

GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Tonight: more clouds and showers. High of 74, low of 50.

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Analysis links water, jobs

Idling acreage could come with trade-offs in ag employment area

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — What effect would drying up irrigated land through voluntary water conservation programs have on an industry that provides half of the region's jobs, and what would be the trade-offs? As water users and policymakers look for ways to stretch

the region's parched water supply they are considering programs that would solicit volunteers to idle farm acreage in exchange for financial compensation through state and federal farm programs.

An economic analysis by University of Idaho extension educators Bill Hazen in Gooding and Bob Ohlenschlo in Twin Falls concludes that for the

amount of water it takes to irrigate a 40-acre alfalfa field, one agriculture-related job is created in the valley.

It takes about 120 acre feet of water to irrigate that alfalfa field — enough to cover the field in water 3 feet deep — if it were in Twin Falls, Jerome, Lincoln, Gooding, Minidoka or Cassia counties.

On paper, that could translate into 1,250 lost ag-related jobs under a proposal to conserve groundwater by idling up to 50,000 acres. Idling acreage also would have an effect on the tax base.

"If we have to reduce the amount of water that we use, can we do it in such a way that will have minimal impact? That's going to be a daunting task for policy-makers," Hazen said.

He and Ohlenschlo performed their analysis at the request of the Middle Snake Regional Water Resource Commission. It's a regional water board representing Magic Valley counties.

"Right now we're just fact-finders," said Bob Muffley, the commission's executive director.

Commission members want decision-makers to understand the implications of upcoming water decisions.

"We want them to base their decisions on the best possible economic information," Muffley said.

Lynn Tomlinaga, director of Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, is working on the groundwater conservation plan. Minimizing economic losses is the goal, particularly since the program would be one of several crafted to avoid mandatory curtailment of wells.

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SCHOOL DAZE



Castletford third graders Alvaro Pearrta, left, and Ryan Burkart play on swings at the school Friday during recess break. Castletford students are the first to start off the new school year in Magic Valley.

TFHS students face new schedules

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — School starts Monday in Twin Falls, where a host of new programs and rules are shaking things up. Students can expect universal free breakfast, new math textbooks and a new dress code as well as changes at each school.

"Twin Falls High School Principal Ben Allen said registration has been a challenge this year because of the new blended block schedule."

Allen said the school's computer system was set up to handle schedules with A-B (every other day all year) classes and four-by-four (block periods every day for half the year) classes, but not both at the same time. The result was most students had at least one class missing from their schedules, so they had to be readjusted by hand, Allen said. Next year should be much easier.

The opportunity for students to earn 16 credits in one year has led to a lack of demand for the proposed 55-minute "skitny" classes, Allen said. There will be at least one eventually — a before-school video production class.

The school is also adding at least 20 classes in all kinds of subjects, such as forensics, philosophy, foreign languages, math, science, computers, digital imaging and ISAT preparation.

Students have even more choices with the Idaho Digital Learning Academy. The school is setting aside computer lab time for students to take online classes. Allen said about 40 students have signed up for the various programs.

"It's pretty unlimited," Allen said. Students will have the computer classes as part of their schedule and the labs will have a tech support staff person on hand.

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Changes abound across the valley

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

JEROME — After a few finishing touches, a final inspection and a lot of book stacking, Jerome High School's new library will be ready.

Superintendent Jim Cobble said the district plans to have the approximately 5,000-square-foot Evelyn Crowder Memorial Library open Monday, the first day of school, in the meantime, three employees are in the process of moving books, furniture and computers into the new space.

"It's a pretty big project," Cobble said. The memorial library is one of the most visible changes at schools across the valley.

The new facility on the southeast end of the school will include a computer lab, a video production lab and a patio. Principal Patti O'Dell helped pick out the colors. She said the cherry-colored wood looks very inviting.

"It's so gorgeous and something we can all be really proud of," O'Dell said.

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When does school start?

- ↳ Twin Falls, Aug. 23
 - ↳ Cassia County, Aug. 25
 - ↳ Minidoka County High school, Aug. 23
 - ↳ Elementary/middle school, Aug. 24
 - ↳ Blaine County, Aug. 30
 - ↳ Jerome, Aug. 23
 - ↳ Buhl, Aug. 23
 - ↳ Kimberly, Aug. 26
 - ↳ Filer, Aug. 23
 - ↳ Gooding, Aug. 25
 - ↳ Wendell, Aug. 25
 - ↳ Shoshone, Aug. 26
 - ↳ Glenn Ferry, Aug. 25
 - ↳ Valley, Aug. 23
 - ↳ Hagerman, Aug. 23
 - ↳ Hansen, Aug. 30
 - ↳ Murtaugh, Aug. 23
 - ↳ Richfield, Aug. 23
 - ↳ Camas County, Aug. 23
 - ↳ Castletford, Aug. 20
 - ↳ Dietrich, Aug. 23
 - ↳ Jackpot, Aug. 23
 - ↳ College of Southern Idaho, Aug. 23
- Registration goes until Sept. 3



Tiffani Mahannah, a kindergarten student at Castletford, draws a self-portrait during class Friday.

Evidence of al-Qaida in region puts Latin America on alert

The Associated Press

MONTERREY, Mexico — Governments throughout Mexico and Central America are on alert as evidence grows that al-Qaida members are traveling in the region and looking for recruits to carry out attacks in Latin America — the potential last frontier for international terrorism.

The territory could be a perfect staging ground for Osama bin Laden's militants, with homegrown rebel groups, drug and people smugglers, and corrupt governments. U.S. officials have long feared al-Qaida could launch an attack from south of the border and they have been paying closer attention as the number of terror-related incidents has increased since last year.

The strongest possible al-Qaida link is Adnan G. El Shukrijumah, a 29-year-old Saudi pilot suspected of being a terrorist cell leader. The FBI issued a border-wide alert earlier this month for Shukrijumah, saying he may try to cross into Arizona or Texas.

In June, Honduran officials said Shukrijumah was spotted earlier this year at an internet

cafe in Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras. Panamanian officials say the pilot and alleged bomber passed through their country before the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft in May singled out Shukrijumah as one of seven especially dangerous al-Qaida-linked terror figures wanted by the government, which fears a

new al-Qaida attack. A \$5 million reward is posted for information leading to his capture.

Mexican and U.S. border officials have been on extra alert, checking foreign passports and arresting any illegal immigrants. In a sign of a growing Mexican crackdown, eight people from Armenia, Iran and Iraq were arrested Thursday in Mexico on

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7 days, **7** reasons to read

Don't look now
Thanks to a hit movie, dodgeball is making a comeback.
Monday

Good contacts
Volunteer group gets help to help others.
Tuesday

Bountiful garden
Pluck some ideas for yours.
Wednesday

Archery outlook
Bowhunters are conditioning for the August deer opener.
Thursday

Fly like an eagle
'70s rocker Steve Miller will give a concert in Blaine County.
Friday

Faith and Works
Local woman goes some extra miles.
Saturday

Beat the odds
How to come out ahead on the midway at the fair.
Sunday

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy and breezy with a round of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the middle 70s. Tonight: Mostly cloudy with more showers expected. Lows near 50. Tomorrow: Cool with clouds and showers. Highs in the upper 60s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy, breezy and cool with showers and thunderstorms developing. Highs near 70. Tonight: Mostly cloudy with more showers expected. Lows near 50. Tomorrow: Cool with clouds and showers. Highs in the upper 60s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Poor camping and hiking conditions are expected over the next few days. Showers and thunderstorms will be likely at times. Temperatures will be very cool for August.

Today High: 62 to 68. Tonight's Low: 37 to 43. BOISE: Clouds, showers and thunderstorms will be common over the next few days. Wet and slick roads are expected. Temperatures will be quite cool.

Today High: 65 to 77. Low: 48 to 54. NORTHERN UTAH: Mostly cloudy and turning cool with isolated showers and thunderstorms.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 90 at Lowell; Low 37 at Starke. Weather key: sun, sunny; pt, partly cloudy; mc, mostly cloudy; c, cloudy; th, thunderstorms; sh, showers; r, rain; sn, snow; B, breeze; w, wind; m, misting.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for August 23, 24, 25, 26.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for today and tomorrow.

U.V. INDEX

Table showing U.V. index for today and tomorrow.

POLLEN COUNT

Table showing pollen counts for various allergens.

REGIONAL FORECAST

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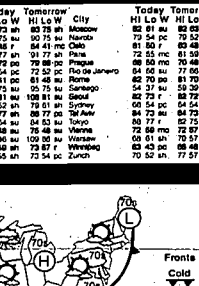
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

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Schedules

Agriculture

The district hired Blaine Campbell, of Idaho City, as the new agriculture teacher. Campbell's contract will have him teaching introduction to agriculture at both junior high schools, science at Robert Stuart Junior High and overseeing the survey of agriculture course at the high school.

District dress code

Allen said the new district-wide dress code will be posted in every classroom and the hallways at the high school. Kelli Schroeder, Bickel Elementary's principal, said implementing the dress code is a bit of a challenge with some of the younger pupils.

What's new at the Twin Falls Schools District?

- Districtwide changes
- Revised free breakfast
- Universal dress code
- New math textbooks
• Bickel
- Two new teachers
- Classrooms organized into pods by grade
• Harrison Elementary
- Reading First grant will provide Open Court Reading program for grades K-3
- Eight new teachers
• I.B. Perrine Elementary
- Three new teachers
- Instituting a standard subject instruction schedule
• Lincoln Elementary
- Open Court Reading program for grades K-3
- Five new teachers
• Morningside Elementary
- Six new teachers
- Intercom system
• Oregon Trail Elementary
- One new teacher and one new vice principal
- Employees using the Pike Place 5300 company's motivational philosophy
• Sawtooth Elementary
- Open Court Reading program for kindergarten and first grade
- New playground equipment
- New reading specialist
• Secondary Schools
- Introduction to agriculture and survey of agriculture courses
• Bridge Academy closed and ninth grade added to Magic Valley High School
• Bridge's seventh and eighth graders will be served by the two junior high schools
• Robert Stuart Junior High School
- Roof repairs and a refurbished courtyard
- Seven new teachers and a new custodian
- Career exploration will be embedded in the eighth-grade curriculum
- Ninth-grade Read 180 class for struggling readers
- Revised math program, including math every day for struggling students
• Vera O'Leary Junior High School
- Three new teachers
- Revamped math program, including math every day for struggling students
- Build-your-own hamburger bar
• Twin Falls High School
- One 49-minute lunch period, finger and revamped agriculture program
- More than 20 new classes
- Idaho Digital Learning Academy classroom
- Two separate high school bus routes
• Magic Valley High School
- Ninth grade added to the school with three teachers from Bridge Academy
- Three new teachers
- One teacher will do ISAT preparation and reading and math skill building in each class

Man stabbed at T.F. Dairy Queen

TWIN FALLS - A 34-year-old man was stabbed Saturday evening behind a Twin Falls restaurant. The man and a woman, whose names were not released, were involved in a domestic dispute at about 7:30 p.m. behind Dairy Queen, 3799 Addison Ave. W., said Staff Sgt. Steve Ryan of the Twin Falls Police Department.

The woman allegedly stabbed the man with a small knife in self-defense, Ryan said. The man was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and was in surgery as of press time Saturday evening. The woman was interviewed by police and released. No charges were pending, Ryan said. The incident is under investigation.

Latin

Continued from A1 charges they may have entered Mexico with false documents, although they did not appear to have any terrorist ties. Jose Luis Santiago Vasconcelos, Mexico's top anti-terror prosecutor, said Mexican officials believe the two men, Shukrijumah and another al-Qaeda operative - are in Mexico. But Mexican authorities are investigating and keeping a close eye on the airports and borders. "The alert has been sounded," Vasconcelos told The Associated Press last month. In Central America, Honduran Security Minister Oscar Alvarez said officials have uncovered evidence that terrorists, likely from al-Qaida, may be trying to recruit Hondurans to carry out attacks in Central America. He did not offer details. Salvadoran authorities last week reinforced security at the country's international airport and along the borders after reported al-Qaida threats appeared on the Internet against their country for supporting the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq, President Tony Saca, underlined, is sending the country's third peacekeeping unit - 380 troops - to Iraq. "Terrorists have struck in Asia, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and the United States. Latin America could be next, analysts say, especially as it becomes harder to operate elsewhere. "If there is a terrorist attack, we are going to pick up the torch and move," said Matt Levitt, a terrorism analyst and senior fellow at the Washington Institute. Officials worry the Panama Canal could be a likely target. In 2003, boats making more than 13,000 trips through the waterway carried about 188 million tons of cargo. "Each of these months, the United States and seven Latin American countries - including Argentina, Chile, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Peru and Panama - carried out a weeklong anti-terror exercise aimed at protecting the canal. In South America, U.S. officials have long suspected Paraguayan border with Brazil and Argentina as an area for Islamic terrorist fund-raising. Much of the focus has fallen on the Muslim community that

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sprouted during the 1970s, and authorities believe as much as \$100 million a year flows out of the region, with large portions diverted to Islamic militants linked to Hezbollah and the Palestinian militant group Hamas. "There are immediate concerns is Mexico, which shares a porous, 2,000-mile border with the United States and is the home to widespread organized crime. In December, Mexican officials canceled two Aeromexico flights from Mexico City to Los Angeles, and a third was forced to turn around after takeoff because of terrorism concerns. At the time, the United States, Canada and Interpol told Mexico that officials suspected terrorists might be using Mexican passports to plan an attack, Vasconcelos said. Concerns increased this summer about whether Mexico was doing enough to screen international visitors after a 48-year-old South African woman arrived in Mexico with a passport that was missing several pages and then vanished across the Rio Grande into Texas.

Water

Continued from A1 he said. "What we're hoping is that 50,000 acres would be spread out evenly over the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer and in the critical groundwater areas," Torninaga said. Removing a corner of a field from production here and there would be one way to accomplish that, he said. Hazen agreed. The effect would be lessened. But the change would be in measuring water consumption and documenting water savings on small parcels of farms. To find the benefits of falling acreage, look over the edge of the Snake River Canyon. Part of the economic losses will be made up there by increasing spring flows that support farms and fish producers, Hazen said. And increased spring flows would help meet downstream river demands that left unfilled could pose legal problems and potential curtailment for Magic Valley water users. Downstream demands include hydropower generation, and endangered salmon and other wildlife needs. The springs are such an important part of the river flow needs that we can't ignore," Hazen said. Another program under consideration would dry up about 20,000 acres downstream of Hagerman where farms pump water hundreds of feet out of the Snake River Canyon. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation would acquire water rights from willing sellers and leave the water in the river for downstream endangered salmon. It's part of a water rights settlement with the Nez Perce Tribe.

For more information

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At the same time, Allen said he has heard many positive comments from parents, but a few have said it is difficult to find shirts and pants for girls that cover the midriff. Allen said if the school does a good job enforcing the dress code in the first few days, it will be an easy transition.

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NATION

Troubled era haunts candidates

1968 Jan. 19 - Completed Air Force officer qualification test in Now Haven, Conn. May 27 - Application for pilot in the Texas National Guard approved June - Graduated from Yale July 12 - Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant 11th Fighter Interceptor Squadron Aug. 25 - Completed basic training in San Antonio



During their candidacies over the years, President Bush and Sen. John Kerry have continually faced allegations about their actions during the Vietnam War.

Bush sits in a fighter jet while serving for the Texas Air National Guard. He served from 1968-73.



Bush and his wife Laura, on the campaign trail for Texas governor.

1969 Attended pilot training at Moody Air Force Base in Georgia

1970 Trainee at Ellington Air Force Base near Houston; promoted to 1st Lieutenant

1971 Participated in drills at Ellington; worked for a Houston-based agricultural company

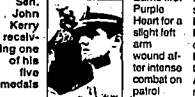
1972 May - Received permission to continue Guard duties in Montgomery, Ala., while working on Winion Blount's Senate campaign; lost flight credentials after missing physical exam November - returns to Ellington

1973 May-July - Participated in non-flying drills at Ellington Sept. 18 - Received reserve status and is placed on inactive guard duty six months before six-year commitment ends to attend Harvard Business School Oct. 1 - Receives honorable discharge

1994 During run for governor, denied accusations that his family used connections to get him into the Guard

2004 Answered allegations by Democrats, by having White House release hundreds of payroll and other records to refute that he never drilled with Alabama unit, though none definitively show he drilled from July-September 1972

1968 Graduates Yale; enlists in Navy; begins training



San John Kerry receiving one of his five medals

1967 June - Assigned to frigate USS Giddley

1968 Dec. 2 - First command of Swift boat PCF-4; Earns first Purple Heart for a slight arm wound after intense combat on patrol

1969 Feb. 20 - Earns second Purple Heart for shrapnel wound in thigh when patrol comes under automatic weapons and rocket fire

Feb. 28 - Earns Silver Star for gallantry when under intense fire, he ordered the boat beached in the thick of enemy position, pursues Viet Cong and killed a sniper

1970 Jan. 3 - Requested discharge March 1 - Received honorable discharge



Rassman, right, shown in Vietnam in 1969. Kerry rescued him while under sniper fire.

1971 April - Organized anti-war protests in Washington, threw his war ribbons at one of them; testified on April 22 to Congress before the Senate Foreign Relations committee alleging widespread atrocities in Vietnam

2004 August - Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, a group funded by a GOP fundraiser in Houston, runs ads of veterans who served with Kerry that question his war record

War records face scrutiny

Candidates' activities during Vietnam spur controversy

By David Espo Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON - John Kerry's Vietnam War service records run to multiple medal commendations and a notation of "conspicuous gallantry" in combat. President Bush's file tracks the stateside career of a Nation-

Analysis

Yet the combat veteran is the one under attack as a wartime pretender in the race for the White House. It's a controversy - Democrats call it a smear - stirred by the president's allies and aimed at undermining Kerry's truthfulness, personal character and fitness for office as his claim to the medals he came home with.

Smear or not, the charges are spreading at the speed of talk radio, cable television and the Internet, and affecting the campaign in unpredictable ways.

"It's lying about his record," said one Vietnam veteran in a commercial by the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth that aired recently in three battleground states.

"Lying about his first Purple Heart," said a second. "I helped to get the Bronze Star," added a third.

"He dishonored his country, he most certainly did," said another, as the attack takes on a slightly different tone.

"John Kerry cannot be trusted," another vet concluded.

Challenged on trust, truth and credibility, Kerry fought back Thursday, adopting the language of his detractors.

"They are spreading 'lies about my record," he said. Bush, he said, was allowing front groups to "do his dirty work."

White House spokesman Scott McClellan seized on that to accuse Kerry of "losing his cool" - presumably not a trait -

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Investigator gives possible motive in Blake case

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Robert Blake was afraid his wife-to-be would expose their child to a life of drugs and crime - so he plotted a year before her murder to gain custody, a private investigator testified.

William Jordan said Friday he was trying to get Bonnie Lee Blakey to leave her infant daughter in California in a plan hatched with Blake four years ago.

"He didn't think Bonnie was a good mother for

Robert Blake and Tostie Jordan said Friday. "He wanted the baby... It was constantly on his mind, I think," Blake, 70, is charged with killing 44-year-old Blakey on May 4, 2001. The couple married just months before Blakey was killed. He has pleaded not guilty. Blakey was found shot to death in their car outside a restaurant where they had dined. Blake told police he found his wife mortally wounded after he went back to the restaurant to retrieve a handgun he carried for protection.

Jordan testified that a similar scene had played out before - he dined at the same restaurant with Blake as many as seven times and the former "Baretta" TV star went back during one of those visits to retrieve a gun he said held forgotten.

Jordan took the witness stand for two hours during a "conditional examination" to be played for a jury if he is unable to testify at trial. Prosecutors, however, said the 78-year-old retired Los Angeles policeman likely would be available for the trial scheduled to begin Nov. 1.

My mind might be slipping and my sight is not what it used to be. Yes, I am getting old but even without my spectacles this silly old gal can recognize a slam when it slaps her in the face...

Someone's dreams and fantasies created an optical illusion in some facts of life that resulted in a parental typographical error in the Braun-Scheer engagement announcement in the August 15, 2004 edition of the The Times-News. So, wish upon a star, hope with all your might, and even dream if you so desire, but even YOU can not change the facts of life.

Larry and Cheryl Braun of Shoshone announce the engagement of their daughter, Brandi Michelle Braun, to Thomas Curtis "TC" Scheer, son of Pat Scheer of Filer and Cody Scheer of Gooding. Braun is a graduate of Shoshone High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed with an ophthalmologist in Monroe, La. Scheer is a graduate of Jerome High School. He is employed at a horse training facility in Shreveport, La. The wedding is planned for 7 p.m., Saturday, August 28th, at the White House, 365 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. A reception will be held following the ceremony at 8 p.m. at the White House.

The moral of the story is: Don't publish your fishy wishy dreams, they could come back to bite you where you'd rather not be bitten. The truth, though it's hard for some to accept and painful for everyone involved, looks much better in print than your optical illusion of facts previously printed.

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Centennial Business Time Line

1891: First classes are held at the College of Idaho, in Caldwell.

1896: Butch Cassidy robs the bank in Montpelier.

1900: Idaho population 161,722.

1904: Completion of Milner Dam brings irrigation to the south side of the Snake River.

1905: Former Governor Frank Steunenberg is assassinated.

1906: Largest sawmill in the United States opens at Potlatch.

1907: William E. Borah is elected to the US Senate, where he serves 33 years. Weiser baseball player Walter "Big Train" Johnson signs with the Washington Senators. Idaho Historical Society is founded.

1910: Idaho population 325,594. Forest fires consume one-sixth of north Idaho's forests.

1912: State Board of Education is established.

1914: Moses Alexander is first elected Jewish governor in United States.

1917: Battleship *Idaho* is launched.

1920: Idaho population 431,866. State Capitol building is completed.

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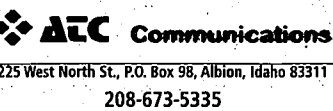


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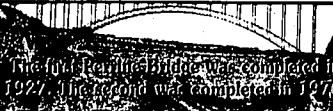
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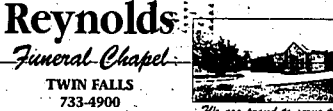


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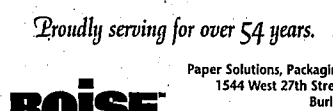


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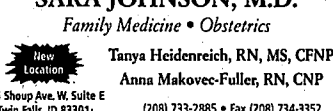


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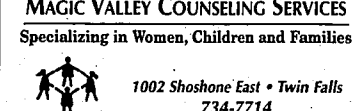
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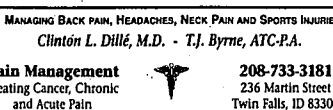
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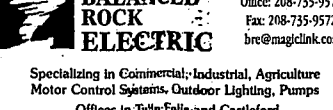
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Several swing states see weak job numbers

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON-In a piece of unwelcome news for President Bush's reelection bid, the government reported Friday that while the economy was creating jobs in much of the United States, several swing states critical to the election were still losing jobs or barely holding their own.

The country as a whole gained 32,000 jobs in July, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. But 22 states—many of them political battlegrounds—lost jobs.

The states hit the hardest in July were Michigan and Missouri, where Bush and Democrat John F. Kerry have been campaigning avidly. Missouri lost 51,800 jobs, a sharp

drop of nearly 2 percent. Michigan lost 24,500 jobs, or more than half a percent.

For two years Missouri showed zero job growth, and Michigan was down 0.6 percent.

Ohio, the battleground state most at the center of the debate over the economy, showed little change. Jobs were up by 3,400 for July, but still down 4,200 since January.

Incumbents benefit from a strong economy, but political analysts believe there is a lag in voter perceptions of economic well-being. Incumbents need the economy to be humming several months before the election.

"We're getting to the point where it's not going to get any better for the president," said

Bill Ballenger, editor of the Inside Michigan Politics newsletter.

The Bush campaign tends to focus on positive national trends. Campaign spokesman Scott Stanzel said Friday that the president's policies had brought the nation out of recession.

But national economic results are much less important to the final outcome of presidential elections than many people think, explained Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com, a consulting firm.

"What matters is what is going on in those key states," Zandi said. "Ohio and Michigan are the weakest economies in the nation, and they are unlikely to improve significantly before election day."

War

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the voters seek in a commander in chief.

Democrats concede privately the Massachusetts senator has been slow to recognize the damage being done to his political standing by the attacks by a group of men who hold Kerry's post-combat anti-war activities in contempt. There were hints of it in polling, and a tacit acknowledgment in the strongly worded rejection of the claims and in the decisions of both the Kerry campaign and the Democratic party to air new ads on the subject.

was in Alabama at the time, having left Texas to work on a political campaign. The most recent batch of records, released on the eve of Kerry's nominating convention this summer, were inconclusive.

Kerry used his four-day Democratic National Convention to establish an identity as a war-wounded veteran who is now ready to take command in an era of terrorism. Off-repeated charges to the contrary—true or not—may erode his claim and weaken his challenge to the president at a time when polls show a tight race.

In a University of Pennsylvania National Annenberg Survey, more than half of those surveyed said they had either seen the ad aired by Kerry's detractors or heard of it. "Unfit for Command," a book detailing the Swift Boat Veterans' accusations, was No. 1 Saturday on Amazon.com's best seller list. A CBS poll said independent voters were split on whether the allegations were believable, and noted a shift in voters toward Bush.

"John Kerry has showed he's earned the trust of the nation to be commander in chief coming out of the (Democratic) convention," says spokesman Michael Medhan. "Republicans don't know what to do with themselves, so they will do anything, including a smear book, smear television ads paid for by Republicans filled with anything they can to stop him."

A decision to air counter-commercials in Ohio, Wisconsin and West Virginia was public evidence of concern, a shift in strategy for a campaign that had hoped to lurch into its advertising money until after Labor Day.

"All these Viet Cong were shooting at me," former Green Beret Jim Rasmussen said in Kerry's commercial, recounting the day he recalls being thrown out of Kerry's boat by a blast. "I expected it'd be shot. When he pulled me out of the river, he risked his life to save mine."

The 30-second ad also says Swift Boat Veterans for Truth is funded by Bush's "big money supporters." The group is financed in part by Houston homebuilder Bob J. Perry, a GOP donor.

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School

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The new library and renovation of the old library were funded by \$1 million from the Crowder Foundation and the district used between \$50,000 and \$100,000 of plant facility and lottery money for additional equipment and construction, Cobble said.

The school has converted the old library to add to the counseling center and add a student detention center, two classrooms, a computer lab and a staff work room, Cobble said.

Jerome's library is just one of the new things on the education landscape as school starts in the Magic Valley over the next two weeks.

ISAT

Preparation classes for the Idaho Standards Achievement Test are popping up like little wildflowers at high schools around Magic Valley. The programs are taking different shapes all over, including using computer programs such as Plato software and classes during and after school.

Valley School has ISAT classes as part of an after-school program. The classes are geared toward the three parts of the test: math, language and reading.

Rod Malone, Valley's secondary principal, said he's not surprised various schools are setting up ISAT classes.

"Everybody's scared about not passing the test," Malone said.

At Magic Valley High School, one Title I teacher will be going to each classroom to do ISAT preparation and skill building for 40 minutes a day. Students receive one credit per semester for that work, said counselor Jane Rels.

Previously, each teacher spent the time on math and reading each day, but Rels said the new arrangement will make instruction more consistent.

"This way, it'll come from one voice," Rels said.

Districts running ISAT preparation programs also include Twin Falls, Jerome and Dietrich.

ISIMS

Five Magic Valley school districts - Bliss, Buhl, Filer, Jerome and Kimberly - will join 27 other public school districts around the state in the first phase of implementing the Idaho Student Information Management System.

The ISIMS project is a centralized information system that will include attendance, progress reports, lesson plans, homework, aggregated test scores and lots of other information. It will be available to students, parents and educators.

Kimberly Principal John Garner estimates that parents will have access to their students' records by about Oct. 15.

"It's a lot of work to make the system work," Garner said.

Jerome is also one of a few districts that are in the first phase.

Superintendent Cobble said Jerome had the necessary computer hardware for the project, but the district has had to make a lot of changes and it is doing ongoing training, Cobble said he expects glitches as the system is implemented.

What's new at school?

Jerome

- New high school library
- Old high school library converted to an addition to the counseling center, a student detention center, two classrooms, a computer lab and a staff work room.
- Implementing the ISIMS this year

Filer

- Reading First grant and Open Court Reading program at Filer Elementary
- Phase one of the ISIMS project
- Four new teachers

Kimberly

- Implementing ISIMS
- Kelly Messmer is new elementary principal and Phyllis Ann Ridgeway-Melnyk joined the school board
- Middle school same sex classes put on hold for a year because class sizes would have been unbalanced
- Eight new positions, including an assistant technology coordinator

Hansen

- Five new teachers

Valley

- Two new teachers
- Remodeled locker rooms in the old gym
- Leveled ability groups in kindergarten
- New K-8 math and language arts curriculum
- After school program targeting students who need remediation for the ISAT

Bliss

- Four new teachers and staff members
- Installing Larson Math and Plato software

Camas County

- New K-12 Principal James "J.T." Stuber
- High school renovations: home economics room, principal and front office, renovated classrooms, new carpet and new football field press box

Cassia County

- Five new administrators
- \$5 million worth of facilities repairs, including a remodel at Rort-River High School
- First and second grade using Open Court Reading program
- High school and junior high ISAT remediation courses
- Math instruction improvement grant for middle school teachers
- Burley High School athletic entrance fees raised to \$5

Minidoka County

- A host of facility upgrades all around the district, including some roofs and new classrooms
- Reading First grant expanded to include Heyburn Elementary School
- Math instruction improvement grant for middle school teachers

Castleford

- New teacher
- Finishing asbestos removal and some new floor coverings

Dietrich

- New superintendent Ed Simons and new special education teacher
- High school computer networking academy starts with two classes
- High school reading and general ISAT preparation courses

Glenns Ferry

- Five new teachers
- More detailed employee drug

and alcohol policy

- Electrical for elementary and high school wings, new metal roof 2/3 finished

Hagerman

- Seven new staff members, including a new technology director
- Implementing several computer programs to record attendance, grading and discipline information

Murtaugh

- Universal free breakfast
- New special education teacher
- Sidewalk repairs at high school, new roof on agriculture shop and sheet rock repair in the gym

Richfield

- New library is almost complete
- Mike Smith is the school's new principal
- One new teacher.

Shoshone

- Mel Wiseman is the new superintendent, plus two new teachers
- Resodded playground, and tile and carpet at the school

Wendell

- New football field, goal posts and bleachers, funded by \$130,000 in community donations

Blaine County

- Revamped dress code for students and employees
- Public display of affection policy prohibiting touching of a sexual nature and prolonged embraces or kissing on district property and at school-sponsored events
- Expanded classrooms at Wood River Middle School
- New bus maintenance and storage facility
- Support services moving into old high school's science wing

At Jerome High School, the project will debut the first day, when teachers use classroom computers to take attendance. The high school has had its technical director and an assistant trained, as well as two teachers, O'Dell said.

"So far things are going well," O'Dell said. She said many of the district's processes are taking longer as staff are getting used to the new systems, but generally a lot of information will be readily available to the district.

Mini-Cassia facilities

Minidoka County schools spent about \$4 million on repair and upgrade projects this summer. Acquia Elementary's repaired sidewalks and renovated restrooms are almost

done, said Superintendent Nick Hallett. The high school's construction class will build a new computer room for Acquia this year. Memorial Elementary will have a repaired wall and new windows. Big Valley Elementary will have a new metal roof, mold has been cleaned up and ceiling beams against the walls have been replaced. Heyburn Elementary will get renovated restrooms, an expanded library and an art gallery. The high school will get a new music room and West Minico Middle School will get a new science lab in early October. Both middle schools had roof repairs, Hallett said. The Mini-Cassia Opportunity Center will have a repaired wall and central air conditioning for the first time.

The money for the projects came from a \$1 million bond issue, a supplemental levy, lottery money and regular maintenance money, Hallett said.

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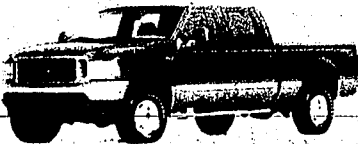
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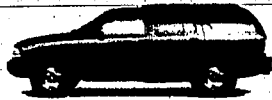


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NATION

Hurricane victims help others

Despite facing personal ruin, some still lend a hand

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. (AP) — With a freezer full of food about to spoil, there was only one thing for Nestor Tsimpedes to do after Hurricane Charley made a shambles of his restaurant — feed people for free.

When the freezer was emptied of ham, roast beef and turkey, he sent his employees to buy hot dogs.

"What was I going to do? I'm ruined," Tsimpedes said, his eyes becoming moist with tears as he recounted memories of the Greek-American kitchen where he toiled nearly every day for the past 10 years.

Tsimpedes is not alone in his generosity. Hundreds of local residents and some from across the nation have turned out to provide a vast array of free aid since Charley ravaged the area on Aug. 13.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency said that as of Friday 77,000 households had registered for disaster relief in Florida. The Red Cross is preparing 125,000 meals a day and says an estimated 2,200 families have been housed in shelters.

But it is the unofficial aid sta-



Nc Kopsaka, of the Convey of Hope, speaks at their donation site in Punta Gorda, Fla., Thursday. Hundreds of local residents and some from across the nation have turned out to provide a vast array of free aid since Charley ravaged the area on Aug. 13.

tions that have become a lifeline for many people.

Hurricane victims need travel only a few blocks on some major thoroughfares before seeing hand-lettered signs offering free water, ice, sandwiches, diapers, blankets and toiletries. Many Good Samaritans just pull up at the first big intersection they see to distribute their aid.

"We are amazed by what we see here," said Bruce Bagge, a retired investment executive who loaded up a pickup truck

with ice and water to take back to his neighbors.

For several days, Audrey Brooks of Fort Myers loaded up her minivan with bags of bread, peanut butter and other supplies and drove 25 miles to the damaged area.

On Thursday, she brought 25 gallons of bleach so people could disinfect their homes, and it was all snatched up in about 30 minutes.

"I am just doing what I can," Brooks while her 6-year-old son Timothy napped in her car. "It's

sad. It hit in an area where people don't have a lot anyway." With some restaurants and grocery stores still closed, the spontaneous showing of compassion by ordinary people — and some businesses — has helped many people get back on their feet.

"People are at their human best when people are in need," said Susan Campbell, a spokeswoman for the Red Cross. "This is a big, big disaster, and we have big, big Good Samaritans."

Many of the Samaritans are residents of the neighboring communities of Sarasota and Fort Myers who escaped the storm relatively unscathed. Others work for companies who have given them time off to help storm victims.

Dale Creesh, a construction superintendent for Minton Construction in Palm Beach, has been delivering ice. When he arrived the day after the storm hit, he drove a truck of ice around until he saw someone in need. Since then, Creesh and his company have sent out several truckloads of ice.

"We'd expect somebody to do it for us if it was the other way around," he said.

A Red Cross distribution center just north of one of the hardest hit areas in Punta Gorda has become a gathering spot for individual donors and volunteers.

Secret evidence at stake in Jackson hearings

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — In a high-stakes drama of legal gamesmanship, prosecutors and defense lawyers in the Michael Jackson child molestation case are battling over still-secret evidence that might make or break the case against the pop star.



Michael Jackson

During pretrial hearings that resume Monday, the defense has been trying to suppress evidence from two searches, claiming one sweep at Jackson's Neverland estate was overbroad and unjustified, and that another at a private investigator's office violated attorney-client confidentiality.

But defense lawyers also have shrewdly used the inquiry to uncover information from key witnesses — including the stepfather of Jackson's accuser, who admitted demanding

money for the boy's family to appear on a video tribute to Jackson's kindness.

The testimony had little to do with either search.

Yet it appeared to bolster a key defense contention likely to be raised at Jackson's upcoming trial — that he could have been the target of a shake-down.

Loyola University Law School Professor Laurie Levenson, a former federal prosecutor, said the defense brilliantly manipulated the hearings into "a preview of coming attractions."

"Even if they were to lose the

motion to keep out evidence, they have gained a great deal," she said. "They put the prosecution on the defensive, and they've raised the idea of police incompetency and conspiracy which has worked so well in other cases."

Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville said he will not rule on the evidence until the end of September, when the mother of Jackson's young accuser testifies.

Ironically, amid all the accusations of misconduct, including a difficult day on the stand for Santa Barbara County District Attorney Tom Sneddon, the public still doesn't know specifically what the two sides are arguing about.

Search warrant affidavits are sealed, and witnesses speak only in vague terms about

videotapes and other data seized in the separate searches at the private investigator's office and Neverland.

"It's a bit of a question just how important the evidence is," said Levenson.

"But given the fight that's going on, it must be important. This is a major battleground."

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NATION/WORLD

Militants hold on to shrine amid handover disputes

NAJAF Iraq (AP) — Militants loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr kept their hold on a revered shrine, and clashes flared in Najaf on Saturday, raising fears that a resolution to the crisis in the holy city could collapse amid bitter bickering between Shiite leaders.

An unofficial mediator pleaded with al-Sadr to disarm his militants, pull them out of the shrine and disband his militia immediately. "We are in a race with time," said Hussein al-Sadr, a distant relative of the cleric.

Clashes between U.S. troops and al-Sadr fighters were brief but heavy, punctuated by gunfire and explosions, with one blast hitting the street 50 yards from the Imam Ali Shrine at the center of the standoff.

Marine Capt. Carrie Batson said U.S. troops came under mortar attack in the Old City and destroyed two militant rear positions with gunfire and an Apache helicopter attack.

The fighting died down after about 45 minutes, returning the city to the relative calm that it has seen.

Still, the flare-up reflected the danger that peace efforts could fall apart once again, mired in last-minute delays. Al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia still held the Imam Ali Shrine, their stronghold throughout this month's fighting, and while it has agreed to hand it over to a religious authority, the two sides were squabbling over how to do so.

Meanwhile Saturday, a series of attacks targeting U.S. and Iraqi forces across the country killed a U.S. soldier, a Polish soldier and five Iraqis. Militants have been using car bombs, assassinations, sabotage, kidnappings and other attacks in a 18-month insurgency aimed at destabilizing the country.

The violence in Najaf, which had spread to other Shiite communities, posed the greatest risk to interim government of Prime Minister Ayad Allawi. Government officials had threatened to raid the mosque to set an example to other insurgent groups, but such an operation risked turning the nation's majority Shiites against the government.

The crisis appeared on the verge of resolution Friday, when insurgents decided to remove their weapons from the shrine and said they were willing to turn the holy site over to representatives of Iraq's top Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini Sistani.

Then the handover bogged down Saturday amid arguments over its implementation. Al-Sadr's followers said they tried to give the shrine's keys to al-Sistani's representatives, who refused to accept them. But an aide to al-Sistani — who is in London undergoing medical treatment — said al-Sadr's followers must leave the holy shrine's compound, "close the doors and hand over the keys."

"We cannot receive the shrine compound unless they agree to this formula," said the aide, Sheik Hamed Khafaji. Sheik Ali Smeislin, al-Sadr's chief lieutenant, said the militants would not leave until a delegation from al-Sistani's of-



U.S. Army soldiers take cover near the ancient cemetery during a gun battle with insurgents in Najaf, Iraq, Saturday.

ice inspects the shrine to ensure its treasures are intact, so they could not be accused of taking anything.

Khafaji said the violence precludes such a delegation.

In a hastily called news conference in Baghdad on Saturday evening, Hussein al-Sadr, who had headed a peace delegation to Najaf earlier in the week, appealed to the militants to end the standoff to keep the sanctity of our holy sites, to ease the suffering of Najaf and to quiet the situation."

He asked al-Sadr himself to send him a handwritten letter with his response, which he promised to relay to the government. "I call on Muqtada al-Sadr — and all our brothers and sisters — to understand the depth of this crisis," he said.

The standoff has frustrated many in Najaf, who have suffered cuts in their water and electricity, had their streets rocked by explosions and seen scores of their neighbors killed since the fighting started Aug. 5. "All parties are stalling," said Saeed Moiaammed, 41. "There has been no change, only more shelling and clashes that have hurt the city even more."

The proposed handover of the shrine to religious authorities offered a face-saving way to end the fighting, allowing Iraq's interim government to keep its pledge not to negotiate and the militants to say they had not capitulated.

As the crisis continued, al-Sadr aide Sheik Awais al-Khafaji said Saturday that kidnappers had lifted their threat to kill a U.S. journalist abducted in the southern city of Nasiriyah along with his Iraqi translator Aug. 13.

The kidnappers, calling themselves the Brigade, threatened Thursday to kill Michael Garen, 36, of New York, within 48 hours if U.S. troops did not leave Najaf. Al-Khafaji said Saturday that mediators told him the death threat had been removed and they were working for Garen's release.

"We hope that he will be released today and our efforts would be fruitful," he said Saturday. "As for the Iraqi translator, we have received assurances that he is going to be released with the journalist."

Also Saturday, coalition forces arrested Maj. Gen. Jaadad Mohammed al-Ahwan, the police chief of volatile Anbar province, accusing him of corruption and criminal activity, including extortion, embezzlement and accepting bribes, the U.S. mil-

itary said in a statement. Al-Ahwan also has possible connections with kidnapping and murder, the military said.

Al-Ahwan's arrest was authorized by the Iraqi government, and he is to be replaced by an interim chief to be appointed by the governor, the statement said.

Violence continued Saturday elsewhere across Iraq. —Insurgents bombed an oil pipeline in Bterjiyah, 20 miles southwest of the southern city of Basra, setting it ablaze, said Lt. Mohammed al-Mousawi of the Iraqi National Guard. The pipeline had been closed for a week due to threats, and the attack did not appear likely to effect exports.

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American: I almost caught bin Laden

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — An American on trial for allegedly torturing Afghan terror suspects in a private jail claimed Saturday in his first interview from custody that he was not on the heels of Osama bin Laden and other militant leaders when he was arrested on July 5.

Jonathan Idema told The Associated Press he had official sanction from Afghans and Americans to hunt down terrorists and said he prevented from showing the evidence in court. Prosecutors say Idema was waging a private war and he faces up to 20 years in a crumbling Afghan prison if convicted.

"We would have had (renegade Afghan warlord Gulbuddin) Hekmatyar in 14 days or less. We would have had bin Laden in less than 30 days" had he and his team not been arrested, said Idema, a colorful former U.S. Army soldier who spent three years in a jail in the 1980s for allegedly bilking 60 companies out of more than \$200 million in goods.

Following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States, Idema came to Afghanistan and was featured in several books about the war and the search for bin Laden. He has also worked with several western TV networks. He said he came to Afghanistan again earlier this year because he felt U.S. anti-terror efforts were failing.

At least four Afghan intelligence officials sat in on the 75-minute interview in a sparsely furnished room on the top floor of a building at the National Security Directorate — Afghanistan's chief intelligence agency.

Though none interceded, Idema made frequent references to not being able to speak freely in their presence. He claimed he was badly beaten repeatedly by his jailers, though he had no visible cuts or bruises.



U.S. citizen Jonathan Idema responds in court in Kabul, Afghanistan, Monday. Idema and two other American counterterrorism vigilantes accused of running a private jail in Afghanistan appeared in court Monday and denied charges that they tortured eight prisoners.

"Everything I was accused of doing (to the Afghan prisoners) got done to me," said the Poughkeepsie, N.Y.-native, sitting in a T-shirt, black pants and brown combat boots on a couch between two of the officials. He was not handcuffed.

As he has done during his trial in a Kabul court, he wore dark sunglasses throughout the interview and refused a request to be photographed.

Idema accused the FBI of orchestrating his arrest, saying the agency was trying to cover up its own incompetence in hunting for terrorists.

There was no confirmation his mission was approved by either U.S. or Afghan officials.

After initially denying any knowledge of Idema's activities, the U.S. military announced in July that it had received a prisoner from the American and held him for more than a month at Bagram Air Base before deciding that he was not the man Idema said he was. A military spokesman said the military did not realize Idema was working on his own at the time.

Idema also convinced NATO peacekeepers to help his group on three raids in the capital of Kabul. The security force said experts found traces of explosives in two houses raided by Idema and his colleagues.

Idema, Americans Brent Bennett and Edward Caraballo, and

four Afghans stand accused of torturing about a dozen prisoners in their private jail. The Afghan prisoners, including a senior judge and six of his family members, have been released. Idema hinted there were other operatives in his counter-terror crew that had not yet been arrested.

The trial is set to resume Monday.

Idema denied the torture charges. "Nobody was hung upside down. Nobody was burned with cigarette butts ... nobody was beaten, nobody was tortured, nobody had boiling water poured on them," he said. "Did we interrogate people? Absolutely. Did we keep them up with sleep deprivation? Absolutely."

Idema said that earlier this year he sent information to the FBI's Counter-Terrorism Watch command center, including the address of a hide-out then being used by bin Laden. He said he passed the information along while he was living in Fort Bragg, N.C., in January or February.

He said he got his information from three Afghan agents working for him in the field, but he would not say how the agents communicated with him in America.

"I gave (the FBI) bin Laden's exact address right outside Peshawar," a northwestern Pakistani city, he said. "I gave them the grid coordinates, the street and house number and everything. They got there five days after he left. I'm like, 'are you doing? Do you want to catch bin Laden?'" He said the FBI later confirmed bin Laden had been at the house.

FBI spokesman Bill Carter said Saturday the agency could not respond to the allegations.

Pakistan says it has busted plot to stage suicide attacks

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan has arrested at least five al-Qaida-linked terrorists who were plotting suicide attacks on government leaders and the U.S. Embassy, officials announced Saturday.

Security forces captured five or six suspects — one Egyptian, the others Pakistani — in the past week across the country, and seized some weapons, Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed told reporters.

He said authorities were hunting for four to five other suspects, and that those already detained had "wanted to kill hundreds of innocent people" and cause unrest in Pakistan.

Interior Minister Raisul Saleh Hayyat told The Associated Press, however, that a "gang" of a dozen suspects was captured.

They also wanted to target some government ministers, he said.

"This is a gang of suicide bombers, and our security agencies have done a remarkable job by foiling this plot," Hayyat said, adding that those captured were "definitely" they are linked to al-Qaida.

In the past five weeks, Pakistan — a key ally in the U.S.-led war on terrorism — has captured more than 80 terror suspects, including some key al-Qaida operatives, officials have said.

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Suspected of having condoned the torture of Iraqi prisoners, some American military doctors now face ugly comparisons to soldier-physicians who conspired in abuses by Saddam Hussein, Adolf Hitler and other dictators.

Although the Americans alleged misconduct in leaked videos, some say it is made worse because they did not have to fear being killed if they didn't cooperate.

"I don't think there are shades of gray," said Dr. Vincent Lacapino, director of research for Physicians for Human Rights. "If they did not have the immediate threat of harm, they had the obligation if they witnessed

abuses to say something about them."

The Defense Department issued a statement Friday taking "strong exception" to allegations made last week in the British medical journal *The Lancet*. An article by an American professor said doctors at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison falsified death certificates to hide killings, hid evidence of beatings and revived a prisoner so he could be tortured more.

The Defense Department says there is "no evidence" of that and objects to what it calls the "wholesale indictment" of U.S. medical personnel and care in Iraq. The statement says that if an ongoing investigation finds guilt, "those responsible will be held accountable."

