated. From the books to the shelves to the note cards on which information about each book is written. Everyone who works there is a volunteer.

Holderreed doesn't know how many books there are. She only wants people to read them. "I would like to encourage people to read," she said.

The 3-year-old library is right on the town's quiet main street, its location in the Red Barrel building easily found because of a red barrel over the door. The community center is owned by the Castleford Men's Club, a civic organization, which meets there.

"They have generously given me this corner," Holderreed said.

The library started with a few shelves of books and expanded, and Holderreed is proud of what they have. She sorts out sections of classics, fiction, self-help, children and young adult books. Westerns and Danielle Steele seem to be the most popular.

More books are in boxes ready for sorting.

"They're all donated, isn't that wonderful?" said Holderreed's sister, Dorothy Chesterfield, one of the eight volunteers.

Her favorite books are mysteries, said Holderreed, a retired hospital respiratory therapy department manager. "I've probably read every Danielle Steele," Chesterfield added.

"I love books and libraries and I've wanted to do this," said Holderreed about why she started the library. She collected books, and the first year did everything by herself. Then came more help.

"This library wouldn't be open if I didn't have the friends of the library," she said.

One friend is Beverly Gandiaga, who calls it a plus for the community.

"Because it is a free library and there are so many good books in there for all ages," she said. "It's well worth it."

"In 85 years old and it makes me feel like I'm still doing something," Chesterfield said about



Above, left, Rena Holderreed and pet, Buffy, are outside the Castleford Lending Library that Holderreed founded.

Above, right, Buffy makes himself at home near the books, all of which were donated.

Below, the library takes up a corner of the Red Barrel community center and has grown from just a few shelves. With Rena Holderreed is her sister, Dorothy Chesterfield, who also volunteers there.



PAT MARZANTONIA/The Times-News



her work there. Holderreed hopes the library continues to grow and perhaps, someday, even offers after-school and summer reading programs for children. The closest public library is in Buhl, about 15 miles away. The Castleford School library doesn't have summer hours,

but may be open if a community members have a need, principal Andy Wiseman reported. "The only disappointment to the volunteers is that the Castleford library isn't used as much as they would like. I hope that people aren't taking advantage of this

opportunity," said Gandiaga, who actively recruits people to visit. "I've collared people to come in." But it is rewarding when the books are read, especially by children, the volunteers say. "I think it's fun," Rena Holderreed said about the library she started. "It's small."

If you go
The Castleford Lending Library is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information, to donate or volunteer, call Rena Holderreed at 543-9203.

EVENTS

Local restaurant offers sushi course

TWIN FALLS — Rudy's, A Cook's Paradise, will have Honor Roll Sushi chef and owner Scott Clapsadle teach the secrets of making sushi rolls, techniques for making maki rolls at home and how to choose the best fish, proper vegetable preparation and time-saving tips.

The course will be held from 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at Rudy's, 147 Main Ave. W. The cost is \$35.

The menu will include an assortment of maki rolls, including California rolls, spicy tuna rolls, caterpillar rolls, decorative panna, rolls with sambal cream cheese, tobiko rolls, sashimi and, if time allows, nigiri sushi.

Clapsadle was a sous chef in Wyoming for several years and worked at a bed and breakfast in Ireland for six months. He settled in Boise, where he learned about sushi displays. He opened Honor Roll Sushi in October 2002, and his sushi is sold in Boise stores.

For more information, call Rudy's at 733-5477 or visit Clapsadle's website at www.honorroll.com.

M.V. Rose Society learns to grow quality roses

TWIN FALLS — The Magie Valley Rose Society will have a general meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E.

The society will hear from Daron Olsen, who will present the program "How to Grow Quality Roses."

For more information, call 733-4696.

Author speaks on detective novel

KETCHUM — Author Judith Freeman will discuss "The Real long Goodbye: The Unconventional Marriage of Raymond and Chas Chandler."

The discussion will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at the Community Library, 415 N. Spruce Ave. in Ketchum. Raymond Chandler was a Los Angeles detective novelist who married a woman 10 years older. She had been a nude model and, eventually, a screen actress. She lived reclusively but had a dramatic effect on Chandler's life and work.