Medical ethicists say that being silent while patients are

harmed is a profound breach of ethics and the oath that doctors take. They have called for reforms of military medicine, more training for doctors to recognize signs of torture, and an independent, non-military-led investigation of the scandal.

The *Lancet* article was written by Steven Miles, a University of Minnesota professor who has researched human rights issues for 20 years. It was based on rhedna reports, congressional testimony, sworn statements of detainees and soldiers, and medical journal accounts — not events he witnessed firsthand.

Miles does not shed light on how many doctors were involved or how widespread the problem of medical complicity was, aspects he says he is now investigating.

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Children in orphanage had hard life in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — With their stay in a squalid African orphanage behind them, seven Texas children are returning to life in America, shopping for school clothes, eating pizza and watching Harry Potter movies.

The children, ages 8 to 16, returned to Houston last week after a Texas missionary happened upon them in what he described as "an unbelievable cesspool." Some were malnourished, suffering from malaria and typhoid.

Now in two foster homes, the kids are happy to get simple things like underwear and hair gel, said Children's Protective Services spokesman Estelita Olguin. On Friday, they celebrated one child's 15th birthday at a skating rink.

"They are regular kids," Olguin said. "They seem pretty resilient."

The children's adoptive mother, Mercury Liggins, is under investigation for allegations of abuse and neglect. Four abuse or neglect complaints had been filed against her prior to the discovery of the children in Nigeria, but no charges were filed.

A woman who answered Liggins' phone this past week declined to identify herself and said attorney Michael Delaney would answer questions. Delaney did not return repeated calls from The Associated Press, but told the Houston Chronicle the children were abandoned by Liggins' brother-in-law when she went to work as a contractor in Iraq.

By all accounts, life was tough for the children even before they landed in a Nigerian orphanage. Mona Banks, director of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Houston branch where the children spent much of their time, said they frequently had holes in their clothes and shoes.

"A lot of times the mother would send them here with a peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwich and the peanut butter was so hard it didn't want to stick to the bread," Banks said.

Banks said she and other staffers got donations to help feed the children, keep them clothed and do something special for birthdays.

"I never, ever spoke to the mother," Banks said. "She was a ghost. She would drop them off at the front of the building on

the street."

Banks said she suspected deeper problems at home, but the kids weren't forthcoming.

"They would always just say things like, 'I'm scared. I don't want to go home,'" Bates said.

Investigators never found anything to substantiate abuse and neglect complaints filed with CPS, Olguin said.

"Each time we went to the home, the kids denied that the aunt who was abusing them," she said.

"They said everything was great. And now, of course, what they are telling us is a different story — that they were being abused in the home."

Since their return, the children have told of beatings with canes and switches — and threats to take them to Africa if they ever told law officers about the abuse, Olguin said. Police are reviewing the case.

After Liggins took the children to Nigeria in October, she came back to the United States to train for a job as a food services worker with Houston-based Halliburton's subsidiary Kilat.

She went to work in Iraq in April but left three months later. Nigerian officials said the children apparently spent 10 months in Ibadan, shuttled from a neglectful stranger's care to a concrete-block orphanage, begging small change to buy food.

Exactly how long they spent in the orphanage is unclear, but the children were noticed by a Nigerian official just this month and proved their American citizenship by singing "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Cornerstone Church youth minister Warren Becmer said the children told him their adoptive mother's brother-in-law abandoned them when she stopped sending money.

"This place is an unbelievable cesspool," Becmer wrote to church Pastor John Hagee, in San Antonio, on Aug. 4.

"Is there anything we can do to try to get these children back home to America?" Becmer wrote to Aug. 13, with the help of two U.S. congressmen, the children were returned to Houston, where four of the children who are biological siblings were adopted in 1995. The other three share a birth mother and were adopted in 2001.

Counselors died in place they loved

COLOMA, Calif. (AP) — They were young adults from America's heartland with a passion for the wild outdoors, backpacking, sailing and camping when they could, working together as counselors at a Christian retreat and dreaming that they would someday open one of their own.

Then, just weeks before their Sept. 11 wedding date, they were killed in their sleep — perhaps after taking in one last Pacific sunset under the open sky they loved.

They died instantly, each shot in the head as they lay in sleeping bags on a wild shoreline 2,500 miles from their homes and families, Sonoma County authorities said Friday.

By all accounts, Jason Allen of Michigan and Lindsay Cutshall of Ohio possessed outgoing physical natures to match their Midwest-grown spirituality. Friends, neighbors and family members recalled a couple who backpacked, sailed and rafted whitewater rivers, some day hoping to open an outdoor Christian camp like the one where they were counselors together.

"They both enjoyed that, and they just wanted to find some mission where they could reach young people for the Lord," said John Hart, a close friend of the Allen family in Michigan.

The couple's bodies were dis-



Lindsay Cutshall



Jason Allen

covered Wednesday when deputies rescuing a stranded hiker spotted the crime scene from a helicopter. "It appears to be a terrible crime absent of motive, which is a concern to us," Sheriff's Lt. Dave Edmonds said.

There were no signs of sexual assault or robbery, and murder-suicide was ruled out because no weapon was found, authorities said.

"From all indications, the victims were very upstanding citizens, they were very honorable people. They had an absolute absence of enemies," Edmonds said. Police said they had no suspects.

Authorities said the slaying apparently occurred Sunday or Monday. Autopsies were being performed Friday.

Allen, 26, and Cutshall, 23, had been engaged for two years. Both were born into active churchgoing families. Allen's father, Robert Allen, was an elder at his Immanuel Baptist Church near the family home in Zeeland, Mich; Cutshall's father, the Rev. Chris Cutshall, is pastor of the Fresno Bible Church in rural Ohio.

The couple was remembered as being dependable and prompt; people took notice when they didn't return to work at the camp as scheduled.

But most of all, they were known for their religious conviction.

"As a young man, he gave his life to Christ and from that day forward, has lived a life dedicated to loving and ministering to others in the name of Christ,

both through outdoor adventures and in every aspect of his daily life," said Alvin Goossen, a friend of Allen's from Michigan. In California's Gold Country where the couple lived since June, they guided teens and college students rafting down the South Fork of the American River.

A few miles from where settlers struck gold 1848 in the Sierra foothills 50 miles east of Sacramento, the 15-year-old Rock-N-River Christian camp is hidden off Highway 49, down a dirt road amid numerous other rafting operations.

Camp assistant Patty Salece said the couple provided "good, clean fun" for campers from around the country. Stacks of canoe paddles with Biblical verses written on them bear testament to the camp's theme. A small building houses shelves of religious books.

But Rock-N-River closed for the season after the two disappeared, and campers were sent to other camps nearby, Salece said. "They were great kids, shining beacons of Christian young adults," she said.

Kathy Cutshall said Allen met her daughter while the two attended Appalachian Bible college in West Virginia. Allen, who graduated in 2001, moved to a farmhouse in Ohio to be near Cutshall after her graduation last year.

Investigators seek clues in counselor deaths

JENNIFER, Calif. (AP) — Authorities in this picturesque coastal town continued searching for clues Saturday in the shooting deaths of a young couple, and some residents said they feared for their own safety.

"I'm terrified," said Julia Bechtold, 27, a waitress in nearby Dunsmuir Mills. "It's just that we're so small, so anytime something happens, it seems so out of place."

Police have identified no suspects and no motive in the deaths of Lindsay Cutshall, 23, and Jason Allen, 26, a devotedly religious couple who were to be married next month.

Their bodies were discovered Wednesday on a remote beach, two days after they were reported missing.

Sheriff's investigators uncovered no new evidence Saturday,

revealed the victims, who were found in their sleeping bags, had been shot through the head at close range. Authorities have ruled out a murder-suicide, and there was no evidence of trauma, robbery or sexual assault.

Meanwhile, people in this hamlet of barely 100 residents remained shaken by the deaths.

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The man who police say was responsible for the drug operation was charged with third-degree murder.

Fire Capt. John Taylor, 53, and firefighter Rey Tubish, 42, died Friday when they were trapped by quick-moving flames while trying to find the source of the fire.

Fire officials said the fire started in the wiring set up to run the lamps and fans used to nurture the plants, and spread more quickly because the hot lights had dried out the wood in the closet.

In addition to murder, Daniel through, 35, faces charges of marijuana possession.

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West waits for African solutions

Nations debate how to stop brewing African genocide

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — As the month-end deadline nears for Sudan to disarm the mostly Arab pro-government militias in Darfur, the United Nations and Western powers are in a dilemma over how far to go to stop the killing in an African country.

Still haunted by the fiasco in Somalia a decade ago, the West is reluctant to intervene militarily in Africa — afraid of being dragged into a quagmire far from home while troops are still tied down in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Western nations want Africa to lead — to find African solutions for African problems. But analysts say the governments of the continent lack the cohesion, resources and political will.

"It is terrible. The West finds a need to follow an African lead, and Africa is not ready to lead," said Greg Mills, director of the South African Institute of International Relations.

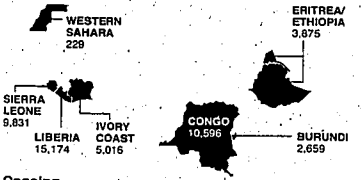
In Sudan's Darfur region, at least 1.2 million black Africans have fled the militias, which are jawed, that have killed thousands of civilians in response to a rebellion.

The African Union is taking various approaches to dealing with the Darfur conflict, offering to host peace talks in Nigeria between African rebels and the Sudanese government starting Monday and providing forces to protect monitors of an April 8 cease-fire agreement.

But Africa's capacity to supply troops is limited, analysts say. "What is needed now is for someone to go in — not with a peacekeeping force but with an enforcement force," said Chris

Keeping the peace in Africa

The United Nations has 16 peacekeeping operations around the world, including seven in Africa.



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SOURCE: United Nations

Landsberg, co-director of the South African Center for International Relations. "The African Union is not ready for that. They are already overstretched in Burundi and Congo."

While Africans die, the West debates whether to classify the deaths as genocide, as the U.S. Congress and some humanitarian groups have declared, or ethnic cleansing.

Landsberg accused the West of seeking ways to avoid calling the janjaweed attacks a genocide — a definition that would require action under the 1948 Geneva Convention.

However, in the case of Darfur, he said, "I think we are heading for genocide unless decisive action is taken."

A decade ago, Hutu extremists in Rwanda slaughtered more than 500,000 people, mostly

Tutsis, while the U.N. Security Council, paralyzed by events in Somalia to the north, watched from afar. Instead of beefing up its peacekeepers in the country, it pulled them out.

Today, all agree more should have been done.

Now, faced with another killing field in Africa, there still is no clear idea how to proceed.

Both the United States and the United Nations bluntly told Sudan to end the violence and disarm the janjaweed by Aug. 31. They threatened punitive sanctions and hinted at military intervention but have not yet announced what actions they will take.

The 15-nation Security Council is due to consider what action to take at the end of August, with options ranging from extending the deadline for another 30 days

to imposing punitive measures. On Friday, ahead of British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw's visit to Sudan, his aides told reporters that most council members oppose heavy sanctions.

The Sudanese government says it has made a start but needs more time, and it has angrily rejected the idea of foreign intervention.

Mills expects the United Nations to buy time on Darfur by extending the deadline and requiring more monitoring.

"The U.N. doesn't have the stomach or political will to act in this region," Mills said.

Somalia is the oft-cited reason for Western reluctance in Africa, even though that effort did save people from a civil war-induced famine that already had killed 370,000.

U.S.-led troops landed in December 1992, made sure food relief got to the people and defeated the famine. The United Nations credited the troops with saving at least 100,000 lives.

But the mission's role gradually changed from feeding the people to fighting the warlords who caused the famine. After 29 U.S. soldiers died in action, 18 in a single battle, the Americans and ultimately all other Western forces withdrew.

New Darfur may be a test case for the West's genuine engagement and willingness to disprove critics, who say the ethnic cleansing that took the West to war in the former Yugoslavia was smaller-scale than that in western Sudan.

"The West has allowed the quagmire argument to become a cheap alibi — just like finding African solutions for African problems has become an alibi for inaction," Landsberg said.

Analysts note that in the few cases when the West has intervened, the record has been good.

Suspected rebels fatally shoot policeman during blockade

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Suspected communist rebels fatally shot a police officer Saturday as they tightened their grip on Katmandu, blockading the capital for a fourth day of press demands for the release of government-held insurgents.

The death was the first since the Maoists shut down Katmandu's road links with the rest of the country through threats of violence. The insurgents shot and seriously wounded another policeman and set off two powerful bombs on Friday.

After the explosions, the Cabinet promised to meet one rebel demand — that the government investigate the cases of suspect-

ed rebels missing after apparent arrests. It was not clear if officials also would agree to free known rebel prisoners.

There has been no reaction from the rebels, who have been fighting since 1996 to replace the monarchy in this Himalayan nation with a communist state. But guerrillas on Saturday allowed a dozen trucks loaded with fresh food to enter Katmandu for the first time since Wednesday, helping to ease shortages and rising prices.

Police said two men on a motorcycle fatally shot the policeman, who was on patrol in the besieged capital Saturday, and then fled.

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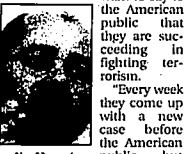
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Hamas leader says charge driven by election

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — A senior official of the Palestinian militant group Hamas indicted in the United States for conspiring to fund terror attacks against Israel denied the accusations and said the charges were driven by election-year politics in the United States.

"It is an election campaigning," Mousa Abu Marzook, deputy chief of the Hamas political bureau, told The Associated Press in Damascus on Friday. "They (U.S. officials) want to say to the American public that they are succeeding in fighting terrorism."



Abu Marzook

"Every week they come up with a new case before the American public, but these (the cases) are drawn from files that are tens of years old," he said.

Speaking by telephone from Damascus, where he has been living for several years, Abu Marzook said he had "nothing to do with" the accusations.

In Washington on Friday, U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft announced that Abu Marzook, Abdelhaleem Hasan Abdelraziq Ashqar, who lives in Alexandria, Va., and Muhammad Hamid Khalil Salah of Chicago, were indicted for their roles in 15-year racketeering conspiracy in the United States and abroad.

Ashcroft said the three men allegedly ran a U.S.-based terrorist and financing cell associated with Hamas and played "a substantial role in financing and supporting international terrorism."

Salah and Ashqar were arrested Thursday night, while Abu Marzook was in Syria "as a fugitive," according to Ashcroft.

Abu Marzook, an American-educated industrial engineer who lived in the United States for 15 years, was detained by U.S. authorities in 1995 on suspicion of involvement in terrorism, before being expelled to Jordan and later sent to Syria. Abu Marzook said both Ashqar and Salah were arrested in the past in the United States and released.

The Abu Marzook indictment raised concern the move may be aimed at putting pressure on Syria and possibly lead to the imposition of sanctions against the country.

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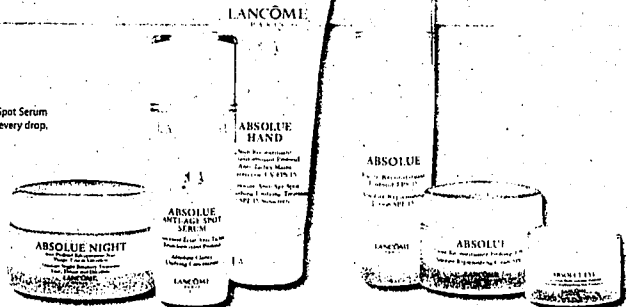
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EDITORIAL

History serves its purpose with Minidoka monument

How do we understand the present without clarity of the past? Whether it's World War II, Vietnam, Sept. 11, or any period or event, most Americans would agree that ignoring history is a sure way to repeat it.

That principle should help describe the Minidoka Internment National Monument, also known as Hunt Camp, in Jerome County.

National park officials, former internees, Idaho's elected leaders, and southern Idaho residents may agree that all historical context that surrounded the monument's exhibit should be presented to effectively memorialize that painful era.

U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, said as much in a meeting with the Times-News editorial board this week. Simpson said the monument's exhibit should tell of internment, while also providing historical background for why internment happened.

The Minidoka Hunt Camp was one of 10 relocation centers that interned 120,000 Americans of Japanese descent from 1942 to 1945. As a reaction to the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, and with the belief that the country was vulnerable to attack on the West coast, President Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066 to force relocation of 120,000 Japanese-Americans.

In 1989, the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians determined that interning Japanese-Americans was an act of discrimination by the federal government. Some historians and veterans still argue that given the context of the time, Roosevelt and the U.S. did what was prudent.

Now, a new book is rekindling debate over internment camps. Conserv-

ative author Michelle Malkin's "In Defense of Internment: The Case for Racial Profiling in World War II and the War on Terror" tries to bridge the events of the 1940s with today's struggle to find terrorist cells who have sworn to destroy Americans.

Malkin's premise — that internment was a valid security practice

for the era — will definitely create controversy. Many Americans today believe internment violated Japanese-Americans' constitutional rights.

But it's true that the lessons of internment do have an impact on how we fight wars and maintain liberties in today's conflict. That's why a full context of internment — from Japanese-Americans' settlement of the Pacific, to Pearl Harbor, to the end of World War II — needs to be included at the monument.

For example: Jim Centry's new history of the Magic Valley says some Hunt Camp internees requested to be returned to Japan for fealty to that country.

"Many people see parallels with what happened (in the 1940s) to current events," said Neil King, National Park Service superintendent at the Minidoka Monument.

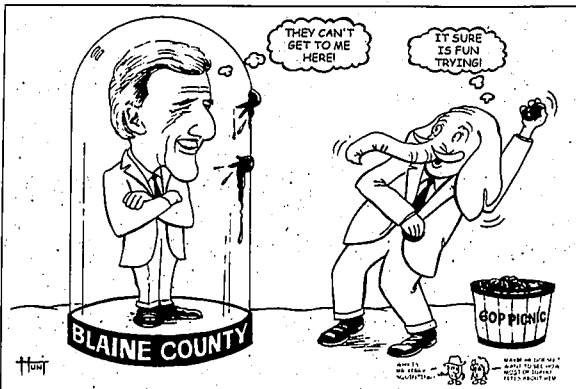
"That's the whole point of understanding history, is to extrapolate the lessons and see how they can apply to today, or if they apply."

"I would hate to see a monument that doesn't present the full context," Simpson said. "Some people will say you're defending the government's actions by telling why the government did that. But it's hard to judge past actions by present context. All you can really say is that past actions were inappropriate."

By making the Minidoka Internment National Memorial a complete picture of historical context and personal experience, America's past, future and present will be more enlightened.

Our view: Only a full historical examination of Japanese-American internment will provide lessons about America's past and present.

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



'Anybody but Kerry' is no cinch for Kerry

Among the signs waved by Democrats at their convention, the biggest was invisible: Anybody But Bush. This sentiment was so powerful that the delegates — despite being overwhelmingly opposed to the Iraq war — cheered the strictly martial theme.

Clearly, liberals might have demurred at such militarism. Not to worry; for some time now, President Bush has been delivering liberals up like electoral chandeliers to whoever the Democrats might nominate.

Still, there are principled voters out there who care deeply about ending the occupation of Iraq, repealing the Patriot Act and curbing corporate power, among other issues. These voters wait for a meaningful sign from Sen. John Kerry. But Kerry and his party are instead trying to herd these voters, like the others, into voting against Bush.

"They've rushed the Kucinich people. Many a supporter of Dennis Kucinich had waded valiantly through primary swamps with hopes of landing a hand-fashioned plank. Instead, they were offered to be hoisted onto a shiny plastic platform that has shed even a mention of global warming. Yet Kucinich beamed on stage as though he were in a movie with Ben Affleck. He has urged his and Ralph Nader's voters to support Kerry."

The Democratic posse moves on now, trying to thwart Nader's voters, as if this will leave no choice except Kerry (there's always staying home). First, their corporate law firms work to knock Nader off of the ballot. Second, the Democratic sneer operation gears up, claiming that organized Bush Republicans are

TAREK MILLERON

using the Nader campaign. Democrats and their front groups plan to spend millions against Nader.

If Republicans matched half of their money Nader would be on the ballot in 50 states. Yet the operation is working, says its front man, corporate lobbyist Toby Moffett.

What if Kerry appealed to idealistic voters, partly by taking issues away from Nader, as Kerry himself said early on? Isn't this the way to regain the crucial margin? Kerry could make bold statements about cracking down on corporate crime, war profiteering and safeguarding civil liberties, for example.

With such words, however, Kerry would offend the corporate contributors who have long sponsored his political career. He would find a chilly reception back in Washington political circles. Hence, the choice to try to herd voters rather than inspire them.

The linchpin in the corporate strategy that Kerry's advisers have chosen is the controlling elite: lobbyists who gush hospitality at both conventions, newspaper editorial boards, TV producers, pundits and so on. By avoiding even a mention of global warming, they avoid offending the corporate contributors who have long sponsored his political career. He would find a chilly reception back in Washington political circles. Hence, the choice to try to herd voters rather than inspire them.

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campaign, corporate leaders know that their patronage has ensured he would never keep them up at night. Kerry would never pound the bully pulpit to rally Americans around single-payer national health care or for a major crackdown on the corporate crime that bleeds pensioners, or to publicly shame polluters. He would support trade agreements crafted by corporate lobbyists, keep corporate tax rates low and leave defense pork alone. He may raise a few luckies, but he'll roll over when it counts.

Now Kerry is no pushover. He wouldn't allow us to lose face in Iraq. He'd prosecute egregious corporate crimes with the meager resources available. He thinks drug companies overcharge. In time, he means to improve fuel efficiency. He'd ride a radical roadless rule off ANWR trails and rip the Bush energy policy. He'd worry about global warming alongside enlightened oil company executives and improve our image in the world. In short, Kerry would take the easy edge of Not Bush; forget bold steps.

There's no denying it. Anybody But Bush could win Kerry the presidency, albeit one without a mandate (and a long political vacation for liberals would begin).

But if Kerry loses, it won't be because he lacked support in boardrooms or yoga studios. It will be because he will have abandoned those voters who could not forget the dead in Iraq, the damage of corporate greed, or snoothing in their public libraries in order to vote for him.

Tarek Milleron, Ralph Nader's nephew, is completing a doctorate in history at Utah State University.

LETTERS

Puzzling gas prices persist across Idaho

I agree with Corene Bulmer's letter regarding the high gas prices in Twin Falls. We, too, have noticed when traveling that our gas prices are not only higher than any place else, the octane is lower. To obtain 87 octane, which is what most never cars require, you have to pay a premium price in Twin Falls. Why is this? Boise pays less for 87 octane than we pay for 87.

Also, we have noted that smaller towns in Idaho like Weiser, Soda Springs and Montpelier have cheaper gas prices than sometimes as much as 10 cents a gallon.

I think the residents of Twin Falls are being taken advantage of, and I think it's time that it is stopped.

WJ (WAYNE) PHILLIPS
Twin Falls

Editorial plays unfairly by bashing coaches

Reference the editorial on Aug. 14, "Start blowing the whistle on coaches' behavior."

All right, it's true, something is happening in the world today. I find it disgusting to continuously open your newspaper and read about Coach Krumm and bashing the coaching profession. He made a mistake, he admitted his mistake, now let him get on with his life. Coaches are not perfect. You are starting a witch hunt on coaches. The high moral standards you demand for coaches should prevail with all athletes. Coach Krumm and not just high school coaches. You are opening the door for parents to scrutinize all aspects of a coach's life, both private and public. Coach Krumm's parents will be the mom and dad who thinks their son or daughter did not get enough playing time. When it comes to sports, parents lose their sense of value.

Perhaps you should investigate the time a coach spends away from his family. Missing his own children's sporting events, not seeing any of their other activity their own children are involved with. Most coaches are not in the "job" for the money. When you consider the hours spent on coaching and all the other activities they are involved with, I would venture to guess most coaches wind up "in the hole" money-wise.

Coaches have a very positive influence on our youth. We can all remember a favorite teacher whether it be in first grade or high school.

Coaches, I would not hesitate to have Gary Krumm teach or coach my grandchildren.

"dug" a little bit deeper, they would have seen that Coach Krumm was an excellent English teacher also while coaching at BSU. He worked with his students to be "be" they could be" and gave them the opportunity to achieve their goals.

Morality begins at the top in any business or government entity, and, yes, editorial boards. JUDY HARR
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The contest for a battleground island

BEAVER ISLAND, Mich. — It's turning ugly.

No, not the island itself, this haven in northern Lake Michigan where the Broder grandchildren, who are the fifth-generation beneficiaries of Uriah Hoffmann's decision to build a cabin here in 1915, have been playing on the beach, peddling their bikes to Daddy Frank's ice cream stand and riding at Ben McCaffery's speed on a dirt bike.

The water and sand are as inviting as ever and the weather has been fine. But presidential politics has encroached on this idyllic scene in a way I've never seen in the 50-some years I've been coming here.

Some time late last Friday night or early Saturday morning, someone stole the Bush for President sign from Bill and Tammy McDonough's yard. Swirling opposition yard signs is a standard tactic in less civilized parts, but this is an island where no one locks the doors at night and people leave the keys in the car when they put a car and shop or go into the Shamrock for a beer.



DAVID BRODER

as the Cubs need Sammy Sosa to start hitting again.

There are John Kerry signs all over the island — down near the ferry dock, on the back road behind town and at the foot of driveways leading to cabins in the woods.

I don't know what it means in the larger scheme of things, but the Democrats on Beaver Island think they are on a roll. It's mostly because of one person — Mary Schell stands out, the gray-haired, 65-year-old proprietor of the Toy Museum, a retail establishment that is the favorite rainy-day haven for families with children. Mary has counters filled with amazing toys and games, and for kids, it is heaven.

She grew up in Washington, D.C., where her father worked on the Truman-era restoration of the White House, and she regards the current occupants as trespassers on sacred property. Her personal favorite among the Democrats was Dennis Kucinich, but she's an ABB voter — Anybody But Bush.

Last winter, when Michigan Democrats scheduled caucuses to elect delegates to the national convention, Mary Schell called the party chairman in Charlevoix, the county seat, to ask where she could vote. She was told that no plans had been made for a caucus on Beaver Island, "because there are no Democrats there."

Mary knew better. In New Dent days, the permanent residents — mostly Irish fishing families — had been overwhelmingly Democratic, but an influx of retirees combined with local issues such as the abortion had swelled the ranks of Republicans. In 2000, Bush won Beaver Island over Al Gore, 106 to 173.

place" — her own front porch. Mary expected maybe 10 or 15 people to show up on Feb. 7. Instead, 54 came, and they stayed for four hours," she said. "They were so excited to discover they weren't alone, that there were so many other Democrats."

"That was the start. Kerry won the island caucus, and when he became the de facto candidate a month later, Mary was on the case to Charlevoix again, demanding a shipment of lawn signs. She called the people who had signed in for the caucus — and the result is visible everywhere."

"The Republicans are not conceding. 'We're letting them (the Democrats) have their fun now,' Bill McDonough said. 'Come October, you'll see Bush-Cheney signs everywhere.'"

"The president has bracketed Beaver Island, with recent campaign events in Marquette, on the Upper Peninsula north of here, and Traverse City, 50 miles to the south. If this election is as close as it now appears, Karl Rove may have to figure out how to land Air Force One on Beaver Island. Just to offset Mary Schell."

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LETTERS

Bush flips repeatedly before he flops

The extreme right wing, which has hijacked the Republican Party, incorrectly attacks Sen. John Kerry on his voting record to take attention away from Bush's serious flip-flops. Consider the following:

1. Against campaign finance reform. Then for it!
 2. Against a Homeland Security Department. Then for it.
 3. Against a 9-11 commission. Then for it!
 4. Against Iraq weapons of mass destruction investigation. Then for it!
 5. Against nation building. Then for it!
 6. Against deficits. Then for the biggest in history.
 7. A free trader. Then imposed tariffs. Then dropped them!
 8. Against brokering a peace in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Then flopped!
 9. For states rights. But not for gay marriage, wanting a constitutional amendment.
 10. Promised money for first responders (police, fire, emergency). Then reneged!
 11. Promised help for veterans. Then cut benefits!
 12. Osama bin Laden most important target. Then "I don't know where he is. I have no idea and I really don't care."
 13. Promised to support environment. Then secretly drilled on Easter Island!
 14. Promised to help education. Then gave it increased ways to fail without adequate funding!
 15. United State will-won't, will-won't negotiate with North Korea. Guess what?
 16. Bush makes bigot points at Bob Jones University. Then tongue-in-cheek guesses maybe he should not have!
 17. Flip-flopped with the United Nations Security Council!
 18. Said sailors put up "Mission Accomplished" banner. Then admitted his advance politicos put it up!
 19. Wanted to fingerprint and photograph Mexicans. Then he reneged! Now the borders are broken!
- Forgive me for not including all of his lesser flip-flops. Give Sen. John Kerry a chance to establish his own record in the White House, not act on the Bush bunch's propagandistic assertions. In the meantime, remember that George W. Bush used his

father's influence to get into the National Guard, presumably to avoid service in Vietnam. Moreover, he made a mess of that service. Now he allows false advertising against Kerry in what Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, says is a

dishonorable ad. What is really needed is a czar for honesty in advertising, especially in the political arena. Bush has flopped so many times that he is a flop!
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Elderly visitors look at carved relief of Deng Xiaoping on Saturday, in Guangan, Deng's hometown, southwest China. Deng, former leader of China from 1978 to 1989, was born Aug. 22, 1904, in Sichuan Province, China, and several official events will be carried out for the 100th anniversary of his birth nationwide.

China's former politician feted like star

BEIJING (AP) — Known as the father of a two-decade-long economic boom and crusher of the 1989 pro-democracy movement at Tiananmen Square, Deng Xiaoping has an unlikely new role: pop culture icon.

His face beams from wrist-watches and tea sets. He's the star of a popular Beijing exhibit. His handsome hometown has been turned into a tourist attraction with a museum to his storied career.

To mark the 100th anniversary of the late supreme leader's birth Sunday, China's government is pulling out all the stops to promote the image of the chain-smoking communist guerrilla.

"Along came Deng, and he gave all of our lives a big lift," said Hu

Huifun, a 32-year-old Beijing magazine editor visiting the Deng exhibit at the National Museum.

The Communist Party pins its claim to legitimacy on rising public prosperity and riding on Deng's coattails helps promote loyalty to the party at a time of public discontent with corruption and official abuses.

The propaganda campaign is a paradoxical fate for Deng. He disdained the cult of personality cultivated by communist founder Mao Zedong, whom he succeeded in 1976 but whose portrait still hangs in homes throughout the country.

Mao led the 1949 revolution that ended decades of chaos under feuding warlords and

began China's opening to the West in the early 1970s. But it was Deng who took the leap toward capitalism that would transform China into a global economic power.

And, in a sense, Deng still rules from beyond the grave following his death in 1997, having picked not just his successor, Jiang Zemin, but China's current president, Hu Jintao.

For all those who mourn the bloodshed of the military attack on the Tiananmen Square pro-democracy protests, Deng's commitment to "reform and opening up" has lifted millions out of poverty.

At the National Museum, Deng fans jostle for free tickets,

crowd the souvenir stand and snap each other's picture in front of a giant poster of the leader, who was barely 5 feet tall.

"Because of Deng, ordinary people can now make money based on their abilities," said Wei Qinglin, a 72-year-old corn farmer from China's northeast. "If you're willing to work hard, there's no limit to what you can achieve."

Wei was in Beijing visiting his daughter, who runs her own barbecue stand.

"If it weren't for Deng's policies, my daughter wouldn't have been able to come to Beijing," he said. "She'd still live in the countryside. She'd be a peasant."

Bomb rocks opposition rally in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — A series of bombs exploded as a top Bangladesh opposition leader was speaking at a rally from atop a truck Saturday, killing at least 14 people and injuring hundreds, witnesses and news reports said.

The main opposition leader, Sheikh Hasina, crouched low in the truck soon after the first blast occurred as she was addressing thousands outside her Awami League party's headquarters in central Dhaka. She was visibly shaken but not hurt.

At least 14 people were killed and more than 300 injured, including senior opposition members, United News of Bangladesh reported. Doctors at Dhaka's state-run hospital were overwhelmed and appealed for blood, saying the death toll could increase because some of the injured were in critical condition.

No one claimed responsibility for the blasts, but Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil claimed they targeted Hasina. The rally was called to protest a series of explosions early this month that killed two people, including an opposition supporter, in the northeastern city of Sylhet.

Police gave few details, but Hasina aide Saheb Hossain Chowdhury said the first blast was followed by at least eight other explosions and numerous gunshots, and the jeep that carried Hasina away had several bullet marks in the rear glass.

"It seemed to me that some of the bombs were thrown from multistory buildings near the scene," said Farook Khan, an opposition lawmaker who was standing close to Hasina.

Khan estimated that at least 15,000 people were at the rally when the explosions happened.

Protesters greet U.S. aircraft carrier in Japan

TOKYO (AP) — Boatloads of Japanese protesters met the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis as it pulled into port in southern Japan on Saturday.

About a dozen boats were filled with demonstrators at Sasebo port while others on the dock punched their fists into the air and chanted, "Keep out nuclear-powered aircraft carriers."

Japan is the only country ever to have suffered an atomic attack — the World War II bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki — and there are strong concerns about the military use of atomic energy, and port calls by U.S. nuclear-powered vessels.

The 97,000-ton Stennis, based in San Diego, Calif., was stopping in Japan to participate in drills with the USS Kitty Hawk and Japan's Self-Defense Force, said public broadcaster NHK.

Seven of the U.S. Navy's 12 carrier strike groups were deployed simultaneously around the globe this summer. The deployment to Japan was part of the first-of-its-kind "Summer Pulse" exercises, which the U.S. Navy launched to test the feasibility of having multiple detachments at sea, according to news reports.

U.S. military officials were unavailable for comment.

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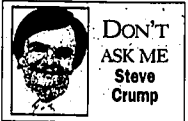
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There's something about an Aqua Velva man

In 1990, in the movie "Home Alone," Macaulay Culkin slapped two palmfuls of Old Spice onto his 10-year-old face and forever doomed the after-shave business.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

Or so we thought. Last week came news that Combe Inc., a New York-based personal-care products manufacturer (Vagil, Color-Esters, Grecian Formula, Clearasil), is relaunching Old Spice's archival Aqua Velva, an after-shave once described as the "folletry of choice of used-car salesmen."

Ditro Brut, which is just the essence to wear with an all-polyester wardrobe; it's being retooled by cosmetics-maker Helen of Troy. The same firm recently bought the rights to Vitals.

This, friends, is not a good thing. Those of us who are old enough to have had their nasal passages cauterized by alcohol-based fragrant astringents all sent flowers to the funeral of the Aqua Velva Man. But we never visit his grave.

See, we kind of outgrew our taste for smelt-it-down-the-block cologne. Also we learned — and I double-checked with a couple of dermatologists on this — that after-shave did nothing to soothe skin that had just undergone a working over by Gillette Blue Blades.

Its stated purpose of "tightening the skin" after a close shave is bunk. The alcohol in after-shaves mostly just irritates skin tissue that has just had its top layer of cells scraped off.

What, of course, leaves only one good reason to use after-shave: attracting women.

When I was a teenager I had a summer job working in the stockroom of my Uncle Bricks' men's clothing store. One of my jobs was to open cartons of freight as they arrived and stack it on the shelves in the basement of the store.

One Friday, on the morning of the evening that I had a date with a girl who worked at the Woolworth's down the block, I opened a consignment of Jade East, which in 1967 was considered terribly trendy toilet water. I was stacking boxes of the stuff when the brackets holding up one end of the shelf collapsed, drenching me in a scent best described as Mentholatum mixed with ginseeng.

And when I turned up at the moviehouse that night, my date made me sit at the other end of the row.

In the balcony. She sat downstairs.

Of course, were it not for English Leather and British Sterling, none of my male relatives would ever have gotten a Christmas present from me when I was a kid. After-shave was incredibly cheap, and it was the gift that never went away because no guy in his right mind ever used it. I bought the stuff more than a couple of times.

But it did have its charms. My Uncle Myron went fishing with some friends to Grand Slave Lake, an 11,000-acre, quarantile expanse of mosquito larvae and cranky moose in Canada's Northwest Territories. Myron was a great fan of Old Spice, and lavished the tax-exempt even on fishing trips. The mosquitoes loved it, but it kept the moose away.

One day Myron landed a northern pike, a notoriously ornery fish with a lot of sharp teeth. As he was taking the pike off the hook, the fish clamped down on his thumb.

Nothing could persuade the northern to release his jaw-lock, even after it became decimated on account of continuous thrashing with a rock. By the time the fish went into rigor mortis, Myron was beginning to feel very stiff himself. Then through desperation or

Then through desperation or
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Gentlemen, start your engines



Niek Davis, right, a cylinder head specialist, shows off the engine of the Wheeler Machinery Co. funny car to Dava Snyder during the Joe Mama's Sixth Annual Jerome Car Show Saturday. The car, a nitro-powered Pontiac Firebird, was brought up from Salt Lake City for the show.

Joe Mama's car show becomes a noisy success

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

JEROME — It was a day for earplugs and sunscreen, classic roadsters and T-shirts reading, "It's too loud, you're too old!" Hundreds came out to Jerome City Park for Joe Mama's Sixth Annual Jerome Car Show Saturday, billed as Idaho's largest — despite the upper-90-degree heat.

Patrick McMillen of Twin Falls, his wife, Tina, and their three children stopped by the show for a detour from back-to-school shoe shopping at Wal-Mart.

"It's nice to see the old cars

that are kept up," McMillen said.

But there was much more to the exhibition than the restored classic cars and shiny street rods. Around noon, a group of spectators crowded around Australia native Robert Schwab's nitro-powered Wheeler Machinery Co. funny car to hear Schwab fire the car's deafening 6,000-horsepower engine.

The souped-up Pontiac Firebird — nicknamed "The Thunder From Down Under" — is valued at \$200,000, Schwab said, and has the potential to reach speeds of more than 300

miles per hour.

Schwab now lives near Salt Lake City and races the car on the national drag racing circuit, but had an extremely close call five years ago when the car erupted in a fireball on the start line — with him inside.

Schwab received serious burns over most of his body, but returned to racing about a month later, his wife, Lisa, recalled Saturday.

"It's unfortunately part of the sport," she said. Lisa Schwab said drag racing is wonderfully exciting but horribly nerve-wracking, especially after her husband's

accident. He's still got the battle scars from the flames.

"You put him in the race car and hold your breath for about five seconds until you go get him at the end of the track," she said.

But she knows her husband's determination to win won't ever keep him off the track, especially after winning his first National Hot Rod Association race last month in Denver, Colo.

"I just love driving these things," Robert Schwab said.

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Hagerman feels the blues

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — Sounds of the blues filled Hagerman Saturday.

The second annual Blues in the Park festival brought out more people — and they came earlier, too — than the inaugural event in Billingsley Creek State Park the previous year.

Spectators relaxed and listened, tapped their toes, swayed to the music and as the day wore on danced on the grassy field in front of the band stand.

"We like the blues," Twin Falls resident Dan Dry said. "We normally have to go to Boise for something of this caliber."

It was Dry and his wife Vickie's second year at Blues in the Park. They came prepared with comfortable chairs and a large umbrella.

The park provided a spectacular setting for the outdoor festival, which was sponsored by the Hagerman Improvement Education and Appreciation Committee under a special-use permit from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

"We made some changes this year," IDEA President Pete Addison said. "The first year is a learning process, and we will just keep getting better every year. We have lots of volunteers who help us make it work."

By mid-afternoon the large column of poplar trees had cast a shade over the grassy area, which began filling early with spectators.

IDEA Secretary-Treasurer Jim Scott anticipated a better crowd this year and he was not disappointed.

Gate receipts last Saturday were already ahead of last year's attendance.

"The event is growing," Scott said. "We even had people drive down from Seattle, Washington. They are people who follow



Harpo Night Train, left, and Danny Boy McCoy perform during the second annual Blues in the Park Saturday afternoon. The two performers, who play under the name Harpo Night Train and Danny Boy, said being on work release allowed them to attend the festival.

Too Slim and the Talldragons."

Prior to the 7 p.m. appearance of the headliners, the crowd was entertained by Swamp Cats, John Nemeth Band, Matrix and Harpo Night Train and Danny Boy.

Craig Mills of Hagerman filled in on drums for the local Swamp Cats.

"This is the hardest core blues' band from this area," Mills said. "They've got blues in their blood."

Lead guitarist and vocalist George Marsh grew up in Magic Valley. He's played the blues most his life, primarily on the West

Coast. A number of the songs performed by the group were written by Marsh, including "The Hobe King," "Blues Feel Bad" and "Wash Woman Blues."

Band members include Mike Gray of Jerome on bass and Sweet Sonny of Hagerman on harmonica.

IDEA committee members plan to make the festival even bigger and better next year.

"I think this has the potential of being a huge festival," J.P. Productions' Jerry Hardy said. "What we have to offer here is such a

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Minidoka schools revise dress code

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The dress code for Minidoka County School District has some revisions this year, but the revisions are for teachers, not students.

Forbidden items under the revised code for teachers and staff include clothing that reveals cleavage or the midriff, see-through clothing, skirts and

dresses with slits shorter than mid-thigh, jeans and jean overalls, fleece sweat pants and rubber flip-flop sandals, School Board Clerk Darrell Black said.

These items have been incorporated into the student dress code for some time. Also prohibited for students is clothing that depicts or promotes alcohol, drugs, gang affiliation, profanity or Marilyn Manson.

The revised code for teachers has yet to be approved by the board, but Superintendent Nick Hallett has activated it as procedure, Black said.

A draft of the code for teachers

begins by stating that, "Professional dress for instructional and office staff members is defined as neat, clean and appropriate for the learning environment."

This is essentially what the previous dress code for teachers stated. The new code goes further in prohibiting particular items or styles of clothing and adds a line from the student code that reads, "Personnel appearance should not disrupt the educational process or cause undue attention."

There is a provision in the draft code for teachers to allow individual schools to designate

"alternative dress" days as part of its individual dress guidelines.

As with the student code, the dress code for teachers applies equally to men and women and without bias as to race, color, religion, national origin, disability or age.

Student dress codes are included in student handbooks for individual schools and can be seen on the school's Web site.

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Serving their country

Profiles of servicemen and women with local ties deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan. Information supplied by their families.



Benjamin D. Jansen

- Age: 34.
- Hometown: Jerome.
- Local family: Parents, Anthon and Marilyn Jansen of Jerome; brother, William Jansen; sisters, Karen Tolman, Deborah Adamson; Barbara Becker, Julie Rhoades, Lisa Jansen; wife, DeAnn Jansen; son, Ethan; daughter, Emmy.
- Service, date of enlistment: National Guard, 1988.
- Rank, assignment: Staff sergeant.
- Task: Administrative support and linguist.
- Employment: Architect at BRS Architecture in Boise.
- Additional information: In unit HHC 116th Brigade combat team, deployed June 10, 2004, to Fort Bliss, Texas.
- Write to Jansen at SSG Jansen, Benjamin D.; MRCS/116 BDE/HHC 116 BDE; Bldg. 2444, Cassidy Road; Ft. Bliss, TX 79916, or e-mail to ben.jansen@us.army.mil



William A. Jansen

- Age: 21.
- Hometown: Jerome.
- Local family: Parents, Anthon and Marilyn Jansen of Jerome; brother, Ben Jansen; sisters, Karen Tolman, Deborah Adamson, Barbara Becker, Julie Rhoades, Lisa Jansen; wife, Amanda Jansen.
- Service, date of enlistment: National Guard, March 2002.
- Rank, assignment: Specialist, radio communications.
- Task: Radio, driver and maker.
- Employer: Harvest Classic Bread Company.
- Additional information: Deployed July 1, 2004, to Fort Bliss, Texas. Trained at Fort Benning, Ga.
- Write to Jansen at SPC William A. Jansen; MRCS/116 BCT/B-CO 2116; Bldg. 2444; Ft. Bliss, TX 79916, or e-mail to william.a.jansen@us.army.mil

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Barbara B. Belliston — Burley

Barbara Buckley Belliston, a 73-year-old long-time resident of Burley, passed away Friday, Aug. 20, 2004, at SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

She was born June 10, 1931, in Midvale, Utah, the daughter of Alberto Delos and Wynona Call Buckley. Barbara moved with her family to Rupert, when she was one year old. She attended Rupert High School with the class of 1949. She married David Mack Belliston on Jan. 28, 1949, in Rupert. They divorced in January of 1954, but kept a close association.



Barbara worked as a waitress and bookkeeper for many years and was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She is survived by her former husband, David Belliston of Twin Falls; five children, Bruce (Cecilia) Belliston of Nampa, Bert (Ann) Belliston of Heyburn, Julie (Tom) Murphy of Paul, Melanie (Douglas) Calquist of Eden and C. Jeffrey (Bonnie) Belliston of Pleasant Grove, Utah, and 13 grandchildren. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Debra Kay Belliston; and her two brothers, Delbert Call Buckley and Paul Zane Buckley.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004, at the Burley Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2050 Normal Ave., with Bishop H. Reese Mitchell officiating. Burial will be in Rupert Cemetery. 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.

The family suggests that memorials be directed to the LDS Church Perpetual Education Fund or to a charity of choice.

The family expresses their appreciation to the Polono Unit at SunBridge Care Center and Mountain View Care Center for the wonderful and loving care given to Barbara.

For many years, she was active in bowling leagues, bridge clubs, and the Christian Women's and Ladies' Lifeline Fellowship. She had a great love of music and participated in the Burley Music Club and supporting Community Concerts on Arts on Town. Barbara sang for several years with the Sweet Adelines. She loved to read and work jigsaw and crossword puzzles.

Kim Gergen — Hazelton

Kim Gergen, 51, of Hazelton, died Friday, Aug. 20, 2004, in Hazelton.

He was born Aug. 16, 1953, in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was raised in Eden, where he attended grade school. He graduated from Valley High School in 1971. Kim married LuAnn Rutledge in Hazelton in 1976, and they were later divorced. He worked for many years as manager of the Twin Falls County Solid Waste System. Kim loved the outdoors, and especially enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his two children, Amanda and Tori Gergen of Hazelton; his father, Jerry

(Paul) Gergen of Hazelton; mother, Marilyn Gergen (Hazon); two sisters, Terri (Don) Orr of Halley, Idaho, and Angela (John) Moore of Idaho; two step-sisters, Holly Lockwood and her fiancé, Kim Kent of Eden; and Melanie Lockwood of Hazelton; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

A graveside service will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at the Hazelton Cemetery with the Rev. Kevin Anderson officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."



Marlin 'Sam' Block — Jerome

Marlin Vaughn Block died at SunBridge Care Center in Twin Falls, Idaho, on Aug. 18, 2004, of causes yet to be determined.

He was born Feb. 1, 1940, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the son of Samuel and Anna Block of Jerome. He attended school in Jerome and graduated in 1958, following high school, he farmed with his father. In 1960, he joined the U. S. Army and served three years in Germany. He was honorably discharged as a SPEC-5 and returned to Idaho. In 1967, he married Shirley Block after which they bought a farm north of Jerome. They were married until 1991. In 1997, he went to work for the Jerome County Assessor's office, where he retired in 2002 as chief deputy assessor.

Marlin was an active member of the Elks and the Optimist



Club. For 25 years, he was a member of the Jerome County Rural Fire Department, also serving as a commissioner. Sam received numerous awards for his participation in work and civic clubs. He loved

hunting, fishing, the outdoors, family and friends.

Survivors include his brother, Howard Block; son, Rodney (Alauna) Block; daughter, Dionne Block; and grandsons, Andrew and Casper Block. He was preceded in death by his parents, beloved niece, Debbie Juggins—and numerous aunts, uncles and friends.

The funeral will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2004, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 1301 N. Davis in Jerome with the Rev. Baldwin Camin officiating. Burial will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Memorial donations may be made to the Snake River Elks Lodge, 412 E. 200 S., Jerome, ID 83336 or to the American Cancer Society.

Tom Hazzard — Boise

Tom was a Renaissance man, with interests in business, family, music and education. He often was referred to as "The Hazzard," born a Republican Presbyterian, and I will die a Republican Presbyterian.

Tom was born in Los Angeles, Calif., on May 7, 1923. Parents: Thomas Hamilton Hazzard and Marguerite Diehl Hazzard Allen. He is survived by wife, Barbara Engleson Hazzard (married Dec. 28, 1948), and children, Thomas Hamilton Hazzard III, wife, Donna, daughter Wendy Carter, and husband Bret, and grandsons Colin and Josh; Donald Merrill Hazzard (father), Heidi Bartolotta and husband Bret and daughter Katie Bartolotta, Timothy James Hazzard, Tiffany Young and husband Patrick, Ashley Hazzard; Carol, Hazzard Leehr, (husband Jeff), and children, Shannon, Rachael and Sean Leehr; Timothy McNeil Hazzard, (children, Christian, Matthew and James Hazzard); Andrew Engleson Hazzard, (wife, Barbara Renshaw Hazzard, and children, Noah, Graham (deceased), Dashiell Hazzard).

Business affairs: Building contractor in Los Angeles, president of T. H. Hazzard Inc. Construction in Boise, president of the Idaho Employers Council 1972-1989, chairman



of the National Industrial Council, Industrial Relations Group, trustee of Health and Welfare and Pension Trusts.

Civic affairs: National officer of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, established chapters at USC, and Arizona State chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Civic Affairs Committee, founding board member and administrator of FUNDSY, YMCA vice president, PTA president at McKinley Grade School, Idaho Statesman Outstanding Citizen, Presbyterian Church Elder.

Music: Co-founder and director of the Sun Valley Swing'n Dixie Jazz Jamboree (1989-2004), co-founder and Master of Ceremonies of Showtimers Entertainment

Investigation finds nuclear waste containers are safe

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's inspector general says a whistleblower's allegations unsafe containers are safe.

Investigators looked for storage levels of nuclear waste at the Skull Valley Goshute Indian Reservation are unsubstantiated.

In a 20-page report this week, the inspector general concludes that the NRC provided adequate oversight of casks designed by New Jersey-based Holtec International and fabricated by U.S. Tool and Die.

A former quality assurance auditor, Oscar Shirani, had warned of faulty welding and other safety shortcomings in the steel and concrete casks at several nuclear sites. Shirani also claims that the NRC staff ignored his warnings.

Under plans put forth by the consortium called Private Fuel

Storage (PFS), the casks would hold up to 44,000 tons of spent nuclear reactor fuel at the Skull Valley site, 45 miles southwest of Salt Lake City.

Investigators agreed to review the allegations after requests were made by two public-interest watchdog groups.

The NRC, the inspector general's report said, conducted yearly inspections from 1999-2002, and audits in 1996, 1999, 2000 and 2002. Deficiencies were revealed, but investigators concluded that the quality assurance programs at both companies met all requirements.

"The NRC's inspection into Shirani's concerns found no violations of NRC regulations or significant safety deficiencies," the inspector general's report said.

PFS spokeswoman Sue Martin

said Friday that the inspector general's report upheld the consortium's assertions that the casks met NRC safety requirements.

But the cask's durability have come into question again this week as the NRC's licensing board held another round of closed-door hearings on the PFS proposal in Washington centering on the potential effects of a fighter jet crash into the Goshute storage facility, where the casks would be stored above ground.

Military jets fly over the area between Hill Air Force Base and Utah Test and Training Range.

In March 2003, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board stalled PFS's efforts to get a license to allow the casks to be stored at the Utah site by ruling that the chances of such a crash exceeded the allowable risk.

Airport wants park lease extended

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — The board that oversees the only airport within a national park is questioning whether federal law requires an environmental study before the government can extend the airport's lease.

The Jackson Hole Airport is within Grand Teton National Park. The airport is operated under a lease agreement with the U.S. Department of Interior, which oversees national parks.

The airport entered a 30-year lease in 1983 with the agency that has since been extended by another 20 years until 2033.

Airport board member Jack Larimer said an environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act would cause significant delays in attempts to extend the lease.

NEPA reviews require time-consuming public comment.

While the airport lease does not expire until 2033, the airport is not eligible for certain federal grants during the last 20 years of its lease—starting in 2013 in Jackson's case.

Airport board members have said they want to get the lease extension done before the November elections and while the Bush administration is in office.

"The reason for pursuing this initiative now is a known, favorable national government administration in Washington, D.C.," states an attachment sent by airport officials to Steve Martin, regional director of the Park Service. The attachment was sent to Martin with a letter from airport manager George Larson.

Larson said the airport

board's attorney does not believe an NEPA review is required.

In the letter, dated Sept. 15, 2003, Larson asked Martin about two proposals. One was to extend the lease. The other was to pave a new section of commercial parking to make up for airplane parking that is unavailable when Vice President Dick Cheney lands Air Force II in Jackson Hole. Cheney has a home in Jackson Hole.

On Monday, Grand Teton Superintendent Mary Gibson Scott asked the airport board to send a new letter, outlining any proposals for changes at the airport.

Board President Jerry Blann agreed to send a new letter. Blann also told Scott that board members want to make the airport lease permanent.

DEATH NOTICES

Athena J. Dunn
BURLEY — Athena J. Dunn, 79, of Burley and formerly of Albion, died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at Mimioka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary

Don Bates Higbee
PAUL — Don Bates Higbee, 95, of Paul, died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

The funeral will be held at 11

a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2004, at Park Ebenezer Congregational Church with Pastor Vince Frank officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour before the service Tuesday at the church. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery.

SERVICES

Dennis Fabian Nutsch of Jerome, vigil service at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church; funeral Mass at 2 p.m. Monday at the church; friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Elmer Leroy Essig Jr., funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 56th St., Rupert; friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. today at the mortuary and one hour before the service at the mortuary.

Amanda Louisa "Louise" Powers Stevens of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St., Burley.

Rose Marie Nikolaus of Twin Falls, funeral at 2:30 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; viewing from 4 to 8 p.m. today at mortuary.

Austin Wendell Nebeker of Kimberly, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary, Kimberly Chapel, with the family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m. and from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Douglas D. Kramer of Boise, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Alden-Wagoner Funeral Chapel in Boise.

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 Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
 Thursday: Doughnuts
 Friday: Fruity yogurt
 Lunch menu
 Salad bar and milk served every day.
 Monday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich
 Tuesday: Bean and cheese burritos
 Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza
 Thursday: Sloppy joes
 Friday: Chicken nuggets

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 Milk served daily.
 Lunch menu
 Monday: No lunch
 Tuesday: Fish nuggets
 Wednesday: Sausage pizza
 Thursday: Sliced ham
 Friday: Turkey sandwich

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 Lunch menu
 Monday: Hamburgers
 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
 Wednesday: Tacos
 Thursday: Burritos
 Friday: Corn dogs

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 Choice of milk every day.
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 Monday: Chicken nuggets
 Tuesday: Crisp taco
 Wednesday: Build your own sandwich
 Thursday: Cheesy roast turkey
 Friday: Cheese pizza

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 Milk served daily.
 Lunch menu
 Thursday: Pizza pocket

Friday: Burritos
KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL
 Milk served daily.
 Lunch menu
 Thursday: Pizza pocket
 Friday: Burritos

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 Choice of milk served daily.
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Popcorn chicken basket
 Tuesday: Hamburger deluxe
 Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich
 Thursday: Beef taco bites
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 Milk served daily.
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Chicken nuggets
 Tuesday: Turkey gravy
 Wednesday: Ham sandwich
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 Monday: Cereal
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 Lunch menu
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 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
 Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich
 Thursday: Popcorn chicken basket
 Friday: Pizza

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 Milk served daily.
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal
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 Lunch menu
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 Thursday: Chicken tenders
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 Monday: Corn dog
 Tuesday: Spaghetti
 Wednesday: Soft shell taco
 Thursday: Hamburger
 Friday: Western vegetable soup

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 Monday: Corn dogs
 Tuesday: Sub sandwich
 Wednesday: Spaghetti
 Thursday: Nachos
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 Lunch menu
 Wednesday: Chef salad
 Thursday: Crispy chicken
 Friday: Hot dog

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS
 Choice of milk offered daily.
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Pancake on a stick
 Wednesday: Cereal
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Friday: Cereal
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Pizza
 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
 Wednesday: Beef finger steaks
 Thursday: Beef and bean burrito
 Friday: Chicken sandwich

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 Breakfast
 Milk and juice served daily.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Pancakes
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Nacho supreme
 Tuesday: Hamburger gravy
 Wednesday: Hot dogs
 Thursday: Pepperoni pizza

Friday: Cheeseburger
WENDELL SCHOOLS
 Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
 Lunch menu
 Thursday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich
 Friday: Hamburgers

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 Breakfast menu
 Wednesday: Waffles
 Thursday: Yogurt
 Friday: Breakfast hot pocket
 Lunch menu
 Wednesday: Hamburger, cheeseburger or burrito
 Thursday: Chicken Malibu or tuna
 Friday: Chik niks

CASSIA SCHOOLS
 Milk served daily.
 Breakfast menu
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Breakfast on a stick
 Friday: Crispy cereal bar
 Lunch menu
 Wednesday: Corn dogs
 Thursday: Chicken nuggets
 Friday: Crispy burrito

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Man pleads guilty to in-flight assault

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A man who allegedly threw a card listing Federal Aviation Administration regulations in a flight attendant's face after she asked him to speak softly to another passenger has pleaded guilty to a federal misdemeanor assault charge.

Troy Robert Graf, 38, pleaded guilty this week to one class B misdemeanor charge of assault on an aircraft. He faces up to six months in jail when he is sentenced Oct. 25, although

prosecutors have said they will recommend Graf serve only 15 days behind bars.

According to court documents, a Northwest Airlines flight attendant aboard the June 19 flight from Minneapolis to Salt Lake City asked Graf, who was flying first class, to quiet down when he began making loud comments to a female passenger one row back and across the aisle shortly before the 11 p.m. scheduled landing.

Graf refused, and when handed a card listing Federal Aviation Administration regulations, he threw the material in the flight attendant's face, charges state.

After being asked repeatedly to sit down, documents state, Graf began waving his arms and was escorted to his seat by other passengers and was arrested when the flight landed in Salt Lake.

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'CHASING THE DEVIL'

Book details pursuit of Green River Killer

SEATTLE (AP) — Dave Reichert finally gets to tell his own story. Two decades ago, when scores of young women were turning up dead around Seattle and news accounts suggested the search for the Green River Killer was sputtering, Reichert, a lead detective on the investigation, bit his tongue.

But after Gary Ridgway was sentenced last year to 98 life sentences, Reichert — now the King County sheriff — sat down with a Pulitzer Prize-winning ghost writer. The result was "Chasing The Devil: My Twenty-Year Quest to Capture the Green River Killer" (Little, Brown, 320 pages, \$24.95).

The ghost writer's identity can't be released because he's under contract with another publisher.

Reichert, now a Republican candidate for Congress, says he wrote the book for several reasons, but chief among them was to honor Ridgway's victims by publicizing the plight of teenagers on the street. Proceeds from the book are being donated to the Pediatric Interim Care Center in suburban Kent, an organization that places children with adoptive or foster parents.

"Chasing The Devil" gives an intimate look at the psychological trauma the serial killings inflicted on the detectives determined to stop them. For example, in 1983, Reichert was so disturbed by the killings that he asked his wife to stop saying "I love you" so much. She dutifully complied, he writes, and it wasn't until years later that he learned how much the request hurt her.

The book, crisply narrated the way Reichert speaks, is also an explanation of why the case took so long to crack. At the time, Reichert says, few people understood how important it was to find a careful killer among more than 12,000 potential suspects — especially one who preyed on prostitutes and runaways. Many people, even the parents of some victims, suggested the detectives didn't care about socially marginalized victims.

"Because I understood their



King County (Wash.) Sheriff Dave Reichert sits in his office in Seattle and talks about his book, "Chasing The Devil: My Twenty-Year Quest to Capture the Green River Killer" Tuesday.

sadness. I could tolerate criticism from parents," Reichert writes. "But I had more trouble listening to people who wanted to make political points at our expense. ... We were men and women who felt the loss of the Green River victims, and sometimes cried with those left behind. We worked thousands of hours of overtime. We sacrificed time with our own children."

Reichert was the first detective assigned to the Green River case, so called because Ridgway dumped his first victims in a river near the suburb of Kent in 1982. It was the beginning of a murderous binge that would claim at least 48 lives — most of them before 1985 — and make Ridgway the country's most prolific killer.

Ridgway wasn't arrested until November 2001, when advances in DNA analysis allowed scientists to link a saliva sample taken from him in 1987 to some of the earliest killings. He pleaded guilty late last year in a deal to avoid the death penalty, confessing to many more murders than authorities had evidence to

Reichert gives an honest assessment of the politics of a major investigation, with turf wars, ego clashes and media coverage sometimes fouling up detectives' work. He expresses much frustration with reporters who harped on the failure to find a suspect. At the same time, he notes, reporters also publicly revealed that undercover detectives were staking out a site where bodies had been found — jeopardizing the investigation. He describes how his commanders fell in line behind the FBI's fingering of a local fur trapper in 1986, even though task force members were virtually certain the man wasn't the killer. With bottles of champagne and a cake waiting, agents took the man, Bill McLean, and his wife into custody.

That the saliva sample was even collected and saved is a testament to the thoroughness of the investigation, Reichert says. "Most cops might have assumed all the evidence had been washed down river," Reichert said in a recent interview. "We collected every fiber, hair and bodily fluid sample we could collect, with the help of the medical examiner's office. We didn't destroy it. We didn't lose it."

Nevertheless, there were missteps in the investigation, and Reichert doesn't duck them. In 1983, Kent police interviewed the man with whom victim Marie Malvar was last seen. That man was Ridgway — but the Kent officers never told the Green River Task Force about their contact with him.

At another point, a Green River Task Force member threw out a key tip — a name and a phone number — on an attempted killing in Portland, Ore., that detectives believed to be linked to the Green River case. Beyond these mistakes, Reichert

will remain in Mountain View Hospital in Payson until he regains his strength, she said. Clark said her son was having difficulty straightening the leg. "He's doing surprisingly well," she said. Brock is strong, she said, but had been scared during the ordeal.

Search and rescue volunteers rescue youth trapped in cave

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A 16-year-old Oregon boy who got stuck upside down in a cave while spelunking with friends was in a hospital Saturday after an all-night rescue operation left him too weak to stand on his own.

About 20 Utah County search and rescue volunteers helped free Brock Clark from the Nutty Putty Cave area, where he got stuck about 4 p.m. Friday shortly after entering the long, narrow cave, said Utah County sheriff's Sgt. Spencer Cannon.

Brock was "very, very fatigued and weak" when he finally emerged from the cave around 6 a.m. Saturday, Cannon said. "He couldn't walk by himself."

Brock's mother, Holly Clark, said Saturday that he was wedged in the narrow cave with his left leg behind him, and that his blood circulation was affected all along his left side. Brock

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Wal-Mart customers wed at favorite store

BOISE (AP) - Somewhere between the junk food aisle and the automotive department, Pat Byrd and Bill Hughes fell in love. So it was only natural to the Boise couple that they should marry where the magic happened - Wal-Mart.

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Neither Pat nor Bill Hughes work at the discount store. Still, they spend more time there than many employees do, wandering the aisles and visiting friends for up to six hours a day, nearly every day since the store opened two years ago.

"I talk to people and walk

around for exercise, and we always buy a soda or a sandwich or something," 51-year-old Bill Hughes said. "If we're not here, the store people worry about us. They're our family."

Both Pat and Bill Hughes are disabled. They met nine years ago, when Bill was a patient at a North Idaho hospital and so was Pat's sister.

"He became a good friend, and when my sister died, we kept him in the family," she said. "He doesn't drive, and she didn't want to go to Wal-Mart, I'd take him."

They celebrated their blooming love with a ceremony in Wal-Mart's garden center.

Murder trials keep prosecutors busy

RIGBY (AP) - A guilty plea wrapped up one Jefferson County murder trial as investigators there prepare for the trial of a double homicide defendant.

Margarita Alvarez pleaded guilty last week to second-degree murder for shooting and killing Brent Edelmayer, 20, on Dec. 1, 2002, near Roberts.

His plea came on the day jury selection began for the trial.

Instead of a trial, Alvarez, 26, is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 18 for murdering Edelmayer on a county gravel road south of Roberts. He could be sentenced to life in prison.

Two witnesses testified they believe Alvarez killed Edelmayer over drugs. Edelmayer was last seen the night of Dec. 1 leaving his mother's house with the suspect.

Alvarez pleaded innocent to the charges in January.

Meanwhile, prosecutors are preparing for the trial of Shana Parkinson Whitmore, 38, who pleaded innocent in March to the stabbing deaths of ex-husband Greg Whitmore, 38, and his girlfriend, Karen Cummings, 29, while they slept at Whitmore's home Feb. 1.

A date has not been set for original trial slated Aug. 24.

Woman faces charges in 2003 infant death

POCATELLO (AP) - A 22-year-old woman has been charged with involuntary manslaughter and felony injury to a child in connection with the death of a newborn found in a trash bin last year.

Michelle Renae Smith was arraigned Friday. Prosecutors allege that Smith gave birth to a baby girl in January 2003 and then left her in a large trash bin behind the Pocatello apartments where Smith lived.

A man called authorities when he found the tiny body wrapped in a plastic sack and placed in a cardboard box inside the trash bin. An autopsy determined the baby was alive and healthy when it was born. Pocatello Police Captain Kirk Nelson said.

Police department employees named the baby Angelique Hope, and community members raised enough money to give Angelique a funeral and a gravestone.

"There's a lot of sentiment involved in this," Nelson said.

Nelson said that late last summer, a former boyfriend of Smith's called police when he heard about the case. The man said he did not know if Smith was pregnant when their relationship ended, but he consented to a blood test and could not be excluded as the infant's father.

Nelson said investigators then got a court-ordered blood test for Smith, which allegedly confirmed she was the mother.

Teen dies from ice-blocking injuries

BOISE (AP) - In what officials are calling a freak accident, a 17-year-old girl died after falling off a block of ice as she slid down Simplot Hill.

Delaney Dawn Tabbutt died at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center Wednesday night from internal injuries including a lacerated liver, said Ada County Coroner Ervin Sorrenberg.

It is the first known fatal accident from ice-blocking, a long Boise tradition in which kids slide downhill on a block of ice.

Tabbutt was at Simplot Hill with her Mormon youth group and was sliding on her stomach when her ice block hit a dip or a rut, causing her to wreck, officials said. She apparently flew off the ice block before landing on it again, causing the injuries, Sorrenberg said.

Simplot Hill sits in front of billionaire J.R. Simplot's former home. Though Simplot no longer lives at the manor, he still owns the property and keeps it open to recreationists.

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Elko County commissioners visit Jackpot

By Sam Feltman
Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. — Elko County commissioners spent a day in Jackpot this past week inspecting various projects and visiting with townfolk.

The commission, which is Jackpot's official governing body, began its meeting at the Jackpot Recreation Center following a golf scramble sponsored by Western Golf Management and a dedication of the new solid waste transfer station.

Since Jackpot is not an incorporated city, the commissioners base most of their decisions off of recommendations from the Jackpot Advisory Board, an entity akin to a city council. The commissioners host at least one meeting in Jackpot each year.

Salt Lake County Public Works Supervisor Lytin Forsberg told the commissioners he received a letter from the Nevada Department of Transportation stating that the department plans to improve Highway 93 through Jackpot by turning it into four lanes. But the department said it does not have the funds to make a fifth turn lane as the town has requested, Forsberg said.

Forsberg said that the fifth lane is needed to better serve the existing businesses and make it easier for new businesses to start up. As it now stands, new businesses are required to add their own turn lanes, driving up the cost of development. He said that several businesses have looked at opening in Jackpot but were unwilling to pay for a turn lane.

"We sure need to discuss it and see how the town board feels," commission Chairman Mike Nannini said. Nannini said even if the town has to go into debt it may be worth it. He added that replacing the current light poles with breakaway lights would also increase the cost to the town.

"I see this kind of activity as an investment for the future," commissioner Warren Russell added, noting that these improvements would aid growth. The commissioners listened to discussion about the municipal building, which is getting quickly crowded. The building houses the sheriff's department and the public works department and the justice court.

Forsberg said if the public works department project, which includes the construction

of a return runway and more tie downs, came in way over budget. He said the Federal Aviation Administration, which would be providing the bulk of the money, said to put it out for re-bid again in the spring in conjunction with the Highway 93 project.

Bob Lowe, who has a ranch 2 miles south of Jackpot, approached the commissioners about reducing the speed limit on Highway 93 from the rest of the town to the city.

Lowe said the caution signs that the transportation department put up have helped a lot, but lowering the speed from 70 mph to 55 mph would help even more.

Even though this stretch of road is governed by NDOT the commissioners can put pressure on the state to make changes.

"I think what we need to do is just keep putting in another request," said Commissioner John Ellison.

"You're just keep hammering at them," Myers added. Myers also suggested the Loves write the transportation department a thank you letter for the caution sign. He said even if that goes further than complaining.



Corroy Chino, a former TV reporter from Albuquerque and member of the Acoma Pueblo, gazes toward the harbor from Battery Park in New York City in this undated photo. Chino and a team of filmmakers explored the lives of urban Indians in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco for the documentary 'Looking Toward Home.'

Activity programs target people with diabetes

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A new community program is asking people with diabetes to "Step In To Action."

South Central District Health, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Magic Valley Diabetes Association, St. Benedict's Family Health Center, Gooding County Memorial Hospital and the University of Idaho Cooperative

Extension have partnered to offer the free activity program for people with diabetes. The program will begin in September.

The program has been shown to help in the control and management of diabetes, according to a news release from South Central District Health. Step In To Action participants will be given a pedometer while supplies last and will track steps taken and

miles walked daily. Using a map, participants will track how far they've walked around Idaho.

"There are a number of ways to join Step In To Action: • Attend monthly Magic Valley Diabetes Foundation support group meetings at South Central District Health.

• Attend monthly diabetes meetings at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

• Be a diabetes patient at Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

• Be a diabetes patient at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center.

• Attend a "Health Diabetes Plate" course sponsored by the University of Idaho Extension.

For more information on Step In To Action or the programs mentioned above, call: Susie Beem at 734-5900, Ext. 246.

Documentary explores the experiences of urban Indians

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) —

11-year-old Waukuzoo was named to get on the elevator at her new home, a hotel in San Francisco. She had no idea where the large metropolitan was going to take her.

Coming from the Navajo reservation near Crownpoint, the young woman had never seen an elevator, much less a hotel or even a big city.

Living away from her family, rural homeland and traditional Navajo culture, Waukuzoo had to survive in a frightening, foreign new world.

Now, Waukuzoo provides support to fellow American Indians as executive director of San Francisco's American Indian Friendship House. But she can never forget the traumatic experience of being forcibly removed from her family at age 13, sent to a government boarding school and relocated in the 1950s to the Bay Area to work.

Waukuzoo's experience and that of other Indians living in urban areas are the focus of "Looking Toward Home," a 90-minute documentary exploring the history of relocation and its effects on urban Indians.

The film, created by a New Mexico-based team including former TV reporter Corroy Chino and filmmakers Dale Krucic and Beverly Morris, is being shown this weekend at the Native Cinema Showcase in Santa Fe.

The showcase promotes films created by native people but also focuses on the experiences of indigenous people worldwide. "Looking Toward Home" brings attention to a group of people who are often ignored and misunderstood.

"It tells their story. It serves to raise consciousness and awareness that there is a group of people who reside in their cities, who have put down roots and bought homes and contribute to the tax base," said Chino, a member of the Acoma Pueblo who also serves as New Mexico's secretary of labor.

"We're not confined to reservations anymore." The team spoke with Indians in Chicago, New York, Oakland and San Francisco about issues ranging from cultural identity and heritage to health care and substance abuse.

Krucic, the film's director, aimed to break down stereotypes associated with Indians and address issues that economically and socially impact the lives of urban Indians.

"The film was funded by the MacArthur Foundation and Native American Public Telecommunications, a branch of the Public Broadcasting System. NAPT, based at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, supports the creation, production and distribution of native public media and cultivates native talent," said Beverly Morris, NAPT project coordinator.

"We encourage native producers to create their own images. For so long, we have been inundated with the stereotypes distorted by Hollywood and the Wild West," she said.

Chino is an urban Indian who has the best of both worlds: he lives in Albuquerque and visits his family and tribal homeland every weekend. He said he understands the motivations behind why people leave, but is also aware of the cultural identity urban Indians leave behind.

"These people had given up ties to their family or clan, their cultural fabric, to become a part of mainstream America, yet they are still trying to maintain an identity," Chino said. "I think most people still on the reservation said they didn't know what these people were experiencing. They actually gave up a lot to pursue the so-called American dream."

He hats out on the porch. Steve Crump is The Times-News features editor. Write to him at scrump@magvalley.com.

Audit: Lax oversight led to fuel overcharges

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An Air Force audit has found that Hill Air Force Base has incurred jet fuel overcharges possibly in the millions of dollars, and no repayment is forthcoming.

The Air Force Audit Agency has reported the base was overcharged \$319,000 in 2002, according to a copyright story in Newsday's Deseret Morning News.

The audit report, obtained through a federal Freedom of Information Act request, also found that off-base suppliers billed the base for more fuel than the aircraft actually could hold — overcharges that officials with Hill's 388th Fighter Wing failed to notice.

Among the audit's findings: • On Feb. 21, 2002, an F-16 fighter jet from Hill Air Force Base hooked up with an air tanker to refuel during a long-distance flight. The Air Force billed Hill's for 10,149 gallons for that fill-up. An F-16's maximum capacity is only 2,075 gallons — one-fifth of what was billed.

• On 24 occasions the base was billed for aircraft supposedly refueling in flight on days that records show the aircraft did not fly.

• On 15 occasions the base was billed twice for the same aircraft, date and refuel quantity. • Twice in 2002 the 388th was billed for fueling aircraft assigned to other units.

The Air Force Audit Agency said the overbilling may have cost Hill millions of dollars over the years. It recommended corrective actions be implemented, that it hopes will catch future errors. But it does not reimburse the base for past billing mistakes.

When Air Force aircraft refuel away from their home base or in flight, their home units are billed by the Defense Energy Support Agency. The agency's billing system, which is commonly called the "Purple Hub,"

Units are supposed to review Purple Hub charges for accuracy. If bills are not challenged quickly, charges are made automatically against a unit's funds.

When auditors decided to review fuel bills for the 388th for fiscal 2002, they concluded the 388th paid for up to 350,505 gallons of fuel that were inaccurately entered in the Purple Hub.

Reports do not say exactly how much that cost. A written report said the 388th's fuel cost the fuel costs it 91 cents a gallon.

The audit did not look at why or how the Purple Hub made such erroneous charges but rather at why Hill officials did not catch them. Auditors said the charges were not noticed because the 388th had never assigned someone to check those billings.

The report said that during the audit, the commander of the 388th appointed a Wing Refueling Document Control Officer. A written response from the 388th added that the officer established new internal controls to oversee such charges and to instruct pilots how to properly identify off-station refueling.

A written statement from the 388th added, "As stewards of the taxpayer's monetary support, we have implemented internal controls to ensure increased and sustained accountability of funds and assets."

When Air Force aircraft refuel away from their home base or in flight, their home units are billed by the Defense Energy Support Agency. The agency's billing system, which is commonly called the "Purple Hub,"

Units are supposed to review Purple Hub charges for accuracy. If bills are not challenged quickly, charges are made automatically against a unit's funds.

When auditors decided to review fuel bills for the 388th for fiscal 2002, they concluded the 388th paid for up to 350,505 gallons of fuel that were inaccurately entered in the Purple Hub.

Reports do not say exactly how much that cost. A written report said the 388th's fuel cost the fuel costs it 91 cents a gallon.

The audit did not look at why or how the Purple Hub made such erroneous charges but rather at why Hill officials did not catch them. Auditors said the charges were not noticed because the 388th had never assigned someone to check those billings.

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Five lawyers, accountants guilty of tax fraud

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A federal jury has convicted five Utah lawyers and accountants for operating an illegal tax shelter that defrauded more than 75 investors of as much as \$15 million.

Convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States in May night after a four-week United States jury trial, the defendants were: Paul J. Young, a Springville lawyer; Kevin J. Crockett, a Highland tax preparer who lived in West Jordan at the time of the crimes; Chad L. Merica, a Murray accountant; and Robert F. Dodenber, a Spanish Fork attorney.

Eight people were named in the indictment for participating in this conspiracy, said Melodie Rydchak, spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney Paul Warner. Kirk Kosella of Orem is serving a 10-year federal sentence based in part on his participation. Two others, Dennis Shaw of Sandy and Stacie Bateman of Orem are awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to the conspiracy.

The case grew out of a tip from an informant in an undercover Internal Revenue Service investigation into offshore tax shelters. Clients were assured they would never lose control of their income and assets even as they realized significant reduction in their taxes.

A federal grand jury indicted the defendants in January 2001. At the time, Warner said greed drove both the defendants and the victims.

One investor lost his entire life savings, about \$250,000. But the victims, mostly from the West, didn't complain to authorities because they knew they were evading income taxes, Warner said.

The defendants set up what they promoted as offshore trust accounts. In fact, most of the money never left the United States and promoters spent it on houses, furniture and cars or squandered it on ill-considered business ventures, investigators said.

The conspiracy convictions carry potential prison sentences of up to five years and \$250,000 in fines. Sentencing before U.S. District Judge Dee Benson was set for Oct. 16.

Also on Friday, the board approved three grants designed to encourage companies to film movies in Utah.

The largest, for up to \$453,219, is designated for Cameo Entertainment to entice it to film in Utah much of a feature-length movie, "The World's Fastest Indian," about a hard-core motorcyclist who rode the Bonneville Salt Flats in the 1960s. Another film received a commitment for up to \$159,804, while a third project was pledged up to \$48,000.

The amount the filmmakers receive depends on how much the companies spend in Utah to produce their movies. The money pledged to filmmakers is part of a tax incentive program, operated as part of the IAF to help the state's struggling film industry.

In 1999, there were nearly 2,400 days of production in Utah for feature films, television

Utah grants funds to lure high-paying jobs

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The state's Industrial Assistance Fund has granted \$1 million to encourage Merit Medical Systems Inc. to add as many as 600 new full-time jobs along the Wasatch Front in the coming year.

The South Jordan disassembled medical products maker, which employs 1,300 worldwide, has had 95 Utah workers. The grant is an incentive for Merit to expand in Utah instead of another state and to convince the company to move a small division to Utah from California.

Fred Lampropoulos, Merit's chairman and chief executive, said he easily could grow his company out of state, "but I like being in Utah and this (grant) helps me do that," he said.

Under guidelines unanimously approved Friday by the Board of Business and Economic Development, Merit is set to receive up to \$3,300 for each new employee. Merit, which earns a minimum of 25 percent above Salt Lake County's median wage of \$29,000. That means the new hires would have to earn about \$36,260, or \$17.43 per hour.

Lampropoulos said he considered Friday's decision groundbreaking because large IAF grants typically are awarded only to companies expanding in Utah. Board members said offering Merit Medical such a large grant makes sense given the company's financial health, its growth and the fact that it could expand elsewhere.

In July, Merit reported second-quarter net income of \$5.1 million, or 18 cents a share, up 13 percent from \$4.4 million and 16 cents in 2003. Revenue in the quarter was \$38.9 million, up 12 percent.

Merit ranked 10th on the list of the nation's 100 fastest-growing small companies in Fortune

Man Blues

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inspiration, one of my uncle's buddies reached into Myron's fishing box, pulled out a bottle of Old Spice and sprinkled it all over the pike. Nearly instantly the fish jaws opened.

Myron owes his remaining fingers to Old Spice, to which he remains loyal to this day. I still see him every Thanksgiving.

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bang for the buck. It's like a dollar an hour for music."

Billing's Creek State Park Manager Lonnie Johnson has actively sought to promote more public use of the park. "We had a few early birds," Johnson said. "And people visited the arts and crafts booths in the garden center."

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Judge stops suit against beating victim

FARMINGTON, Utah (AP) — A judge has dismissed two defamation lawsuits brought against a woman, who, when she was 18, was beaten by her father when she fled a polygamous marriage to her uncle.

The lawsuits were filed by two Davis County couples from the Kingston clan after MaryAnn Kingston, now 22, filed a \$111 million lawsuit against the clan, naming 242 members and 97 of the family businesses as defendants.

In 1998, she walked seven miles from a family ranch in Box Elder County to call police after her father beat her unconscious with a belt for her resistance to becoming his brother's 15th wife. Her father, John Daniel Kingston, pleaded no contest to third-degree felony child abuse and was sentenced to 28 weeks in jail. Her uncle, David Orin Kingston, was convicted of incest and unlawful sexual contact with a minor and served four years in prison.

After her suit was filed last year, the two Davis County couples claimed they were defamed by it and by accompanying public statements. Their suit named MaryAnn Kingston and her lawyers as defendants.

The judge dismissed the lawsuit for failing to meet a filing deadline.

MaryAnn Kingston's attorneys, John Morris, Bill Mark and Doug White, issued a statement saying the lawsuits had been "nothing more than a desperate attempt by the Kingston organization itself to lash out and harass MaryAnn for having sued its members."

States talk about drop in Lake Powell

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The seven states sharing the Colorado River are considering a plan to protect Lake Powell by cutting the amount of water released downstream to Lake Mead, a Nevada water official said.

Under the plan, which could be implemented if drought persists through the winter, the amount of water released from Lake Powell, on the Utah-Arizona border, would be reduced from 8.23 million acre-feet to 7.8 million acre-feet. Southern Nevada Water Authority General Manager Pat Mulroy said.

The nearly 9.5 percent reduction could help keep Lake Powell from shrinking further, jeopardizing power generation at Glen Canyon Dam. But it could also accelerate a drop in the water level downstream at Lake Mead, the primary water supply for Las Vegas, Mulroy said.

It might also prevent a "call on the river," requiring water users in the drought-stricken upper basin to give up more water to meet the 9.23 million acre-foot requirement set by existing water policy.

Mulroy told the Las Vegas Review-Journal the plan was floated by representatives from the upper Colorado River Basin states of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Wyoming.

"Two more years of less than 50 percent runoff, and Powell's a dead pool," she said. "That's how close we are."

Don Oster, executive director of the Upper Colorado River Commission, called reducing the flow from Powell one option.

He said the upper basin's main proposal involved reviewing the operating plan for the river every six months instead of once a year during the drought.

"To us, the business-as-usual approach is not going to work anymore," Oster said.

After five years of below-normal snowfall along the western slope of the Rocky Mountains, Lake Powell is at 40 percent of capacity and power generation at Glen Canyon Dam is down 40 percent, Lake Mead is at 54 percent of capacity.

If Lake Mead drops 127 feet, power generation would be threatened and drinking water intakes would be exposed.

Mulroy said she expects an agreement before the end of the year on water levels at both reservoirs.

Bob Walsh, spokesman for the Bureau of Reclamation at Lake Mead, said "simple mathematics" showed that cutting water releases from Lake Powell would affect Lake Mead.

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SPORTSQUOTE

It's not like it'll be the first time that (Mark) Cuban gave \$1 million to somebody with no real talent

Columist Peter Schmuck of The Baltimore Sun about the new reality show, 'The Benefactor'

TRIVIA

QUESTION: What gold-medal winning athlete carried the Greek flag at the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

Snow signs with Linfield College

McMINNVILLE, Ore. — Twin Falls High graduate Eric Snow has signed a national letter of intent to play football for NCAA Division III Linfield College.

Snow was a 6-foot-11, 170-pound, three-year varsity wide receiver.

Snow finished his final high school season with 34 receptions and seven touchdown receptions.

Additional honors include First Team All-Conference, Second Team All-State, and the school's Top Receiver Award.

Off the field, Snow was valedictorian, Idaho Top Scholar, and National Honor Society member maintaining an overall 4.0 grade-point average.

Burley needs youth soccer referees

BURLEY — Youth soccer referees are needed.

Referees must be 15 years-old or older for the Kiwanis soccer season.

This is an eight-game season and referees will be needed Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

This is a paid position. For more information, call Della at Mountain View Elementary, 878-6608.

Soccer registration days are 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 at Donnelly Sports, 1300 Overland Ave. and from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15 at Mountain View Elementary School, on West 27th Street in Burley.

Visitor scores first career hole-in-one

BUIHL — Gary Scholl of Iowa scored his first career hole-in-one on Hole No. 15 at Clear Lakes Country Club using a 9-iron.

The ace was witnessed by his son, Conner Scholl and father-in-law, Mic Boyd.

Gooding GC sponsors golf tournament

GOODING — The 14th Annual Paul Heuston Benefit Golf Tournament will be Saturday, Sept. 18 at the Gooding Golf Course with a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Entry fee is \$40 per person or \$160 a team. There will be a \$10,000 prize for the first hole-in-one on Holes No. 5 or 18.

There is also a barbecue with a price of \$25. Register by calling Troy Vitke at the Gooding Golf Course, 934-9977.

The event benefits the Gooding Memorial Hospital Scholarship Foundation.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

King Constantine II, who won gold in sailing. He was forced into exile after a military-backed government seized control of Greece in 1967.

Hailey's McDonald earns team a medal

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Germany kept its run of equestrian gold medals intact Saturday, winning the team dressage at the Athens Games despite an excellent performance by Hailey's Debbie McDonald of Hailey.

Germany has won the team gold at every Olympics since 1976, except for the boycotted 1980 games. It kept the streak going with an average team score of 74.653 percent.

Spain was second at 72.917 percent, and the United States took the bronze at 71.5 percent.

The drama over who would win the silver ended early, when Beatriz Ferrer-Salat scored 74.542 on Beauvalais to

clinch the spot.

The U.S. medal hopes were buoyed early Saturday when McDonald scored 73.375 percent on her mare Brentina, putting them briefly in the lead.

"I'm a little disappointed with the score," McDonald. "It felt very good to me. I couldn't ask more."

The United States, however, couldn't quite dig its way out of the hole from its two lower scores on Friday.

Guenter Seidel of Del Mar, Calif., had scored 69.5 on Aragon, and Lisa Wilcox, who lives in Germany, scored 68.792. Wilcox and the U.S. team also had the disadvantage of drawing the first ride in the competition. The top three

scores from four riders count for the medals.

The bronze medal came down to the last riders for the Dutch and the Americans. The anchor rider for the United States was Robert Dover of Lebanon, N.J., on Kennedy, and he put up a solid 71.625 percent.

"Team dressage is like watching a play," said Dover. "The play has momentum from the beginning. It's not so easy to pull yourself up from that position. We were hoping for more points to start with."

"Guenter did an amazing job with this young horse. I don't see how Debbie could have done more. Her scores should have"

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United States rider Deborah McDonald takes her horse Brentina around the dressage arena during the Team Dressage final in the Athens Olympics at the Markopoulo Equestrian center on Saturday.

THE REAL DREAM TEAM



United States' Natasha Whitley heads toward second base for a stolen base in the fifth inning against Taiwan on Friday in softball at the Olympic Games in Athens. The U.S. won, 3-0.

Softball team becomes a bright spot for U.S.

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — At least there's one group of American athletes maintaining their golden glow under the scalding Mediterranean sky.

The U.S. softball team, unscored upon and seemingly unstoppable, is shining brighter than any of its Olympic teammates. In fact, no squad — American or otherwise — can touch what the softballers are doing this summer.

"Wow, this is fun!" outfielder Amanda Freed said after the U.S. finished a seven-game shutout of the first round. "We're doing just what we came here to do."

At least somebody is.

While the United States entered the weekend leading in overall medals, the American team has also had a number of disappointments that in some ways outweigh the gold, silver and bronze-laden successes.

While Michael Phelps made a huge splash in the pool, it wasn't the golden cannonball he wanted to deliver. The men's basketball team lost to Puerto Rico and Lithuania, and barely survived Greece. Alait Webb failed to end America's 35-year medal drought at 1,500 meters. The shot putters' expected sweep went kaput.

Venus Williams got bounced in the third round, as did Andy

Roddick. The gymnastic teams tumbled to silver — not gold. Paul Hamm's stunning win has suddenly lost some sheen because of a scoring controversy.

Oh, and let's not forget the U.S. baseball squad. It wasn't good enough to make the European trip.

The U.S. softball team, though, is rolling. During round-robin play, they red, white and blew away the competition, erasing records with every run, strikeout and lopsided victory.

In one week, they made their own Greek rains. "That team," said Australian coach Simon Roksvik, "is clearly

ly on a mission."

One that's still two victories shy of completion. The United States, which outscored its opponents 41-0 and extended a win streak to 77 games during the preliminary round, plays Australia in Sunday's second semifinal.

The two-time defending gold medalists gave the Aussies a 10-0 "mercy rule" beating a few days ago. But to win a gold, they'll have to get past Janya Harding. Nope, not the notorious figure skater. This one spells her name with an "a" and has an "8-plus" fastball.

Harding, 3-0 and unscored Please see TEAM, Page C4

Cink running away at Firestone

The Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — Stewart Cink watched his 50-foot chip track to the hole, then thrust his arms in the air when it fell in for a birdie Saturday at the NEC Invitational.

The real surprise came when he looked up at the leaderboard behind the 18th green.

Just two holes earlier, Cink was clinging to a two-shot lead over David Toms in the group, ahead, with Tiger Woods another shot back and standing next to him on the 17th tee. All it took was a double bogey by Toms and a near-shank by Woods for Cink to suddenly "look like a show-in at Firestone South."

"I didn't expect anything like that to happen," Cink said after a 2-under 68. "I thought, 'That's pretty cool.' That chip-in just got me a five-shot lead."

Now all he has to do is protect it against a trio of Ryder Cup teammates.

Five days after becoming a wild-card pick for the U.S. team, Cink made captain Hal Sutton's decision look better than ever by seizing control at the NEC Invitational. He was at 11-under 199 and had the largest 54-hole lead at this World Golf Championship since Woods led by nine shots in 2000.

Woods hit one shot 40 yards over the gallery, grazed a boy's head off the eighth tee and, nearly shanked an iron that bounced off the corporate tents on the 17th, but still managed a 10 to join Toms (69) and Chris DiMarco (67) in the group at 5-under 201.

Cink is 0-6 when he has at least a share of the 54-hole lead, and he has never broken 70 in those final rounds. Then again, he has never had the large of a lead going into the last day.

Cink can become only the eighth wire-to-wire winner in the 50 years the PGA Tour has been played at Firestone, and he looks as excited about his finish in his 26 holes of golf Saturday.

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Dragila falters in pole vault prelims

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Former Pocatello resident Stacy Dragila failed to make it out of pole vault qualifying, a shocking performance by the medal favorite and former world record holder.

Dragila, who won the vault when it debuted as a women's event at the 2000 Olympics, missed three attempts at 14 feet, 3.25 inches (4.40 meters), well below her best of 15 feet, 10 inches (4.63). After her third miss, she shook her head in dismay, seemingly stunned. Then she slowly packed up her gear, put on a cap and headed off the field.



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"This is something I should be able to do in my sleep," she said later, between sobs.

Her sudden elimination was another blow to U.S. hopes of surpassing its total of 20 medals



Defending champion Stacy Dragila of the U.S. waits her turn to compete in the women's pole vault at the Olympic Stadium in Athens, Saturday.

from the 2000 Games. It came three days after a disappointment in the men's shot put, in which the U.S. squad hoped for a sweep but ended up with only

Adam Nelson's silver medal. Two decades of American dominance in the 100 meters

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ACC and USC headline the upcoming season

By Ralph D. Russo Associated Press writer

The latest power shifts in college football are complete and could have a lasting effect.

The Atlantic Coast Conference — both new and improved — can now lay claim to the title of best league. Southern California is the team to beat this year — and potentially for the foreseeable future. And it's power to the people in the Bowl Championship Series as poll voters get a greater say in which teams play for the national title.

After the contentious departure of Miami and Virginia Tech from the Big East, football no longer plays second-string to basketball in the ACC. "The atmosphere is a little more electric, I think, because it's a new challenge," Miami coach Larry Coker said at the ACC. "You know, you like new-

ness, you like freshness. I think that's something this gives us. It gives our players, it gives our fans and it gives other members of the league. Trust me, these people are excited about us coming to their venues also."

The ACC now has two perennial national title contenders in Miami and Florida State and a half dozen other formidable programs. The Big East, meanwhile, is left to search for an identity.

The ACC's new era begins in grand fashion Labor Day night when Miami plays arch rival Florida State. The championship hopes of both are riding on enigmatic quarterback — Chris Rix for the Seminoles and Brock Berlin for the Hurricanes. Boston College is set to become the 12th member of the ACC next season, giving the conference enough teams to

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Texas routs Washington at LLWS

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — Randal Grichuk tried to play down the fact that he's the only returning U.S. player in this year's Little League World Series. But, maybe experience does count for something.

Grichuk hit two home runs and an RBI double, and Lamar National of Richmond, Texas, never trailed in an 18-7 victory Saturday over Redmond (Wash.) North.

It was the first pitch Grichuk saw in this series — and the first since he struck out in his first at-bat in a 14-13, seven-inning loss to Saugus, Mass., in last year's U.S. semifinals.

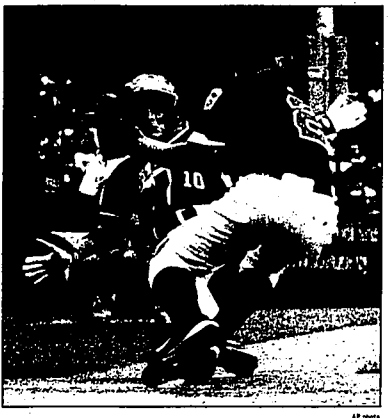
"It feels a lot better to be back, very definitely. It's a lot of games where you get to bat four or five times," Grichuk said. "A lot of people saw last year's (game), and now I think some of them expect us to win. So I guess we've got to."

Daniel Imanenti sent the next pitch over the wall in left-center field, giving Texas (1-0) a 3-0 lead at the end of the first. Washington (0-1) never got closer.

Matt Daniels (1-0), who hit a grand slam, earned the win. Ryan Bell (0-1) took the loss.

"The kids what you call a lollipop throw," Daniels said of his grand slam pitch. "Basically, his fastball had a little rainbow arc to it. A lot of the other kids were way out in front of me, but I did it. I was like, 'Tennis ball in the cul-de-sac,' and hit it square. And if you hit it square, the ball goes."