For more information, call Crystal Thurston at 788-4489.

Schrock celebrates 90th birthday on Aug. 14

TWIN FALLS — Virginia Olson Schrock will celebrate her 90th birthday at a reception from 3:30-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, 2004, in the great room at the Bridgview Estates, 1828 Bridgview Drive.

Schrock was born Aug. 14, 1914, in Edmonds, Wash., to Carl and Anna Olson. She attended school in Paul and graduated with a teaching degree from the University of Idaho Normal College. In 1938 she married Carl Schrock.

They lived and raised their four children "on a farm in the Emerson district. Virginia retired after teaching in 1979. She then moved to the Bridgview Estates a year after Carl's death in 2001. That is where she resides today.

Her four children are Eleanor Stammerjorn of Twin Falls; Sylvia Junker, deceased; Bruce (Sharon) Schrock of Bellevue and Teresa (Rob) Romans of Pollock, S.D. She has nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Her surviving children are hosting the celebration.

The family requests no gifts.

Class of '59 hosts Minico memory walk

RUPERT — The Minico High School class of 1959 is hosting a memory walk through Minico High School at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, for members of the 1956-60 classes.

This will include a tour of the school and visiting, followed by a no-host pizza party at Doco Pizzeria on the north side of the square in Rupert.

For more information, call 426-3902.

STORK REPORT

Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

Lilly Kakal Avila, daughter of Teresa Verdugo-Orris of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, July 21, 2004.

Killian Archer Mitchell, son of Jeannette Star and Wayne Dean Mitchell of Kimberly, was born Thursday, July 22, 2004.

Joseph Lee McDaniel, son of Christina Arlene Prince of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, July 27, 2004.

Izek Mykal Ortega, son of Crystal Marie Miller and Jose Guadalupe Ortega of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, July 27, 2004. Kaleigh Mar Fox, daughter of Roseanna Marie and Dustin Jay Fox of Wendell, was born Thursday, July 29, 2004.

Jared Vaughn Livingston, son of Sarah Marie and Eric Vaughn Livingston of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, July 29, 2004. Tianna Cheyenne Meyer, daughter of Virginia Lynn and Matthew Glen Meyer of Buhl, was born Thursday, July 29, 2004.

Elliot Andrew Pastoor, son of Jennie Leanne and Edward Neal Pastoor II of Hollister, was born Thursday, July 29, 2004.

Erle Jesus Chavez, son of Maria Guadalupe Ramirez and Eric Simom Chavez of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, July 29, 2004.

Samuel Larson Robinson, son of Melissa Ann and Darren T.

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Robinson of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, July 29, 2004.

Halle Lynn Endres, daughter of Kenna Lee and Justin Kirby Endres of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, July 31, 2004.

Levi Richard Nelson, son of Shelly and Bradley Cecil Nelson of Burley, was born Saturday, July 31, 2004. Connor Michael Winskyr Henning, daughter of Marinda Elizabeth and Andrew Michael Henning of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, July 31, 2004.

Dorothy Sarra Dalster, daughter of Nikke Sue and Miles Edwin Dalster of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004.

Keyra Lynn Hepworth, daughter of Christie Lynn and David Curtis Hepworth of Jerome, was born Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004.

Alexandria, Michelle Madris, daughter of Army Lynn Madris and Angel Adolfo Madrid of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004.

Dustin David Buhler, son of Dawn Darlene and Jacob Howard Buhler of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004.

Ethan John Gould, son of Jennifer Lynn and Kenneth John Gould of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Aug. 2, 2004.

Ismael Ivan Nedzelsky, son of Juanita Ramos Rosa and Frank Del Angel Nedzelsky of Buhl, was born Monday, Aug. 2, 2004.

Bryson Curtis Geiger, son of Carrie Ann Geiger of Buhl, was born Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2004.

Lilly Mae Eldredge, daughter of Tanya Lee and Cody Lynn Eldredge of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2004.

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

George Tanner Whittaker, son of George and Jodi Whittaker of Jerome, was born Tuesday, July 20, 2004.

Jenicca Darlynee Spencer, daughter of Cleo and Nicole Spencer of Gooding, was born Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2004.