In other games Saturday,



Richmond, Texas' Tyler Ford, left, is out at home as he slides into a tag by Redmond, Wash., pitcher Kyle Henselman on Saturday, during the fifth inning in South Williamsport, Pa., at the Little League World Series. Richmond won 18-7.

South Carolina Little League beat Preston, Md., to beat Owensboro (Ky.) Southern 7-2, and Willemstad, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, beat Guadalupe, Mexico, 3-2. Late games included Dhahran, Saudi Arabia vs. Suipon; Shou-Tien, Taiwan vs. Kaitan, Poland; and Lincoln, R.I. vs. Davenport, Iowa.

Grichuk's second home run topped a five-run scoring inning for Texas, which started with Cody Abraham's RBI single and Grichuk's RBI double.

With runners on second and third, Washington intentionally walked Grichuk in the fifth inning, loading the bases for Daniels' grand slam to left field. Moehlig's RBI single made it 15-2.

"At the beginning of the game, I just told them to be very patient," Texas manager Jim Michalek said. "That's what we're doing."

Washington made a late run in the bottom of the fifth, with RBI doubles from Beliel and Kyle Henselman. Stephen Thompson's two-run single made it 15-6, cutting the lead to less than 10 and sparing Washington a mercy-race loss.

"The last three Texas runs came on a wild pitch and an infield error in the sixth."

Michael Conforto scored the game's last run with a solo homer in the bottom of the sixth.

"The hard games are the 3-2 that you lose the sixth inning. Getting blown out, then hanging in there, that's not so bad," said Washington manager Darryl Beliel. "We're still in this."

Major League Baseball

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AMERICAN LEAGUE											
East Division											
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	10-8	
New York	76	45	.623	2-5	2-5	L-2	43-17	33-29	10-8		
Boston	69	52	.570	8-2	8-2	W-5	38-19	30-33	10-8		
Baltimore	57	64	.471	18-3	1-7	L-5	29-34	28-30	5-13		
Tampa Bay	55	68	.447	21-3	1-9	L-4	35-30	20-38	1-13		
Toronto	51	72	.415	25-3	3-7	W-2	30-29	21-43	8-10		
Central Division											
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	10-7	
Minnesota	68	54	.557	-	6-4	W-2	37-28	31-26	11-7		
Cleveland	63	61	.508	6	2-4	L-6	37-24	26-37	10-8		
Chicago	60	60	.500	7	4-6	L-3	34-29	26-31	7-10		
Detroit	58	64	.475	10	2-7	L-3	30-30	28-34	9-9		
Kansas City	43	77	.358	24	4-6	L-2	27-36	16-41	6-12		
West Division											
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	10-8	
Oakland	70	57	.554	8	6-5	W-5	38-19	32-33	10-8		
Texas	69	52	.570	5	8-2	W-5	38-19	31-33	10-8		
Anaheim	69	54	.561	1-5	2-7	W-4	33-27	36-27	7-11		
Seattle	45	76	.372	24-5	2-4	L-3	28-30	17-46	9-9		

NATIONAL LEAGUE											
East Division											
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	10-8	
Atlanta	69	53	.566	-	2-5-5	L-2	32-25	36-28	8-10		
Florida	60	60	.500	8	5-5	L-1	31-27	29-33	7-11		
Philadelphia	61	62	.496	8-5	2-5	L-1	30-29	29-31	9-9		
New York	62	62	.500	9	4-6	W-1	31-25	28-37	10-8		
Montreal	51	71	.418	18	2-5-5	L-1	28-30	23-41	7-11		
Central Division											
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St. Louis	61	62	.496	8	5-5	L-1	31-27	29-33	7-11		
Chicago	56	56	.500	14	2-5-5	L-1	33-25	33-31	8-10		
Houston	61	50	.550	1-5	2-6-4	W-1	30-32	31-29	7-5		
Cincinnati	58	63	.479	22	4-6	W-2	31-27	27-36	7-7		
Pittsburgh	58	64	.475	22-5	1-8	L-3	30-29	28-36	2-10		
Minnesota	55	66	.455	25	2-8	L-3	30-33	25-33	8-4		
West Division											
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	10-8	
Los Angeles	72	50	.590	-	5-5	W-2	39-24	33-26	10-7		
San Francisco	68	57	.544	8-5	2-5	W-5	37-29	32-33	10-8		
San Diego	65	57	.533	6-5	2-6-4	W-1	33-31	32-25	8-10		
Colorado	55	68	.447	17-5	4-6	W-1	31-24	24-34	8-10		
Arizona	37	86	.301	35-5	2-8	L-1	19-44	18-42	6-12		

AMERICAN LEAGUE											
Saturday's Games											
Anaheim 6	N.Y. Yankees 1	Boston 10	Chicago White Sox 7								
Minnesota 8	Cleveland 1	Toronto 10	Baltimore 4								
Calif. vs Tampa Bay 9	Calif. vs Kansas City 3	Detroit 11	Seattle 10, 11 innings								

NATIONAL LEAGUE											
Sunday's Games											
Seattle (Mets 3-5)	at Detroit (Astros 1-7)	11:05 a.m.									
Anaheim (Eccard 7-5)	at N.Y. Yankees (Kane 11-0)	11:05 a.m.									
Oakland (Friedman 9-5)	at Tampa Bay (Brazelton 5-4)	11:15 a.m.									
Toronto (J Miller 1-2)	at Baltimore (Bedard 5-7)	11:35 a.m.									
Cleveland (Salcama 9-7)	at Minnesota (Radke 8-6)	12:10 p.m.									
Texas (Gerrit 1-3)	at Kansas City (Orlando 5-2)	2:10 p.m.									
Los Angeles (Lowe 11-10)	at Chicago White Sox (Garcia 10-10)	6:05 p.m.									

Mohr is definitely less for San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Dustan Mohr allowed two runs to score when he dropped a fly ball in the 12th inning, and the New York Mets overcame a shaky return by Tom Glavine and a team-record six double plays to beat the San Francisco Giants 11-9 Saturday.

The game featured 10 double plays, 16 walks and three errors. But the biggest mistake was made by Mohr.

Just when it looked as if Giants reliever Kevin Correia (0-1) was going to pitch his way out of a bases-loaded, one-out jam with help from a sharp double play by first baseman Pedro Feliz and catcher Yorvit Torrealba, Mohr's gaffe gave New York the win.

After the first three Mets reached in the 12th, the Mets hit into a double play. After a walk to pinch-hitter Gerald Williams, Todd Zelle hit a routine fly to right field. Mohr appeared to have trouble with the late-afternoon sun and the ball ticked off his glove for an error. Two runs scored on the play and Zelle was caught in a rundown for the third out.

Mike Stanton (2-5) pitched one inning for the win, and Bartolome Fortunato got three outs for his first career save.

Dodgers 7, Braves 4
LOS ANGELES — Shawn Green hit a grand slam and a solo homer to lead the Dodgers past the Braves, snapping Mike Hampton's string of seven straight wins.

Jeff Weaver (11-10) won his fourth consecutive decision in a span of five starts, allowing three runs and eight hits in seven innings. With two outs in the first, he hit three consecutive batters with pitches, tying a major league record. But he escaped that jam and another bases-loaded situation in the fifth.

Weaver also had two hits, including a single in the sixth to set up a sacrifice fly by Steve Finley that increased the Dodgers' lead to 7-3.

Cardinals (81-42) moved to a season-high 39 games above .500 with their third straight win.

St. Louis has won 14 of its last 18, and clinched its eighth straight series win.

The Cardinals got off to a quick start against Sean Burnett (5-5), scoring three times in the first inning.

After one-out walks to Larry Walker and Pujols, Ronen hit a 3-2 pitch 395 feet into the Pirates' bullpen in left-center. It was his 31st homer and gave him 110 RBIs — both equalling career highs.

Craig Wilson homered off Suppan leading off the second to make it 3-1. It was his 23rd of the year, and fifth in 13 games.

Phillies 8, Brewers 6
MILWAUKEE — Chase Utley's bases-loaded, triple-keystroke six-run eighth inning, and the Philadelphia Phillies rallied from a five-run deficit to beat the Milwaukee Brewers 8-6 Saturday night.

Craig Gay (1-0) struck out two in a scoreless seventh inning to earn his first major-league decision. Tim Lincecum pitched the ninth to earn his 15th save, 21 chances as Philadelphia won for the second straight night following a seven-game losing streak at home.

Loaiza lit up by Angels in lopsided loss

NEW YORK (AP) — Esteban Loaiza is pitching his way out of the New York Yankees' losing streak. Jose Guillen and Jeff DaVanon homered off the newest target of booing fans at Yankee Stadium, and Loaiza (9-7) failed to make it out of the fourth inning Saturday in the Angels' story-interrupted 6-1 win over New York.

Anaheim, which has won four straight and 12 of 16, goes to New York, playing its worst ball since early April. Los has lost five of six and been outscored 23-8 in the defeats. Its AL East lead over second-place Boston is down to 6.5 games. The Yankees' current six-man rotation, going 0-2 with a 7.08 ERA in four starts. AL-ready, there has been talk that he will be dealt again.

The skies darkened ahead of a

thunder-and-lightning storm that led to a 3-hour, 42-minute rain delay in five games, all at home, and then first place Minnesota by seven games in the AL Central.

A day after hitting a grand slam, Ramirez gave the Red Sox the lead for good in the first inning with a three-run shot off rookie Josh Stewart (0-1).

Red Sox 10, White Sox 7
CHICAGO — Manny Ramirez homered and drove in five runs, Jason Varitek hit two solo shots and Boston beat Chicago for its fifth straight victory.

The streaking Red Sox battered Chicago pitching and moved a season-high 17 games over .500.

The slumping White Sox (60-60) fell to .500 for the first time since April 11. They lost for the ninth time in five games, all at home, and trail first place Minnesota by seven games in the AL Central.

Blue Jays 10, Orioles 4
BALTIMORE — Carlos Delgado homered and drove in three runs to key a 15-hit outburst, and Toronto handed Baltimore its fifth straight loss.

Karin Garcia homered for the Orioles, who have been outscored 48-13 during the first five games of a homestand that ends Sunday.

Astros 4, Cubs 3
HOUSTON — Jose Velezino and Jason Lane hit RBI singles in the bottom of the ninth inning and the Houston Astros won for the fifth time in six games, raising their record to 43-12 during their losing streak, and over the Chicago Cubs on Saturday night.

Jeff Kent led off the bottom of the ninth with a single and moved to third when Morgan Ensberg reached on a throwing error by third baseman Jose Macias. Kent scored on Velezino's single. After pinch hitter Mike Lamb reached on an in-

Crosby makes straight A's

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Bobby Crosby began this season as a question mark.

Was he ready to take over for Miguel Tejada?

Could he handle the pressure of a big league season?

How would he hold up and work through a slump?

With his consistent play at shortstop and improving offense, Crosby has made himself into a legitimate candidate for AL Rookie of the Year honors in a matter of months — despite his recent struggles at the plate.

As the Oakland Athletics prepare for Tejada's first trip back to the Bay Area since signing a \$72 million, six-year contract with Baltimore last offseason, many have finally been able to let go of the former MVP and embrace his replacement.

"I'd go," general manager Billy Beane said of the 24-year-old Crosby. "He's probably exceeded expectations. He's played great defense, and he's on pace for 20-plus home runs. I don't think we could ask for much more."

Crosby didn't come into this season trying to be Tejada. It still stings that one fan held a sign for a nationally televised game last year reading "Keep Tejada, Sell Crosby."

The veteran told Crosby to be just himself, and he has focused on not trying to do too much.

"I think I'll always remember that sign, but I never prided myself. Any fan who's a true fan of the A's, they don't want to lose him," Crosby said of Tejada, the 2002 AL MVP. "It's good when I come up to the plate and I hear people clapping and cheering when I come up. It's definitely a confidence builder that they accept me."

Crosby is currently trying to get the strike back. Manager Ken Macha gave him the night off Wednesday as a mental and physical break, which also included Thursday's off day. The shortstop headed into a week-end series at Tampa Bay in a 1-for-23 slump, batting .253 with 15 homers and 46 RBIs.

Just as Beane predicted, Crosby's season has been defined by

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

BASEBALL

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REFFERS 11, WARRERS 10

WHAT'S ON TV

Auto Racing
American Le Mans Series
Nextel Cup, GFS Marketplace

Lacrosse

Major League Lacrosse
championship game, ESPN2, 11 a.m.

Motorsports

Motogp 250, Czech Grand Prix, SPEED, 11 a.m.

Olympics

Track & field, women's marathon; women's volleyball, U.S. vs. Cuba

Baseball

Little League World Series, pool play round, Richmond, Texas vs. Owensboro, Ky.

Baseball

Major League Baseball
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Golf

Champions Tour, Greater Hickory Classic, final round, TGC, 11:30 a.m.

Golf

PGA Tour-WGC, NEC Invitational, final round, CBS, 12:30 p.m.

Tennis

AIR Legg Mason Classic, championship, CBS, 10:30 a.m.

Horse racing

NTRA, Pacific Classic; Longacres Mile Handicap; Saratoga Breeders' Cup Handicap

Horse racing

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Dogs 2:00, Horses 2:00

Tennis

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Officials confiscate coach's supplements

ATHENS, Greece — Greek officials found 64 boxes containing food supplements with the stimulant ephedrine in a warehouse used by Christos Tsokos, the coach at the center of a doping scandal involving star sprinter Kostas Kenteris and Katerina Thanou, a judicial source said Sunday.

Busch dominates in fifth win of season

BROOKLYN, Mich. — It took Kyle Busch 27 laps to work his way to the lead Saturday on a warehouse used by Christos Tsokos, the coach at the center of a doping scandal involving star sprinter Kostas Kenteris and Katerina Thanou, a judicial source said Sunday.

Lawyers in action as protests begin in Athens

ATHENS, Greece — For some Olympic athletes, the team lawyer has become as vital as the coach. Protesters are a longstanding Olympic tradition but they may now be more noticeable than ever—even in normally genteel sports—due to new legal procedures and intense pressure to win.

Dolphins send Ogunleye to Bears for Booker

MIAMI — The Chicago Bears acquired Pro Bowl defensive end Adekunle Ogunleye from the Dolphins on Saturday for receiver Marty Booker and a third-round draft choice in 2005.

FIFA's Blatter pledges more help for Iraq

IRAKLION, Greece — FIFA President Sepp Blatter said Saturday the world soccer body will offer more help to the Iraqi soccer program, which has been one of the unexpected success stories of the Olympic tournament.

Iraq's only boxer falls in second-round match

ATHENS, Greece — Najah Ali lost his light flyweight bout to Armenian prokisan Nerys Dandanyan on Saturday night, ending the improbable run of Iraq's only Olympic boxer after just one victory.

Kanaan gets pole after qualifying washed out

FOUNTAIN, Colo. — Tony Kanaan was disappointed after his team landed fourth of the top six in qualifying for the 225 at Pikes Peak International Raceway.

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Lithuanian guard redeems himself Henin-Hardenne beats Mauresmo for gold

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Passed over by every NBA team and known mostly for his last-second miss in Sydney, Lithuanian guard finally made a name for himself.

Sah-ROO'-nis Yah-seh-KHEI'-vish-luhs.

Sarunas Jasikevicius, whose off-court 3-pointer kept his team from pulling off the biggest upset of the 2000 Games, didn't miss when it counted Saturday night in a thrilling 94-90 victory against the United States.

He scored 28 points and hit three in a row from behind the arc as the fourth quarter wound down, including a rare four-point play that put his team all-around performance of the Olympics and led for most of the game, but they missed 11 of 33 foul shots to allow Lithuania to stay close.

It was the second loss for the U.S. team in Athens, matching the total from the country's first 68 years of Olympic competition in men's basketball. Before these games, the Americans hadn't lost since the 1992 Dream



Lithuania's Sarunas Jasikevicius celebrates at the end of men's basketball preliminary round game against the United States at Hellinikon Indoor Arena, in Athens at the Olympic Games, Saturday, Lithuania won 94-90.

Team first brought pro players to the Olympic quarter. "I'm coach Larry Brown said. "We gave up 90 points. You can't have a game like that defensively and expect to win against a quality team."

Lithuania improved to 4-0, clinching the top spot in Group

"We had kind of a meltdown in the fourth quarter," coach Larry Brown said. "We gave up 90 points. You can't have a game like that defensively and expect to win against a quality team."

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A and joining Spain as the only two unbeaten teams. Saulius Stombergas added 16 points and Ramunas Siskauskas had 14.

Back in Lithuania, fireworks thundered above the capital Vilnius, after the game, and cheering fans poured into the streets, singing and waving flags.

For Jasikevicius, the victory also brought a measure of satisfaction against the American basketball establishment.

In a league filling up with foreigners, the NBA missed one in its own back yard, playing at Maryland.

"I was a free agent in Europe, and it never came — any offers. They talked about that they were interested, but there weren't even any minimum offers," Jasikevicius said. "So I think I'm just not a player for the NBA, because these guys know what they're doing."

"If 30 teams think a Lithuanian player is a team player," Jasikevicius said, "I'm in any of the top 10 for 10-10 from the line before Jasikevicius was fouled by Lamar Odom on a 3-pointer with 2:47 left, shooting a satisfying look Odom's way and then making the foul shot."

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — It's safe to say Justine Henin-Hardenne is back on top of her game. She's healthy for the first time in months — and has a gold medal to prove it.

In No. 1 vs. No. 2 final that wasn't really close, the top-ranked Henin-Hardenne overwhelmed France's Amelie Mauresmo 6-3, 6-3 on Saturday night to win Belgium's first gold of these Olympics.

Sideline by a viral infection, Henin-Hardenne came to Athens having won exactly one match in the past four months. She hadn't played at all since May, when she was upset in the second round of the French Open as the defending champion. But she put together six straight victories at the Olympics, dropping only one set along the way. That was in her semifinal against No. 3 Anastasia Pavlyuchenko on Friday night, when Henin-Hardenne trailed 5-1 in the third set before rallying to win 8-6.

Mauresmo didn't recover from the disaster, and lost the bronze medal match Saturday to unseeded Alicia Molik of Australia 6-3, 6-4.

"Emotionally, I was drained," Myskina said. "I didn't have any motivation. I couldn't find any motivation."

That never seems to be a problem for Henin-Hardenne, who did everything right against Mauresmo.

Henin-Hardenne got a little bit of extra time to gather herself before Saturday night's final, because the preceding match on center court was a 3.5-hour struggle for the men's bronze, that ended with a 30-game last set.

When it was over, Fernando Gonzalez somehow had enough energy left to swat tennis balls into the stands, a souvenir of thanks to fans chanting, "Chi-chi-chi, le-le-le. Chi-le!" He saved two match points and outlasted Taylor Dent of the United States 6-4, 2-6, 16-14 to win the gold medal in any sport at these Olympics.

"I can't believe I lost," Dent said. "It was longest match I've played in terms of a set. It was 16-14, is that it? It was a good match. It was a shame I lost, but it was fun to be a part of."

Phelps wins record eighth medal; Thompson takes home 12th medal

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The United States went to the men's 400-meter medley relay in world-record time, giving Michael Phelps his record eighth medal of the Athens Olympics without him getting into the pool.

Aaron Peirsol, Brendan Hansen, Ian Crocker and Jason Lezak won in 3 minutes, 30.68 seconds, lowering the mark of 3:31.54 set by the Americans at last year's world championships in Barcelona, Spain.

Germany took silver in 3:33.62. Japan earned bronze in 3:35.22.

Phelps got up his spot in the final to Crocker who finished second in the 19-year-old in the 100 butterfly final. Phelps sat with the U.S. team on the deck during the final, leading cheerers down the race.

He earned a gold for swimming in the preliminaries, giving him six golds and two bronzes in the eight-day swimming competition. Phelps ties Soviet gymnast Aleksandr Dityatev's record of eight medals in one Olympics, set at the boycotted 1980 Moscow Games.

Grant Hackett successfully defended his Olympic 1,500-meter freestyle title, winning gold in an Olympic record of 1:43:40 — nearly five seconds faster than his winning time at the Sydney Games.

Larsen Jensen earned silver in 1:45:29, lowering his American record by more than 11.5 seconds. David Davies of Britain took bronze in 1:45:55.

Faria Thomas overtook Jenny Thompson on the third leg of the Olympic women's 400-meter medley relay, helping Australia upset the United States in a world-record time of 3:57:31. It broke the record of 3:58:30 set by the United States at the Sydney Games.

Americans Natalie Coughlin, Amanda Beard, Thompson and Kara Lynn Joynt got silver in 3:59:12. Germany took bronze in 4:00:72.

Thompson became the most decorated American athlete in the Olympics with her record 12th medal, including 10 from relays. She broke a tie with swimmers Mark Spitz and Matt Biondi and shooter Carl Osburn.

Inge de Bruijn of the Netherlands won the 50-meter freestyle, becoming the first woman to win consecutive swimming sprint titles since the event was added to the Olympics in 1900.

De Bruijn won in 24:58 seconds. Mala Meitella of France earned silver in 24:49 and Lisbeth Lenton of Australia took bronze in 24:31.

Track and Field

ATHENS, Greece — Yuliya Nesterenko broke a 20-year American lock on the Olympic 100-meter, edging a 20-year-old who may be the next great U.S. sprinter.

Nesterenko, a Belarusian who had never broken 11 seconds before the Olympics but did it in all four rounds here, won gold in 10:93 seconds.

Lauryn Williams, the NCAA champion from the University of Miami, was second in a personal-best 10:96. Veronica Campbell of Jamaica got the bronze in 10:47. Americans had won the previous five gold medals in the women's 100.

Americans Lauryn Williams and LaTasha Colander sped into the 100-meter final behind Yuliya Nesterenko of Belarus, but two-time winner Carl Devers was eliminated along with gold-medal favorite Christine Arron of France.

Williams, the 20-year-old NCAA champion from the Uni-

versity of Miami, won her heat in 11:01 seconds. Colander was fourth in that heat, barely edging 41-year-old Marlene Otterley for a spot in the final later Saturday.

In the other heat, Arron got a terrible start, appearing to stumble in the opening meters. She quickly found herself behind the field and finished sixth in 11:21. Devers was seventh in 11:22.

In the men's 100, five men broke 10 seconds. Shawn Crawford's time of 9.89 was the best of the round but several top competitors slowed before the end — which means there could be some incredibly fast times in Sunday's semifinals and final.

Thirteen days after undergoing knee surgery, world champion Juna Pittman of Australia made a remarkable comeback by winning her preliminary heat of the women's 400-meter hurdles in 54.89 seconds.

Carolina Kluff of Sweden won the gold medal in the heptathlon in the heptathlon, finishing her preliminary heat of the women's 400-meter hurdles in 54.89 seconds. Carina Kluff of Sweden won the gold medal in the heptathlon in the heptathlon, finishing her preliminary heat of the women's 400-meter hurdles in 54.89 seconds.

Natalya Sadova of Russia won the discus gold medal with a throw of 209-10. Anastasia Kolesidou of Greece won silver and Irina Yatchenko of Belarus the bronze.

Archery

ATHENS, Greece — South Korea beat Taiwan 251-245 to win the gold medal in men's team archery.

In the women's final, Park Kyung-mo and Yang Jung-ho won South Korea's third archery gold of these Olympics. Ukraine beat the United States 237-235 to win the bronze.

The Koreans also won three golds in 2000.

Badminton

ATHENS, Greece — Zhang Jiewen and Yang Wei of China won the gold medal in women's badminton, beating Huang Sun and Lu Ling of China 7-15, 15-4, 15-8.

Ri Kyung-min and Lee Kyung-won of South Korea won the bronze.

Shon Hidayat of Indonesia won the men's gold, beating Shon Seung-mo of South Korea, 15-8, 15-7. Sont Dwi Kuncoro of Indonesia won bronze.

Boxing

ATHENS, Greece — Andre Dirrell advanced into the boxing quarterfinals, needing just two rounds to beat Algeria's Nabil Kassel 27-7 in a middleweight bout.

Another flyweight Ron Silver was the fifth American to be eliminated, losing 45-22 to Uzbekistan's Tulashbay Doniyorov.

Three other U.S. fighters also reached the quarterfinals: light heavyweight Andre Ward, heavyweight Devin Vargas and super heavyweight Jason Estrada.

Cycling

ATHENS, Greece — Britain's Bradley Wiggins won the gold medal in men's individual pursuit, finishing the 4,000-meter final in 4 minutes, 16.304 seconds.

Wiggins' time was 4.132 seconds ahead of silver medalist Brad McGeer of Australia. Spain's Sergi Escobar, with a time of 4:19.747, beat Britain's Rob Hayles in bronze.

Hayles' team sprint trio of Jens Fiedler, Rene Wolff and Stefan Ninkler edged Japan for the gold medal.

The Germans finished in 43.880 seconds. Japan's time for

the three-lap gold medal race was 44.246 seconds. France won the bronze medal in 44.359 seconds.

In the 3-kilometer pursuit, New Zealand's Sarah Ulmer set a world record to lead qualifying. She was timed in 3:26.400 to improve the mark of 3:29.945 Australia's Kevin MacIver had set minutes earlier.

Fencing

ATHENS, Greece — After upsetting Germany in the quarterfinals, the United States men's foil fencing squad lost to China in the semifinals and then to Russia in the bronze-medal bout.

Italy won the gold medal, fending off a late run by China to win 45-42.

In the other medal match, the Americans were tied with 10 points to go, then were down 41-38 when Dan Kellner and Yuri Molchan both recorded touches.

The referees awarded the point to Russia and Molchan went on to close it out.

Men's Volleyball

United States 3, Australia 1 (25-19, 23-25, 25-13, 25-19). Italy 3, Netherlands 0 (25-19, 25-21, 25-20).

Poland 3, Tunisia 1 (25-18, 23-25, 25-19, 25-23).

Serbia and Montenegro 3, Argentina 1 (21-25, 25-17, 25-21, 25-23).

Greece 3, France 2 (25-22, 14-25, 26-24, 23-25, 15-10).

ATHENS, Greece — Delighting the home crowd, Greece beat Russia to reach the medal round in the country's first Olympic men's volleyball appearance.

The Greeks won in five sets, 25-22, 14-25, 26-24, 23-25, 15-10, and clinched a berth in the

quarterfinals with its third victory of the tournament.

Ryan Miller scored 17 points for the United States, which grabbed the fourth and final spot in the quarterfinals from Pool B. The Americans got a place in the medal round with a four-set victory over Australia and Italy's sweep of the Netherlands.

Swimming

ATHENS, Greece — American Paul Foerster and Kevin Burnham won the first Olympic titles of their long careers, dominating the fourth and final 470 class.

Foerster and Burnham gained control over Nick Rogers and Joe Gianfranco during pre-start maneuvers and never let up. Rogers and Gianfranco got the silver, and Kazuto Seki and Kenjiro Todoroki of Japan got the bronze.

Shooting

ATHENS, Greece — Ralf Schumann of Germany shot 102.9 in the final round to win the gold medal in 25-meter rapid-fire pistol.

Russian Sergei Poliakov shot 100.7 in the final to finish with 692.7 and the silver. His countryman, Sergie Alifrenko shot 100.3 and won bronze.

Trampoline

ATHENS, Greece — Yuri Nikitin of Ukraine won the men's trampoline gold with 41.5 points, topping five-time world champion Alexander Moskalenko of Russia.

In the women's event, an out-of-misbehavior to win trampoline's first gold medal in Sydney, won silver with 41.2 points.

World champion Henrik Stehlik of Germany won the bronze with 40.00 points.

Horse

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reflected that. And I've seen Lisa do a similar test and receive many more points than that."

McDonald is fifth going into the individual competition on Monday. Germany's Ulla Salzgeber leads on Rusty with 78.200 percent, followed by Ferrer-Salat. Anky van Grunsven of the Netherlands is third on Salinger with 74.200, and Germany's Martin Schaudt is fourth on Weltfall.

Dover, who is ninth, and Seidel, in 16th, also will advance to the individual competition, which includes the top 25 riders after the team event.

Wilcox, who finished 18th, won't be competing because each country is only allowed three entrants.

Dressage is horsemanship's equivalent of gymnastics, performed in an enclosed arena with no jumps.

The horse is guided through difficult steps and gaits by only slight gestures from the rider.

Dragila

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ended Saturday when Yuliy Nesterenko rode a powerful closing surge to overtake Lauryn Williams, nipping the newest American track star at the finish.

Nesterenko, a Belarusian who had never broken 11 seconds before the Olympics but did it in all four rounds here, won gold in 10:93 seconds. Williams, the NCAA champion from the University of Miami, was second in a personal-best 10:96. Veronica Campbell of Jamaica got the bronze in 10:47.

Nesterenko got out to an early lead, then Williams overtook her with about 30 meters remaining. But the taller Nesterenko used her longer stride to catch the 5-foot-3 Williams in the closing

Team

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on in 26 innings here, is the only pitcher to beat the U.S. twice in Olympic play. She also led UCLA to a win over American coach Mike Candrea's Arizona team for the 1995 NCAA title.

"Oh, I remember Anya Harding," Candrea said, dryly.

She was likely with second-time Olympian Lisa Fernandez against the Aussies, saving fireballer Jennie Finch.

The Americans have dominated the diamond with speed, pitching, defense and clutch hitting. After watching them dismantle

the field in round-robin play, whippers of this being the best women's softball team ever assembled are growing louder.

Some of the team's best pitcher/third baseman Fernandez. "In '96 and 2000, we got it done and won gold. This team hasn't done that. Ask me on Monday and I'll know. It's not where you start, it's where you finish."

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icans' 112-game winning streak came to a screeching halt with a loss to Japan, and two more losses in a row put the U.S. in peril of losing its grip on Olympic gold.

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Iraq continues improbable medal run

IRAKLION, Greece (AP) — Iraq coach Adnan Hamad couldn't complete more than a few sentences without his cell phone ringing. His team is one step away from an improbable trip to the medal podium, and he was more than happy to spread the word to a country in dire need of good news.

"We have spoken to our families already about this victory," Hamad said after Saturday's 1-0 quarterfinal win over Australia. "They're all very happy. Everybody is out in the streets, ecstatic."

The victory put the war-torn nation in position to compete for only the second Olympic medal in its history. Iraq will play Paraguay, which defeated South Korea 3-2, in the semifinals in Thessaloniki on Tuesday.

In Baghdad, a stream of red tractor bullets cut through the night sky amid a hail of celebratory gunfire. Fans who had watched the game in cafes and hotels spilled out and drove through the streets with national flags fluttering from their cars and screaming "God is great."

"This is an incredible event," 35-year-old Munther-Elias said as he and his brothers danced and fired off guns. "I couldn't imagine that Iraq is going to reach the semifinals. I ask them to keep it up until the end."

Even a loss in the semis would put the Iraqis in the bronze medal game, where they could become the first athletes from their country to win a



Iraq's Muntir Qusal, right, goes for the ball against Australia's Anthony Danze in a men's quarterfinal soccer match at the Pankratlio stadium during the 2004 Olympic Games in Heraklion on the Greek island of Crete on Saturday.

medal since Abdul Wahid Aziz's weightlifting bronze in Rome in 1960.

"There have been many sacrifices made for this match tonight. ... Our families are unhappy and very sad," Hamad said through an interpreter.

"They are all surrounded by difficult conditions and tough situations in our country. And we are trying to offer the best we can with a little happiness for

our people."

In the other quarterfinal games, Argentina defeated Costa Rica 4-0 and Italy beat Mali 1-0. Argentina and Italy will play Tuesday in Athens.

The only goal of the game came on Emad Mohammed's 12-yard bicycle kick in the 64th minute, but it was more than enough to satisfy more than 1,000 chanting, flag-waving Iraqi supporters at

Pankrto Stadium on the island of Crete.

Australia actually put the ball in the net in the 48th minute when Anthony Danze knocked in a rebound after two excellent saves by goalkeeper Nour Sabri, but the play was ruled offside. Sabri then made a leaping save on John Aloisi's header in the 59th, and Australia's Luke Wilkshire hit the crossbar in the 66th.

Scoring error gave Hamm the gold

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Paul Hamm thought his fantastic finish was too good to be true. Maybe he was right.

The International Gymnastics Federation ruled Saturday that Yang Tae-young was unfairly docked a tenth of a point in the all-around final, costing him the gold medal that ended up going to Hamm. The South Korean got the bronze instead.

The federation suspended three judges, but it said the results will not be changed in a case that brought back memories of the figure skating scandal at the Salt Lake City Games in 2002.

Although there are no signs of impropriety by the gymnastics judges, the South Koreans will now ask the Court of Arbitration for Sports to determine if Yang deserves a gold medal.

"We want obvious mistakes to be corrected," said Jae Soon-yoo, an official with the South Korean delegation.

Hamm came all the way back from 12th place with two routines left Wednesday night to become the first American man to win the Olympic all-around.

He won the meet over South Korean Kim De-seun by 0.012, the event's closest margin ever. Yang was 0.049 behind Hamm. The 0.100 points deducted

from Yang's start value in parallel bars — the difficulty of the routine — was the difference between third and first. Without the mistake, Hamm silver and Kim bronze.

"Teams can make an inquiry" about a start value, but it must be done no later than one event after the routine in question, according to gymnastics rules.

South Korea failed to lodge a protest in time, so the scoring could not be changed, said Philippe Silacci, spokesman for the federation, known as FIG. But Jae said the South Koreans did question the scoring as soon as the routine was over and were told by the judges to file a protest letter after the meet.

"They said that was the best they could do right there on the spot," she said. "It was a real basic injustice in judging practices."

Yang received a start value of 9.9 on parallel bars. But after reviewing a tape of the all-around, FIG said he should have gotten a 10, the start value he received for the same routine in team qualifying and finals.

With the extra 0.10, he would have finished with 57.874 points and defeated Hamm by 0.051.

Green, Hamm lead U.S. march through Athens

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Need help navigating Sunday's Olympic events? Here's a quick roadmap for the day, complete with a historic start — and possibly a historic finish.

Let's begin in the village of Marathon, where the women's 26.2-mile race retraces the centuries-old steps of the doomed Greek distance runner, Pheidippides. He had a trip out to the marble Panathinaiko Stadium that hosted the 1896 games.

Then it's on to the new Olympic Stadium, where Maurice Greene will sprint 100 meters toward his destination: the record book. And finally a trip with gymnast Paul Hamm, who continues down a road where no American has traveled before.

The second weekend of the Athens Games, a pretty smooth ride so far, wraps up Sunday with 27 gold medals awarded. U.S. sprinter Greene, bidding to defend his Olympic title in the 100, plans to make sure one of them is draped around his neck — a victory that would land him in rarified Olympic company.

Greene will try to become only the second man to sweep back-to-back Olympic 100 titles, a feat accomplished by Carl Lewis in 1984 and 1992, the latter after Ben Johnson's steroid disqualification in South Korea.

Greene won his Friday heat in 9.93 seconds, and he'll be joined by U.S. teammates Shawn Crawford and Justin Gatlin on Sunday.

The battle to claim the "world's fastest man" title is one of featured events on NBC's prime-time coverage, running to five hours (7 p.m.-midnight EDT) on Sunday. "The Michael Phelps Show" finished its golden Athens run, so the network will turn instead to plenty of gymnastics, platform diving and the quarterfinals in women's beach volleyball.

For Hamm, the first American man to capture the



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Olympic all-around title, there's an opportunity — and two medals — to be won. He competes in the finals of the pommel horse and the floor exercise — the latter against his twin brother, Morgan.

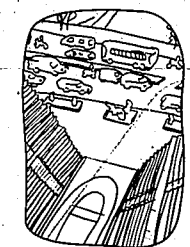
The brothers already shared silver medals in the team all-around, although Paul is more likely to get gold in the floor exercise; he's the reigning world champion in the event. The 21-year-old has a chance at becoming the first American to capture six gymnastics medals in a single Olympics.

On the women's side, American Lauren Murphy, Terin Humphrey and Anna Hatch will participate in the individual gold events. And at the diving venue, American Laura Wilkinson attempts to duplicate her gold medal performance from Sydney.

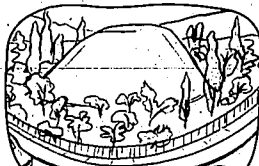
There's a bit of enticing bonus coverage on CNBC. The undefeated American basketball team — that would be the women — plays live at 1 p.m., putting its 4-0 Olympic mark on the line against China. The Americans are the two-time defending gold medalists, with no reason to believe they won't extend their run.

The marathon race — beginning at 11 a.m. — will air live during NBC's eight-hour daytime coverage, which begins at 10 a.m. and runs until 6 p.m.

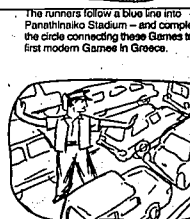
RUN AROUND



Legend has it that when the Greek soldier Pheidippides ran to Athens from Marathon, where the outnumbered Greeks had just defeated the Persians in battle, he told the citizens about the victory, then dropped dead — from exhaustion. The athletic feat — a distance of 26.2 miles — has been the highlight of the Games since, especially during the Greeks' only victory in 1896 — when the modern Games began. Since then, the race has had a special place in Greek hearts, because many people there see it as not only a race, but also

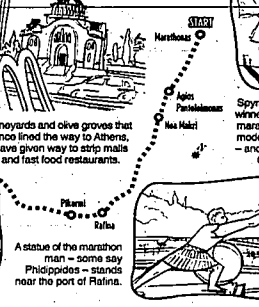
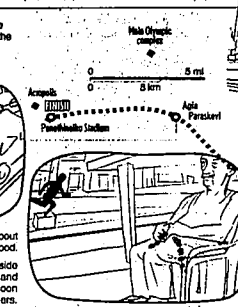


Runners will make a lap around the knoll where Athenian soldiers who died during the battle to defeat the Persians are buried.



The runners follow a blue line into the Panathinaiko Stadium — and complete the circle connecting these Games to the first modern Games in Greece.

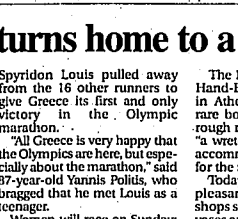
The Marathon THE ROAD HOME



Vineyards and olive groves that once lined the way to Athens, have given way to strip malls and fast food restaurants.



The famous traffic congestion you read about starts in Athens' Acropolis neighborhood. Spectator Themasis Ginosali sits outside his now closed gas station and watches the world go by — and soon the Olympic marathoners.



Asstace of the marathon man — some say Pheidippides — stands near the port of Rafina.

Marathon returns home to a very different Greece

By Niko Price, Associated Press writer

MARATHON, Greece — Runners in the first Olympic marathon in 1896 spent the night in this hamlet's single "wretched" inn and downed a couple of beers before the race. Competitors at the Athens Games can stay at Club Med and pick up a Coke at the McDonald's drive-thru.

The dirt track the first runners followed has been replaced with a four-lane highway. Pine forests and olive groves have given way to strip malls and urban sprawl. Villagers have traded traditional fustanella costumes for T-shirts and low-rise jeans.

The marathon is returning home to its namesake village northeast of Athens, the starting point of a race that ends in the capital at the same, marble Panathinaiko Stadium where the first modern games were held 106 years ago. The rest of the 26.2-mile route is unrecognizable.

Spyridon Louis pulled away from the 16 other runners to give Greece its first and only victory in the Olympic marathon.

"All Greece is very happy that the Olympics are here, but especially about the marathon," said 87-year-old Yannis Politis, who bragged that he met Louis as a teenager.

Women will race on Sunday; the men, on Aug. 23, finishing just before closing ceremony.

The marathon commemorates the path of the warrior Pheidippides, who is said to have run from the battlefield in Marathon to Athens in 490 B.C., with word that the Greeks had defeated the Persians. According to legend, he cried out "We won!" and promptly dropped dead of exhaustion.

The village of Marathon had little to offer beyond a couple of small farmhouses and perhaps a tavern.

The 1884 edition of "Murray's Hand Book of Greece," preserved in Athens' stately Geraniadeios rare books library, describes a rough ride to Marathon; where "a wretched khan (inn) affords accommodation to the traveler for the night."

Today, Marathon is a quiet, pleasant town with tourist shops selling replicas of ancient vases and a small museum with exhibits about marathons around the world. The tile roofs of older houses sag in the sun, while concrete apartments sit smartly amid gardens and vineyards.

Beside the town's soccer field, spikes bearing the Athens 2004 logo are hammered into the ground to establish the start of a painted blue line that leads to Athens. A grassy ridge offers spectators a view of the runners.

Just outside Marathon, the line makes its only detour — a loop to the left that circles the knoll commemorating Greek soldiers fallen in Marathon's ancient battle. A statue of their commander, Gen. Miltiades, was erected last month.

las preside over a gravelly beach. A McDonald's — the first of three along the route — invites children to participate in the "Kids McAthlon" by getting their parents to buy them a Happy Meal.

The route hardly resembles the one Louis covered in 2 hours, 58 minutes, 50 seconds. "He would have seen pine trees and vineyards — those are really the only two things," Kirovoff said. "Perhaps a couple of small farmhouses. No shops — nothing at all."

Today, runners could pause at a dealership to buy a Peugeot. Or a Mitsubishi, a Toyota, a Mercedes, a Renault, a Fiat, Hyundai or a Volkswagen. They face the agonizing choice of where to get a facial: the Estee Lauder Beauty Salon, or the Dior Beauty Shop, whose storefront also offers a "Bikini Cellulite-Diet."

But the route still ends where it did when Louis triumphantly entered the stadium — the incredulous shouts of "Hellenes!" — a Greek — and a cloud of doves.

The marathon runners will be back, and Greeks are hoping another Louis will emerge from their midst.

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Defense could have its day in the Big Ten

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Following a mass exodus of offensive stars and starting quarterbacks, defenses could dominate the Big Ten this season.

Six of the league's top seven quarterbacks from last season, the top three rushers and the two leading receivers are all gone. On the other hand, many top-shelf defensive stars return.

"I always believe championship football starts on defense and it's going to make a run at this championship, we're going to have to play outstanding defense," said coach Lloyd Carr of No. 8 Michigan, the preseason pick to win the title.

"The NFL is where you'll find many of the Big Ten's best play-makers from last season."

Not to worry, Purdue coach Joe Tiller said.

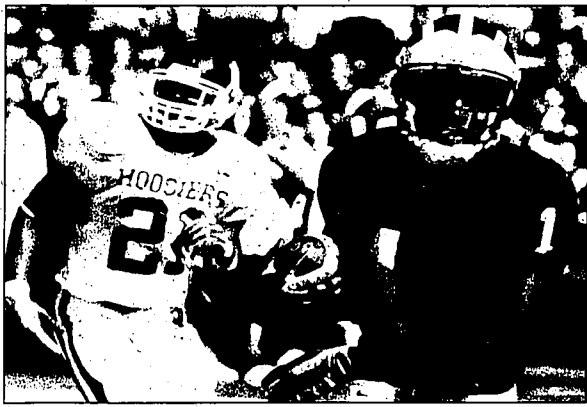
"Sometimes what's more important than who went out the door is who went in," Tiller said.

Of course, that's easy for Tiller, who'll place his offense in the hands of the option back Kyle Orton, one of the top passers in the country.

An experienced and talented quarterback is a luxury no other Big Ten contender has.

"Michigan fans loved to criticize John Navarre, but adjusting to life without him might be one of the few things lording back the stacked Wolverines."

Matt Gutierrez, a junior with



University of Michigan wide receiver Braylon Edwards (1) pulls in a touchdown in front of Indiana safety Harana-Daze Jones in Ann Arbor, Mich., Sept. 27, 2003. Purdue coach Joe Tiller said Edwards, Jason Avant and Steve Breaston could start at any school, and were the best collection of receivers he had seen when he saw them up close last year.

limited experience, is first in line to replace Navarre, ahead of Clayton Richard. And with Heisman finalist Perry gone, the tailback spot is also open in the Michigan backfield.

While the offense looks for new leaders, the defense is loaded with linemen Lawrence Reid and Pierre Woods and defensive backs Ernest Shazor and

Marlin Jackson. Much like their archrivals to the north, the Buckeyes' biggest question lies behind center. Unproven sophomores Justin Zwick and Troy Smith will try to

replace the heady and clutch Krenzle. Coach Jim Tressle may take an even more conservative approach — if that's possible — to protect his novice passers.

Defense will again be No. 9 Ohio State's calling card with linemen A.J. Hawk and Air Force transfer Anthony Schlegel, and Simon Fraser and cornerback Dustin Fox leading the way.

The Buckeyes and Wolverines meet Nov. 20 in Columbus and, as usual, expect the Big Ten championship and a spot in the Bowl Championship Series to be at stake.

No. 19 Iowa, No. 21 Wisconsin and No. 25 Minnesota are the teams most likely to keep Ohio State and Michigan from claiming another Big Ten crown — and all of them are breaking in new quarterbacks, too.

The Hawkeyes boast the stellar linebacking duo of Abdul Hodge and Chad Greenway and the Badgers defense is anchored by defensive tackle Antwan Hainworth, who might be the league's best NFL prospect.

The Golden Gophers return most of defense from a 10-win team that wasn't satisfied with its season.

"Last year we won 10 games and we're not that happy about it," coach Glen Mason said. "I know we'll be the best football team in the last seven or eight years at Minnesota."

LSU gets no respect after sharing title

BATON ROUGE (AP) — So much for last year's title. LSU isn't expected to repeat as champ in 2004 — in the South-eastern Conference.

In the preseason media poll, the Tigers were a distant second to Georgia in votes for the conference champion, although they handily were named the favorite in the West.

LSU, the defending SEC champ, also won a share of the national championship last season by beating Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl for the BCS title. The victory came three days after Southern Cal secured No. 1 in The Associated Press poll in the Rose Bowl.

It was LSU's first crown since 1958, and apparently it had little carry-over to this season.

And honestly, that's just the way coach Nick Saban wants it. He has won zero games so far at the base camp at the bottom of the mountain.

"That's how we try to coach this to our team. Hopefully, our players will look at this season as a challenge."

The preseason AP poll reflected the same opinion of the Tigers: they are fourth, trailing the Southern Cal, Oklahoma and Georgia.

It was the first time that the Bulldogs have been included in the top five before the season; amazingly, Herschel Walker and the defending national champion from 1999 were No. 10 in the following year.

With 20 returning starters, coach Mark Richt might be on the cusp of adding another title.

Georgia faces some challenges early, and they have nothing to do with the schedule.

Linebacker Odell Thurman was suspended for the first three games for a violation of team rules, and fullback Jeremy Thomas must sit out the first two.

Also, Kregg Lumpkin, an emerging runner projected to be the starting tailback, went down on the first day of practice with a torn ACL and is lost for the season.

The suspended players are expected to be back by Oct. 2 when LSU travels to meet the Bulldogs between the hedges. The Tigers won both meetings a year ago, including a 34-13 victory in the SEC championship game.

"They've beaten us the last two times we've played them," Richt said. "I think they'd be the favorite."

While the Tigers battle the Bulldogs for supremacy at the top of the conference, Mississippi State's Sylvester Croom makes his debut as the first black head football coach in SEC history.

He was a finalist last year for the job at Alabama — his alma mater — and he takes over a team that finished 2-10 in 2003.

Tom Zook has similar issues at Florida.

Entering his third year as coach of the Gators, he has gone 8-5 in each of the last two seasons.

Hardly embarrassing marks, unless they come after 12 years of Steve Spurrier and his Fun 'N' Gun offense.

Sooners chasing after the Big 12 title in 2004

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — These are days of change in the Big 12.

Kansas State is a defending champion for the first time in 70 years. New Nebraska coach Bill Snyder has had the option right out of Lincoln. The Big Red Machine is now a passing offense.

Missouri believes it may have a Heisman Trophy winner at quarterback.

But not everything about this conference is in flux.

Oklahoma still strikes fear in most opponents and Texas still may have the nation's best combination, th, rotation, or collaboration. Whatever.

Kansas State won the league title in 2003 but second-ranked

Oklahoma won't let them keep it without a fight.

Not with nine starters returning from an offense that averaged 42.9 points per game, including Heisman Trophy winner quarterback Jason White.

Not with a defense that returns seven starters and replaces Butkus Award winner Teddy Lehman at linebacker with Lamar Mitchell. Mitchell was supposed to be a star last year before a knee injury forced him to miss the season.

And not as long as Bob Stoops, the coach who routinely calls the biggest plays in the biggest games, is still the head coach.

"We accomplished more than most teams last season ...," said

defensive end Dan Cody. "Granted, we didn't finish the way we wanted to, but it gives us something to build on for this year."

White returns with a sixth year of eligibility eager to restore a reputation that took a beating with sub-par performances in the two losses. He's the first returning Heisman winner since BYU quarterback Ty Deumer in 1991.

Deumer didn't win a second trophy and White knows it won't just be handed to him this year either. He's not even the league's preseason offensive player of the year. That honor went to Kansas State running back Darren Sproles.

White and Missouri's multi-

talented Brad Smith shared preseason honors for all-Big 12 quarterback.

"I'm sure I'm not the only player left off an All-American list," White said.

"It's motivation to work hard throughout two-a-days and throughout the season."

White will have plenty of help. His entire offensive line returns as does the Big 12's top receiver, Mark Clayton.

And if freshman Adrian Peterson lives up to his billing as the nation's top recruit at running back, the rushing attack will be improved as well.

So dominant through most of last season, the Sooners must plug some holes on defense.

New co-coordinator Bo Pelini — the Nebraska no less — must account for the loss of All-Americans Derrick Strait at cornerback and tackle Tommie Harris.

Despite losing the Big 12 title game to Kansas State and the near blow to LSU, the Sooners — and their fans — expect to chase titles again this year.

Stoops won the national title in 2000. The Sooners wouldn't think of accepting anything less.

"We're about winning championships," Stoops told OU fans at a summer meet-and-greet session.

"I understand that. I love it, and that's what we're after every single year."

ACC begins a new era with Miami Hurricanes

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — The Miami Hurricanes spent the last year preparing to move to the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Are they ready?

"I don't see it. We're just playing easier teams," defensive end Bryan Patra said. "We're going to dominate each and every game."

Yet, they're ready. The always confident, sometimes cocky, Hurricanes — the team everybody loves to hate — enter their first season in the ACC with high expectations and, some would argue, little respect for the competition.

"The ACC is getting another Florida State, only better," cornerback Kelly Jennings said.

Jennings probably doesn't think much of preseason rankings that have Florida State at No. 5 and Miami sixth by a narrow margin.

Miami's swagger and success, along with the addition of fellow Big East power Virginia Tech, give the ACC more national exposure and make it arguably the toughest conference in the nation.

The Hurricanes went 72-11 in the Big East, claimed eight conference crowns in 13 years and earned four consecutive berths in the Bowl Championship Series. They won two national titles and played for three more, becoming the face of the league.

They also have produced 19

first-round NFL draft picks over the last four years — eight more than any school during any four-year span.

The Seminoles, meanwhile, have dominated the ACC since 1992. They are 90-6 in conference play, have won 11 of the 12 league titles and captured two national championships.

"It was already a great league," Duke coach Ted Roof said. "Now it's the premier football conference in the country."

ACC commissioner John Swofford based Miami and Virginia Tech from the Big East last summer, prompting bickering, back-stabbing and ultimately lawsuits. But nothing kept the Hurricanes and Hokies from

leaving the Big East in hopes of a more lucrative future.

Boston College also bailed from the Big East, agreeing to join the ACC in 2005.

The move will give the conference 12 teams, the same number as the Southeastern Conference and the Big 12, and allow it to divide into two divisions and hold a meaningful conference championship game.

The revamped league received a television deal worth \$37.6 million and nearly double the ACC's old contract.

Now the conference once known mostly for playing basketball on Tobacco Road will try to prove itself as a

football powerhouse.

No. 15 Clemson and No. 16 Virginia are legitimate contenders. No. 22 Maryland, North Carolina State and Virginia Tech are proven winners. Georgia Tech and Wake Forest are capable of surprising anyone.

Still, everyone agrees that Miami and Florida State are the teams to beat.

"Obviously Miami and Florida State are the favorites," Duke running back Cedric Dargan said.

"But everybody's on a clean slate. The Hurricanes all have it's a new feeling. It's a new beginning."

Especially with Miami in the mix.

Idaho Vandals picked to finish last in the Sun Belt

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — This is the last season the Sun Belt Conference will be scattered across the country.

The four-year old football conference is on its way to becoming more regionalized, with the loss of three Western schools to the Western Athletic Conference next year and the addition of three Southeastern schools over the next two years.

"We're finally going to actual-

ly be a sun belt conference now," commissioner Wright Waters said.

"We always planned for the league to be made up of southern teams. It's going to be more regional, which makes for better rivalries."

On the way out are Idaho, Utah State and New Mexico State. Troy is on board this season, and Florida Atlantic and Florida International are set to

join next year.

"It's going to cut down on some of the travel," Louisiana-Monroe coach Charlie Weatherly said.

"And it will build the fan base for the conference teams. More fans will be familiar with these opponents and want to see them."

The thing the Sun Belt needs now, Waters candidly admits, is stronger teams and better

records. Last year North Texas was the only Sun Belt team with a winning record.

"I think that's our next step," Waters said. "We need to beat some teams we're not picked to beat."

North Texas gives the Sun Belt its best chance for a big win this year.

The Mean Green have won the league three years running

and return one of the country's best running backs in Patrick Cobbs. Maybe, they can pull off the upset at Colorado on Sept. 18.

Newcomer Troy (previously known as Troy State) becomes an immediate contender to North Texas' crown. The Trojans always lead up on big-name teams. This year Missouri visits Troy and the Trojans travel to South Carolina.

Season

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play a lucrative league title game. The fallout from the ACC's raid for the Big East is a major overhaul for much of Division I-A, with about 20 percent of 117 teams changing conferences in the next two years.

"You have to take all of that, what I call political stuff, and put it to the side, because the players, they want to play games," Big East commissioner Mike Tringales said.

The players will have one less game to play this year. The 11-game regular season returns after two seasons of 12-game schedules (a calendar quirk: 12 Saturdays fall between Labor Day and Thanksgiving two years in a row).

The next 12-game season is slated for 2006, but college football officials are hoping to make

the extra game — and the extra money — a fixture.

Under coach Pete Carroll, USC is again a fixture among the nation's best.

After years of underachieving, the Trojans finished No. 1 in The Associated Press poll last year. Carroll's infectious enthusiasm has awakened the dormant giant and made USC the place to be for top college football players. The Trojans followed up their first national title since 1972 with the best recruiting class in the country and are being talked about as the new Miami.

"We've talked about national championships and the expectations and possibly being a repeat No. 1 and all of that. And that's what we want. That's what we will always strive for," Carroll said.

Despite losing four All-Americans, the Trojans start the season as the top-ranked team

in the country. Quarterback Matt Leinar put up Carson Palmer-type numbers in his first season as a starter and tailback Reggie Bush is part of backfield flush with talent.

"I picked them this and this year — in the NFC West," Washington coach Keith Gilbertson said.

USC might get one All-American back if the NCAA lets receiver Mike Williams return to college football. Williams planned to follow former Ohio State star Maurice Clarett into the NFL, draft before the courts left them both in limbo.

LSU and Georgia have taken the place of Florida and Tennessee as the SEC's elite and are expected to challenge USC for No. 1, along with usual suspects Oklahoma and Texas from the Big 12 and Michigan and Ohio State from the Big Ten.

The biggest change in the Big Ten comes from above the field

as the league becomes the first to use instant replay to review officials' calls.

Mike Price and George O'Leary, both felled by scandal just as they were about to take covered coaching jobs, return to the college sidelines, albeit at a pair of Division I-A outposts.

Price, fired by Alabama last year before he coached a game for after a night of partying at a college club, was hired by Texas-El Paso.

The Miners went 14-34 the past four seasons.

O'Leary was coach at Notre-Dame for less than a week in 2001 before he was fired for lying on his resume. After two years as an assistant with the Minnesota Vikings, he takes over at Central Florida.

The newest coach in the Southeastern Conference will also draw plenty of attention.

Mississippi State's Sylvester

Croom breaks new ground as the SEC's first black head football coach.

The former Alabama player and assistant coach under Bear Bryant was passed over by the Crimson Tide when it was trying to replace Price. Alabama hired Mike Shula instead, drawing criticism from some Tide supporters. Croom and the Bulldogs face Shula and the Tide in Tuscaloosa on Nov. 6.

"I say I have not thought about it would be a lie ... room said.

At Nebraska, coach Bill Callahan will be breaking new ground in a different way.

The former Raiders coach has scrapped the Cornhusker's halloved option attack and installed the West Coast passing offense, hoping to return Nebraska to its dominant days by modernizing its approach.

Oklahoma has supplanted

Nebraska as kingpin of the Big 12. The Sooners were being compared to the greatest teams ever when they started 12-0 last season.

Then they lost their final two games. They are loaded again, led by quarterback Jason White, the first returning Heisman Trophy winner since BYU's Ty Detmer in 1991.

Leinar, Georgia quarterback David Greene, Kansas State running back Darren Sproles and Texas running back Cedric Benson are top candidates to keep White — from matching Archie Griffin as the only two-time Heisman winner.

And speaking of Detmer, his record for career yards passing is in danger. Hawaii's Timmy Chang needs 2,218 yards to surpass Detmer's 15,031. Directing the Rainbows, Rainbows, Chang should have the record by midseason.

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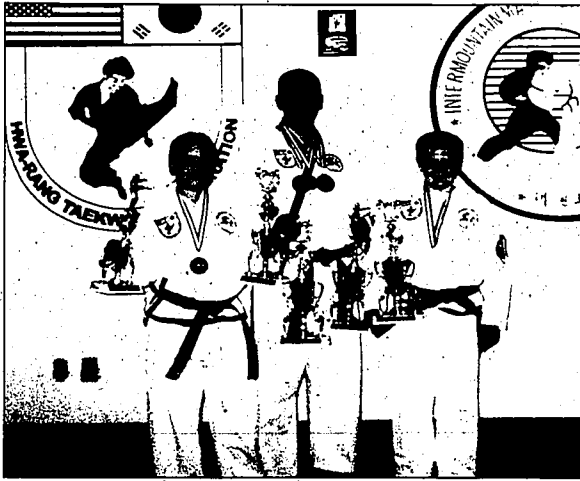
Family competes at martial arts tournament

TWIN FALLS — Don Rider and his children Brandon, 12 and Ashlee, 11 recently competed at the HTF Tae Kwon Do nationals tournament in Seattle. This event draws Tae Kwon Do stylists from all over the United States and Canada. This year, the Riders brought back six trophies including four national championships.

Ashlee Rider, a sixth grader at Kimberly Elementary School, garnered a second place trophy in sparring and a third place trophy in forms for girls in the first degree black belt division ages 10-12.

Brandon, also a Kimberly sixth-grader, received his first national championship in sparring for boys' first degree black belt division, ages 10-12.

"It feels great," Brandon said in a press release. "Before the competition I was nervous and sick to my stomach but my mom (Terrie Rider) gave me a pep talk and encouraged me to go ahead and the next thing I know I was being announced to the crowd in Seattle as the 2004 national champion."



Don Rider is pictured with his children, Brandon, age 12; and Ashlee, 11.

competition while training, bettering his runnerup finish in forms.

"I had considered withdrawing from the competition but decided to put it out," Don said. "After I had won the board breaking championship I was in

a state of disbelief."

Brandon and Ashlee began training in 1996 in the little ninja program.

Photo courtesy of DON RIDER

Wood River Dolphin wins scholarship

HAILEY — Lauren Morgensthaler, member of the Wood River Dolphin Swim Team, was awarded the 2004 Dick Pomeroy Memorial Swim Team Scholarship.

This scholarship was established through the Blaine County Recreation District for the Wood River Dolphin Swim Team in memory of Dick Pomeroy, a long time youth swim coach and advocate of swimming.

The Dolphin coaching staff chose Lauren to receive this award because of her enthusiasm and love for swimming.

T.F. Muni ladies conclude season

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Muni Ladies Twilight Golf League concluded their season Aug. 16 in A League, the team of Shelley Purves and Boree Taylor finished in first place with a score of 10.5. Patty Lee and Ilene Carey were second with 9 points. Billie Mason and Barbara Frith took third with 7 points.

In B League, Julie Capurro and Kathy McClure finished in first place with a score of 9. Finishing in second place was the team of Shirley Long and Gina Rudd with 6.5 points. Penny Gentry and Robbin Gentry tied with Kathleen Anderson and Linda Widmer for third place with a score of 5 points.

Clear Lake ladies announce results

TWIN FALLS — In a game of T.F.E. the winners at Clear Lake Country Club on Aug. 12 were Marci Jensen and Judy Quillen tied for first and Linda Fennen second.

The gobble pot went to Janet Smutney, Teddy Frey and Larrie Stever and fewer puts were made by Janet Smutney and Dona Pierce.

Area athletes qualify for national track meet

HAILEY — The 2004 Idaho State Hershey's Track and Field Meet was held at the Wood River High School track last month.

More than 200 youth, ages 9-14 and their parents, traveled from across the state to compete in a variety of running events, long jump events and softball throw events, all vying for a spot on the regional team.

Two athletes from Blaine County were selected to represent Idaho on the regional team traveling to Hershey, Pennsylvania and competing in the North American Final. Micaela Adamson from Carey and Tyler Peters from Hailey earned a place on the regional team and all-expense-paid, four-day trip to

T.F. Parks and Recreation crown coed softball champs

TWIN FALLS — TK Construction won the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation's B League this past season with a 13-1 record. Twelve-Pack took second at 10-4. Deep Creek and Gilmer Trucking tied for third with 9-5 marks.

Cust and Sons (12-2) won the C League followed by 11-3 Mountain West Insurance and 9-5 Medicine Shoppe.

Hot Shots won the D League with an 11-2 record, finishing ahead of 10-3 Gold Gym and O'Dunkens/Amalgamated Sugar.

First Federal Savings won the E League with a 12-2 ahead of Wells Fargo, Rose Trailer, Rite Stuff Foods and Fred Meyer, all 8-6.

Full standings follow:

League	Team	Record
A League	Shelley Purves & Boree Taylor	10.5
	Patty Lee & Ilene Carey	9
B League	Julie Capurro & Kathy McClure	9
	Gina Ridd & Shirley Long	6.5
C League	Cust and Sons	12-2
	Mountain West Insurance	11-3
D League	Hot Shots	11-2
	Gold Gym	10-3
E League	First Federal Savings	12-2
	Wells Fargo	8-6

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Summer leagues wind down; fall leagues start

Well, the summer season has wound down and those fall sessions are starting. Congratulations goes out to those rolling 300 games at the 9 pin no top this summer. Those 300 games don't come easy at any time, even at 9 pin. When that 10th frame comes along the bowling ball gets so heavy it causes a person to have the gutters, but 12 bowlers pulled it out.

Dick DeRoche, Con Moser, Myron Schroeder, Bob Webb, Jim Kruse, Mat Makay, Bill Benkula, Craig Brock, Dave Dellett, Ralph Hann and Tom Draper on the men's side. Naomi Sweatfield accom-



LET'S GO BOWLING Thelma Tucker

plished that task on the ladies' side. Job well done!

The Half & Half League announced their league champions: "The Intimidators," Josh Serr, Bill Sanders, Paul Polihronakis and Stan Serr. Taking second was "The Bowers," Ryan Springer, Rick Lupe, Conchita and Christine Hernandez.

Third was "Team #1," Eric and Alan Hieb and Dennis and Alex Bowyer.

Jerome Bowl is starting their season on Monday and Wednesday with five-person ladies leagues. Tuesday and Thursday are men's nights with five-person teams.

On Friday and Sunday, they have four-person teams mixed with two men and two ladies. These leagues all start at 7 p.m., except the Sunday League starts at 6 p.m. Call Jerome Bowl at 324-5292. Junior bowlers have sign-up day on Sept. 11 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Junior bowlers, are you ready to start tending the Bowladrome

know that you will be bowling this season? Call 733-0369. Saturday leagues will be starting on Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m. for all ages. On Monday, Sept. 13, bowlers ages 12-22 will start at 3:30 p.m. and on Sept. 18 those bumper bowlers will start at 10 a.m.

Some of the leagues have had their organizational meetings and are getting started, however, it is not too late to contact your local bowling center and join a league... so make those calls and Let's Go Bowling!

Thelma writes an article for YourSports. You can contact her at 733-4357 or by e-mail at tucker@magicalink.com.

COACH HONORED



Joe Freiburger, right, receives the Gary White Award from Paul and Elaine White. The award is presented annually to a parent, coach or volunteer in appreciation for their commitment and dedication to the ideals of fairness, sportsmanship and teamwork for area youth. Freiburger was recognized for his many years of coaching in the community.

KARATE KIDS



Riley Balance, left, and brother Tanner Balance, right, are shown with trophies they received at the national tournament in Seattle recently. Riley took third in Kinderkicks forms division and Tanner took fourth in sparring in the red belt division. Both are students at Pili Sung Martial Arts in Rupert.

SPARRING CHAMP



Travis Fulcher, third degree blackbelt, was the Hwa-Rang Taekwondo Federation Sparring Champion for the year 2004 at the National Tournament in Seattle recently. He was also named Junior Instructor of the year for the national HTF organization. Competitors came to the tournament from Washington, Idaho, California, Oregon, New Mexico and Canada. Fulcher trains in Rupert at Pili Sung Martial Arts.

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Lithuanian guard redeems himself

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Passed over by every NBA team and known mostly for his last-second miss in Sydney, a Lithuanian guard finally made a name for himself.

Sah-ROO'-nis Yah-seh-KHEE'-vih-shulsh.

Sarunas Jasikevicius, whose first career 3-pointer kept his team from pulling off the biggest upset of the 2000 Games, didn't miss when it counted Saturday night in a thrilling 94-90 victory against the United States.

The scored 20 points and hit three in a row from behind the arc as the fourth quarter wound down, including a rare four-point play that put his team ahead to stay.

The Americans gave their best all-around performance of the Olympics and led for most of the game, but they missed 11 of 33 foul shots to allow Lithuania to stay close.

It was the second loss for the U.S. team in Athens, matching the total from the country's first 68 years of Olympic competition in men's basketball. Before the games, the Americans hadn't lost since the 1992 Dream



Lithuania's Sarunas Jasikevicius celebrates at the end of men's basketball preliminary round game against the United States at Helliniko Indoor Arena. In Athens at the Olympic Games, Saturday, Lithuania won 94-90.

Team first brought pro players to the Olympics.

Tim Duncan, Allen Iverson and their teammates still qualified for the quarterfinals when Angola lost 88-56 to Greece in Saturday's nightcap. Their opponents' fate is determined by the results of Monday's games.

"We had kind of a meltdown in the fourth quarter," coach Larry Brown said. "We gave up over 90 points. You can't have a game like that defensively and expect to win against a quality team."

Lithuania improved to 4-0, clinching the top spot in Group

A and joining Spain as the only two unbeaten teams. Saulius Stombergas added 16 points and Ramunas Siskauskas had 14.

Back in Lithuania, fireworks went off above the capital, Vilnius, after the game, and cheering fans poured into the streets, singing and waving flags.

For Jasikevicius, the victory also brought a measure of satisfaction against the American basketball establishment.

In a league filled with up-forgers, the NBA missed one in its own back yard, playing at Maryland.

"It was a free agent in Europe, and it never came — any offers. They talked about they were interested, but there weren't even any minimum offers," Jasikevicius said. "So I think I'm just going to be a player for the NBA, because these guys know what they're doing."

"If 30 teams think a player cannot play, I cannot play."

Lithuania went 10-for-10 from the line before Jasikevicius was fouled by Lamar Odom on a 3-pointer with 2:47 left, shooting a satisfied look Odom's way and then making the foul shot.

Henin-Hardenne beats Mauresmo for gold

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — It's safe to say just how Henin-Hardenne is back on top of her game. She's healthy for the first time in months — and has a gold medal to prove it.

In No. 1 vs. No. 2 final that wasn't really close, the top-ranked Henin-Hardenne overpowered France's Amelie Mauresmo 6-3, 6-3 on Saturday night to win Belgium's first gold of these Olympics.

Sidelined by a viral infection, Henin-Hardenne came to Athens having won exactly one match in the past four months. She hadn't played at all since May, when she was upset in the second round of the French Open as the defending champion.

But she put together six straight victories at the Olympics, dropping only one set along the way. That was in her semifinal against No. 3 Australian Kim Clijsters on Friday night, when Henin-Hardenne trailed 5-1 in the third set before rallying to win 8-6.

Mauresmo didn't recover from that disaster, but she did win the bronze medal match Saturday to un-

Emotionally, I was drained," Myskina said. "I didn't have any gas left. I couldn't find any motivation."

But never seems to be a problem for Henin-Hardenne, who did everything right against Mauresmo.

Henin-Hardenne got a little bit of extra time to gather herself before Saturday night's final, because the preceding match on center court was a 3.5-hour struggle for the men's bronze that ended with a 30-game last set.

When it was over, Fernando Gonzalez somehow had enough energy left to swat tennis balls into the stands, a souvenir of thanks to fans chanting, "Chii-chii, chii-lee, chii-lee." He saved two match points and outlasted Taylor Dent of the United States 6-4, 2-6, 16-14 to grab the fourth and final spot at these Olympics.

"I can't believe I lost," Dent said. "It was longest match I've played in terms of a set. It was 16-14, is that 16? It was a good match. It was a shame I lost, but it was fun to be a part of."

Phelps wins record eighth medal; Thompson takes home 12th medal

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The United States won the men's 400-meter medley relay in a world record time, giving Michael Phelps his record eighth medal of the Athens Olympics without him getting into the pool.

Phelps, Brandon Hansen, Ian Crocker and Jason Lezak won in 3 minutes, 30.68 seconds, lowering the mark of 3:31.54 set by the Americans at last year's world championships in Barcelona, Spain.

Germany took silver in 3:33.62. Japan earned bronze in 3:35.22.

Phelps gave up his spot in the 100-meter freestyle, finishing second to the 19-year-old in the 100 butterfly Friday. Phelps sat with the U.S. team on the deck during the final, leading cheers during the race.

Phelps earned a gold for swimming in the preliminaries, giving him six golds and two bronzes in the eight-day swimming competition. That ties Soviet gymnast Aleksandr Dityatin's record of eight medals in one Olympics, set at the boycotted 1980 Moscow Games.

Grant Hackett successfully defended his Olympic 1,500-meter freestyle title, winning gold in an Olympic record of 1:43:40 — nearly five seconds faster than his winning time at the Sydney Games.

Lars Jensen earned silver in 1:45:29, lowering his American record by more than 11.5 seconds. David Davies of Britain took bronze in 1:46:55.

Petra Thomas overtook Jenny Thompson on the third leg of the Olympic women's 400-meter medley relay, helping Australia up the United States in a world-record time of 3:56:30 set by the United States at the Sydney Games.

Americans Natalie Coughlin, Amanda Beard, Thompson and Kara Lynn Joyce got silver in 4:07.72. Germany took bronze in 4:07.72.

Thompson became the most decorated American athlete in the Olympics with her record 12th career medal, including 10 from relays. She broke a tie with swimmers Mark Spitz and Matt Biondi and shooter Carl Osburn.

Inge de Bruijn of the Netherlands won the 50-meter freestyle, becoming the first woman to win consecutive swimming sprint titles since the event was added to the Olympics in 1908.

De Bruijn won in 24.50 seconds. Milla Melicia of France earned silver in 24.89 and Lisbeth Lenton of Australia took bronze in 24.91.

Track and Field

ATHENS, Greece — Yuliya Nesterenko broke a 20-year American lock on the Olympic 100-meter, edging a 20-year-old who may be the next great U.S. sprinter.

Nesterenko, a Belarusian who had never broken 11 seconds before the Olympics but did it in all four rounds here, won gold in 10:93 seconds. Williams, the NCAA champion from the University of Miami, was second in a personal-best 10:96. Veronica Campbell of Jamaica got the bronze in 10:97. Americans had won the previous five gold medals in the women's 100.

American Lauryn Williams and LaTasha Colander sped into the 100-meter final behind Yuliya Nesterenko of Belarus, but two-time winner Gail Devers was eliminated along with gold-medal favorite Christine Arron of France.

Williams, the 20-year-old NCAA champion from the Uni-

versity of Miami, won her heat in 11:01 seconds. Colander was fourth in that heat, barely edging 44-year-old Merlene Ottey for a spot in the final later Saturday.

In the other heat, Arron got a terrible start, appearing to stumble in the opening meters, before quickly finding her feet behind the field and finished sixth in 11:21. Devers was seventh in 11:22.

In the men's 100, five men broke 10 seconds. Shawn Crawford's time of 9.89 was the best of the round but several top competitors slowed before the end — which means there could be some incredibly fast times in Sunday's semifinals and final.

Thirteen days after undergoing knee surgery, world champion Jana Pittman of Australia made a remarkable comeback by winning her preliminary heat of the women's 400-meter hurdles in 54.83 seconds.

Carolina Kluff of Sweden won the gold medal in the heptathlon with a score of 6,765. Austria Skjutej of Lithuania won the silver with 6,435. Kelly Sotherton of Britain won bronze.

Natalya Sadova of Russia won the discus gold medal with a throw of 209-10. Anastasia Kolesidou of Greece won silver and Irina Yatchenko of Belarus the bronze.

Archery

ATHENS, Greece — South Korea beat Taiwan 251-245 to win the gold medal in men's team archery.

In Dong-hyun, Park Kyung-min and Yang Yong-bum of South Korea's third archery gold of these Olympics. Ukraine beat the United States 237-235 to win the bronze.

The Americans also won three golds in 2000.

Badminton

ATHENS, Greece — Zhang Jiewen and Yang Wei of China won the gold medal in women's badminton, beating Huang Si and Gao Ling of China 7-15, 15-4, 15-9.

Ra Kyung-min and Lee Kyung-won of South Korea won the bronze.

Taufik Hidayat of Indonesia won the men's gold medal, Shon Seung-mo of South Korea, 15-8, 15-7. Soni Dwi Kuncoro of Indonesia won bronze.

Boxing

ATHENS, Greece — Andrei Dierel advanced into the boxing quarterfinals, needing just two rounds to beat Algeria's Nabil Kassel 27-7 in a middleweight bout.

Earlier, flyweight Ron Slier won his fifth American title by eliminating, losing 45-22 to Uzbekistan's Tulashtoy Donyorov.

Three other U.S. fighters also reached the quarterfinals: light heavyweight Andre Ward, heavyweight Devin Vargas and super heavyweight Jason Estrada.

Cycling

ATHENS, Greece — Britain's Bradley Wiggins won the gold medal in men's individual pursuit, finishing the 4,000-meter final in 4 minutes, 16.304 seconds.

Wiggins' time was 4.132 seconds ahead of silver medalist Brad McGee of Australia, Spain's Sergi Escobar, with a time of 4:17.547, beat Britain's Rob Haywood in the second round.

Germany's team sprint trio of Jens Fiedler, Rene Wolf and Stefan Nimke edged Japan for the gold medal.

The Germans finished in 43.980 seconds, Japan's time for

the three-lap gold medal race was 44:246 seconds. France won the bronze medal in 44:359 seconds.

In the 3-kilometer pursuit, New Zealand's Sarah Ulmer set a world record to lead qualifying. She was timed in 3:26:40, to improve the mark of 3:29:94 Australian Katie Mactier had set minutes earlier.

Fencing

ATHENS, Greece — After upsetting Germany in the quarterfinals, the United States men's foil fencing squad lost to China in the semifinals and then to Russia in the bronze-medal bout.

Italy won the gold medal, fending off a late run by China to win 45-42.

In the medal match, the Americans were tied with 10 points to go, then were down 41-38 when Dan Kellner and Youri Mochan both recorded touches.

The referees awarded the point to Russia and Mochan went on to close it out.

Men's Volleyball

United States 3, Australia 1 (25-19, 23-25, 25-13, 25-19) Italy 3, Netherlands 0 (25-19, 25-20) Poland 3, Tunisia 1 (25-18, 23-25, 25-19, 25-23)

Serbia and Montenegro 3, Argentina 1 (21-25, 25-17, 25-21, 25-23) Greece 3, France 2 (25-22, 14-25, 26-24, 23-25, 15-10)

ATHENS, Greece — Delighting the home crowd, Greece advanced to reach the medal round in the country's first Olympic men's volleyball appearance.

The Greeks won in five sets, 25-22, 14-25, 26-24, 23-25, 15-10, and clinched a berth in the

quarterfinals with its third victory of the tournament.

Ryan Miller scored 17 points for the United States, which grabbed the fourth and final spot in the quarterfinals from Pool B. The Americans got a place in the medal round with a four-set victory over Australia.

Italy's sweep of the Netherlands.

Sailing

ATHENS, Greece — Americans Paul Foerster and Kevin Burnham won the first Olympic titles of their long careers, dominating their British rivals in the 470 class.

Foerster and Burnham gained control over Nick Rogers and Joe Gianfield during pre-race maneuvers and never let up. Rogers and Gianfield got the silver, and Kazuo Sakuma and Todoroki of Japan got the bronze.

Shooting

ATHENS, Greece — Ralf Schumann of Germany shot 102.9 in the final round to win the gold medal in 25-meter rapid-fire pistol.

Ukrainian Sergii Polinokov shot 100.7 in the final to finish with 692.7 and the silver. His countryman, Sergii Ailifrenko shot 100.3 and won bronze.

Trampoline

ATHENS, Greece — Yuri Nifritin of Ukraine won the men's trampoline gold with 41.5 points, topping five-time world champion Alexander Moskalenko of Russia.

Moskalenko, who came out of retirement to win trampoline's first gold medal in Sydney, won silver with 41.2 points.

World champion Henrik Stehlik of Germany won the bronze with 40.80 points.

Horse

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referred that And I've seen Lisa do a similar test and receive many more points than that.

McDonald is fifth going into the individual competition on Monday. Germany's Ulla Salzgeber leads on Rusty with 78.208 percent, followed by Ferrer-Salat. Anky van Grunsven of the Netherlands is third on Salinero with 74.208, and Germany's Martin Schaudt is fourth on Weltall.

Dover, who is ninth, and Seidel, in 16th, also will advance to the individual competition, which includes the top 25 riders after the team event.

Wilcox, who finished 18th, won't be competing because each country is only allowed three entrants.

Dressage is horsemanship's equivalent of gymnastics performed in an enclosed arena with no jumps.

The horse is guided through difficult steps and gaits by only slight gestures from the rider.

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ended Saturday when Yuliya Nesterenko rode a powerful closing surge to overtake Lauryn Williams, nipping the newest American track star at the finish.

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Nesterenko got out to an early lead, but the Americans overtook her with about 30 meters remaining. But the taller Nesterenko used her longer stride to catch the 5-foot-3 Williams in the closing

Team

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on in 26 innings here, is the only pitcher to beat the U.S. twice in Olympic play. She also led UCLA to a win over American coach Mike Candrea's Arizona team for the 1995 NCAA title.

Horse

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meter.

Silver was just fine for Williams, a talkative 20-year-old who just a few months ago was taking college classes. It was made sweeter by the presence of her father, who has leukemia and came to Athens after a \$10,000 donation from a cancer survivor in his home state of Pennsylvania.

When the race was over, Williams saw a replay of her parents' win from 1996. David Williams, who must undergo periodic dialysis because of kidney failure, had missed his daughter's races on Friday.

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Iraq continues improbable medal run

IRAKLION, Greece (AP) — Iraq coach Adnan Hamad couldn't complete more than a few sentences without his cell phone ringing. His team is one step away from an improbable trip to the medal podium, and he was more than happy to spread the word to a country in dire need of good news.

"We have spoken to our families already about this victory," Hamad said after Saturday's 1-0 quarterfinal win over Australia. "They're all very happy. Everybody is out in the streets, ecstatic."

The victory put the war-torn nation in position to compete for only the second Olympic medal in its history. Iraq will play Paraguay, which defeated South Korea 3-2, in the semifinals in Thessaloniki on Tuesday.

In Baghdad, a stream of red tracer-bullets cut through the night sky amid a hail of celebratory gunfire. Fans who had watched the game in cafes and hotels spilled out and drove through the streets with national flags fluttering from their cars and screaming "God is great."

"This is an incredible event," 35-year-old Muntaher Elias said as he and his brothers danced and fired off guns. "I couldn't imagine that Iraq is going to reach the semifinals. I ask them to keep it up until the end."

Even a loss in the semis would put the Iraqis in the bronze medal game, where they could become the first athletes from their country to win a medal since Abdul Wahid Aziz's weightlifting bronze in Rome in 1960.



Iraq's Muntaher Elias, right, goes for the ball against Australia's Anthony Danze in a men's quarterfinal soccer match at the Pankritio stadium during the 2004 Olympic Games in Heraklion on the Greek island of Crete on Saturday.

"There have been many sacrifices made for this match tonight. Our families are unhappy and very sad," Hamad said through an interpreter. "They are all surrounded by difficult conditions and tough situations in our country. And we are trying to offer the best we can with a little happiness for our people."

In the other quarterfinal games, Argentina defeated Costa Rica 4-0 and Italy beat Mali 1-0. Argentina and Italy will play Tuesday in Athens. The only goal of the game came on Emad Mohammed's 12-yard bicycle kick in the 64th minute, but it was more than enough to satisfy more than 1,000 chanting, flag-waving Iraqi supporters at Pankritio Stadium on the island of Crete.

Australia actually put the ball in the net in the 48th minute when Anthony Danze knocked in a rebound after two excellent saves by goalkeeper Nour Sabri, but the play was ruled offside. Sabri then made a leaping save on John Aloisi's header in the 59th, and Australia's Luke Wilkshire hit the crossbar in the 66th.

Scoring error gave Hamm the gold

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Paul Hamm thought his fantastic finish was too good to be true. Maybe he was right.

The International Gymnastics Federation ruled Saturday that Yang Tae-young was unfairly docked a tenth of a point in the all-around final, costing him the gold medal that ended up going to Hamm. The South Korean got the bronze instead.

The federation suspended three judges, but it said the results will not be changed in a case that brought back memories of the figure skating scandal at the Salt Lake City Games in 2002.

Although there are no signs of impropriety by the gymnastics judges, the South Koreans will now ask the Court of Arbitration for Sports to determine if Yang deserves a gold medal.

"We want obvious mistakes to be corrected," said Jae Soonyoo, an official with the South Korean delegation.

Hamm came all the way back from injury with two routines left Wednesday night to become the first American man to win the Olympic all-around.

"We won the meet over South Korea's Kim Dong-yeon by 0.012, the event's closest margin ever. Yang was 0.049 behind Hamm. The 0.100 points deducted

from Yang's start value in parallel bars — the difficulty of the routine — was the difference between third and first. Without the mistake, Yang would have won gold, Hamm silver and Kim bronze.

"Teams can make an 'inquiry' about a start value, but it must be done no later than one event after the routine in question, according to gymnastics rules."

South Korea failed to lodge a protest in time, so the scoring could not be changed, said Philippe Silacci, spokesman for the federation, known as FIG. But Jae said the South Koreans did question the scoring as soon as their routine was over and were told by the judges to file a protest letter after the meet.

"They said that was the best they could do right there on the spot," she said. "It was a real basic injustice in judging practices."

Yang received a start value of 9.9 on parallel bars. But after reworking his start value of the all-around, FIG officials ruled he should have gotten a 10, the start value he received for the same routine in team qualifying and finals.

With the extra 0.10, he would have finished with 57.873 points and defeated Hamm by 0.051.

Green, Hamm lead U.S. march through Athens

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Need help navigating Sunday's Olympic events? Here's a quick roadmap for the day, complete with a historic start — and possibly a historic finish.

Let's begin in the village of Marathon, where the women's 26.2-mile race retraces the centuries-old steps of the doomed Greek distance runner Pheidippides. Their trip ends at the marble Panathinaiko Stadium that hosted the 1896 games.

Then it's on to the new Olympic Stadium, where Maurice Greene will sprint 100 meters toward his destination: the record book. And finally a trip with gymnast Paul Hamm, who continues down a road where an American has traveled before.

The second weekend of the Athens Games, a pretty smooth ride so far, wraps up Sunday with 27 gold medals awarded. U.S. sprinter Greene is bidding to defend his Olympic title in the 100, plans to make sure one of them is draped around his neck — a victory that would land him in rarified Olympic company.

Greene will try to become only the second man to sweep back-to-back Olympic 100 titles, a feat accomplished by Carl Lewis in 1984 and 1988. The latter after Ben Johnson's steroid disqualification in South Korea.

Greene won his Friday heat in 9.85 seconds, and he'll be joined by U.S. teammates Shawn Crawford and Justin Gatlin on Sunday.

The battle to claim the "world's fastest man" title is one of the featured events on NBC's prime-time coverage, expanded to five hours (7 p.m.-midnight EDT) on Sunday. "The Michael Phelps Show" finished its golden Athens run, so the network will turn instead to diving of gymnastics, platform diving and the quarterfinals in women's beach volleyball.

It's Hamm, the first American man to capture the



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Olympic all-around title, three more gold medals. He'll compete in the finals of the pommel horse and the floor exercise — the latter against his twin brother, Morgan.

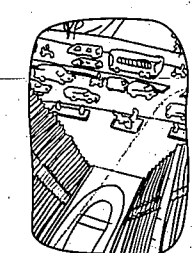
Brothers already shared silver medals in the team all-around, although Paul is more likely to get gold in the floor exercise; he's the reigning world champion in the event. The 21-year-old has a chance at becoming the first American to capture six gymnastics medals in a single Olympics.

On the women's side, Americans Courtney Kupets, Torii Humphrey and Annia Hatch will participate in the individual gold events. And at the diving venue, American Laura Wilkinson attempts to duplicate her gold medal performance from Sydney.

There's a bit of enticing bonus coverage on CNBC: The undefeated American basketball team — that would be the women — plays live at 1 p.m., putting its 4-0 Olympic mark on the line against China. The Americans are the two-time defending gold medalists, with no reason to believe they won't extend their run.

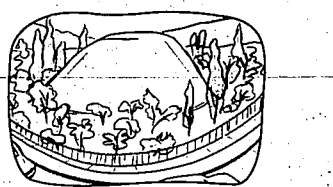
The marathon race — beginning at 11 a.m. — will air live during NBC's eight-hour day-long coverage, which opens at 10 a.m. and runs until 6 p.m.

RUN AROUND



The runners follow a blue line into Panathinaiko Stadium — and complete the circle connecting these Games to the first modern Games in Greece.

Legend has it that when the Greek soldier Pheidippides ran to Athens from Marathon, where the outnumbered Greeks had just defeated the Persians in battle, he told the citizens about the victory, then dropped dead — from exhaustion. The athletic feat — a distance of 26.2 miles — has been the highlight of the Games since, especially during the Greeks' only victory in 1896 — when the modern Games began. Since then, the race has had a special place in Greek hearts, because many people there see it as not only a race, but also



Runners will make a lap around the knoll where Athenian soldiers who died during the battle to defeat the Persians are buried.

The Marathon THE ROAD HOME

A detailed infographic map of the marathon route. It shows the path from the Panathinaiko Stadium, past the Acropolis, through the city of Athens, and back to the stadium. Key landmarks like the Acropolis, Panathinaiko Stadium, and the Marathon route are labeled. It also includes a small map of Greece showing the location of Athens and Marathon. The map is titled 'The Marathon THE ROAD HOME'.

Marathon returns home to a very different Greece

By Niko Price, Associated Press writer

MARATHON, Greece — Runners in the first Olympic marathon in 1896 spent the night in this hamlet's single "wretched" inn and downed a couple of beers before the race. Competitors at the Athens Games can stay at Club Med and pick up a Coke at the McDonald's drive-thru.

The dirt track the first runners favored has been replaced with a four-lane highway. Pine forests and olive groves have given way to strip malls and urban sprawl. Villagers have traded traditional fustanella costumes for T-shirts and low-rise jeans.

The marathon is returning home to its namesake village northeast of Athens, the starting point of a race that ends in the capital at the same, marble Panathinaiko Stadium where the first modern games were held 108 years ago. The rest of the 26.2-mile route is unrecognizable.

And yet one thing has remained unchanged: Greeks' love affair with the long-distance race, which began in 1896 when a farmer named

Spyridon Louis pulled away from the 16 other runners to give Greece its first and only victory in the Olympic marathon.

"All Greece is very happy that the Olympics are here, but especially about the marathon," said 67-year-old Yannis Politis, who bragged that he met Louis as a teenager.

Women will race on Sunday; the men, on Aug. 23, finishing just before closing ceremony. The marathon has no roots in the ancient Olympics, whose longest race was 2.87 miles. But when Greece held the first modern Olympics, organizers eager to honor the myth traced a route from a wooden bridge in Marathon to the stadium.

The village of Marathon had little to offer beyond a couple of small farmhouses and perhaps a tavern.

The 1894 edition of "Murray's Hand-Book Greece" preserved in Athens' stately Gonnadeios rare books library, describes a rough ride to Marathon, where "a wretched chain (inn) affords accommodation to the traveler for the night."

Today, Marathon is a quiet, pleasant town with tourist shops selling replicas of ancient vases and a small museum with exhibits about marathons around the world. The tile roofs of older houses sag in the sun, while concrete apartments sit smirily amid gardens and vineyards.

Beside the town's soccer field, signs bearing the Athens 2004 logo are hammered into the ground to establish the start of a painted blue line that leads to Athens. A grassy ridge offers spectators a view of the runners.

Just outside Marathon, the line makes its only detour — a loop to the left that circles the knoll commemorating Greek soldiers fallen in Marathon's ancient battle. A statue of their commander, Gen. Miltiades, was erected last month.

Continuing the route, an alley to the left leads into Club Med Athena, where white stucco vil-

las preside over a gravelly beach. A McDonald's — the first of three along the route — invites children to participate in the "Kids McAthlon" by getting their parents to buy them a Happy Meal.

The route hardly resembles the one Louis covered in 2 hours, 58 minutes, 50 seconds. "He would have seen pine trees and vineyards — those are really the only two things," Citroeff said. "Perhaps a couple of small farmhouses. No shops — nothing at all."

Today, runners could pause at a dealership to buy a Peugeot, or a Mitsubishi, a Toyota, a Mercedes, a Renault, a Fiat, a Hyundai or a Volkswagen. They face the agonizing choice of where to get a facial: the Estee Lauder Beauty Salon, or the Dior Beauty Shop, whose storefront also offers a "Bikini Cellul-Diet."

But the route still ends where it did when Louis triumphantly entered the stadium to the incredulous shouts of "Helenne!" — a Greek — and a cloud of doves.

The marathon runners will be back, and Greeks are hoping another Louis will emerge from their midst.

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Defense could have its day in the Big Ten

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Following a mass exodus of offensive stars and starting quarterbacks, defense could dominate the Big Ten this season.

Six of the league's top seven quarterbacks from last season, the top three rushers and the two leading receivers are all gone. On the other hand, many top-half defensive stars return.

"I always believe championship football starts on defense and if we're going to make a run at this championship, we're going to have to play outstanding defense," said coach Lloyd Carr on Monday in Michigan, the preseason pick to win the league title.

"The NFL is where you'll find many of the Big Ten's best play-makers from last season."

Not to worry, Purdue coach Joe Tiller said.

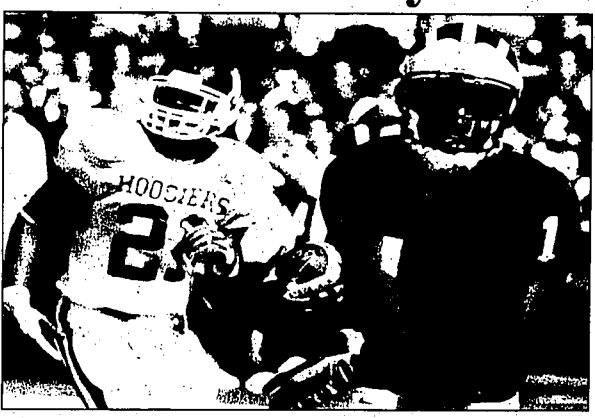
"Sometimes what's more important than who went out the door is who went in," Tiller said.

Of course, that's easy for Tiller, who places his offense in the capable hands of quarterback Kyle Orton, one of the top passers in the country.

"An experienced and talented quarterback is a luxury no other Big Ten contender has."

Michigan fans loved to criticize John Navarre, but adjusting to life without him might be one of the more difficult adjustments back the stacked Wolverines.

Matt Gutierrez, a junior with limited experience, is first in line to replace Navarre, a fellow-Ohio State transfer who averaged 42.9 yards per game, including Heisman Trophy winner Clayton Kershaw. And with Heisman finalist Perry gone, the tailback spot is also open in the Michigan backfield.



University of Michigan wide receiver Brayton Edwards (41) pulls in a touchdown in front of Indiana state fans Herans-Daza Jones in Ann Arbor, Mich., Sept. 27, 2003. Purdue coach Joe Tiller said Edwards, Jason Avant and Steve Benstein could start at any school, and were the best collection of receivers he had seen when he saw them up close last year.

While the offense looks for new leaders, the defense is loaded — with — linebacksers Lawrence Hiedl and Pierre Woods and defensive backs Ernest Shazor and Marlin Jackson.

Much like their archrivals to the north, the Buckeyes' biggest question lies behind center. Underproven sophomores Justin Azick and Troy Smith will try to replace the heady and clutch Kenezek. Coach Jim Tressel may take an even more conservative approach — if that's possible — to protect his novice passers.

Defense will again be No. 9 Ohio State's calling card with linebackers A.J. Hawk and Air Force transfer Anthony Schlegel, end Simon Fraser and cornerback Dustin Fox leading the way.

The Buckeyes and Wolverines meet Nov. 20 in Columbus and, as usual, expect the Big Ten championship and a spot in the Bowl Championship Series to be at stake.

No. 13 Iowa, No. 21 Wisconsin and No. 25 Minnesota are the teams most likely to keep Ohio State and Michigan from claiming another Big Ten crown — and all of them are breaking in new quarterbacks, too.

The Hawkeyes boast the stellar linebacking duo of Abdul Hodge and Chad Greenway and the Badgers defense is anchored by defensive tackle Antwaun Lathorn, who might be the league's best NFL prospect.

The Golden Gophers return most of a defense from a 10-win team that wasn't satisfied with its season.