Isaac Isalah Artzmetndi, son of Israel Artzmetndi and Tiffany Behrens of Twin Falls, was born Friday, July 23, 2004.

Alexis Louie Beckman, daughter of Terry Beckman and Kylie Fiqua of Jerome, was born Tuesday, July 27, 2004.

Brianna Rosa Santa Maria, daughter of Genaro and Rebecca Santa Maria of Jerome, was born Saturday, July 31, 2004.

Kramer graduates from Air Force Academy

Air Force Cadet Kelly A. Kramer has graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., with a Bachelor of Science and was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Kramer received a degree in physics with an emphasis in space with a minor in math. She is the daughter of Rick and Beth Kramer of Twin Falls. She graduated from Twin Falls High School in 2000.

Schumacher graduates from engineer course

Navy Lt. J. G. Johannah G. Schumacher, daughter of Daryl and Don Schumacher of Elko, Nev., graduated from the Advanced Steam Chief Engineer course at Surface Warfare Officer School, Newport, R.I.

During the six-week course, Schumacher received instruction on steam engineering theory, systems, operations, casualty control and administration programs. Students are also trained for drill scenarios and watch standing responsibilities with the use of sophisticated training equipment, such as the non-operational steam engineering boiler room, engine room and auxiliary rooms, which includes multi-level access and equipment to provide the most realistic training experience.

The course culminates in an oral board in which students must demonstrate their understanding of system drawings, theory and integrated plant operations. Schumacher is a 1996 graduate of Elko High School and joined the Navy in May 2001. She is a 2001 graduate of U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., with a Bachelor of Science.

Darrell graduates as noncommissioned officer

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Cory J. Darrell has graduated from the Air Force Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Fla.

The graduate received instruction in advanced military leadership management theories and responsibilities, oral and written communications skills and physical fitness fundamentals. The noncommissioned officer performed as a supervisor to learn behavior concepts, problem solving and counseling techniques relative to the Air Force mission and organization.

The sergeant learned to orient new service members in the principles, practices and tools necessary to function in the Air Force.

Darrell is a quality assurance superintendent assigned to the 16th Electronic Warfare Squadron, Elgin Air Force Base, Valparaiso, Fla.

He is the son of Jack N. and Lorena M. Darrell of Buhl and a 1991 graduate of Buhl High School.

Azevedo is deployed with strike group

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Hello R. Azevedo, son of Maria F. Azevedo of Buhl and Antonio H. Azevedo of Filer, and more than 2,100 Marines and sailors assigned to the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) recently deployed with the Belleau Wood Expeditionary Strike Group to the Western Pacific and Central Command area in support of the war on terrorism, the Army reported.

Azevedo's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment.

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Now hear this: Cleaning your pet's ears contributes to good health

Have you noticed your dog shaking its head, scratching at its ears or holding its head a little funny? It probably has an ear infection or a foreign body inside the ear. In fact, just a couple of weeks ago my golden retriever, Shakira, was shaking her head and holding her ear cocked to the side as if she had a cheat grass awn (the thing that's shaped like a tiny, tan badminton birdie and sticks in your socks when you're on a hike) removed from her ear under anesthesia.

Other times, ear problems can be more subtle. Next time you whisper a sweet nothing in your pet's ear, do a little sniffing. A "funny" sour odor is a sign that your best friend might have an ear infection. While you're at it, pick up those earflaps and give a quick look under the hood. Redness, a discharge and a waxy buildup are other indications of a possible problem that should be looked at by your veterinarian.



THE BOND
Marty Becker

Unfortunately, the same deep ear canal that contributes to your dog's excellent sense of hearing can also provide a fertile breeding ground for mites, yeast and yeast. This is especially true if your pet is a long-eared breed like a cocker spaniel or basset hound. Those long silky flaps look adorable, but they also block the flow of air to your dog's ear, creating the kind of warm moist environment that harmful microorganisms just love.

It doesn't matter what kind of dog you have, an at-home ear inspection should be part of your weekly pet care routine. Left untreated ear infections can lead to serious problems such as debilitating pain and permanent hearing loss.