"Last year we won 10 games and we're not that happy about it," coach Glen Mason said. "I know we'll be the best football team in the last seven or eight years at Minnesota."

Sooners chasing after the Big 12 title in 2004

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — These are days of change in the Big 12.

Kansas State is a defending champion for the first time in 17 years. New Nebraska coach Bill Callahan has run the option right out of Lincoln. The Big 12 Machine is now a passing offense.

Missouri believes it may have a Heisman Trophy winner at quarterback.

But not everything about this conference is in flux.

Oklahoma still seeks fire in most opponents and Texas once again may have a quarterback combination, uh, rotation or, collaboration. Whatever.

Kansas State won the league title in 2003 but second-ranked

Oklahoma won't let them keep it without a fight.

Not with nine starters returning from an offense that averaged 42.9 yards per game, including Heisman Trophy winning quarterback Jason White.

Not with a defense that returns seven starters and replaces Heisman award winner Teddy Lehman at linebacker with Lance Mitchell. Mitchell was supposed to be a star last year before a knee injury forced him to miss the season.

And not as soon as Bob Stoops, the coach who routinely calls the biggest plays in the biggest games, is still the head coach.

"I accomplished more than most teams last season ...," said

defensive end Dan Cody. "Granted, we didn't finish the way we wanted to, but it gives us something to build on for this year."

White returns with a sixth year of eligibility eager to restore a reputation that took a beating with sub-par performances in the two losses. It's the first returning Heisman winner since BYU quarterback Ty Detmer in 1991.

Detmer didn't win a second trophy and White knows it won't just be handed to him this year either. It's not even the league's preseason offensive player of the year. That honor went to Kansas State running back Darren Sproles.

White and Missouri's multi-

talented Brad Smith shared preseason honors for all Big 12 quarterbacks.

"I'm sure I'm not the only player left off an All-American list that's going to be on an All-American list," White said.

"It's motivation to work hard throughout two-a-days and throughout the season."

White will have plenty of help. His entire offensive line returns as does the Big 12's top receiver, Mark Clayton.

And if freshman Adrian Peterson lives up to his billing as the nation's top recruit at running back, the rushing attack will be improved as well.

So dominant through most of last season, the Sooners must plug some holes on defense.

New co-coordinator Bo Pelini — from Nebraska, no less — must account for the loss of All-Americans Derrick Strait at cornerback and tackle Tommie Harris.

Despite losing the Big 12 title game to Kansas State and the Sugar Bowl to LSU, the Sooners — and their fans — expect to chase titles again this year.

Soons won the national title in 2000. The Sooners wouldn't think of accepting anything less.

"We're about winning championships. Soons lost OU fans at a summer meet-and-greet session."

"I understand that. I love it, and that's what we're after every single year."

ACC begins a new era with Miami Hurricanes

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — The Miami Hurricanes spent the last year preparing to move to the Sun Belt Conference. Are they ready?

"The way I see it, we're just playing easier teams," defensive end Bryan Fata said. "We're going to dominate each and every game."

Yep, they're ready. The always confident, sometimes cocky, Hurricanes — the team every young fan in the Southeast looks up to — are entering their first season in the ACC with high expectations and, some would argue, little respect for the competition.

The ACC is getting another Florida State, only better — cornerback Kelly Jennings said.

Jennings probably doesn't think much of preseason rankings that have Florida State at No. 6 and Miami sixth by a narrow margin.

Miami's swagger and success, fueled by the addition of fellow Big East power Virginia Tech, give the ACC more national exposure and make it arguably the toughest conference in the nation.

The Hurricanes went 72-11 in the six-year, claimed eight conference crowns in 13 years and earned four consecutive berths in the Bowl Championship Series. They won two national titles and are now, becoming the face of the league.

They also have produced 19

first-round NFL draft picks over the last four years — eight more than any school during any four-year span.

The Seminoles, meanwhile, have dominated the ACC since 1992. They are 90-6 in conference play, have won 11 of the 12 league titles and captured two national championships.

"It was already a great league," Duke coach Ted Roof said. "Now it's the premier football conference in the country."

ACC commissioner John Swofford lured Miami and Virginia Tech from the Big East last summer, prompting bickering, back-stabbing and ultimately lawsuits. But nothing kept the Hurricanes and Hoopes from

leaving the Big East in hopes of a more lucrative future.

Boston College also agreed to join the Big East, agreeing to join the ACC in 2005.

The move will give the conference 12 teams, the same number as the Southeastern Conference and the Big 12, and allow it to divide into two divisions and hold a moneymaking conference championship game.

The revamped league received television, led worth \$37.6 million annually — nearly double the ACC's old contract.

Now the conference once known mostly for playing football on Tobacco Road will try to prove itself as a

football powerhouse.

No. 15 Clemson and No. 16 Virginia are legitimate contenders. No. 22 Maryland, North Carolina State and Virginia Tech are proven winners. Georgia Tech and Wake Forest are capable of surprising everyone.

Still, everyone agrees that Miami and Florida State are the teams to beat.

"Obviously Miami and Florida State are the favorites," Duke running back Cedric Dargan says.

"But everybody's on a clean slate. The schedule's all new. It's a new feeling. It's a new beginning."

Especially with Miami in the mix.

Idaho Vandals picked to finish last in the Sun Belt

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — This is the last season the Sun Belt Conference will be scattered across the country.

The four-year-old football conference is on its way to becoming more regionalized, with the loss of three Western schools to the Western Athletic Conference next year and the addition of three Southeastern schools over the next two years.

"We're finally going to actual-

ly be a sun belt conference now," commissioner Wright Waters said.

He always planned for the league to be made up of southern teams. It's going to be more regional, which makes for better rivalries.

On the way out are Idaho, Utah State and New Mexico State. Troy is on board this season, and Florida Atlantic and Florida International are set to

join next year.

"It's going to cut down on some of the travel," Louisiana State coach Charlie Weatherly said.

"And it will build the fan base for the conference teams. More fans will be familiar with these opponents and want to see them."

The thing the Sun Belt needs now, Waters candidly admits, is stronger teams and better

records. Last year North Texas was the only Sun Belt team with a winning record.

"I think that's our next step," Waters said. "We need to beat people and we need to beat some teams we're not picked to beat."

North Texas gives the Sun Belt its best chance for a big win this year.

The Mean Green have won the league three years running

and return one of the country's best running backs in Patrick Cobbs. Maybe, they can pull off the upset at Colorado on Sept. 18.

Newcomer Troy (previously known as Troy State) becomes an immediate contender to North Texas' crown. The Trojans always load up on big-name names. This year Missouri visits Troy and the Trojans travel to South Carolina.

Season

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play a lucrative league title game. The fallout from the ACC's raid of the Big East is a major overhaul, for much of Division I-A, with about 20 percent of 117 teams changing conferences in the next two years.

"You have to take all of that, what I call political stuff, and put it to the side, because the players, they want to play games," Big East commissioner Mike Tringali said.

The players will have one less game to play this year. The 11-game regular season returns after two seasons of 12-game schedules to calendar quirk 12 Saturdays fell between Labor Day and Thanksgiving two years in a row).

The next 12-game season is slated for 2008, but college football officials are hoping to make

the extra game — and the extra money — a fixture.

Under coach Pete Carroll, USC is again a fixture among the nation's best.

After years of underachieving, the Trojans finished No. 1 in The Associated Press poll last year. Carroll's infectious enthusiasm has swayed the dormant giant and made USC the place to be for top college football players. The Trojans followed up their first national title since 1972 with the best recruiting class in the country and are being talked about as the new Miami.

"We've talked about national championships and the expectations and possibly being a repeat No. 1 and all of that. And that's what we want. That's what we will always strive for," Carroll said.

Despite losing four All-Americans, the Trojans start the season as the top-ranked team

in the country. Quarterback Matt Leinart put up Carson Palmer-type numbers in his first season as a starter and tailback Reggie Bush is part of backfield flush with talent.

"I picked them third this year — in the NFC West," Washington coach Keith Gilbreath said.

USC might get one All-American back if the NCAA lets receiver Mike Williams return to college football. Williams planned to follow former Ohio State star Maurice Clarett into the NFL draft before the courts let them both in limbo.

LSU and Georgia have taken the place of Florida and Tennessee as the SEC's elite and are expected to challenge USC for No. 1, along with usual suspects Oklahoma and Texas from the Big 12 and Michigan and Ohio State from the Big Ten.

The biggest change in the Big Ten comes from above the field

as the league becomes the first to use instant replay to review officials' calls.

Mike Price and George O'Leary both felled by scandal just as they were about to take coveted coaching jobs, return to the college sidelines, albeit at a pair of Division I-A outposts.

Price, fired by Alabama last year before he coached a game for after a night of partying at a strip club, was hired by Texas-El Paso.

The Miners went 14-34 the past four seasons.

O'Leary was coach at Notre Dame for less than a week in 2001 before he was fired for lying on his resume. After two years as an assistant with the Minnesota Vikings, he takes over at Central Florida.

The newest coach in the Southeastern Conference will also draw plenty of attention.

Mississippi State's Sylvester

Croom breaks new ground as the SEC's first black head football coach.

The former Alabama player and assistant coach under Bear Bryant was passed over by the Crimson Tide when it was trying to replace Fire. Alabama hired Mike Shula instead, drawing criticism from some Tide supporters, Croom and the Bulldogs' face Shalin and the Tide in Tuscaloosa on Nov. 6.

"To say I have not thought about it would be a lie," Croom said.

By Nebraska, coach Bill Callahan will be breaking new ground in a different way.

The former Raiders coach has scrapped the Cornhuskers' hallowed option attack and instead the West Coast passing offense, hoping to return Nebraska to its dominant days by modernizing its approach.

Oklahoma has supplanted

LSU gets no respect after sharing title

BATON ROUGE (AP) — So much for last year's title. LSU isn't expected to repeat as champ in 2004 — in the South-eastern Conference.

In the preseason media poll, the Tigers were a distant second to Georgia if votes for the conference champion, although they handily were named the favorite in the West.

LSU, the defending SEC champ, also won a share of the national championship last season by beating Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl for the BCS title. The victory came three days after Southern Cal secured No. 1 in The Associated Press poll in the Rose Bowl.

It was LSU's first crown since 1956, and apparently it had little carry-over to this season.

And here's what's just the way coach Nick Saban wants it.

"Last year was a mountain climb, we were fortunate to plant the flag in the mountain and win the national championship," he said.

"That is history. This year, we have won zero games, we are the base camp at the bottom of the mountain."

"That's how we try to coach this year. We want our players will look at this season as a challenge."

The preseason AP poll reflected the same opinion of the Tigers: they are fourth, trailing the Southern Cal, Oklahoma and Georgia.

This is the first time that the Bulldogs have been included in the top five before the season, amazingly. Herschel Walker won the defending national champions from 1980 were No. 10 the following year.

With 20 returning starters, coach Mark Richt might be on the cusp of adding another title.

Georgia faces some challenges early, and they have nothing to do with the schedule.

Linebacker Odell Thurman was suspended for the first three games for a violation of team rules, and fullback Jeremy Thomas must sit out the first two.

Also, Kregg Lumpkin, an electrifying punter projected to be the starting tailback, went down on the first day of practice with a torn ACL and is lost for the season.

The Bulldogs' players are expected to be back by Oct. 2, when LSU travels to meet the Bulldogs between the hedges.

The Tigers won both meetings at home, including a 34-13 victory in the SEC championship game.

"They've beaten us the last two times we've played them," Richt said. "I'd think they'd be the favorites."

While the Tigers battle the Bulldogs for supremacy at the top of the conference, Mississippi State's Sylvester Croom makes his debut as the first black head football coach in SEC history.

He was a finalist last year for the job at Alabama — his alma mater — and he takes over a team that finished 2-10 in 2003.

Ron Zook has similar issues at Florida.

Entering his third year as coach of the Gators, he has gone 8-5 in each of the last two seasons.

Hardly embarrassing marks, unless they come after 12 years of Steve Spurrier and his 'Fun 'N Gun offense.

Nebraska as kingly of the Big 12. The Sooners were being compared to the greatest teams ever when they started 12-0 last season.

But they lost their final two games. They are leading again, led by quarterback Jason White, the first returning Heisman Trophy winner since BYU's Ty Detmer in 1991.

Leaving Georgia quarterback David Greene, Kansas State running back Darren Sproles and Texas running back Cedric Benson are top candidates to keep White from matching Archie Griffin's record as the only two-time Heisman winner.

And speaking of Detmer, his record for career yards passing is in danger. Hawaii's Timmy Chang needs 2218 yards to surpass Detmer's 15,031. Directing the wide-open Rainbows, Chang should have the record by midseason.

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Family competes at martial arts tournament

TWIN FALLS — Don Rider and his children Brandon, 12 and Ashlee, 11 recently competed at the HTF Tae Kwon Do national tournament in Seattle.

This event draws Tae Kwon Do stylists from all over the United States and Canada. This year, the Riders brought back six trophies including four national championships.

Ashlee Rider, a sixth grader at Kimberly Elementary School, garnered a second place trophy in sparring and a third place trophy in forms for girls in the first degree black belt division ages 10-12.

Brandon, also a Kimberly sixth-grader, received his first national championship in sparring for boys first degree black belt division, ages 10-12.

"It feels great," Brandon said in a press release. "Before the competition I was nervous and sick to my stomach but my mom (Terrie Rider) gave me a pep talk and encouraged me to go ahead and the next thing I know I was being announced to the crowd in Seattle as the 2004 national champion."

Don, 40, received three rankings as national champion: men's sparring for third and fourth degree black belt, men's forms for third and fourth degree black belt and then the board breaking competition for men's third and fourth degree black belt division.

Rider was injured prior to the competition while training, bettering his runnerup finish in forms.



Don Rider is pictured with his children, Brandon, age 12; and Ashlee, 11.

"I had considered withdrawing from the competition but decided to gut it out," Don said. "After I had won the board breaking championship I was in a state of disbelief."

Brandon and Ashlee began training in 1996 in the little ninja program.

Wood River Dolphin wins scholarship

HAILEY — Lauren Morganthaler, member of the Wood River Dolphin Swim Team, was awarded the 2004 Dick Pomeroy Memorial Swim Team Scholarship.

This scholarship was established through the Blaine County Recreation District for the Wood River Dolphin Swim Team in memory of Dick Pomeroy, a long time youth swim coach and advocate of swimming.

The Dolphin coaching staff chose Lauren to receive this award because of her enthusiasm and love for swimming.

T.F. Muni ladies conclude season

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Muni Ladies Twilight Golf League concluded their season Aug. 16 in a League of Shelly Purves and Bonya Taylor finished in first place with a score of 10.5.

Patty Lee and Ilene Carey were second with 9 points. Billie Mason and Barbara Frith took third with 7 points.

In B League, Julie Capuro and Kathy McClure finished in first place with a score of 9. Finishing in second place was the team of Shirley Long and Gina Rudd with 6.5 points. Penny Gentry and Robbin Gentry tied with Kathleen Anderson and Linda Widmer for third place with a score of 5 points.

Clear Lake ladies announce results

TWIN FALLS — In a game of T & F the winners at Clear Lake Country Club on Aug. 12 were Marci Jensen and Judy Quitten tied for first and Linda Fennen second.

The gobbie pot went to Janet Smutney, Teddy Fry and Debra Stover and fewest putts were made by Janet Smutney and Dona Pierce.

Area athletes qualify for national track meet

HAILEY — The 2004 Idaho State Hershey's Track and Field Meet was held at the Wood River High School track last month.

More than 200 youth, ages 9-14 and their parents, traveled from across the state to compete in a variety of running events, long jump events and softball throw events, all vying for a spot on the regional team.

Two athletes from Blaine County were selected to represent Idaho on the regional team traveling to Hershey Pennsylvania and competing in the North American Final. Micaela Adamson from Carey and Tyler Peters from Hailey earned a place on the regional team and all-expense-paid, four-day trip to

T.F. Parks and Recreation crown coed softball champs

TWIN FALLS — TK Construction won the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation's B League this past season with a 13-1 record. Twelve-Pack took second at 10-4, Deep Creek and Giltner Trucking tied for third with 9-5 marks.

Cust and Sons (12-2) won the C League followed by 11-3 Mountain West Insurance and 9-5 Medicine Shoppe.

Hot Shots won the D League with an 11-2 record, finishing ahead of 10-3 Gold Gym and O'Dunkens/Amalgamated Sugar.

First Federal Savings won the E League with a 12-2 ahead of Wells Fargo, Rose Trailer, Rite Stuff Foods and Fred Meyer, all 8-6.

Full standings follow:

B League	
TK Construction	13-1
Twelve-Pack	10-4
Deep Creek	9-5
Giltner Trucking	9-5
C League	
Cust and Sons	12-2
Mountain West Insurance	11-3
Medicine Shoppe	9-5
D League	
Hot Shots	11-2
Gold Gym	10-3
O'Dunkens/Amalgamated Sugar	8-6
E League	
First Federal Savings	12-2
Wells Fargo	8-6
Rose Trailer	8-6
Rite Stuff Foods	8-6
Fred Meyer	8-6

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Pennsylvania in August. Micaela is competing in the standing long jump and Tyler in the softball throw.

Jacob Remanowicz from Caldwell, Nicole Brien from Idaho Falls, and Chris Carlson from Boise are also representing Idaho on the regional team.

Road race results announced

HAILEY — Twin Falls Gloria Carvajal took first place in the women's half marathon while Henry Carvajal took third in the event at the 2004 Magic Valley River Road Race in Hahira Saturday.

Results including age-group winners follow:

Half Marathon	
Men 50-59	1:30:00
Men 40-49	1:20:00
Men 30-39	1:10:00
Men 20-29	1:00:00
Men 10-19	0:50:00
Men 5-9	0:40:00
Men 0-4	0:30:00
Women 50-59	1:40:00
Women 40-49	1:30:00
Women 30-39	1:20:00
Women 20-29	1:10:00
Women 10-19	1:00:00
Women 5-9	0:50:00
Women 0-4	0:40:00

10K	
Men 50-59	0:50:00
Men 40-49	0:45:00
Men 30-39	0:40:00
Men 20-29	0:35:00
Men 10-19	0:30:00
Men 5-9	0:25:00
Men 0-4	0:20:00
Women 50-59	0:55:00
Women 40-49	0:50:00
Women 30-39	0:45:00
Women 20-29	0:40:00
Women 10-19	0:35:00
Women 5-9	0:30:00
Women 0-4	0:25:00

5K Run	
Men 50-59	0:25:00
Men 40-49	0:22:00
Men 30-39	0:20:00
Men 20-29	0:18:00
Men 10-19	0:16:00
Men 5-9	0:14:00
Men 0-4	0:12:00
Women 50-59	0:28:00
Women 40-49	0:25:00
Women 30-39	0:22:00
Women 20-29	0:20:00
Women 10-19	0:18:00
Women 5-9	0:16:00
Women 0-4	0:14:00

Summer leagues wind down; fall leagues start

Well, the summer season has wound down and those fall sessions are starting. Congratulations goes out to those rolling 300 games at the 9 pin no tap this summer. Those 300 games don't come easy at any time even at 9 pin. When that 10th frame comes along the bowling ball gets so heavy it causes a person to have the gutters, but 12 bowlers pulled it out.

Dick DeRoche, Con Moser, Myron Schroeder, Bob Webb, Jim Kruse, Mat Makay, Bill Benkula, Craig Brock, Dave DeLett, Ralph Hann and Tom Draper on the men's side. Naomi Sweetfield accom-



plished that task on the ladies' side. Job well done!

Third was "Team #1", Eric and Alan Hieb and Dennis and Alex Bowyer.

Jerome Bowl is starting their season on Monday and Wednesday with five-person ladies leagues. Tuesday and Thursday are men's nights with five-person teams.

On Friday and Sunday, they have four-person teams mixed with two men and two ladies. These leagues all start at 7 p.m. except the Sunday League starts at 6 p.m. Call Jerome Bowl at 324-5292. Junior bowlers have sign-up day on Sept. 11 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Junior bowlers, are you ready to start letting the Bowladrome

know that you will be bowling this season? Call 733-0369. Saturday leagues will be starting on Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m. for all ages. On Monday, Sept. 13, bowlers ages 12-22 will start at 3:30 p.m. and on Sept. 18 these bumper bowlers will start at 10 a.m.

Some of the leagues have had their organizational meetings and are getting started, however, it is not too late to contact your local bowling center and join a league ... so make those calls and Let's Go Bowling!

Thelma writes an article for YourSports. You can contact her at 733-4357 or by e-mail at tucker@magiclink.com.

COACH HONORED



Joe Freilburger, right, receives the Gary White Award from Paul and Elaine White. The award is presented annually to a parent, coach or volunteer in appreciation for their commitment and dedication to the ideals of fairness, sportsmanship and teamwork for area youth. Freilburger was recognized for his many years of coaching in the community.

KARATE KIDS



Riley Balance, left, and brother Tanner Balance, right, are shown with trophies they received at the national tournament in Seattle recently. Riley took third in Kinderkicks forms division and Tanner took fourth in sparring in the red belt division. Both are students at Pii Sung Martial Arts in Rupert.

SPARRING CHAMP



Travis Fulcher, third degree blackbelt, was the Hwa-Rang Taekwondo Federation Sparring Champion for the year 2004 at the National Tournament in Seattle recently. He was also named Junior Instructor of the year for the national HTF organization. Competitors came to the tournament from Washington, Idaho, California, Oregon, New Mexico and Canada. Fulcher trains in Rupert at Pii Sung Martial Arts.

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SPORTS

BSU's Forsey scores winning touchdown

College standout looks to land a spot as tailback on Chicago Bears roster

CHICAGO (AP) — Former Boise State standout Brock Forsey, looking to land a roster spot as a backup tailback, scored on a go-ahead 2-yard run late in the third quarter and the Chicago Bears beat the San Francisco 49ers 20-13 Saturday night.

Chicago is 2-0 in the preseason under new head coach Lovie Smith.

The Bears scored the go-ahead TD at the end of an eight-play 44-yard drive led by backup quarterback Jonathan Quinn.

Quinn had a pair of 15-yard completions in the scoring drive before Forsey went in with three minutes to go in the quarter to make it 17-10.

The Bears took a 10-3 lead when Bryan Johnson recovered a fumbled punt at the 49ers 18. Adrian Peterson — competing with Forsey for a spot — then broke off a 15-yard run before carrying the final three for the TD with 6:28 left in the half.

But Ken Osprey engineered a 62-yard drive in the final minutes, hitting a leaping Brandon Lloyd on a tying, 5-yard TD pass with 30 seconds left, a play upheld by review.

Trailing by a touchdown, the 49ers reached the Bears' 25 in the closing minutes before rookie Nathan Vasher broke up a fourth-down pass.

Jets 31, Colts 7

INDIANAPOLIS — The New York Jets found a winning combination — a near-perfect game from Chad Pennington

and an opportunistic defense.

Pennington completed his first 10 passes and threw for 169 yards and a touchdown before leaving in the second quarter, and the New York Jets offense produced three first-half turnovers to lead the Jets past Indianapolis in the first preseason meeting between the longtime former AFC East rivals.

Browns 17, Lions 10

CLEVELAND — After failing to score a touchdown in their exhibition opener last week, Lee Suggs ran in untouched for two scores and the Browns beat the Detroit Lions 17-10 Saturday.

Jeff Garcia led the much-improved offense, going 5-for-7 for 55 yards, including a 25-yard completion to Kellen Winslow Jr. on third and 13. Suggs scored from 8 yards out on the next play to make it 7-7.

Lions quarterback Joey Harrington went 5-for-12 for 45 yards and a touchdown to Charles Rogers.

Redskins 17, Dolphins 0

MIAMI — Mark Brunell directed two touchdown drives, and Washington controlled the ball for 41 minutes in a shutout victory over Miami.

The Dolphins (1-1) made five first downs — none in the second half — and totaled just 98 yards.

By the second quarter, the offense was drawing boos from the crowd of perhaps 30,000. For Washington, Clinton Portis

and Rock Cartwright scored on 1-yard runs, and Oka Kimirin kicked a 26-yard field goal.

Bengals 31, Patriots 3

CINCINNATI — Carson Palmer passed for three touchdowns and set up another with a 48-yard completion to Chad Johnson as Cincinnati scored on its first three possessions and beat New England.

It was a breakthrough game for Palmer and a giddy night for Bengals fans, who cheered Palmer and running back Rudi Johnson, and boomed former Cincinnati running back Corey Dillon — traded to the Super Bowl champion Patriots (1-1) during the offseason.

Palmer played only the first half of the preseason game and was 12-of-19 for 179 yards.

Tom Brady, New England's two-time Super Bowl MVP, also played a half and was 8-of-13 for 126 yards, with one interception.

Palmer led the Bengals (1-1) to three quick touchdowns before New England's initial first down.

Rudi Johnson, who rushed 16 times for 76 yards, scored from the 1 to cap a five-play, 69-yard drive that included the long pass to Chad Johnson on the second play of the game.

Titans 16, Bills 15

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Willis McGahee scored in the second quarter after taking over for injured Buffalo starter Travis Henry, but Tennessee used a 22-yard field goal by Joe Nedney as time expired to beat the Bills (1-1).

McGahee finished with 11 carries for 28 yards, scoring on

a 3-yard run on his second series.

Titans running back Chris Brown, taking over for departed starter Eddie George, ran 10 times for 61 yards.

The Bills said Henry had bruised ribs and X-rays were negative.

Steelers 38, Texans 3

PITTSBURGH — Jerome Bettis had 10 carries for 48 yards and a touchdown in Pittsburgh's exhibition win over Houston.

The Steelers (1-1) were able to dominate the clock in the first half with Bettis in the backfield.

Packers 19, Saints 14

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Darren Sharper, emboldened by strong safety Mark Roman's insertion into the lineup, returned an interception 90 yards for a touchdown in Green Bay's 19-14 exhibition victory over the New Orleans Saints.

Sharper picked off Bouman's first pass at his own 10-yard line, then zigzagged down the field, picking up a key block from rookie cornerback Joey Thomas that allowed him to score, giving Green Bay a 10-0 halftime lead. It was one of four turnovers by the Saints (1-1).

Brett Favre completed 11 of 17 passes for 149 yards, including passes of 30 and 31 yards to Antonio Chatman and 31 to Javon Walker.

Quarterback Tim Couch gave the Packers' punters plenty of chances to showcase their abilities with another poor performance: 6-of-17 for 64 yards. In two games, he's 8-for-28 for 82 yards.

Colts WR Walters hurt on first series of game

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Colts wide receiver Troy Walters broke his right arm on the first series of Saturday night's preseason game against the New York Jets and may miss the rest of the season.

Walters was injured when Peyton Manning tried to throw a deep pass over the middle. As Walters looked up and reached for the ball, New York Jets safety Jon McGraw closed fast and hit him hard around the shoulders.

Walters crashed to the ground and lay on the field for several minutes, surrounded by four doctors and Colts coach Tony Dungy.

When Walters finally got up, he walked from the field straight to the locker room, aided by doctors.

After the Colts' 31-7 loss, Dungy said that Walters would miss at least a couple of months and may not play again this year.

Coach Bud Watkins

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Golf

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Pettersen weathers the storm to lead Wendy's

DUBLIN, Ohio — A steady downpour didn't quail Wendy's champion Pettersen as she weathers to Suzann Pettersen.

Playing through heavy showers was fine for Pettersen, who took a one-stroke lead at the Wendy's Championship for Children through the first two rounds.

More than an inch of rain pounded Tartan Fields Golf Club, suspending play late in the afternoon for the second straight day.

Pettersen, one of 66 players unable to complete the first round Thursday, capped an opening 67 with two pars and a birdie early Friday. She avoided a bogey in both rounds, despite the stoppages in play, heavy rains, lightning and thunder.

Her 68 left her at 9-under 135. Defending champion Hec-Don Han and Reiley Rankin were one shot back.

Han finished off a 66 and then followed with a 70, while Rankin followed with an opening 71 with a second-round 65.

Moore, List to meet for Amateur title

MAMARONECK, N.Y. — Ilyan Moore moved into a position to try for his fourth amateur title of the year, beating Jeff Overton 2 and 1 in the semifinals of the U.S. Amateur at Winged Foot Golf Club on Saturday.

Moore, a senior at UNLV who has already won the NCAA Division I U.S. Amateur Public Links and Western Amateur titles, will face Luke List, who beat Chris Nallan in 19 holes, in Sunday's

36-hole final.

Moore reached the final round for the first time in four attempts.

Fleisher takes lead at Champions Classic

CONOVER, N.C. — North Carolina has been kind to Bruce Fleisher.

Four of his 18 Champions Tour victories have come in the Tar Heel state, including three straight titles at the Home Depot Invitational in Charlotte from 1999-2001.

Fleisher also has won the RJR Championship — in Winston-Salem in 2002.

On Saturday, Fleisher moved closer to a fifth victory when he parlayed eight birdies into a tournament-low 65 and cruised to a 3-shot lead after the second

round of the Greater Hickory Classic.

Fleisher hit all 14 fairways at Rock Barn Golf & Spa and used 26 puts to improve to 9-under-par 135 entering Sunday's final round.

He distanced himself from first-round leader Mark Lye and Doug Tewell, who share second at 6 under par.

Twin Falls County Fair Special Report

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BUILDING PICKS UP



E.J. Sargis, left, of Johnson Brothers Inc., talks with Marty Mangum, construction foreman for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, about the oak trim that will be used in the hospital's new chapel. The chapel is part of a remodeling project valued at \$47,000.

Back to school
The average U.S. family will spend about \$100 per year on school supplies.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Storm victims see extended deadline

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho State Tax Commission is extending tax filing and payment deadlines for taxpayers affected by Tropical Storm Bonnie and Hurricane Charley in the Presidential Disaster Area in Florida. Taxpayers have until Nov. 15 to mail any completed tax returns along with payments due from Aug. 11 through Nov. 15.

"We are following the lead of the IRS in granting storm victims a time extension to file and pay their taxes," said Dewey Hammond, chairman of the tax commission.

This relief applies both to individuals and businesses in the disaster area, as well as to those whose tax records are located there.

To qualify for the extension, affected taxpayers should write "BONNIE/CHARLEY" in red ink at the top of their tax return. If they receive penalties or are charged interest for late returns or paying taxes late, they should call the tax commission at 1-800-972-7660 toll free.

Hammond said there are likely to be few individuals and businesses that will need to take advantage of the Idaho extension.

Commerce and Labor hosts open houses

TWIN FALLS — What folks know as Job Service offices now offer services for businesses, job seekers and travelers.

Commerce and Labor offices in Magic Valley will offer public tours from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 2.

• In Twin Falls — 771 North College Road.

• In Burley — 127 W. Fifth St. N.

Those who attend can meet the staff and learn more about services the offices provide for job seekers, businesses, communities and visitors. For information about the department, visit idaho.gov/online.

Broadcast details accounting updates

TWIN FALLS — A course in accounting and auditing updates will be broadcast via satellite from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 22 in Twin Falls.

Co-sponsors are the Business Professional's Network and Accounting Continuing Professional Education Network. The course will be instructed by an ACPEN panel. The seminar will analyze recent pronouncements from the Financial Accounting Standards Board and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and explain how they will affect financial statement preparers and auditors. The panel will provide information on the technical and practical issues that must be addressed in 2004, organizers said.

Particular attention will be devoted to the effects of recent pronouncements and regulatory changes imposed by Sarbanes-Oxley and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board. Participants will learn what the effect will be on small- to medium-sized entities, the exposure drafts that will require dramatic changes in the performance of audits, and revisions to ethical rules that may restrict services to smaller clients.

Cost before Sept. 8 is \$175 per person for members of the Idaho Society of Certified Public Accountants and \$250 for non-members. After Sept. 8, the fees are \$200 for members and \$275 for non-members. Eight hours of continuing professional education credits are available.

To register or for information, visit the ISCPA Web site at www.idcpa.org.

— compiled from staff reports

By Virginia S. Hutchins and Megan Hinds
Times-News writers

TWIN FALLS — Builders around town had been starting new homes much less rapidly than in record-breaking 2003. Until July — the city's largest month of new-home starts ever.

"In July we set an all-time record for number of permits for new homes issued in a single month, beating the June 2003 record," city building official Marianne Barker said.

With the help of an astounding 59 new single-family home permits, and a \$2.17 million grocery store, the city last month issued permits for projects totaling an estimated \$8.08 million for combined construction types. That's \$2.20 million, or 37.3 percent, more than in July 2003.

That performance is a healthy indicator for the local economy and signals a strong market for labor in the construction trades — a fact that's corroborated by the state's job counts for western Magic Valley.

Overall construction values are still lagging the 2003 level, but July's boom started to close the gap. January-July values were down 11.6 percent from the first seven months of 2003.

The 59 permits that Twin Falls issued for new single-family homes inside the city last month averaged \$86,585 each

Estimated values			
Estimated values for construction that received permits in July from Twin Falls city:			
Type	July '04	July '03	July '02
New single-family homes	\$5,226,520	\$3,723,771	\$3,077,010
New multifamily units	0	0	0
New commercial projects	\$2,287,108	\$1,685,181*	\$161,046
Commercial alterations/additions	\$326,135	\$242,182	\$159,509
Total (including such things as mobile homes, residential alterations/additions and signs)	\$8,077,362	\$5,681,477*	\$3,586,670

*A permit for a \$2.13 million Albertsons store, issued in July 2003, expired after six months without ever leaving the city building department. The company this year resubmitted its plans and received a new permit last month, this time for a \$2.17 million store. So the project value on the original permit has been subtracted from the July 2003 numbers shown here.

Source: City building department

Recent numbers at a glance

Here's how Twin Falls' total construction values in the past six months stacked up against the same months a year earlier:

- July '04 ▲ 37 percent
- June '04 ▼ 32 percent
- May '04 ▼ 20 percent
- April '04 ▼ 9 percent
- March '04 ▼ 22 percent
- Feb. '04 ▼ 39 percent

in estimated value. That total compares with the 42 permits for new single-family homes a year ago, and 28 such permits in July 2002. The previous

monthly record for new single-family homes, set in June 2003, was 53 permits.

Each month's permit list also provides a window into local business investment. Highlights from July follow.

Grocery grand.

Albertsons Inc. is preparing — again — to build its huge planned replacement store at Blue Lakes Boulevard North and Addison Avenue. The Boise-based grocery retailer's first building permit expired in early January. Six months after issuance, without ever leaving the city building department, Regional spokeswoman Danielle Killpack declined to say why. But Albertsons in mid-June

resubmitted its store plans to City Hall, which issued a new permit at the end of July. The latest permit is for a 55,985-square-foot structure, and the city building department estimated its construction value at \$2.17 million.

(The Times-News has subtracted the estimated value of Albertsons' original plan — \$2.13 million — from last year's permit totals shown here.) Killpack said the new Albertsons store will have pharmacy and fueling stations. "In addition to the new renaissance interior look," she said the grocery store is scheduled to open in late spring or summer of 2005.

It will replace the existing 35,000-square-foot Twin Falls Albertsons close to the same spot.

Killpack did not respond to questions about future changes in the store's staff size, or about any store closure planned during demolition and construction.

Hospital project

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in July received a permit to remodel the hospital's medical library into a surgery waiting room, consultation room and chapel. The project is valued at \$47,000 and is slated to be completed by Sept. 10.

Hospital spokesman Shawn Barigar said the remodeling project will allow more privacy for patients and their families.

Elsewhere in town

July's other commercial building permits of note in Twin Falls included:

- The \$250,000 remodeling of a building at 1881 Fillmore St. for use as a same-day surgery center.
- Kenny Owings' new 4,200-square-foot airplane hangar at 1056 Airport Loop, valued at \$72,744.
- Landscaping firm Z Boys' new 2,400-square-foot equipment storage building at 175 Eastland Drive, valued at \$46,656.
- The Artist's Atelier's permit to establish a 700-square-foot art school and studio at 1300 Kimberly Road, Suite 17.

Crude oil prices help put industry on easy street



Sergio Nogueira filled up his gas tank Friday in El Paso, Texas. While oil companies have prospered recently, they have also drawn the ire of consumers paying premium prices at the pump.

Shares skyrocket along with bottom lines

The Baltimore Sun

Not since the late 1970s have multinational, integrated oil companies, refiners and the industrial giants who supply them seen so much green.

With crude oil approaching a record \$49 a barrel and expected to climb higher, much of the oil industry is enjoying a boomlet that has sent their shares skyward along with their bottom lines. With every dollar of price increase, the industry sees the value of its reserves go up. And they didn't have to lift a finger.

"Their balance sheets look very good because all of the reserves are valued more highly and their cash flow is also improving dramatically," said Thorsten Fischer, an oil industry expert and senior economist with Economist.com. "Even if they have the same physical amount of crude oil, it is worth more now."

Also on the winning side are the economies of oil-producing nations, such as Russia, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela, among others. And don't

forget the brokers who facilitate the frenzied trading that has been rolling the oil market in recent weeks. "The brokers profit because their volume (of trades) goes up," Fischer said.

But right or wrong, it's the oil companies that tend to draw the ire of consumers who are paying premium prices at the pump.

The same was true in 1978, when Exxon's profit soared 118 percent, Mobil's 130 percent and Sohio's 191 percent. Consumers socked by high prices directed their outrage at the ones enjoying such lavish profits. "But recent months have been an unimagined success."

Exxon Mobil Corp., the world's largest publicly traded oil producer, reported a 59 percent increase in its second-quarter net income last month. The company recorded its highest refining profit in 13 years. Sales soared 24 percent to \$70.7 billion, prompting the company to expend some of its largesse by stepping up its share buyback by \$1 billion a quarter. One analyst gushed that it was a "blowout quarter." And that was before the latest run-up in crude oil

prices. Not to be outdone, the Royal Dutch/Shell Group of Cos. reported a 54 percent increase in its second-quarter profit. Net income was \$4 billion, compared with \$2.6 billion in the same period in 2003.

Companies that service and supply the oil industry, such as Halliburton Co., BJ Services and Baker Hughes Inc., also benefit when their multinational customers step up production to take advantage of high prices.

But industry experts say not everyone in the business is making a killing off the rise in crude prices.

"Companies that just own refineries, but don't have wells, they're making good money last spring when gasoline was so much higher than crude, but their profits right now have been significantly reduced," said James L. Williams, an analyst with WTRG Economics.

And it doesn't pay to shout at your local gas station attendant. Industry analysts said retailers are so fiercely competitive that no one seller has enough pricing power to boost prices. "They're just making a few cents a gallon like they always have," Williams said.

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

David Christensen

TWIN FALLS — Dr. David Christensen joined the medical community at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Christensen's training and practice includes evaluation and treatment of back pain and injury, particularly related to the spine. He uses both surgical and non-surgical treatment options. Christensen attended Ricks College and Brigham Young University. He received his medical degree from the University of Washington School of Medicine and attended residency at Saint Luke's Medical Center in Cleveland. He also completed a spine surgery fellowship at the Mayo Clinic.

Christensen's Intermountain Spine and Orthopaedic office is in Suite 200 at Magic Valley Regional's downtown campus, 660 Shawano St. He can be reached at 732-0067.

Jannell Kral

TWIN FALLS — Jannell Kral was named 2004 Veterinary Technician of the Year by the Idaho Veterinary Medical Association.

Kral was nominated by Dr. John D. Day of Jerome, who said she is widely known as a person defining the role that veterinary technicians play in a bovine practice such as Dairy Health Services.

Kral assists with educating personnel of new livestock operations, performs preventive work when she and Dr. Day arrive at a dairy client's operation, and increases efficiency and cost-effectiveness of time. She was the subject of the cover story for the September 2000 issue of Bovine Veterinarian and the subject of papers for the American Association of Bovine Practitioners Proceedings in 2001 and 2002.

The Idaho Veterinary Medical Association represents 300-plus veterinarians in the state.

Dr. Jeff Bray

TWIN FALLS — Dr. Jeff Bray earned board certification in (and a specialty from) the American Board of Podiatric Surgery.

After completing an undergraduate degree at Brigham Young University, he earned his doctorate training at the California College of Podiatric Medicine. Bray completed a two-year podiatric residency in Detroit. Following six years of required clinical experience and practice, he passed the board certification exam which included surgical experience, a written examination, case reviews and an oral examination. He is now in Burley High School and now lives in Twin Falls with his wife and two children.

Bray can be reached at the South Idaho Foot & Ankle Clinic in Twin Falls, Burley and Halley.

Mary Wray
TWIN FALLS — Professional Truck Driving School said Mary Wray graduated Aug. 12 with tankers, doubles-triples and hazardous materials endorsements.

Wray will work for Austins Express.

Simon Martinez
TWIN FALLS — Simon Martinez was promoted to internet sales manager at Mueller Auto, 2441 Kimberly Road.

Martinez worked for Budget Auto Sales for seven years. He has completed the Jiminy Joe Verde Professional Selling Skills Workshop and the Jiminy

Brown Sales and Management School. He moved from Burley to Twin Falls where he lives with his wife and two children. He can be reached at 736-3325 or 404-1243.

Chris Layton

TWIN FALLS — Chris Layton joined the team at Mueller Auto, 2441 Kimberly Road.

Layton has more than 19 years of experience in the auto industry, working for Charnac Trainers for the past 12 years and at a Ford dealership for seven years.

Layton and his wife, Lisa, have lived in the Magic Valley for 32 years.

He can be reached at 736-3325.

Loan officers

TWIN FALLS — Irma Pavlovic of First Federal was promoted from customer service representative to loan officer at the company's Falls West office. Pavlovic came to the United States nine years ago from Bosnia and graduated from Twin Falls High School and the College of Southern Idaho. She has been in the banking industry since leaving school.

Angela Oliver of First Federal was promoted to branch manager of a new office in the Eastland office. Oliver came to First Federal in 1996, starting out at the company's Burley office. She was then promoted to the Main branch as a loan officer.

Financial representatives

TWIN FALLS — Robert McKinstry and Verlene Claiborn joined 3 M Financial Inc. They can be reached at 732-0088.

Claiborn has been an officer of Idaho Financial Consultants, a registered investment advisor, since its formation in 1987. She has also been a registered representative of Royal Alliance Associates Inc., of New York City since 1989. And now she is an investment adviser representative with ProEquities Inc.

Claiborn is a certified financial planner as authorized by the International Board of Standards and Practices for Certified Financial Planners. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Idaho State University. She is licensed as a life, health, disability and variable contract agent in Idaho.

McKinstry has been a securities representative and personal financial planner since 1983. He is also licensed in life, health and disability insurance in Idaho, Nevada and Colorado. As an investment advisory representative, he serves clients full-service brokerage.

McKinstry is a member of the International Association for Financial Planning and a member of the American Retirement Benefits Council.

Janice L. White

TWIN FALLS — Wells Fargo appointed Janice L. White manager of its South Central Business Banking Group in Twin Falls.

White will manage a team of business relationship managers and business associates responsible for developing and maintaining portfolios of business customers with typical gross sales of less than \$20 million.

White comes to Twin Falls from Wells Fargo in Gillette, Wyo., where she was vice president and senior business relationship manager. She has administered commercial, agricultural and residential construction relationships, and also has experience as a business banker, credit analyst and mortgage loan officer with the former Norwest Bank in Montana.

A graduate of Montana State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration, White also earned a master's in business administration from the University of Wyoming and is an honors graduate of Northwest College of Commercial Credit.

Russell G. Kvanvig

TWIN FALLS — Idaho State Bar commissioner and Twin Falls attorney Russell G. Kvanvig was elected to a six-month term as president of the Bar's board of commissioners.

Serving as a commissioner since 2002, Kvanvig has represented lawyers in the 5th Judicial District, which encompasses Blaine, Camas, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties.

Kvanvig received his law degree from the University of North Dakota and was admitted to the Bar in 1975. He is a partner in the law firm of Stephan, Kvanvig, Stone and Traimor in Twin Falls. He is a member of the Idaho Business and Corporate Law, Health Law, Real Property, and Taxation, Probate and Trust Law practice sections.

The Idaho State Bar is governed by five commissioners elected for staggered terms of three years by lawyer members from the state's seven judicial districts.

Daniel Sager

BUIH — Daniel Sager of Buih graduated Aug. 13 from Truck Gun Tap, Truck Driving Academy in Twin Falls with a class A commercial driver's license, with all endorsements.

Sam Yost

KETCHUM — Idaho Independent Bank appointed Sam Yost as branch manager of its Ketchum loan office.

Yost has over 30 years of banking and business experience in Idaho. Prior to joining Ketchum, he was manager of commercial banking for another financial institution in Ketchum. Yost has an extensive background in business and finance and is accustomed to working with all types of businesses, his new employer said.

Yost, an Idaho native, grew up in Magic Valley and is now a resident of Ketchum.

MILESTONES

Spokane-based lender reports Q2 earnings

TWIN FALLS — Spokane, Wash.-based Northwest Farm Credit Services — with offices in Burley and Twin Falls — announced second-quarter earnings of \$20 million, compared with \$14.4 million for the second quarter of 2003.

Total capital increased 9.9 percent to \$753.3 million. Earnings for the first six months were \$43.5 million, down from the year-earlier \$88.4 million. Last year's increased earnings were due to reaffiliation with CoBank, which increased all in a download of \$59.1 million in capital.

"Our first half of 2004 has been very positive. We are well ahead of our business plan projections for the year thus far," President and Chief Executive Officer Jay Penick said. "One real positive with the last several years of low interest rates was the opportunity for customers to secure low fixed rates on their loans. Customers continue to find the still relatively low rate environment helpful in alleviating some of the pressure of increasing oil prices on the overall operating expenses."

"In spite of rising input costs, our customers are doing well. Non-accruals at June 30, 2004, were 1.10 percent compared to 1.28 percent at June 30, 2003," he said.

Northwest Farm Credit Services is a customer-owned lending institution providing financing and related services to farmers, ranchers, commercial fishermen, timber harvesters, agribusinesses and rural homeowners in Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

Promotional products distributor relocates

HAILEY — Marketing Success, a Promotional Product distributor, relocated its office to 418 N. River St., Suite 21-BW.

The company's imprinted promotional products are three-dimensional advertising media that include items such as T-shirts, hats, pens, calendars, coffee cups, watches and stickers.

The company's Melissa Fairbanks can be reached at 788-9097 or (800) 578-9728 or by e-mail to marketing@marketinginternet.com.

Mike Thompson will continue to handle advertising space at the Friedman Memorial Airport and with the Ketchum Area Rapid Transit bus system. He can be reached at 180 First St., N.E., Suite 106, in Ketchum, by



Cameron and Seamons Inc. holds a ribbon cutting to commemorate its grand opening at its new location in Rupert. At center with scissors are owners Dean Cameron and Todd Seamons.

Cameron, Seamons holds open house

RUPERT — Cameron and Seamons Inc. held a grand opening at its new location of 906 S. Oneida in Rupert.

The mailing address is P.O. Box 824, Rupert, ID 83350, and the phone number is 436-4244. Business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Business owners are Dean L. Cameron and S. Todd Seamons. Barbara Craythorn is their assistant. Cameron is a Life Underwriting Training Council fellow and has been licensed for 21 years. His license includes in-

vestment products. Seamons has been licensed for seven years.

The company does marketing with United Heritage, Pacific Life, ING, Fortis, Blue Cross, Regence Life and Health and Delta Dental.

It offers life, health, disability and long-term care insurance; employee benefits including group medical, group life and disability; group vision and dental and group pension plans; and asset accumulation including investments and annuities, mutual funds, variable annuities and life IRAs and Roth IRAs.

phone at 726-9728 or by e-mail to mikethompson554@msn.com.

Longview Fibre will announce results Tuesday

TWIN FALLS — Longview Fibre Co., the Washington-based operator of a Twin Falls container plant, will announce third-quarter financial results prior to the market opening on Tuesday, followed by a 9 a.m. conference call.

Interested investors can access the conference call by dialing 800-510-0219 and using passcode 45731910.

A telephone replay will be available until midnight Aug. 31 at 888-286-8010; the passcode is 61301953.

The call will be webcast at www.longviewfibre.com.

Zions Bank program

teaches kids about saving

TWIN FALLS — To help build strong savings habits and financial accountability among young people, Zions Bank launched the Kidsgreen program, a step-by-step banking system that teaches children the benefits of savings and budgeting, and rewards them for using money wisely.

Through age 12, Kidsgreen pays Zions Bank's best interest rate for balances below \$1,000; the rate is 1 percent higher than the rate for Zions Bank's Gold Money Market Rate, which is typically given to deposit balances higher than \$1 million.

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When a child opens a Kidsgreen account, he or she receives a New Account Kit designed to teach money management and the fundamentals of banking. The kit features a "Where is Waldo?" style passbook to help kids get into the habit of recording the reasons for their deposits and withdrawals. Children receive stickers as rewards for keeping their registry book current. Also included in the New Account Kit is a coloring book with definitions of banking terms.

"When children walk into Zions Bank with their parents, they are treated individually as young customers, not as kids who are secondary to adults with paychecks," said LeeAnne Linderman, executive vice president of Zions Bank's retail banking division. "Our bankers have been specifically trained to speak directly to children as clients, using words they can understand."

CONTRIBUTIONS

Wells Fargo Foundation contributed \$2,500 to South Central Community Action Partnership to assist its transitional housing program for homeless families. Previous contributions from the foundation assisted the program with rent, transportation, child care and educational needs. SCCAP aims to increase affordable housing for homeless families and other low-income individuals throughout south-central Idaho.

Transitional housing provides time for homeless families to stabilize their lives, seek permanent housing, keep children in school and strive for self-sufficiency. Private conditions are instrumental in carrying out the nonprofit agency's mission to help individuals and families build bridges towards self-sufficiency.

SCCAP has housing units in Twin Falls, Jerome, Minidoka and Cassia counties. Offices for support services are in Twin Falls, Jerome and Burley. For information about transitional housing, call Bill Lehman at 733-9351.

The Little Caesars Love Kitchen provided Little Caesars pizza to more than 100 needy people Wednesday at the soup kitchen at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls.

The Love Kitchen is a pizza restaurant at wheels which travels the United States and Canada to feed the hungry and homeless. It was established in 1985 by Michael Ilitch, Little



From left are Ken Robinette, South Central Community Action Partnership executive director; Mike Preece, a Wells Fargo branch manager in Twin Falls; and Bill Lehman, a South Central Community Action's housing director.

Ceasars chairman, to provide transitional kitchens and shelters. The Love Kitchen has received the President's Volunteer Action Award Citation for its volunteers' contributions as a Presidential Citation for Private Sector Initiatives.



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YOUR BUSINESS

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■ Albertsons donated \$100,000 to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund to aid in the Florida recovery efforts for Hurricane Charley's aftermath.

Across its 2,500-store network in 37 states, Albertsons is accepting donations to support the Florida relief effort through an in-store fund-raiser for the Red Cross relief fund.

■ Wells Fargo will bring back its Team Up for Our Schools program for a second year to help local schools facing budget challenges. Through the program, Wells Fargo donated \$55,000 to Idaho public school districts last year.

Wells Fargo will donate up to \$40 to the local school district for every new Wells Fargo Checking Package opened with selected services from Aug. 16 through Oct. 16. The package includes a checking account plus three additional services, which could include direct deposit, online

bill paying and a Wells Fargo credit card.

Also, this back-to-school season, Wells Fargo invites Idaho classrooms in public, private and charter schools, K-12, to participate in its Grant a Wish for Your School program. Teachers and their classrooms can submit requests for financial support for books or supplies; educational field trips; technological needs; and other educational resources.

Each application must use the bank's Hands on Banking budgeting worksheet for its grade level to describe its budgeting needs for the proposed project. Hands on Banking is Wells Fargo's new financial literacy program that teaches the basics of good money management (www.handsonbanking.org).

Nine \$500 grants will be awarded. Applications can be picked up at Wells Fargo stores or by calling Meghan Velk at 393-2057.

Harvard, Princeton rank high in survey

The Associated Press

Budget cuts appear to have done little harm to the quality of America's state-supported universities — at least the way U.S. News & World Report measures it. Public universities generally held their own in the magazine's latest college rankings.

But private universities continue to dominate, holding each of the top 20 spots among national universities in the latest survey, which has newsstand on Monday. Harvard and Princeton share the top spot for the second straight year, Princeton's fifth straight with at least a share of No. 1.

Yale was third, followed by the University of Pennsylvania and a three-way tie for No. 5 between Duke, MIT and Stanford. Cal Tech, Columbia and Dartmouth ranked in the top 10 in rankings that saw few changes among top schools from a year ago.

Williams was the top-ranked liberal-arts college, followed by Amherst and Swarthmore, which tied for second. Cal Tech was considered the best value among national universities based on ranking and price, including financial aid.

Among public universities, the University of California-Berkeley held its ranking from a year ago at No. 21 as the top-rated public university. It was followed at 22 by the University of Virginia and Michigan-Ann Arbor, and UCLA at 25.

The rankings are generated by a formula that includes variables such as graduation and retention rates, faculty and financial resources, applicant selectivity and the percentage of alumni who donate money to their alma mater.

They are both reviled and brazenly awaited by college administrators, who insist no formula can capture the value of a college experience but have been forced to acknowledge the enormous role rankings play in the minds of many applicants and parents.

Brian Kelly, the magazine's executive editor, said he wasn't surprised that top public

Ivy league is tops

U.S. News & World Report has completed its annual list of top colleges. For the second straight year, Harvard University and Princeton University shared the top position.

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1. Harvard University (tie) Princeton University
2. Yale University
3. University of Pennsylvania
4. University of Pennsylvania
5. Duke University
- (tie) Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- (tie) Stanford University
8. California Institute of Technology
9. Columbia University
- (tie) Dartmouth College

SOURCE: U.S. News & World Report

schools held their own. While budget cuts can affect components of the magazine's formula, such as class size and financial resources, usually it takes a while for any impact to be felt. The budget outlook in many states has improved, and some of the funding that had been cut is being restored.

"A lot of these budget cuts, they don't necessarily have an immediate impact on the school," he said. "It takes time for the school to work their way through."

The magazine made no real changes to the formula this year. A year ago, the magazine stopped factoring in a college's yield — the percentage of accepted applicants who decide to enroll — after concerns were raised colleges could manipulate their practices to get a better score. Kelly said the fact that scores changed so little the year following the change shows colleges weren't doing that.

CSI's Rick Parker changes focus

TWIN FALLS — No, Rick Parker Ph.D. won't be singing "That Old Rockin' Chair Got Me" since he retired from 19 years of teaching at the College of Southern Idaho this year. In fact, Parker doesn't really like the worn retirement.

"I'm not retired," he said. "I've just changed my focus." Longtime teacher and information technology division director Parker said his years at the college were the best, in fact almost a dream come true.

Growing up on a farm in Rupert, crops and livestock were a mainstay and Parker was molded by Idaho's agriculture. But by the time he graduated from high school, he could see the writing on the wall. Namely, making a living on a family farm of a few hundred acres would be next to impossible.

He chose the next best thing — an education, animal reproductive physiology to be exact. The time was right for retirement, Parker said. As he realized income from the text books he's written and subsequent revisions, things fell into place.

Not retirement, mind you — a change of focus. Indeed, since he is writing textbooks full time now it seems as if a busier than ever, he said. "Besides working on new books, the original ones need revised and updated."

Kimberly lab looks to future needs

KIMBERLY — About a penny a day is what each American spends to support the federal research agency that is exploring ways to grow food and fiber more efficiently and with less impact to the environment.

It's a penny well spent, said Bob Solka, interim research leader at the Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research Lab in Kimberly. The USDA-Agricultural Research Service facility in Kimberly, one of 100 across the nation, receives about \$3.5 million annually to conduct



You might find Rick Parker in a rocking chair on the front porch some of the time since he retired from the College of Southern Idaho this year. But more likely, he'll be in front of his home computer working on a series of science textbooks he has authored.

Farmbeat

Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

research specific to the Pacific Northwest.

Ground-water pumpers look to CREP for help

BUHL — Using the Conservation Reserve Program to set aside ground-water acres isn't a new idea in Idaho, but it is an idea that is gaining ground.

Several program managers from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., along with Rep. Mike Simpson

and Sen. Mike Crapo were in southern Idaho this week to discuss if and how the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program might be used to entice ground-water pumpers to set aside land to conserve water.

The Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Inc., has proposed an Irrigated Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program for Blaine, Elmore, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln and Mindoka counties. These are the counties where junior ground-water pumpers are facing possible curtailment if a settlement cannot be reached with senior spring users.

Everyone's smiling after WTO negotiations

TWIN FALLS — The complex-

ities of international trade and trade negotiations are enough to make one's head spin. Perhaps that's why nearly every farm and trade group and every participating country came away from the recent World Trade Organization negotiations in Geneva smiling — they were probably deliciously dizzy.

Attorney Terence Stewart, however, of Stewart and Stewart in Washington, D.C. is steeped in trade knowledge and negotiations and has another explanation why all sides are claiming victory.

"In press releases around the world, every major player was claiming their interests had been protected," he said. But the real victory is that "most groups and most negotiators recognize this was an important step."

Phone companies reap surcharge rewards

Phone companies tack on extra fees

Wireless, long-distance and local phone service companies tack on fees to your monthly bill that they say includes property tax and the cost of posting rates on the Web.

COMPANY	CHARGE	SUBSCRIBERS in millions	ESTIMATED MONTHLY REVENUE
AT&T Corp.	\$.09	30*	\$29.7 million
Sprint PCS	\$2.32	16.9	\$39.2 million
Sprint Corp.	\$.09	5.4**	\$5.3 million
T-Mobile USA	\$.06	13.7	\$11.8 million
Verizon Wireless	\$.045	40.4	\$18.2 million
Cingular	\$1.25	25	\$31.3 million
Nextel	\$1.55 - \$2.83	13.9	\$21.5 - \$39.3 million

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Juler said. "They want to make the bottom line look better, so they stick the customer with it. It's dishonest."

Very little from the fees goes to the federal government, said Patrick Pearlman, deputy consumer advocate for West Virginia's Consumer Advocate Division. "Regulatory costs are not the reason for the fees, they're the cover for the fees," he said. "Any industry has a cost of complying with government regulation. You don't get nailed with a National Environmental Policy Act surcharge by General Motors when you buy a car."

One problem for consumers: Companies' advertised rates don't include extra fees. "The explosion of line items has made it all but impossible for consumers to compare rates

and shop around," FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps said in March. "You need a lawyer and an accountant — preferably both — to root out what you're being charged for and why."

Regulators and consumer advocates are petitioning the Federal Communications Commission to ban the line-item fees phone companies add to bills.

A petition before the FCC, filed by the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates and supported by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, maintains that surcharges should be built into companies' rates. The FCC is accepting individual comments on the petition through its electronic

filing system, under docket number 04-208.

"We hope this will take a place on the FCC to rule on the petition," said David Bergmann, assistant consumers' counsel in Ohio.

"The FCC has a lot on its plate," Bergmann said. "We hope this would take a place on the plate." The fees are big money. At 45 cents a month per user, Verizon Wireless has the lowest fees of any wireless carrier. But since it has the most customers, the fee brings in about \$173 million a year.

Where does the money go? "We would describe it as a fee for the general cost of doing business," said Sprint spokesman Scott Stoffel.

Sprint PCS says it uses the fees for "a host of regulatory compliance costs imposed by the FCC," according to the National Association of Consumer Advocates petition. Yet those costs include "posting its rates on the Internet, responding to informal complaints and investigations and administrative costs associated with the federal Universal Service Fund."

Sprint Corp's headline bills say that its 99-cent-a-month "Carrier Cost Recovery Charge" includes "certain property taxes." AT&T Corp. bills say its 99-cent-a-month fees include "regulatory compliance and proceedings costs and property taxes."

Satirical weekly plans ambitious expansion

Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — Sean Mills doesn't get upset when people look at his product and laugh. In fact, sometimes he can't keep a straight face himself.

After a particularly long July day working on the launch of a new Twin Cities satirical weekly, The Onion, president Mills glanced at the latest copy of the paper and broke into a smile. The headline read, "Devious Rabbit Tricks Bush into Signing Gun Ban."

"You have these hard days and then you have those 'ah-ha' moments that remind you that you work at The Onion and the product you sell is laughing else out there," said Mills. "We are huge believers in satire, but kidding aside, this comes down to marketing and advertising, just like any other business."

The move into Minneapolis-St. Paul marks The Onion's first new market since its editorial staff relocated from Madison, Wis., to Manhattan in mid-2001. Yet if Mills has his way, it won't be the last.

The Onion started a Milwaukee edition in 1994 and did the same in Chicago four years later. The newspaper is also localized for Madison; Boulder, Colo.; Denver; and New York City.

By early 2006, Mills would like to expand to San Francisco, Boston and Austin, Texas. Further ahead lie Atlanta, Washington and Ann Arbor, Mich.

to sustain their initial popularity.

"The Onion began as this small, avant-garde publication, and if they don't move to keep that feel, say getting too big or too flashy, they could lose their readership," said Melissa Pordy, an independent media consultant in New York. "They have to be very strategic."

Adds Samir Husni, a University of Mississippi journalism professor and expert on magazines, "Ones. The Onion establishes itself as something of a chain, they are going to find that the local alternative weeklies in each of these cities are going to step up their competition for local advertising dollars."

The move into the Twin Cities had been put off for nearly two years. But a 30 percent jump in first-quarter advertising revenue over the same period in

2003 gave Mills and majority owner Michael Schaffer confidence that an expansion could be financed.

This year, holding company Onion Inc. says The Onion newspaper, Web site, book publishing, The Onion Radio Network and merchandise sales will generate about \$7 million in revenue. Starting next year, company revenues will grow at a rate of 25 percent, said Schaffer, chairman of the \$1 billion Schaffer Cullen Capital Management fund, and Onion Inc.'s revenues should hit \$21 million by 2009.

"For years, they had done a great job using a little cash here and a little cash there to keep it running. But that's not a long-term strategy," said Schaffer, an Indiana native who first bought into Onion Inc. in 2000. "It just needed some discipline on the business side."

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Hollywood attorney Ingrid Auyon, seen here outside her recently purchased Los Angeles home on April 13, swore she wouldn't enter a bidding war, but ended up offering \$35,000 over the \$575,000 asking price for the 1,000-square-foot home she bought in the spring. As home prices climb in Southern California, first-time homebuyers are finding it more difficult to get into a home.

For first-time home buyers, California can be a tough sell

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Like so many California home hunters struggling to balance affordability with a humane commute, Patricia and Ricardo Cavillo suffer a fundamental disadvantage — because they don't own a home now, they're struggling to get the financial clout to buy at all.

The bank said the Cavillos qualify for a \$200,000 mortgage, but the median home price far exceeds \$500,000 in Orange County, where Ricardo works a \$38,000-a-year manufacturing job and the couple currently rents. Even a small two-bedroom condominium rarely fetches less than \$300,000.

"When I see the price of these homes, I get depressed," said Patricia Cavillo, 41, a homemaker and mother of three young children. "I think my dream won't become reality."

The Cavillos are part of the large group of would-be first-time homebuyers for whom ownership is impossible except in outlying areas of the nation's most populous state. They'll continue renting a two-bedroom apartment for \$925 per month.

"We've headed into a society where we have housing haves and housing have-nots, where we have a rental class and a homeowner class," according to John Landis, chairman of the Department of City and Regional Planning at the University of California, Berkeley.

Last year, the percentage of all home buyers statewide purchasing their first home fell to a 22-year low, according to the California Association of Realtors.

First-time owners accounted for just 31 percent of all the existing homes purchased here last year, the association reported. The national share was 40 percent in the first quarter of 2003, according to the most recent data from the National Association of Realtors.

While the historically low mortgage rates that spurred a nationwide home-buying binge have helped some Californians break into the market, the mortgage math doesn't add up for many of those who manage to buy.

As has become a California custom, John Carpenter found himself overbidding by \$20,000 the \$385,000 list price for a three-bedroom townhouse in the Los Angeles suburb of Thousand Oaks. Prospects looked good until another bidder, one of four others, offered to plunk down 20 percent in cash.

The 40-year-old public school teacher couldn't match that — not given his \$55,000 annual salary, plus perhaps another \$20,000 from tutoring and giving fencing lessons.

"Most of them are ludicrously expensive," Carpenter said of homes which routinely list above a half-million dollars. "It's crazy. Absolutely crazy."

High-priced homes

A list of the top 20 U.S. metropolitan areas with the highest median sale price for existing single-family homes in the second quarter of 2004. Data is not seasonally adjusted.

1. Orange County, Calif.: \$655,300
2. San Francisco Bay area: \$647,300
3. San Diego: \$559,700
4. Honolulu: \$454,000
5. Los Angeles: \$438,400
6. Nassau/Suffolk, N.Y.: \$414,800
7. Bergen/Passaic, N.J.: \$393,300
8. New York/North New Jersey/Long Island/Connecticut: \$392,200
9. Newark, N.J.: \$370,600
10. Boston: \$366,500
11. Washington D.C./Maryland/Virginia: \$352,400
12. Middlesex/Somerset/Havertford, N.J.: \$346,800
13. Fremont/Ocean, N.J.: \$334,300
14. Sacramento, Calif.: \$308,600
15. Riverside/San Bernardino, Calif.: \$294,500
16. West Valley/Beaumont/Raton/Delray Beach, Fla.: \$294,000
17. Seattle: \$293,200
18. Worcester, Mass.: \$279,200
19. Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood/Pompano Beach, Fla.: \$277,300
20. Miami/Hialeah, Fla.: \$274,900

Source: National Association of Realtors.

After weeks of looking, a seller recently accepted Carpenter's \$385,000 bid for a 1,050-square-foot town house — and he only had to pay \$4,000 over the list price.

Los Angeles isn't even as bad as it gets. In the first half of this year, the metropolitan areas of Orange County, San Francisco and San Diego had the nation's highest median home prices — prices which have climbed over the last decade to \$438,000, \$438,000, Los Angeles ranked fifth, behind Honolulu.

It wasn't always so.

In the 1970s, the median price for an existing, single-family detached home in California was in line with the national figure. In June it was well more than double — \$191,800 compared to \$95,000 — according to the Realtors' associations — a price tag fewer than one in five California households can afford.

Overbidding — once a syndrome shunned by desirable coastal hubs including San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego — has spread east. Bidding wars have encroached into inland counties such as Riverside and San Bernardino, where buyers priced out of Los Angeles and Orange counties snap up newly developed swaths of desert and drive some the state's highest appreciation rates.

So far this year, Riverside and San Bernardino have seen home prices rise by more than 35 percent over 2003. Prices in Los Angeles County have gone up almost as fast.

Those who look near the coast can be blinded by what they must pay.

Before landing their Santa Monica condominium in April, Mary Becker and her husband lost out on two other condos — one priced at \$384,000, the other at \$390,000 — despite offering between \$2,000 to \$10,000 over the asking price. Both ultimately went to buyers who offered between \$30,000 and \$50,000 more.

"It was a big reality check," said Becker, a 26-year-old yoga instructor.

With a combined annual income of around \$140,000, the couple eventually got a two-bedroom condominium for \$465,000 — nearly double what they set out to spend. Their total monthly housing bill: \$2,200.

"We did extend to our max just about," she said. "So we're kind of dealing with how to make that all work."

Even those intent on not overpaying have buckled.

Hollywood attorney Ingrid Auyon swore she wouldn't enter a bidding war, but ended up offering \$35,000 over the \$575,000 asking price for the 1,000-square-foot home she bought in the spring.

"All the things I didn't want to do, I had to do," said Auyon, 29. "I feel a little embittered."

To afford the prices, some first-time buyers opt for interest-only loans, which help lower monthly mortgage payments because buyers initially pay off only interest — but don't let them build any equity. Unable to meet the standard 20 percent downpayment requirement, many first-time buyers are financing more of the total cost, according to Marshall Friedman, branch manager for America One Finance in Agoura Hills.

The question becomes, can buyers afford what they're getting.

Auyon earns around \$80,000 a year after taxes but pays around \$36,000 of that annually to cover the mortgage, insurance and property taxes. Those obligations are squeezing her ability to pay for new windows, landscaping, painting, floor refinishing and some remodeling.

Like many first-time buyers who opt for interest-only loans with the hope of selling after a couple of years, Auyon is counting on her home appreciating so she can make a profit on the difference.

But now she worries that a fire which destroyed a neighbor's home and scorched part of the surrounding landscape could devalue her property.

"I can't afford this property to decline in value," Auyon said. "I'm banking on appreciation."

Financial independence can help free abused women

By Pamela Viping
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — For Thelma, attaining financial independence felt like a matter of life and death.

She was in an abusive marriage, and it was crucial that she save enough money so she could leave and whisk herself and her two children to safety and a new life.

But she faced a formidable obstacle — her husband.

"He controlled everything in the family," said Thelma, who doesn't want her last name used because she's still in hiding from her husband.

Financial dependence is a key factor for women in abusive relationships, domestic violence experts say.

"That and fear are probably the two main reasons a woman stays," said Paige Flink, executive director of The Family Place in Dallas, which provides services to domestic violence victims. "The control of finances is a huge issue."

It's essential that women reclaim their financial lives to they gain the ability and confidence to leave the abuser, experts say.

"Our hope is that as women start to reclaim their financial lives they will be empowered to reclaim the rest of their lives as well," said William L. Anthes, president of the National Endowment for Financial Education, which educates consumers about personal finance.

But before you take any action, keep in mind one overarching point: Your safety and the safety of your children come first. Don't do anything that would further endanger you and your kids.

"When you're in a situation like that, you cannot save," Thelma said. "A lot of us leave with the clothes on our back."

That's what happened to her and her two children when they left their home a year ago.

If you can safely do so, begin building up resources.

Start saving as much you can in a separate bank account that's in your name only. Or stash some cash with a trusted friend or relative.

"I have them start with small steps, and that is to open a

checking account and start putting away — even if it's \$5 a week, just so they can see something growing and gain some confidence," said Lauren De Cillis, director of the Galenstein Women's Center at the University of Texas at Dallas.

Open a post office box and have your own bank statements sent there.

"Every woman should have some money of her own, no matter what the situation is," Anthes said. "Being financially independent gives women more options."

"If you abuser gives you shopping money, pocket any money you save."

"If you are paid in cash or tips, hide the money," Anthes said.

"If you're not employed, 'take a job, any kind of job, to develop a work history, to develop a habit and to develop resources that maybe you can salt away a little at a time,'" De Cillis said.

But not that easy for many abuse victims.

"One of the financial issues facing women who are trying to escape abusive relationships is that the abuser frequently complains their ability to earn income by making it difficult for them to be successfully employed," said Kerin R. Darkow, coordinator of the Family Violence Response Program at Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore.

That's a common strategy abusers use, says Jan Langan, executive director of Genesis Women's Shelter in Dallas.

"Holding her down financially is one of the best ways to control her," she said.

Thelma's husband insisted that she tell him how much she earned and that she pay all the household bills.

"I didn't have enough, that was too bad, and I'd better find a way to find some more," she said. "You got the tongue-lashing and the hissing."

Have an emergency evacuation box that contains key legal documents such as birth certificates, Social Security cards, financial statements, medical records and insurance policies.

"You're going to need those documents to open bank accounts, to get government assistance," said Sally Daniels,

clinical coordinator of the Supportive Living program at The Family Place.

The documents will also help thwart abusers' efforts to prevent victims from starting a life of their own, experts say.

"Sometimes victims will try to apply for public assistance and the abuser will try to sabotage them and say she's got \$30,000 in a savings account," Darkow said.

Put your emergency evacuation box in a safe place where you can quickly grab it when you leave. Another way is to put important documents in a bank safe deposit box.

In the meantime, take a financial inventory. All women should know the status of their family's finances, but women in abusive relationships have an even more urgent need to know what they own and what they owe.

Make a list of everything you own alone and with your abuser. Also, list debts you have in both names. In a divorce, the information will help you get a fair settlement.

If you're fortunate enough to be the money manager in your family, list all assets and liabilities. Write everything down, including names, account numbers and amounts. Make copies of important records.

If your partner controls the money, which is common, you may have to sneak around to find financial information.

A controlling partner may lay train so he can tell if someone looked through his records, according to Hope and Power for Your Personal Finances, published by the National Endowment for Financial Education and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Apply for a credit card in your name alone so you can pay for a motel room or other necessities if you must leave suddenly. Give the credit card company your post office address, instead of your home address, to protect your privacy.

If you'll be responsible for debts you and your partner incurred, try to take care of them before you leave. If possible, cancel all credit cards that are in both names before you leave or take your name off the account.

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Many U.S. workers allege discrimination

The Associated Press

More than a fifth of workers say they've experienced employment discrimination, with gender cited as the most common, according to a survey of 1,000 adults.

Sixteen percent of women said they felt they had suffered discrimination, compared with only 9 percent of men.

Age, race, disability and religious discrimination followed gender discrimination.

A third of nonwhites said they had experienced discrimination, compared to only 18 percent of whites.

The survey was conducted by Engan, Minn.-based Findlaw.com, part of media publisher The Thomson Corp.

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Bellhop bags five-star award

He earns title of best hotel worker in U.S.

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Once the packages went in the box, Tony Marquez's award was in the bag. That's the short version of how a Los Angeles bellhop has won the title of best hotel worker in America.

Marquez is bell captain at the Hotel Bel-Air. It's a sprawling hideaway in north of the Westwood section of town where cottage-like suites can go for \$3,000 a night — and celebrity guests can come with a truckload of luggage.

But schlepping heavy suitcases and trunks around the Hotel's 12-acre grounds isn't what earned Marquez a national hotel-rater service's only individual five-star ranking.

It's the way he took care of one departing guest's shopping bag and slipping that bag by air freight so the guest would not have to take them on an airplane — that packed a punch for Mobil Travel Guides' undercover inspectors, who selected Marquez after visiting hotels across the United States.

With its 91 rooms, its patios and a tree-shaded dining area connected by a meandering walkways, the Bel-Air puts special demands on its bellhops. There is no roof overhead on blustery, rainy days. There is no automated dumbwaiter to lift heavy room-service trays. Steps, not elevators, lead to some suites.

The guests can be challenging, too.

High-profile actors, musicians and politicians who stay there can be high-maintenance. Some expect their rooms to be set up almost like home — with specific amenities and refreshments, along with the Bel-Air's standard 440-thread-count linens.

Business executives in town for pressure-filled deal-making can be edgy and abrupt — and some of them are in a hurry to quickly delivered or guestroom fan and computer connections aren't perfect.

Once, a wealthy guest asked Marquez to arrange for a portable toilet for his party — and exclusively — for him and his family the next morning. "I never say no," Marquez said. "But there are some things



Tony Marquez takes guests' bags out of a room at the Hotel Bel-Air in Los Angeles.

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When guests arrive, Marquez greets them by name. Some of them he's known for decades. Others are listed by name and room number on a crib sheet he carries in his pocket.

First-time guests are treated like regulars. And one of them rewarded Marquez with the best tip he ever received. An out-of-state woman delivering her daughter for the start of college at the University of Southern California was fretting over where to stash the girl's belongings until her campus room was ready. No worries, Marquez said. He would store everything for her herself until the dorm was ready for it.

"I got a \$500 tip from that lady, but there are people who tip nothing. I don't take it personally," said Marquez. Like most bellhops, he relies on gratuities to supplement his modest hotel wages.

Guests trust Marquez with their most prized possessions. "An award here for the Academy Awards came up to me in the lobby and said, 'Tony, I left my Oscar in my room. Can you get it to me?' She said she didn't want to carry it on the plane. So I wrapped it very carefully and sent it to her by FedEx," he said, declining much like a doctor — or lawyer — would, by confidentially, to name names.

Mobil officials sent three secret inspectors to evaluate the Hotel Bel-Air this year before issuing it the top five-star rating.

Shane O'Flaherty, a Mobil Travel Guide vice president who oversees North American inspections, said Marquez "wowed" the guide's raters with his "warmth and affectionate greeting." But it was his packing skills that really won them over.

During this year's five-star awards ceremony in Colorado, Mobil officials announced that Marquez was the sole "Best of the Best" hotel employee. Hotel Bel-Air Managing Director Carlos Lopez said the individual award was a surprise.

"I'd have taken him with me if I'd known," said Lopez. "This is a tremendous honor."

Marquez received a plaque from the travel guide, and a bonus and a recognition party from his hotel. The party was for employees, but some hotel guests wanted to attend.

Marquez, 40, has worked the Bel-Air's front desk for 23 years. He got his start as a high school student when a friend — bellhop Sal Leyva, now a 33-year hotel employee — recommended "he never do it for a summer job opening."

These days Marquez lives in the working-class town of Bell, in southeast Los Angeles County, with wife Angie, daughters Stacey, 18, and Stephanie, 14,

and son Jonathan, 9. He says their home is far less glamorous than his workplace.

"They sometimes ask if I met any celebrities today, if work was exciting," Marquez said of his children. "I tell them that the people I meet are just like you and me. I try to teach them the value of hard work and how hard it is to make a dollar. I tell them that their job is to work hard at school. Salary worked hard, and she's going to Cal State Long Beach this fall."

He has taken his five-star award in stride. As bell captain, he supervises eight other bellhops.

"These days there's no front-desk bell to be rung when guests are checking in or checking out, however. Service requests are relayed to Marquez and the others through Secret Service-style radios with earplugs and tiny microphones.

The attire is blue shirts and tan trousers instead of the traditional brass-buttoned, red-suited, pillbox hat-topped bellhop uniform depicted in movies.

"No, we don't wear those monkey suits," said Marquez, stopping to pick up an errand bag lying on a flagstone walkway. "And I thank Mr. Lopez every day for that."

So says the bellman from Bell who became a bellwether in Bel-Air.

High-deductible policies cater to older folk, too

By Kristen Greenher
Knight Ridder News Service

SAAN FRANCISCO — People who buy major medical individual health insurance policies tend to pay at least \$1,000 in deductibles, according to a new study.

Sixty-eight percent of people who bought individual policies from broker eHealthInsurance paid at least \$1,000, while 40 percent of policies sold had deductibles of at least \$2,000, according to a report from the Kaiser Family Foundation and eHealthInsurance.

Forty percent of buyers had deductibles greater than \$3,000, the report says. The survey tracked data from 57,000 individual policies in force through the first half of 2003.

The trend towards buying higher-deductible plans is consistent with the thresholds for the new Health Savings Accounts, which allow workers to contribute pretax money to cover health expenses with salary deductions, said Gary Lauer, president of eHealthInsurance.

"We're seeing more contributions in the employer segment made by employees, and it's similar to many of the deductibles we see in the individual market," he said.

With HSAs, first authorized in January, workers with a health plan that has an individual deductible of at least \$1,000 a year or a family deductible of \$2,000 can set aside that amount. The limit rises to \$2,600 or \$5,150 a year for higher deductibles.

In the individual-insurance market, younger people are slightly more likely to have lower-deductible plans than older people, Lauer said. "What it may indicate is that younger people are getting lower-priced premiums and as such are choosing lower deductibles."

Still, the study showed the market isn't exclusively the domain of the young and healthy, said Gary Claxton, vice president of the Kaiser Family Foundation. Nearly 12 percent of buyers were between 55 and 64, the survey said.

"There are a couple of different markets here: People who buy because they have a short-term break in coverage or those who are self-employed or retirees, where this is their only option," Claxton said.

"For younger purchasers, a lot of them are gone after two years."

Almost half of users retain their policies for at least two years, and older policyholders hold their insurance longer than younger ones.

"Younger policyholders, especially males, seem to hold their policies for less time," Lauer said.

The study didn't include people who bought short-term coverage, designed for those in transition and seeking protection for three to six months.

To be sure, the vast majority of Americans still receive their medical benefits from their employers in the group health-insurance market.

In 2002, 16.5 million nonelderly Americans — or 6.6 percent of those 18 to 64 — had individual health insurance compared with nearly 164 million, or 65 percent, who had employer-based coverage. Another 41 million, or 16 percent, were insured by Medicare or other taxpayer-funded coverage. More than 43 million Americans are without health insurance.

The number of those with individual policies stands to rise sharply if lawmakers extend tax credits or create a new tax deduction for individuals covered as a means of reducing the uninsured rate. President Bush has made such proposals a cornerstone of his health-care platform.

Critics of individual health policies say they're concerned that insurers are able to exclude older and sicker populations in favor of younger and healthier ones.

Across the country, an average of 70 percent of people who apply for an individual health policy for the first time are approved to get coverage, Lauer said. About 10 percent to 13 percent are denied due to health reasons.

"The individual health-insurance market is difficult to track because policies' benefits and prices vary widely depending on location, age and other factors," Lauer said. "Employer-sponsored group insurance, individual health plans are regulated by state laws and are generally less expensive overall because they cover fewer benefits, though buyers may have to pay more out of pocket to cover higher administrative and marketing costs, Claxton said."

"The premiums you pay the insurer is less for nongroup coverage usually, but the benefits aren't comparable," he said.

The Kaiser Family Foundation and eHealthInsurance plan to study benefits differences in the months ahead.

When it came to monthly premiums, single policyholders paid \$149 on average while those with family policies, which covered 2.9 people on average, paid \$278 a month, the report said.

Single purchasers tend to be younger compared with family purchasers, with 64 percent of family buyers ranging 35 to 64 compared with 36 percent of single buyers. In family coverage, men are nearly twice as likely to be the lead policyholder as women, among all age groups: two-thirds were men and 34 percent were women.

Firms wander in dark over addiction

Many companies don't know how to help their employees

By Stephen Franklin
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Just like when he was the company wonder kid in a super sales executive who was tall, suave, good-looking and on a very fast track — Bob Poznanovich vowed them.

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A survey of human-relations officers at U.S. firms showed that more than half did not know how to identify an addiction-related problem, more than one-third did not know how to get treatment for addicted workers and one-quarter said their companies view firing someone as preferable to getting them help.

"When somebody tells me that addiction isn't their problem, so why bother," said William C. Moyers, a spokesman for the Hazelden Foundation, a Minnesota-based addiction research organization, which carried out the survey.

One problem, he said, is that the image of an alcoholic or addict doesn't match reality. And Moyers, son of well-known author and television personality Bill Moyers, points to himself as an example of this.

"I've had somebody like me has a problem, people dismiss it because they can't imagine that somebody of my reputation or last name could have the problem," said Moyers, a recovering addict. His addiction reached a peak a decade ago when he was a journalist with CNN.

At the recent meeting of the Northern Illinois Employee Assistance Professionals Association, where Poznanovich delivered his speech on the silent conspiracy, the message had a strong resonance with some.

Bill Heffernan, co-president of Employee Resources System Inc., a Chicago-based company, thought of the employers he has encountered who do not want to deal with addicted workers. "I hear it all the time. I see it all the time. And it drives me wild," Heffernan said. "People say, 'I have an employee who is a drug

addict and I'm waiting for him to get caught in the drug trap.' I say, 'If you have a problem deal with it.'"

Experts say workplace interventions can be effective, adding that it often makes a difference if the person in crisis realizes that they can be fired if they don't begin treatment.

"I've never had a person refuse treatment if his job was on the line," said Marguerite Phelps, a Chicago-area drug and alcohol counselor who has carried out interventions for a number of years.

"An intervention is a difficult, time-consuming and emotionally wrenching process," explained Dr. Joseph Fishery, head of the psychiatry department at the University of Chicago at Illinois. It is something, he said, that requires a special expertise.

"I frequently get calls from physicians' families. They call me because they want to know what they should do. And when I say intervention, they say, 'How can we do it?' Most people, left on their own, just don't know what to do," he said.

In Poznanovich's case, he didn't know what to do, and neither did those close to him. He was in his mid-30s and owned the Gold Coast condo of his dreams. In the late 1980s, he had come far from the small buroughs in Chicago's far southeast neighborhoods, where he grew up, and he was on his way to a \$200,000-a-year-plus salary.

He did avoid drinking because it had been a problem in his family and in the old neighborhood.

But at a party full of rich, attractive people, everything changed.

He started doing coke daily — with employees after work, away from the job or by himself on business trips. Because he was smoking coke, he didn't think he would develop the physical signs of a user.

Chip Dempsey, a friend from Bradley University in Peoria, explained that Poznanovich at Zenith, thought he was doing his friend a favor by covering up and sticking up for him at work.

"I didn't realize that the way to deal with people like him is that you are straight with them."

There were others at the company who saw the same worrying signs. "But they took no action, nothing at all," Dempsey said.

When the company let Poznanovich go in a round of job cuts in late 1992, he withdrew to his condo, and his addiction, sick, nearly broke, and his engagement washed up, he turned to his mother in February 1995. She sent up money for him to go to a treatment center.

He did well and started on a new sales career. But soon he had another problem: He was addicted to food.

After gaining 130 pounds, he went in 2001 to a treatment for people addicted to food. Going through recovery once again, he learned that this time when he went back into the business world he would do something that uses his addiction experiences.

With \$5,000 and a partner, who is also a recovering addict, he created his company in St. Paul, Minn., in 2002.

Survey finds workers would take pay cuts for better quality of life

The Associated Press

Do you work like a fiend? What if you could take a pay cut for better quality of life, some cut of a cash-for-piece swap at your job?

It turns out that most of us would, but how much income would we relinquish for a better work-life balance?

About 15 percent, according to the responses from a group of 2,000 people who were asked that question in a survey.

The survey was conducted for San Francisco based Tickle Inc., an online career, networking and dating assessment company.

For better benefits, half the group would take a 5 percent pay cut, while 37 percent said they would take a 15 percent cut. For a more flexible work schedule, 48 percent would take a five percent pay cut, while 24 percent would take a 15 percent cut.

In a quirky finding, 6 percent said they'd take a 5 percent salary trim if they could bring their pet to work.

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Report: Female CEOs make less

By Mike Swift
The Hartford Courant

HARTFORD, Conn. — As the former chairwoman of Fleet Bank Connecticut, and as a mother whose daughter followed in her footsteps to become a chief executive officer, Eileen S. Kraus knows something about glass ceilings.

But a government report released earlier this year shows that female CEOs earn less than two-thirds of what their male counterparts make still surprised the size of the gap "is shocking to me," said Kraus, whose daughter Janet Kraus is the chief executive of Boston-based Circles Inc., which works with companies such as American Express to build loyalty with their most affluent customers.

In broad terms, the findings reported Wednesday by the U.S. Census Bureau confirm what has been known for years: Men earn more than women in comparable jobs.

What is surprising to many is that some of the widest gaps occur in the best-paid jobs with the most highly educated workers — occupations including doctors, lawyers, chief executives and accountants.

Among physicians and surgeons, the highest-paid occupation for both men and women, women earned 63 percent of what men did in 1999, the census report found. Female CEOs also earned 63 percent of what their male counterparts earned; female lawyers did somewhat better, earning 73 percent of what male lawyers earned.

The gap tended to be narrower — but persisted — at the bottom of the wage scale. Among dishwashers, the lowest-paid occupation, women earned 86 cents on the dollar compared to men, the Census Bureau said.

In only five occupations were female median earnings at least equal to those of male workers — a list topped by workers who remove hazardous materials, with women earning 102 percent of what men did, although they made up just 10 percent of the work force in that occupation.

But a striking finding of the report is that "education contributes little toward equality between men's and women's earnings."

To reach that conclusion, Daniel H. Weinberg, the report's author, looked at full-time workers who have at least a bachelor's degree, were in the prime earnings years between ages 35 and 54, and were among the top 10 percent of wage-earners.

Among that group, women earned just 55 percent of what men did, Weinberg found.

"Even if you're controlling in some statistical way for age and education, you're not seeing that women are making as much as men," Weinberg said Wednesday.

Over the past 40 years, women have consistently closed the earnings gap with men, climbing from roughly 60 percent of men's earnings in 1960 to 77 percent in 2002.

But experts say various factors — a list that includes the workaholic culture of the American workplace and the fact that women are still generally responsible for child care — continue to slow the closing of that gap.

At this rate of change, it will be the middle or the end of this century before we make equal pay between men and women, and all of us would like to see that happen a lot sooner," said Leslie I. Brett, executive director of the Connecticut Permanent Commission on the Status of Women.

"I think that this data reconfirms what we already knew: that education alone does not ameliorate the wage gap, that a variety of work and family policies and cultural expectations still have to be changed for women to achieve equality," Brett said.

Some scholars no longer refer to the "glass ceiling" as stopping women's career progress in high-profile professions so much as the "maternal wall." The prime career-building years coincide with primary child-bearing and rearing years, and many women who leave the work force for their children are forced to accept significant pay cuts — if they are able to return to their careers at all.

Making sure you have the right insurance for your business

If you run a business out of your house, your homeowners insurance is not likely to cover any accidents that happen as a result of your work.

NEWYORK (AP) — Buying or upgrading insurance coverage is often not a priority for small business owners, or it's something they'll get around to after they take care of more pressing matters.

But insurance can be critical for your business. Without it, a natural disaster or lawsuit could wipe you out.

There are a number of major components to getting business insurance — buying the right kind for your company and making sure you purchase an adequate amount.

First, a very important caveat: If you run a business out of your house, your homeowners insurance is not likely to cover any accidents that happen as a result of your work. An example would be a customer or delivery person who trips and falls on your walk.

"That's a common misconception, that the homeowners insurance covers the business," said Loretta Worters, vice president for communications for the Insurance Information Institute, a New York-based trade group. She estimated that there are 11 million home-based businesses in the country.

It's a similar situation if you use your family car for the business. You'll need to buy separate insurance or you won't be covered if there is an accident while you're paying a visit to a customer.

Worters describes three types of business insurance. There's business owner's insurance and two kinds that are aimed at home-based companies — an in-home policy and a homeowner's policy endorsement.

The most elementary is the homeowners policy endorsement, which is coverage that can be added to an existing homeowners policy. Worters said this type of insurance covers business equipment such as computers or fax machines up to \$10,000 in value. It does not, however, cover liability for falls and other accidents.

You can also purchase an endorsement that will give you liability coverage. But Worters warned that insurers will sell this only to businesses that have few visitors. So if you run a law office out of your home and have many clients coming to visit, you might not be able to purchase such an endorsement.

The next step up is the in-home business policy, which is more comprehensive. It provides more extensive equipment coverage, liability insurance and has other features.

Including reimbursement for the loss of important papers, Worters said. Such policies are likely to limit the number of employees you can have in your home business, such as three.

In-home policies also provide some product or service liability coverage. For example, if you have a catering service in your home, your insurance can cover you in the event your customers suffer food poisoning, Worters said.

"They kind of build it around the type of business you have," she said of in-home policies.

Then there is the even more comprehensive business owners policy, designed for larger companies and those not run out of a home. There are standard plans, but Worters said many companies purchase customized plans to provide for contingencies they are likely to encounter.

When deciding on insur-

ance, you should be sure to get features such as business interruption coverage, which will reimburse you for lost income in situations such as natural disasters that shut your company down.

And you need to be sure you have professional liability auto insurance.

While professionals such as lawyers and doctors will buy malpractice insurance, there are other specialized kinds of insurance available for other professions or industries. Worters noted that some advertising firms have special coverage for slander or libel charges.

Other companies might want to purchase insurance that will cover them in case of employee problems, such as sexual harassment charges.

If you're in an area that's prone to natural disasters, you need to be sure you have adequate coverage for wind and rain damage and might want to consider more comprehensive coverage than a standard policy might offer. If you're in a flood zone and want flood insurance, you'll need to purchase that separately from your regular coverage.

And, be aware that if you use a house or other real property as collateral for a Small Business Administration loan, you may be required to have flood insurance for that property.

As you might do with home or auto insurance, you should shop around and get the best deal for what your company needs. Talking to several agents can help you to understand what's out there.

But before you make a call, get a grounding in business insurance, so you can be an educated consumer. There are several insurance primers you can access online. The Small Business Administrators Online Women's Business Center (www.onlinewbcc.gov) has pages called "Understanding the Types of Insurance" and "Determining Your Insurance Needs."

Energy audits help reduce utility bills

Knight Ridder News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The time had come.

Julie Quickel and her family decided earlier this year to make some improvements on their Olathe, Kan., home that would make it more comfortable and reduce utility bills that were averaging about \$265 per month.

But what sort of improvements should be made proved to be a trickier decision. New and more efficient windows seemed a logical move. But before spending several thousand dollars on them, Quickel decided to have an energy audit that would provide an estimate of energy savings and the costs of various improvements.

In the end, the audit recommended that reducing air leakage and improving insulation would be a better investment than buying new windows. The repairs were finished in November and Quickel says the house is not only more comfortable but she's looking forward to recovering the \$4,000 cost of the improvements in four years or less.

"I don't think I could have done this by myself," said Quickel.

The prospect of higher heating bills already has many consumers pulling out caulk guns and opening wallets in the hope that various quick-fix home improvements will curb energy use and save money. The fact that natural gas prices have been high for most of the year makes the economics of energy conservation especially appealing this winter.

But as Quickel discovered, not even energy conservation is simple. Some projects may not save as much as promised while some improvements can end up costing so much in relation to the energy saved that there's not a realistic expectation of recovering the expense.

The financial trade-offs make it all the more important to come up with a plan for energy-saving projects that will generate the most bang for the buck.

"It sometimes drives me crazy what it is done to try to save ener-

gy," said Russ Rudy, a consultant to the Metropolitan Energy Center in Kansas City who performs energy audits. He audited Quickel's home.

Energy audits were once widely available and offered by utilities as part of the country's effort to increase energy conservation.

In Quickel's home, the majority of the energy savings should come from reducing air leakage, which can allow warm air to escape the house while allowing cooler air to enter. That a leaky residence increases heating bills isn't news to most consumers. Weather-stripping and caulking are inevitably on any list of home energy efficiency tips.

But many areas that allow cold air in (or warm air out) are often overlooked. For example, lights that are recessed into attics, often called can lights, are a big source of leakage but require special precautions when sealing them to prevent overheating and a fire.

The air leaks in Quickel's home were discovered by using a blower door, which draws air out of the house and made it easier to detect the leaks. The improvements involved more precise weather-stripping and caulking.

One of the biggest traps for consumers is failing to make a realistic estimate of what energy conservation measures will save and then considering what it will cost to attain those savings. The payback can take so long that a homeowner will likely move before recovering the expense, experts say.

Take, for example, new windows. Improving a home's value and appearance are two good reasons for replacement windows. But as energy-conservation measures, they are typically near the bottom of the list, partly because of their cost.