At the recent American Veterinary Medical Association meeting in Philadelphia, PA, Dr. Craig Griffin of Animal Dermatology Clinic and Animal Allergy Institute, based in San Diego, California said that normal dogs do not have to have their ears cleaned. "There is something wrong with a dog if it needs to

and reduce irritation. To clean your pet's ears, apply the cleaner to the inside of the flaps and the entrance to the canal with a cotton ball. Work the cleaner into the surface with a gentle massaging motion for at least five minutes, but be careful not to move any further into the ear canal than you can see. Forcing your finger beyond this point can harm your pet's eardrum. If your pet seems very uncomfortable during ear cleaning, or is in obvious pain, stop immediately and call your veterinarian, since this could be a sign of a more serious infection.

When you finish working the solution into your pet's ears, wipe them dry with a clean cotton ball. Do not use water to clean or rinse the ears - remember moisture can predispose to infections. You should also be careful to gently dry the surface of swabs, since they can damage the canal and force debris deeper into the ear.

In addition to cleaning your dog's ears, you can reduce the risk of infection by removing excess hair from inside the canal. A good way to do this is to dust the area with ear powder to loosen hair, and then gently pluck it with your fingers. If you dog objects to this, you can cut the ear hair using blunt tipped scissors. Another helpful hint is to put a cotton ball in your pet's ear during bath time to prevent water from getting inside.

"Taking these simple steps to protect your pet's ears will pay big dividends in the long run. After all, dogs that aren't bothered by ear problems are better able to hear us when we tell them how much we love them."

Former Twin Falls veterinarian Marty Becker is the author of the new book "Clicken Soup For The Horse Lover's Soul" and a popular veterinary contributor for ABC's "Good Morning America." Write to him in care of Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service, 790 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045.

Little girls on the prairie



Laura Rybka, 10, center, is thrilled to win the Laura Ingalls Wilder look-alike contest in Walnut Grove, Minn., where every summer women and girls gather to find the Laura within, to be near the many places she lived 130 years ago and wrote about in her popular 'Little House' series of children's books.

Minnesota town honors Ingalls Wilder annually

The Washington Post

WALNUT GROVE, Minn. — When distracted by Mary-Kate's cutting disorder and the 400 ring tones to choose in the candy-pop realm of 21st-century girldom, it might help to tie on a bonnet and drive to the quiet, hallowed banks of Plum Creek, where life is somehow better: simpler.

But also harder.

On one sisterly level, you can understand and almost crave the hard part—the intense details of 19th-century domesticity and earthy femininity—the endless chores, the sudden prairie fires, the pure maple syrup on corn cakes, the rag doll on Christmas morning, the tauntings of Nellie Olson. Every summer, especially during July, thousands of women and girls (accompanied by sympathetic husbands, boyfriends, brothers, fathers) journey to this far corner about 160 miles southwest of Minneapolis to find the

Laura Ingalls Wilder within, to be near the many places she lived 130 years ago and wrote about in her popular "Little House" series of children's books.

The long stretch of U.S. 14 across Minnesota to Walnut Grove and on to De Smet, S.D., is named for Wilder, which is more honor than she ever received in the pantheon of American letters.

Along this road are Wilder pageants, daylong festivals, reenactments and guided tours. You can help play a field. You can ride in a covered wagon. Women meet up talking about it, while absent-mindedly stroking their daughters' hair, which they've done up in braids. People spray one another with Old Skintastic Tropical Fresh bug spray bought at the closest Wal-Mart, 30 miles away, even as they lament that poor Laura never had any Old Skintastic, or a Wal-Mart.

"There are the book people and the TV people," says Nicole

Elzena, collections manager at the Laura Ingalls Wilder museum in downtown Walnut Grove, which has a replica sod house, a one-room school and other exhibits that include a quilt Wilder made late in her life, the fireplace mantel used on the set of NBC's "Little House on the Prairie," and an 8-by-10 autographed glossy of actress Alison Ankrum (who played the nefarious Nellie) wearing a bikini, circa 1982.

"Sometimes the book people don't get along with the TV people, and they'll argue," Elzena says. "They take it very seriously. People come from everywhere—France, Germany, Japan. One family from France showed up and stayed for days. They spent the night in a sod house."

"They're all searching for something," says resident Ron Kebeck, who plays shopkeeper Mr. Olson three nights a week in the town's elaborate pageant, staged under the stars in an amphitheater near Plum Creek.

From the good ideas department: Outsmart your children

On my Web site (www.rosemond.com), I recently fielded a question from a mom whose 3-year-old was falling into the habit of asking for food when he was bored or upset about something. She knew, she said, he wasn't really hungry, but if she refused him, he'd get angry. She didn't know what to do.

I pointed out the obvious: Mom needed to make sure food did not become either a security blanket or a means of control for her son. If that meant he'd feel apart, so be it. Her own tenacity, I said, would solve the problem eventually.

I said many times that 10 parents will give one another better advice than will a professional, and that was confirmed when, a week or so later, another mom posted a much more creative approach to the problem. She wrote, "My two children both did the same



PARENTING
John Rosemond

thing, I solved the problem by telling them that if either of them came to me wanting to eat when he/she wasn't truly hungry, I'd be more than happy to open a can of green beans, peas, or what-not, serve it up cold in a bowl, and they could eat to their heart's content. It's amazing how quickly a bowl of cold spinach will turn off a child's "hunger" drive.

"This story illustrates a fundamental parenting principle: No matter how smart your child may be, you are smarter. When you start thinking otherwise,

you're in trouble.

MORE GOOD IDEAS DEPARTMENT: The parent of a 3-year-old boy was troubled by the fact that his son always woke up sullen and grumpy in the morning... every morning. They tried everything they could think of - singing to him as they came into his bedroom, acting like clowns, and so on - to help him start the day in a good mood. Nothing worked.

Finally, they decided to simply make "wake up happy" in the morning... one of his chores. They explained it to him and that night, when they put him to bed, reminded him that one of his jobs was to wake up happy the next day. Lo and behold, he did, and he's been waking up happy ever since.

This story illustrates that just

as parents have great influence over their children's behavior, they can have great influence over their children's thoughts and feelings as well. This little boy's parents wisely decided that it was every bit as inappropriate for him to wake up grumpy in the morning as it was for him to throw a tantrum when he didn't get his way. They also recognized that where mornings were concerned, their son was in a self-defeating "rut" that he could not get out of on his own. In a sense, these parents devised a very creative "rescue" operation, using their authority as the means by which they liberated their son from the grip of his bad habit.

Consider what might have happened if they had thrown up their hands and decided that their son just "wasn't a morning person." Unwittingly

enabled, his grumpiness might have spread, slowly but surely, across more and more of his day. Eventually, his "bad moods" might have taken up residence at center stage in the family and consumed a disproportionate amount of family energy. Who knows? He might even have ended up in therapy. Instead, he was "saved" by a combination of common sense and imagination.

Let's keep this going! Anyone

with a similar tale of creative discipline is invited to submit it to me at parenting-stories@rosemond.com. I will share the best ones with the class.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at affirmativeparenting@rosemond.com, 1929 East 16th Street, Suite 268, Indio, Calif. 92246. He can be reached at <http://www.rosemond.com>

Pisces should put off purchases

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Because you feel blessed in material ways it is easy to be generous. Someone close may ask for assistance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Others want to bask in the sun. More horoscopes shine of your approval, and you people hope your luck will rub off on them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Austerity and practicality work fine as long as you are safely cocooned with a significant other. A trip to the mall could bring unavoidable temptations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You and your mate might not see eye to eye about how to

spend joint resources, so delay major purchases. Indulge in an ice cream cone or banana split to satisfy those decadent urges.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): What looks good on you today may look terrible tomorrow under better lighting. Put off purchases requiring taste.

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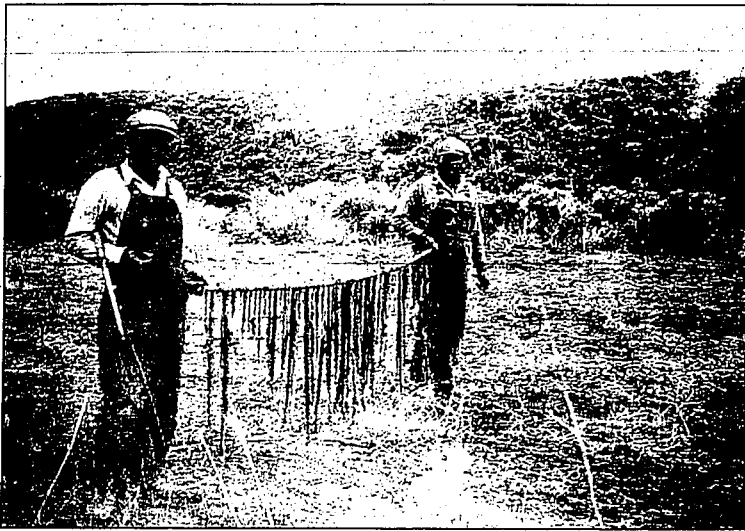
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Deep Creek Canyon life



Wilbur Loucks, right, a brother-in-law to Ivy Allen Cox, and an unidentified man display a catch of snakes killed on the Rogerson homestead where Ivy's family lived. In this photo from the 1930s, the dead snakes are tacked to a stick held between the two men.

Editors will release their heritage book at Aug. 23 event

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — An Aug. 23 book-signing party will kick off availability of a new local history book written with a particularly personal touch.

Because of production delays, that's later than "Gifts of Heritage" editors expected to release their 466-page, soft-cover book filled with 83 stories and more than 100 historical photos.

The city's official observation of its centennial will wind down in a couple of months. But "Gifts of Heritage" co-editors Donna Scott and ZoeAnn Shaub — who, as volunteers, collected histories and interviews from a variety of families with deep roots in Twin Falls — expect no difficulties selling the 1,000 copies.

About 800 people's names are in the book, Shaub said. And many copies are already spoken for.

But nobody buys the book until the Aug. 23 kickoff event downtown, Scott said. For months, *Times-News*

readers have seen glimpses of some of the "Gifts of Heritage" stories in Scott's occasional "Pioneer Portraits" column. She hopes those tastes have whetted readers' appetites.

Nearly all of the 83 stories are about individuals or families with roots in Twin Falls.

The exceptions are Shaub's story about the city's centennial trail on the canyon rim, a seventh-grader's story about Twin Falls' centennial celebration, and a piece on 4-H Club history.

Shaub and Scott expect "Gifts of Heritage" to appeal to long-time Magic Valley families, to others interested in Twin Falls history and to young people curious about their ancestors' lives in the city's early years.

But the book might have insight for newcomers, too, about the character of the city that—they've chosen—to call home.

Times-News Centennial Editor Virginia S. Hutchins can be reached at 735-3242 or virginia@magicvalley.com.

Woman recalls 1930s childhood in rattlesnake country

One by one the rattlers' tails were tacked to a long pole. Strange way to spend an Easter Sunday, but this was a tradition. Hunting rattlesnakes in the Deep Creek Canyon near Rogerson in the springtime when the rattlers were coming out of their dens, the Sudderth family could sometimes bag as many as 90 in one day.

The nearby creek, open wells and rattlesnakes added to the danger.

The snakes even came into the house. Ivy recounts a story when her sister Fern raked a rattler out of the house and killed it.

Somehow they survived. No one fell off the flume. No one was ever bitten by a snake.

Ivy recalls trips to Twin Falls, shopping at the Idaho Department Store, Liberty Market and buying hamburgers at Claude's Place for 5 cents.

She saw her first movie, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," when she was 11 years old. She attended Albion Normal, and taught school at Poplar Hill and in Kimberly.

In 1953, she married Jamie Cox, and they live in Kimberly. She considers a hot bath in a big tub one of life's luxuries. "It's so much nicer than a sponge bath in a small pan of water."

But in spite of these modern amenities, Ivy misses the old place and the wide-open spaces. Even with all the difficulties they faced, they were a very happy and content family.

Ivy's scrapbooks are full of black-and-white photos of her family, girls and boys alike, with their bounty of rattlesnakes, displayed like trophies.

Did this tidbit catch your interest? A fuller account of this family, along with stories of other local residents throughout the past century, will be published by The Twin Falls Centennial Commission's heritage committee in "Gifts of Heritage." The book will go on sale Aug. 23.



Ivy Allen (Cox) is pictured in about 1935 in the front yard of her family's small home near Rogerson. In the background at left is a flume that carried canal water across Deep Creek Canyon; Ivy's mother planted a garden below the flume to take advantage of its shade and its leaks. Also, note the clothesline at right.

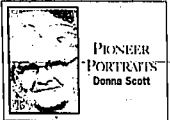
Book signing

A book signing this month will be the first time "Gifts of Heritage" is available for sale. The event is open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

- **When:** 4 to 7 p.m. Aug. 23.
- **Where:** Magic Valley Arts Council office, at 132 Main Ave. S., inside the Main Street Plaza in downtown Twin Falls.
- **Special Invitations:** The book's editors will invite people whose families are featured in "Gifts of Heritage" to sign copies for each other and the public. Seating will be available.
- **Price and proceeds:** "Gifts of Heritage" will sell for \$14.95.

The Twin Falls Centennial Commission, which funded the book's production, will receive all the proceeds and use the money to support its various projects, such as events, historical displays, trail blazing and creation of a canyon rim plaza.

• **Later availability:** After the Aug. 23 kickoff, "Gifts of Heritage" is expected to be available at Cios Office Supply, Saw-Mor Drug Store, the Herrett Center for Arts and Science, the Burt Langdon Visitor Center, the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce office and the Twin Falls Centennial Commission office.



PIONEER PORTRAITS
Donna Scott

Ivy Allen Cox was born in 1925 in Twin Falls and spent her youth on a ranch near Rogerson. Her mother, Lillie Deal Sudderth, had been widowed in 1918 with five small children to care for.

She later married Samuel Allen, and this is when Ivy came into the picture. Her five older siblings adored her, but life on the Big Creek Canyon was anything but easy.

The family's home, no more than a shack, was near the canyon. A huge flume ran across the property carrying water from a canal across the canyon. As long as they lived in that house, they never had electricity or plumbing.

Lillie raised a garden under the flume, which provided water for her plants and shade from the hot desert sun.

The children enjoyed a dangerous sport of running across the flume from one side of the canyon to the other.



Georgie Sudderth, sister of Ivy Allen Cox, holds a rattlesnake she shot at the Rogerson homestead in the 1930s. Note the rifle in Georgie's other hand.

Magic Valley scrapbooks

Newspaper sets end-of-August deadline for old photo submissions

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A photo feature that appears frequently on this page offers glimpses into the early decades of Magic Valley life.

And we'd love to let our readers peek into your family's old photo albums, too.

In the "Magic Valley scrapbooks" feature, we publish privately owned historical photographs. Generous readers have submitted hundreds of photographs, and our file is getting thick.

So we've set a deadline for accepting these submissions: the end

of August. We'll be printing the enormously popular "Magic Valley scrapbooks" long after the end of August — because of that lovely, thick file.

We want many more historical photos to add to that file for publication in the coming months. But we need you to bring them to us by Aug. 31.

To submit privately owned historical photographs, please bring them to *The Times-News* office in Twin Falls.

• **What to Submit:** We're looking for photos taken anywhere in Magic Valley before 1940, depicting

people, places or activities that you can identify. Let us emphasize anywhere in Magic Valley.

This is the centennial year for the city of Twin Falls, but we're using that event as a good time to highlight the history of the entire valley.

• **Where to bring them:** The newspaper office is at 132 Fairfield St. W. in Twin Falls.

• **When:** We'll accept historical photos between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, through Aug. 31.

• **Ask for:** Three news clerks are

available to scan the photos while you wait and return them to you immediately.

They are Ellen Tomason, at 735-3266; Ramona Jones, at 735-3262; and Jami Whited, at 735-3278. Appointments are not necessary, but please come when you have time to wait for a clerk to finish the scanning.

• **Permission form:** For each photo submitted, you'll be asked to sign a form giving the newspaper permission to reproduce the picture in its printed and online editions. We'll give you credit as the photograph's owner.



Ellen Larsen of Rock Creek poses in 1913, four years before her marriage to Walter Brose. This is one of hundreds of historical photographs submitted by our readers.

Photo courtesy of RUTH LINDGREN of Twin Falls