Rudy described a home he audited that already had wooden windows with storms. By upgrading to double-pane windows — with the space between the glass filled with argon gas to improve efficiency — the total monthly savings for the home would be \$7 per month.



Steve Centura holds his 1794 silver dollar, likely the first ever struck by the United States, at the World's Fair of Money on Aug. 18 in Pittsburgh.

Show me the money: Rare coins go on display

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Chump change it is not. A silver dollar insured for \$10 million and nickels worth as much as \$3 million each are among the \$1 billion in coins on display at the American Numismatic Association's World's Fair of Money.

From Wednesday through today, as many as 16,000 people were expected to stroll through the David L. Lawrence Convention Center to buy, sell or gawk at coins from a half-cent coin to a \$100,000 bill.

The 1794 coin believed to be the United States' first silver dollar and two of five existing 1913 Liberty Head nickels are on display. The U.S. Mint also gave conventioners a glimpse of the designs being considered for the next round of special-design nickels. And the U.S. Treasury's Office of Engraving and Printing placed on display the newly designed \$50 bill that goes into circulation in September.

Kyle Aber, a refinery operator

from Houston, Texas, was among those surveying approximately 500 booths where about 1,000 dealers displayed their collections. He was looking for two Morgan silver dollars — a 1899-CC and a 1893-S — to complete his set.

One of the coins is worth about \$20,000. "My family and friends are supportive, more or less," of the hobby, Aber said. "My dad really didn't understand spending 50 cents to buy a penny."

Aber and others believe coin collecting has become more popular in the last decade, thanks to the advent of the Internet and the popularity of auction Web sites like eBay.

Like any other collectibles, supply demand and condition are factors that determine the value of a coin, ANA spokesman Donn Penman said. A 100-year-old Indian Head penny could cost anywhere from \$1 to thousands of dollars, depending on its condition, he said.

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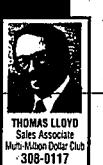
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Assistant Mill Operator. Full-time position with a mechanical aptitude. Must be dependable. Will train right person. Mon-Fri. 8:00 to 4:30. Send resume and cover letter to: PO Box 2347, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

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The City of Twin Falls is accepting applications for an OPERATOR in the Department of Public Works. Beginning monthly salary is \$2139. Operators in the Street Department must be able to perform heavy physical labor and to operate various types of equipment used in the maintenance of City streets. Job description, qualifications and employment application form on the City of Twin Falls Personnel Office located in City Hall, 321 2nd Avenue East, phone 735-7268 or direct email inquiry: personnel@twinfallsid.com. Closing date is 9/3/04. The City of Twin Falls is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Drug Free Workplace.

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KITCHEN ISLAND like new, free standing. Now \$800, will sell for \$550. Several pieces of like new carpet.

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ROCKER recliner. By Best. Like new, \$285. Call 732-0410.

SLEIGH BED solid wood, new washer. Beautiful collectible chairs. Hummel figurines.

TWIN Falls received another estate for auction. Furniture-Like new washer.

812 AUCTIONS & AUCTIONEERS

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UPCOMING AUCTIONS

814 LAWN & GARDEN

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EXERCISE BIKE Sears 775 Series, fairly new, make offer. Call 208-736-6897.

TREADMILL with electronic

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: Holding ♠ Q-8-7-4, ♣ K-J-6-4, ♦ A-K-9-2, I opened one club and heard my partner respond one diamond.

ANSWER: Doubling is a little too bloodthirsty for me. Give me the spade king instead of a small spade and I could understand that action.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Are you allowed to open a suit and then rebid in no-trump (either with a simple rebid or a jump-rebid) with a singleton in partner's suit?

ANSWER: Let's take an example. With ♠ A, ♣ K-Q-6, ♦ A-9-7-2, ♠ A-9-7-5-2, I would open one club and rebid one no-trump over one spade.

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"The great deal & customer treatment I received at Mountain Home Auto Ranch was excellent! The price was adjusted to meet my needs. Thanks! Hugs go out to both Mike & Nate! I recommend everyone stop by Mountain Home Auto Ranch & check it out!"
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Headliner, Body Side Molding, Breakaway Power Mirrors, All Season Tires, 15 Inch Aluminum Wheels, Color Keyed High Top Rear Deck Lid Spoiler, High Intensity Factory Fog Lamps
MSRP.....\$15,565
Auto Ranch Discount.....\$1,070
Manufacturers Rebate.....\$3,000
Farm Bureau Rebate.....\$500
CFC Military Rebate.....\$500



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MSRP.....\$19,885
Auto Ranch Discount.....\$897
Manufacturers Rebate.....\$3,000
CFC Rebate.....\$1,000
CFC Military Rebate.....\$500



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3.7L V6 Four Tech Engine, 4 Speed Automatic Transmission, Power Window Locks, Cruise Control, Power Locking Mirrors, Remote Keyless Entry, 4 Wheel Disc Brakes, Full Size Tire & Wheel Group, High Intensity Factory Headlamps, High Power AM/FM CD Stereo, Factory Fog Light, Tread Wipes
MSRP.....\$22,770
Auto Ranch Discount.....\$2,282
Manufacturers Rebate.....\$2,000
Military Appreciation.....\$500
CFC Rebate.....\$1,000



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3.9L 200 HP Gas Engine, 5 Speed Automatic Transmission, SLT 3rd Row Seat, Heavy Duty Trailer Tow Group, Power Folding Mirrors, Alarm, Cloth High Back Bucket Seats, Power Windows, Cruise Control w/Speed Sensor, 16" Alloy Wheels, And A Lot More
MSRP.....\$32,395
Auto Ranch Discount.....\$3,407
Manufacturers Rebate.....\$4,000
Farm Bureau Rebate.....\$500
CFC Rebate.....\$1,000
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Powergate Rear Sliding Doors, DVD-Ram Entertainment System, 16" Alloy Wheels, Power Windows, Power Mirrors, Cruise Control, High Top Car CD, 16" Alloy Wheels, Cruise Control, Four Wheel Locks, Brake, Factory Tread Wipes
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Auto Ranch Discount.....\$2,447
Manufacturers Rebate.....\$1,000
CFC Rebate.....\$1,000
Farm Bureau.....\$500
CFC Military Rebate.....\$500



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Auto Ranch Discount.....\$1,407
CFC Bonus Cash.....\$1,000
Manufacturers Rebate.....\$500
CFC Military Rebate.....\$500



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★ 04 JEEP WRANGLER RUBICON

4.7L Power Tech V8 Engine, 5 Speed Automatic Transmission, 4 Wheel Anti Lock Brakes, 16" Alloy Wheels, 16" Wheel, Color Keyed Interior, 16" Alloy Wheels, 16" Wheel, Color Keyed Interior, 16" Alloy Wheels, 16" Wheel, Color Keyed Interior, 16" Alloy Wheels, 16" Wheel, Color Keyed Interior
MSRP.....\$28,665
Auto Ranch Discount.....\$2,277
Manufacturers Rebate.....\$1,000
CFC Rebate.....\$1,000
Military Appreciation.....\$500



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★ 04 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO

4.7L Power Tech V8 Engine, 5 Speed Automatic Transmission, 4 Wheel Anti Lock Brakes, 16" Alloy Wheels, 16" Wheel, Color Keyed Interior, 16" Alloy Wheels, 16" Wheel, Color Keyed Interior, 16" Alloy Wheels, 16" Wheel, Color Keyed Interior, 16" Alloy Wheels, 16" Wheel, Color Keyed Interior
MSRP.....\$31,720
Auto Ranch Discount.....\$3,142
Manufacturers Rebate.....\$3,500
Military Appreciation.....\$500
CFC Rebate.....\$1,000



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MSRP.....\$26,295
Auto Ranch Discount.....\$1,207
CFC Rebate.....\$1,000



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5.0L V10 High Performance Motor, 16" Alloy Wheels, 16" Wheel, Color Keyed Interior, 16" Alloy Wheels, 16" Wheel, Color Keyed Interior, 16" Alloy Wheels, 16" Wheel, Color Keyed Interior, 16" Alloy Wheels, 16" Wheel, Color Keyed Interior
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Auto Ranch Discount.....\$4,807



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CFC Rebate.....\$1,000
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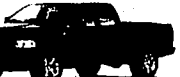


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MSRP.....\$33,960
Auto Ranch Discount.....\$3,562
Manufacturers Rebate.....\$3,500
Light Duty Bonus Cash.....\$1,000
Farm Bureau Rebate.....\$500
CFC Rebate.....\$1,000
CFC Military Rebate.....\$500



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MSRP.....\$32,200
Auto Ranch Discount.....\$4,232
Manufacturers Rebate.....\$3,500
Farm Bureau Rebate.....\$500
Bonus Cash.....\$1,000
CFC Rebate.....\$1,000
CFC Military Rebate.....\$500



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★ 04 DODGE RAM 1500 RC SLT 4X4

4.7L Power Tech V8 Engine, 5 Speed Automatic Transmission, 4 Wheel Anti Lock Brakes, Cruise Control, Power Windows, Power Mirrors, Remote Keyless Entry, 16" Alloy Wheels, 16" Wheel, Color Keyed Interior, 16" Alloy Wheels, 16" Wheel, Color Keyed Interior, 16" Alloy Wheels, 16" Wheel, Color Keyed Interior
MSRP.....\$30,093
Auto Ranch Discount.....\$4,107
Military Appreciation.....\$500
CFC Rebate.....\$1,000
Bonus Cash.....\$1,000
Farm Bureau Rebate.....\$500
CFC Military Rebate.....\$500



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04 DODGE DAKOTA SLT QUAD 4X4

4.7L Power Tech V8 Engine, 5 Speed Automatic Transmission, High Back Bucket Seats, 16" Alloy Wheels, 16" Wheel, Color Keyed Interior, 16" Alloy Wheels, 16" Wheel, Color Keyed Interior, 16" Alloy Wheels, 16" Wheel, Color Keyed Interior
MSRP.....\$28,065
Auto Ranch Discount.....\$1,077
Manufacturers Rebate.....\$3,500
CFC Rebate.....\$1,000
Farm Bureau Rebate.....\$500
Bonus Cash.....\$500
CFC Military Rebate.....\$500



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04 DODGE RAM 2500 4 DOOR SLT 4X4

Updated Truck, High Output 5.9L Cummins Turbo Diesel, Automatic Transmission, Heavy Duty Trailer Tow Group, Power Folding Mirrors, Cruise Control, Power Windows, Power Mirrors, Remote Keyless Entry, 16" Alloy Wheels, 16" Wheel, Color Keyed Interior, 16" Alloy Wheels, 16" Wheel, Color Keyed Interior
MSRP.....\$39,560
Auto Ranch Discount.....\$4,172
Manufacturers Rebate.....\$2,500
Farm Bureau Rebate.....\$500
CFC Military Rebate.....\$500



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Updated Truck, High Output Cummins Turbo Diesel, Automatic Transmission, Heavy Duty Trailer Tow Group, Power Folding Mirrors, Cruise Control, Power Windows, Power Mirrors, Remote Keyless Entry, 16" Alloy Wheels, 16" Wheel, Color Keyed Interior, 16" Alloy Wheels, 16" Wheel, Color Keyed Interior
MSRP.....\$36,760
Auto Ranch Discount.....\$3,772
Manufacturers Rebate.....\$2,500
Farm Bureau Rebate.....\$500
CFC Military Rebate.....\$500



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 Stock #41412, Color: White • Power Seats,
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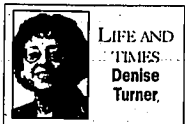
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Section E

You just never know, boys and girls

I figured I would be spoiled having a girl first.
Maybe in some families it's not a gender issue, but all of my friends had told me their boys were the risk-takers, especially in terms of physical activity.
Generally, that turned out to be true at my house.
When my daughter was a preschooler, she would play with her fuzzy duck at my feet while I tried to be a freelance writer. But when I attempted the same thing with my preschool son, I blinked twice and he was sitting on the top drawer of my file cabinet.
When we got a house with a staircase, my daughter couldn't wait to stand on the top step and slip. My son just wanted to slide down the banister.



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise
Turner.

Early on, I decided I would need to be a psychiatrist mom to raise a girl. I found myself asking questions like, "Are you crying because you're hormonal or because you really do think you're going to get a C in algebra?"
I figured my son wouldn't need my psychiatric skills as much as he would need a lifetime supply of Ace bandages.

My son was, in fact, more physical, but he mostly managed to avoid injury during his growing-up years. My daughter was the one who kept us hopping.

"I don't want to alarm you, Mrs. Turner," her elementary school principal said when I answered the phone.

What could alarm a mother more than a statement like that from someone with whom she shared the life of her first-born child?

As it turned out, I was summoned to my daughter's school to check on two teeth which had been "pushed up into her mouth during an accident at recess." I dropped everything and rushed to the school, only to discover that the two teeth in question had been "pushed up into her mouth during an accident at recess."

But that was only the beginning. When my daughter was about 9 years old, she slipped on the ice cream cone she was eating in the park and fell flat on her head. She started screaming, saying she couldn't remember what day it was. On the way to the emergency room, I saw a cold bottle of orange pop on her head and kept talking to her, to keep her awake.

As I named out, she was fine, having temporarily forgotten the scare. She asked the doctor at the hospital if he had any plans she could use to call her friends.

Of course, I was sent home with instructions to wake her every hour all night and ask her to recite names to make sure she remained conscious. So I staged a bedside vigil while my husband snored peacefully in the next room.

At 2 a.m., my daughter was so frustrated with being awakened that she got mad and started giving me fake names on purpose.
By morning, I had determined that it's impossible to tell whether or not children have injured their brains because kids never make any sense anyway.

And so, I raised a son who always seemed to be dreaming of ways to maul himself — like ripping open electrical cords or eating the houseplants. But strangely enough, he didn't hurt himself very often.

My daughter continued to trip on her own shoelaces. Luckily, neither of them, turned out to be accident-prone adults.
In talking with other people, I've heard a number of theories about gender and physical activity. One woman told me that boys are more "vestal and fight more than girls, but they make up quicker and don't hold grudges. The idea is that boys are taught to be more competitive on the football field, but catsy, backbiting girls are just as mean, in a different way.

Other people insist it's all in the way you raise them.
My conclusion: You just never know.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.



Pat Lindholm wanted her cats Soxy (pictured) and D.C. to be taken care of if anything were to happen to her. That is why Lindholm made provisions for relatives to take care of them.

What happens to Fluffy?

Increasingly, folks make provisions for their animals if they die

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Soxy is a Demo-cat, D.C. is a Republican, but Pat Lindholm wants the only vote on who will take care of them if anything happens to her.

"Soxy-hangs-around-the-TV when John Kerry is on, and D.C. just sits around looking disdainful," explained Lindholm, who runs the American Red Cross operations in southern central Idaho. "They have distinct personalities, and my husband and I just love them."

So Lindholm has arranged for her daughter or her sister to take charge of them if she or her husband can no longer care for the cats.

"They're members of the family," Lindholm said of her cats, who are 6 and 7, respectively. "I can't imagine not making sure they don't end up in the animal shelter."

It's an issue that more and more pet owners are pondering, and estate-planning laws are catching up with such concerns. All of the states that surround Idaho — Utah, Oregon, Wyoming, Nevada, Washington and Montana — in one form or another authorize "pet trusts," enforceable plans that set aside money for pet care and designate pet managers. Twenty-five other

Emergency planning

While considering such arrangements for your pets, here are a few steps you can take right now:

- Ask two friends or relatives to be temporary caregivers in case of an emergency. Make sure they have keys to your house, instructions for feeding and care, the veterinarian's name and number and any details you've made about permanent care.
- Make an emergency card with the names of your temporary caregivers and their contact information. Keep it with you at all times.

Post signs on the front door or on your most prominent window listing the names and type of pets. You could also post more detailed signs inside your doors listing emergency contact information.

- Resources:**
- www.estateplanningforpets.org
 - www.petcustody.com
 - www.pawspage.org
 - www.ascpa.org
 - www.legacyofyourpet.com
- Source: Kansas City Star

states have such laws or are considering them.
Idaho has no pet trust statute.

Pet advocates say it's past time for owners to think about trusts and other arrangements for their pets. Folks provide for children and other loved ones, they say, and even make decisions about cars and furniture. For years the future of their pets got little consideration.

"A lot of people just didn't think about it," Gina Spadafori, an author and national columnist on pets, told Knight Ridder Newspapers. "My pets are a lot more important than my Beatles album collection."

Spadafori met with a lawyer a few years ago to talk about her job before going to the hospital for surgery.

"First we need to talk about the house," the lawyer said.

"No," Spadafori answered, "first we have to talk about my pets."

Americans keep a huge number of pets, more than 68 million dogs and 73 million cats, plus horses, birds and a variety of reptiles, rodents, fish and other mammals.

The law considers them personal property. Pets can't actually be the beneficiaries of a will or a trust.

"When my husband and I

drew up a will, we stated who we wanted to take care of Betty, and specified that \$5,000 be set aside to pay the expenses of caring for her," said Luene Reed, a Boise broker and Lindholm's best friend. "Our lawyer told us we legally couldn't do that."

Instead, the Reeds had to leave the money directly to a person designated to care for their 10-year-old cat, with no strings attached.

"It seems strange that the lawyer doesn't permit you to designate a purrloft of your estate to care for a pet," she said.

Pets also can be placed with organizations that, for a fee, will care for them for the rest of their lives.

Pet owners who make their wishes clear give themselves peace of mind and also provide instructions that could save a pet's life, according to Paul Glass, who runs a Kansas City, Mo., animal shelter. Families in the throes of grief over a relative's death sometimes give pets short shrift, and the pets can end up in shelters and forgotten.

Jim Betterman, a lawyer with Lathrop & Gage in Overland Park, Mo., says pet trusts are getting a lot of interest among middle-age couples who live in states that allow them. Some are setting aside large amounts of money — \$50,000 is not un-

usual, he says.
Such documents generally designate a trustee, the person responsible for using the money for pet care, and a pet manager, the person who either has custody of the pets or is responsible for finding a place or family for the pets.

The money is set aside for food, veterinary expenses, kenneling — even expenses if the pet travels with the pet manager.

Betterman says owners can be specific about accommodations and supplies, including the style of leashes, cages and toys the pet should have. One owner described the type of property a family would need to be eligible to adopt the pet, down to the number of acres and the setback from the road. In another, the client specified that the pet manager have an SUV for transporting the pet.
"You can tailor it for what the client wants for the pet," Betterman told Knight Ridder Newspapers. "The guidelines you can give the pet manager, the better off they are."

— Knight Ridder News Service contributed to this report

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No more ho-hum: Going back to school, with class

The Washington Post

It's about time to head back to school.

(We'll pause here while you maul.)

Of course, it's possible you're not completely burned about going back. Maybe you miss your friends. Maybe you're a bit bored playing video games and hanging at the pool all day. Maybe your folks are getting on your nerves (or the other way around).

But ready or not, you'll be back in class in just a few weeks. That means you'll be needing lots of stuff for school.

But not everything needs to be as ho-hum as a marble notebook or a No. 2 pencil. KidsPost scouted out some new gizmos, gadgets and supplies and discovered some things to make going back to school cool,

Backpacks

They're not just for books anymore. Backpacks come with compartments for water bottles



School supplies now have a little color.

Los Angeles Times photo

and cell phones. One feature that seems a must this season is a special spot where the headphones for your iPod, MP3 or CD player can pop out so you can listen to tunes while waiting at the bus stop. Ogio even makes packs with special straps to hold your skateboard in case you can't leave home without it (up

to \$69.99 at www.ogio.com). L.L. Bean lets you create the backpack of your dreams online. You pick the size, colors, even handle and zipper type (www.llbean.com, starting at \$29). Looking for something that's simple, cool-looking and can handle dirty gym clothes as well as books? The NBA sells

drawstring mesh bags with any team's logo for about \$15.

Writing

If you take a lot of notes and then go back and highlight the important stuff, you know what a pain it is to switch from pen to highlighter and back to pen. One of the coolest items this season is the Tandem pen by PaperMate. It's a pen and highlighter in one. You can really use both ends of this pen, and the highlighter can be replaced when it runs out. The pen sells for about \$5 at office supply stores.

Tired of getting papers back from teachers covered with red ink? Fluor can help. The company has updated its famous red pen with new colors, including sky blue, magenta and tangerine. Maybe you can talk your teacher into trading in her red Fluor for a lime-green one. The pens are \$4.99 for a four-pack. If you're pen-phobic and like to do everything on the computer, Microsoft's new wireless

mouse will have you clicking and dragging and stylus' all at once. It comes in a Zen fun design and costs \$40 to \$50.

Now, we know it's not fun and it's definitely not cool, but we have to say that the No. 2 pencil may be the most perfect writing implement ever invented. Don't leave home without it.

Paperwork

One thing about school: You generate a lot of paper.
If you would like to start the school year in a Zen state of mind, check out the Far East binders from Wilson Jones. They're decorated with characters representing traits such as peace, serenity, courage and energy. You can get Zen for about \$3.

If you just know that sixth grade is going to be a slam dunk, then go with the full line of NBA notebooks, folder and organizers. They range from \$3 to \$10 and can be found at most Staples and Office Depot stores.

FAMILY LIFE

ENGAGEMENTS

ANNIVERSARIES

JONES-CHAFFIN

TWIN FALLS — Phillip and Gwen Jones of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Rachel Jones, to Thomas Daniel Chaffin, son of Tom and Nancy Chaffin of Salmon.

Jones is a graduate of Twin Falls Seminary and Twin Falls High School. She is attending Brigham Young University-Idaho majoring in earth science education and will graduate in April 2005.

Chaffin is a graduate of Salmon High School. He served an LDS Mission to Anaheim, Calif. He is attending BYU-Idaho majoring in communications and will graduate in April 2005. The wedding is planned for



Thomas Chaffin and Jill Jones

Thursday, Aug. 26, in the Boise LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at the Jones residence, 3240 E. 3200 N., Kimberly. The couple will reside in Rexburg.

STEVENSON-HARPER

RUPERT — Gary and Linda Stevenson of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Stevenson, to Josh Harper, son of Clint and Vivian Harper of Paul.

Stevenson is a 2001 graduate of Minico High School and is currently attending Idaho State University in Pocatello. She is employed at Progressive Behavior Systems in Rupert. Harper is a 1999 graduate of American Heritage Academy in Burley. He is employed by Harper Farms in Paul. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m.



Heather Stevenson and Josh Harper

Thursday, Aug. 26, at the Stevenson residence, 518 20th St., Rupert. The couple will reside in Burley.

BROWN-WRAY

TWIN FALLS — Richard and Jacquelyn Brown of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Hillary Sue Brown, to Brian Allen Wray, son of Robert Wray of Keyhole, Va., and Janice Wray of Midlothian, Va.

Brown is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho and an alumni of Boise State University. She is employed by both the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Fla., and The Times-News in Twin Falls. Wray served overseas in the U.S. Air Force. He is employed at the Henrico Doctors Hospital in Henrico, Va. He is also studying to be a nurse anesthetist. The wedding is planned for



Brian Wray and Hillary Brown

Thursday, Sept. 2, in the Logan LDS Temple in Logan, Utah. A reception will be held Friday, Sept. 3, in Twin Falls. An open house will be held Saturday, Sept. 18, in Richmond, Va. The couple will reside in Richmond.

ANGLIN-HYER

JEROME — Brad Anglin, daughter of Burke and Karen Anglin of Jerome, and Adam Hyer, son of Michael and Patii Hyer of Caldwell, announce their engagement. Anglin is employed at Pioneer Title in Caldwell. Hyer is inside sales manager at Franklin Building Supply in Caldwell. The wedding is planned for Saturday, Sept. 4. The couple will spend their honeymoon in Jamaica.



Brad Anglin and Adam Hyer

SCHMER-MAVENCAMP

BLISS — Kelly and Susan Schmer of Lingle, Wyo., announce the engagement of their daughter, Denise Schmer, to Josh Mavencamp of Bliss, son of Art and Stacy Butler of Bliss and John and Stacy Mavencamp of Hagerman.

Schmer graduated from Oregon State University in June and received her degree in agriculture business with a finance option. She is employed by Northwest Farm Credit Services in Twin Falls. Mavencamp graduated from Oregon State University in June and received his degree in animal science. He is ranching at Spring Cove Ranch in Bliss. They were



Josh Mavencamp and Denise Schmer

both members of the Oregon State Collegiate Livestock Judging Team. The wedding is planned for Sunday, Sept. 5, at the home of Art and Stacy Butler at Spring Cove Ranch in Bliss.

DARRINGTON-CAMERON

DECLO — Denton and Virginia Darrington of Declo announce the engagement of their daughter, Rae Darrington, to Ty Cameron, son of Greg and Dana Cameron of Rupert.

Darrington is a graduate of Declo High School and Idaho State University. Cameron is a graduate of Minico High School and is in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers joint apprenticeship program. He is employed with Wheeler Electric in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for



Ty Cameron and Rae Darrington

Friday, Aug. 27. A garden reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 27 at the home of Denton and Virginia Darrington, 502 S. Highway 77, Declo.

DORRIS-BUTLER

GOODING — Debi and Tom Mendiguren of Payette announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Nicole Dorris, to Bryan David Butler, son of David Butler of Gooding and Carolyn Beams of Naches, Wash.

Dorris is a graduate of Payette High School. She is employed at Micron Technology in Boise. Butler is a graduate of Gooding High School. He also served in the Navy for six years. He is employed at Micron Technology in Boise. The wedding is planned for Saturday, Sept. 4. A reception will



Bryan Butler and Amanda Dorris

be held at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 4 at The Bishop's House in Boise.

WILEY-MASON

MURTAUGH — Lucy Willey, daughter of Jay and Eileen Willey of Salmon, and Kurt Mason, son of Denise and Lisa Mason of Murtaugh, announce their engagement.

Willey is a graduate of Salmon High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Montana Steakhouse in Twin Falls. Mason is a graduate of Murtaugh High School and attended Walla Walla College. He is self-employed in Murtaugh. The wedding is planned for



Kurt Mason and Lucy Willey

Saturday, Sept. 4, at the Willey ranch in Salmon.

WEDDINGS

ERKE-PRUETT

TWIN FALLS — Ahleah Rae Erke and Shane Gustafson Pruet were married June 12 at Centennial Park in Twin Falls. The bride is the daughter of Lorie and Mark England of Jerome and Jerry Erke of Twin Falls. The bridegroom is the son of Gayle and Scott Milner of Twin Falls. Rosemarie Thompson of Twin Falls officiated the ceremony. Katie Maas, aunt of the bride, served as the matron of honor. Kim Kolsen served as the bridesmaid. Alexis Maki, niece of the groom, was the flower girl. Craig Maki, brother-in-law of the groom, served as best man. Mike Mangum served as the groomsmen. Tyler Mangum, nephew of the groom, was the ringbearer. A reception was held at Centennial Park following the



Ahleah and Shane Pruet

ceremony. The couple honeymooned at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. The bride is a graduate of Jerome High School. She is employed at Wal-Mart in Jerome. The bridegroom is a graduate of Bulli High School. He is employed with Anderson Merchandisers Inc. of Amarillo, Texas. The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.

BUSBY-COURTNEY

TWIN FALLS — Rebecca Lee Busby and Ryan Joseph Courtney were married April 24 at the "Old Church" in Portland, Ore. The bride is the daughter of Douglas and Mary Lou Busby of Moscow. The bridegroom is the son of Thomas and Mary Courtney of Twin Falls. Pastor Douglas Busby, father of the bride, officiated the ceremony. Michele Kunkel, friend of the bride, was the pianist. Beth Everett, sister of the bride, served as the bride's matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Emmy Wiens and Julie Busby, sisters of the bride, and Amy Kastriens and Jennifer Mitchell, friends of the bride. Eli Wiens, Sophie Everett, nieces of the bride, and Courtney Plaster and Hailey Courtney, nieces of the groom, were the flower girls. Jeremy Caldwell, friend of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen included Michael Courtney, brother of the groom, and David George, Eric Mordhorst and Dustin Jansson, friends of the groom. Ushers were Bob Howard, Ron Sawyer and Kasey Postelwait, friends of the groom. Special guest was grandmother of the groom, Mrs. Lawrence "Trim" Mattison of Menlo Park, Calif. A reception was held following the ceremony at the



Ryan and Rebecca Courtney

Heartman Hotel in downtown Portland. Lindsey Mattison, cousin of the groom, attended the guest book. Gift attendant was Anne Mattison, cousin of the groom. Jody Mattison, cousin of the groom, was the program attendant. Amy Plaster, sister of the groom, was the reader. The bride is a graduate of Logos High School in Moscow and University of Idaho. She is employed at Medpointe Pharmaceuticals in Portland. The bridegroom is a graduate of Twin Falls High School, University of Idaho and Northwestern University - Medill School of Journalism graduate school. He is employed at The Oregonian in Portland. The newlyweds reside in Lake Oswego, Ore.

THE BRAUNS

BURLEY — Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Braun of Burley were honored at a family dinner recently for their 60th wedding anniversary. Braun and Shirley Halford were married Aug. 24, 1944, at his parents' home in Burley. They lived in American Falls for five years, then moved back to Burley, where they have resided since that time. He worked at Massey Ferguson Inc. for 31 years. He was a store manager for the company for about 25 years and an area manager for four years before retiring in 1988. He is a World War II veteran, serving in the Army in the European Theatre. She worked in the American Falls Hospital as a nurse's aid. They have been active in scouting and numerous positions in the LDS Church. In their younger years, they were active in Burley's Rifle and Pistol Club, local square dance clubs, bowling leagues and various outdoor activities. Their children include Jan (Dale) Harper of Burley, Richard (Teri Lynn) Braun of Winnemucca, Nev., Carol Ann Braun of



Shirley and Ruben Braun



Henderson, Nev., and David (Lionie) Braun of Pocatello.

The couple has eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

THE KEITHS

JEROME — Mr. and Mrs. Jim Keith of Jerome will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend a casual patio get-together from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at their home at 426 10th Ave. E. in Jerome. Jim Keith and Barbara Thumert were married Feb. 7, 1954, in Twin Falls. They celebrated with their family in February at their winter home in Arizona. The event is hosted by their family. Steven Keith of Fort Worth Beach, Fla., Mark (Julie) Keith



Jim and Barbara Keith

of Layton, Utah, Shawna (Steve) Ward of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Brian Keith of Lynchburg, Va. No gifts, please; your friendship is the best gift of all.

WEDDINGS

POULTON-OTTLEY

DECLO — Melanie Poulton and Cory Otley were married Saturday, Aug. 21, in Las Vegas, Nev. The bride is the granddaughter of Floyd and Florence West of Declo. The bridegroom is the son of Dexter and Cindy Otley, of Declo. The bride and groom are both 2001 graduates of Declo High School. The groom is employed at Denis Outley Trucking in Declo. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Dan and Jann West residence, 210 N. 840 E., Declo.



Cory and Melanie Otley

NELSON-HERNANDEZ

HAZELTON — Dacla Nelson and Ramiro Hernandez were married April 17 at the Valley Christian Center in Hazelton. The bride is the daughter of Claus and RoseAnn Nelson of Hansen. The bridegroom is the son of Maria Hernandez of Hazelton and the late Lupe Hernandez. Pastor Kent Sullivan officiated the ceremony. LeAnn Sullivan was the soloist. Kim Shost, sister of the bride, served as the bride's matron of honor. Sartha Berry and Candl Looney, friends of the bride, were the bridesmaids. Hayden Berry, friend of the bride, was the flower girl. Chris McKay, friend of the groom, served as best man. Teshya Berry and Ky Smith, friends of the groom, were the groomsmen. Colten Berry, friend of the groom, was the ringbearer. Special guest was Virginia Nelson, Hansen, grandmother of the bride.



Dacla and Ramiro Hernandez

A reception was held April 23 at the Turf Club in Twin Falls. Mary Twitchell, friend of the couple, and Rosalinda Larios, sister of the groom, served at the reception. Estrellita Aguilar, niece of the groom, attended the guest book and was the gift attendant. The bride is a graduate of Hansen High School and the University of Idaho. She is employed at Glanbia Foods Inc. The bridegroom is a graduate of Valley High School and Idaho State University. He is serving overseas in the Army. The newlyweds reside in Hansen.

BENTO-POLSLEY

WENDELL — Carla Bento and Matthew Polsley were married June 19 at the Thousand Springs Park. Pastor Bill Devena officiated the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Maria and John Baldwin and Carlos Bento, all of Gooding. The bridegroom is the son of Renee Johnson and Gary Polsley, both of Gooding. The bride is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho practical nursing program. She recently received her practical nursing license. The bridegroom is a graduate of Bliss High School and was a student at CSI studying welding.



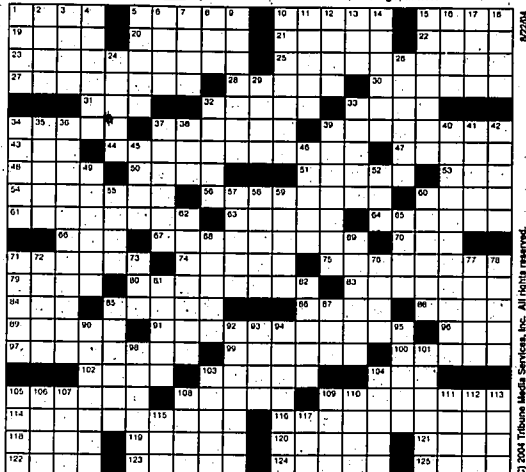
Matthew and Carla Polsley

He is currently employed at Con Paulos. The newlyweds plan to reside in Wendell.

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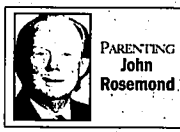
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Let this child go ahead and pull out her hair



PARENTING John Rosemond

Some time ago, the parents of a 4-year-old girl asked for my thoughts on why their daughter was pulling out her own hair and what they should do about it. The hair-pulling had suddenly and mysteriously started six months before and was producing huge bald spots on the little girl's otherwise pretty head.

The parents sought the advice of a psychologist who told them the child was stressed out over the impending birth of a sibling. Meanwhile, the hair-pulling got progressively worse. After four months the parents stopped the "therapy" after which there was serious question as to who was pulling out more hair, the child or her parents.

Quite obviously, by yanking bald spots in her head, this little girl was able to secure the center of attention in the family. Someone might ask why a child would be willing to endure such discomfort and pain, just to get something else out of getting enough of already.

Answer: Because children are irrational. And by the center of attention gets enough attention. And by the way again, I do not think the girl was being "manipulative." She wasn't thinking this through; she was simply doing what comes naturally to a child: to wit, whatever it takes to be at the center of a cyclone.

hair-pulling and the new sibling — this was pure speculation. Furthermore, it was speculation of the sort that, even if true, was fairly worthless. What was

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for not pulling. The next day, the mom sent me the following e-mail: "When she began pulling her hair during lunch today, I calmly led her to the bathroom. I told her that this was the new hair-pulling place, the only place where she could pull her hair, and to go right ahead pull as much as she wanted when you watch?" she asked. I told her no, shut the door, and returned to the table. Fifteen minutes later she came out and finished her lunch. Her dad, when she told her as I type this, and we have not made one mention of hair all evening. I can't say that she is 'cured,' but after being in the bathroom just that once and my not flipping out about it seems to be helping already. This has been the calmest evening we've had in half a year."

Over the next couple of weeks, the little girl pulled her hair only around people who were in the room. I would give her attention for it, like her grandparents. On each occasion, her parents simply put her in the bathroom and she would pull, pull, pull and pull some more. On none of these occasions did she stay in the bathroom for more than a few minutes and always emerged with no sign of having pulled at all! They also noticed that she did not seem to pull unconsciously, like when she was watching television, but only when there was the possibility of your own — so much for "she can't help it."

Decades ago, this sort of approach to a disciplinary issue was referred to as reverse psychology. Just goes to show: there is nothing new under the sun.

the parents to do? Postpone the second child's arrival? Psychological explanations of misbehavior — and make no mistake about it, this child's hair-pulling was most definitely a misbehavior — often have the unintended effect of paralyzing parents' ability to act authoritatively, and when a child senses a vacuum of authority, the child's problems — whatever their source, will surely worsen.

With the "head-banging place" in mind, I advised the parents to tell their daughter that she could only pull her hair in the downstairs bathroom; that it was her new "hair-pulling place." If she pulled her hair elsewhere, they would put her in the bathroom and require her to stay for at least 10 minutes, with instruction to pull to her heart's content.

Meanwhile, the parents had to stop mentioning hair in any context, a prohibition that even extended to praising her

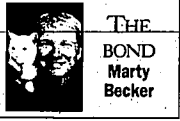
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I immediately thought about how otherwise normal children who are stressed out often form of banging their heads against the floor or other hard objects while screaming at the top of their lungs. My stock advice: tell your child that if she bangs her head against the wall and tell the child "This is your new head-banging place. If you want to bang your head, stand here and bang in this circle on the wall and head-banging in the whole house!"

I've never, in the 25 years I've been proffering this, heard of it failing. I think the parents that there was no way of making a definitive connection between the

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Come, sit, stay for new Benji movie



THE BOND Marty Becker

On November 18, 2001, a failed movie producer walked into a shelter to find a mutt that had been picked up wandering alone on the streets of Pass Christian, Miss. That movie producer was Camp, a creator of the original Benji movies and he was on a mission, looking in animal shelters across the country. When he gazed into her green eyes, he knew he had found his next star.

Now, nearly three years later, that collaboration between Camp and his new star is complete. The highly anticipated "Benji Off The Leash" opened in theaters nationwide on Friday.

For Camp, it's been a personal mission. He wrote, directed and produced "Benji Off The Leash," meeting with big name studio executives, who Camp said wanted to lower the base of his family movie.

"I had a conversation with one of the execs and he said 'You know what you have to put into kid entertainment violence, sexual innuendo and potty jokes. It's the economic bottom line.' I got angry and went my own way, seeking private investors, to show those studios what could be done: the responsible, right thing."

"Benji Off The Leash" is a story about unlikely heroes. Benji is a dog, lost and alone, with no one but a belligerent bird, a bungling stray mutt, and a 14-year-old boy to help. With Benji in the lead and with incredible music composed and conducted by Anthony DiLorenzo (he should get an academy award), it tells the story of how this band of comical misfits saves the world. Common, courageous purpose: to stop abuse of pets and people.

"Test audiences have touted this as the most hilarious Benji film ever. It features a comic duo of dog catchers who can't seem to outsmart Benji. But it also may be the most important: raising audience awareness about shelters and shining a spotlight on animal abuse, teaching our children the importance of compassion and courage."

"It was significant that once again we and our next Best Friend shelter, just like the original Benji," says Camp. Benji jumped-started the trend for people to look for a mixed breed mutt at

the local animal shelter rather than the purchased puppies at the pet store. Since the first Benji movie came out in 1975, mutts, canine cocktails, Heinz 57's remain popular, chic, dog bombs.

Camp adopted his new Benji (Benji number four) and her movie side-kick Shaggy from shelters. The current Benji is a female mixed-breed terrier believed to be just under 1 year old when she was adopted in 2001.

This is a summer touted to be "one of the biggest in movie history, with big budget studios going head to head with their blockbuster releases." But through it all, Camp feels optimistic that his "little movie that could," "Benji Off The Leash," will prevail.

"I truly believe families want good quality family entertainment. They are tired of the junk and violence and sexual focus of movies today that are marketed for kids. This Benji movie allows families to take a stand and show Hollywood the kind of movies they want more of." And in fact, not just children, but adults as well, have enjoyed the powerful message of love seen in the Benji movies.

Besides parents who are raving about a great family fun movie, the critics are showing "new puppy exuberance" for a unique movie that doesn't need computer gimmicks or a talking dog to tell a timeless, tangible story.

"An incredible story! Exciting, heartwarming and entertaining." — Ted Bachr,

The Movie Guide Surefire family entertainment... giving this film my HOT vote! — Leonard Malin, HOT Ticker: "Hilarious! It captures the joy of a special dog and the simplicity of a childhood." — Gary Neuman

"A funny, exciting adventure. The canine cast is irresistible. I swear, the main dogs in this film are acting." — Phil Boatwright, The Movie Reporter

"A real treat!" — Susana Gorn, Premiere Magazine

Our family likes movies and when we watched the sneak preview of "Benji Off The Leash" for a shelter fundraiser, entire families laughed out loud, a lot, and at the end of the movie the entire theater resonated with thunderous applause and cheering.

"When the lights came on you could see many people wiping away tears. With my own blurry eyes, I looked into the faces of people ages five to eighty five, and I verified this movie moves people."

A great movie, a great message, and help finding homeless pets new homes.

What more could we ask for! I give this movie my highest possible endorsement and greatest sense of urgency. A must see movie on opening weekend to guarantee this movie has four good legs to run on for many weeks!

You can visit www.benji-offthelash.com for more information.

Former Twin Falls veterinarian Mary Becker is the coauthor of the new book "Chicken Soup For The Horse Lover's Soul" and a popular, veterinary contributor to "Good Morning America." Write to him in care of Knight, Rider/Tribune News Service, 750 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045.

Leo takes pride in being open

IF AUGUST 22 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you feel as if you have a sparkling new life, and although you are prepared for more changes, be assured that the disruptions and uncertainties in your world are a thing of the past. It might be time to put down roots and settle into a safe and dependable groove. Look for opportunities to permanently improve your life in the early fall of this year.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Think about ways to stretch your dollars. Attack the budget or reconsider luxury items. Short trips might be fun, but romance may escape your grasp.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 19): Stick close to home and taking care of necessities will be more satisfying than venturing out today. Then again, you may prefer to go bargain hunting at yard sales or antique malls.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A thorough understanding of minor matters can provide a solid example to follow. Expand your knowledge. Smiling at home rather than eating out will save a few dollars.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are in a congenial mood

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

and willing to perform domestic duties. Self-discipline gives you a sense of satisfaction. A place for everything and everything in its place should be your motto.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You take pride in being open and sincere, and your rewards are just around the corner. Keep an eye out for blessings that drop from out of the blue.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Seek advice or exercise logic to formulate long-term plans. Pieces of the puzzle start falling into place on an important matter. Talk things over with a companion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You know a good deal when you see it, but may be in the mood to shop on your own. Keep busy with practical tasks, and let social matters hit the back burner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have wisdom where money is concerned, and should write down your thoughts. Partners

may more concerned with practical affairs. You may run into a wall if you push relationships now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Communications with others is at a high point and you can come to agreeable understandings, but people in general may be less generous, be prepared to pay your own way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Demonstrations of loving kindness are likely on the home front. Try to avoid setting down rules and making pronouncements. There may be a bright spot ahead if loneliness is a problem.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Let love flow. Emotional distance might put up a blockade between you and someone special, so bypass problems. Patience will be rewarded, regarding both your cash and your heart.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): If you are concerned or indecisive, don't worry. Listen carefully to significant others, as they may have the perfect idea to solve your dilemma. You are moving toward resolution.

Family meals boost emotional health

A family meal, whether it's loaded with brussels sprouts or carrots, might provide more than nutrition. It might also improve teenagers' emotional health.

"The family mealtime could provide kind of an informal check-in time, a little reminder that you're part of a group of people that care about you," said Maria Eisenberg, an epidemiologist at the University of Minnesota and the lead author of a new study on the effect of dining as a family.

Adolescents who ate five or six meals a week with their families were 7 percent to 24

percent less likely to smoke cigarettes or marijuana, drink alcohol, get lower grades, show signs of depression, or think about or attempt suicide than teens who had three or four family meals a week, the study found.

The more meals the teens ate with families the less likely they were to have these problems. Meals didn't have to be in the evening or home-cooked to qualify as family meals.

'I swore I'd never ...'

Face it, mom — you're becoming your mother. When members of the Parents maga-

Family news you can use

zine online community were asked what classic parental habits they swore they'd never repeat, they admitted to:

- Licking their fingers and wiping stuff off children's faces.
- Screaming at kids to turn off the TV.
- Saying, "When I was your age ..."
- Calling their children a different name by accident.

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Spending a day at the farmers' market

By Nate Poppo
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — It's Saturday morning and the Twin Falls Farmers' Market already has several potential shoppers browsing the stalls.

"This is a busy day for us," manager Kathy Hanson says.

Roger Aklund of Buhl tends a 30-acre orchard and has brought his peaches, pears, apples and cherries to the market for about six years.

"I get really good business here," he says.

Aklund has been in the orchard business for 30 years and has also sold at the Ketchum and Halley farmers' markets. The orchard is his whole life right now and with good reason.

"I don't do much else," Aklund says. "You can work year-round in an orchard and never catch up."

Aklund's and other vendors' home-grown crops are the reason Noreen Clark of Irwin Falls has supported the market for six years.

"I like to support the organic growers," Clark says.

At the market she buys the food she would normally get at a grocery store. "I buy potatoes, corn, melons, squash, dry beans," Clark says. "It's whatever I can't grow in my backyard."

The market also makes a good gathering place for people to visit, she adds.

"Customers can ask where

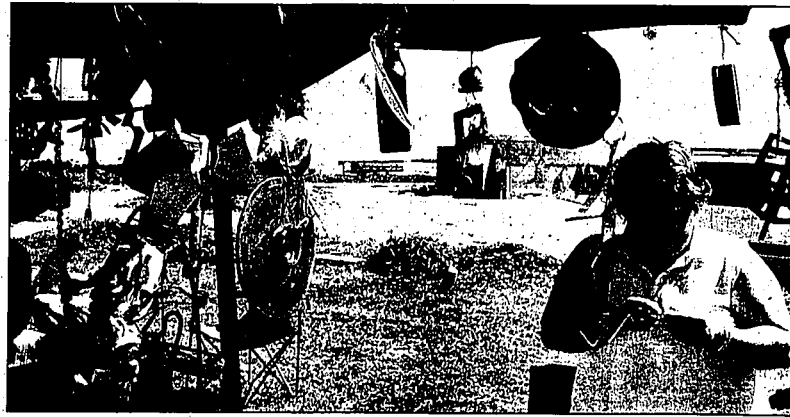
The Twin Falls Farmers' Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays now through Oct. 23 on North College Road across from the CSI Expo Center.

Manager Kathy Hanson and four other board members coordinate the market, which for 12 years, has been an outlet for local farmers and gardeners to sell their crops and crafters to sell their goods directly to the public. All the food sold is required to come from within 150 miles of Twin Falls. Eventually, the board wants a large open-air building so the hours can be extended through more of the year, Hanson said. "That will be a long, long time away."

The food came from and how it was grown," Hanson says. "If our customers can't find something, they can tell us what they are looking for or if we can try to find a vendor for the next market."

New to the market is Mickey Tanner of Twin Falls, who sits inside her tent trying the final pieces on a set of wind chimes, all made from recycled parts. A cutting board, old tin cigar box and tented toaster hang from the tent with pieces of tumbled glass shining on strands of fishing line.

Tanner started creating the mobiles when she began tumbling glass in the equipment she used to create gemstone jewelry. She discovered that hanging the



Mickey Tanner shows her wind chimes for sale at the Twin Falls Farmers' Market.

glass from different types of metal and wood produced different sounds.

"Anybody can drill holes in a piece of metal," Tanner says. "It's more about selecting the pieces of trash. I always try to put a piece of myself in here."

Angie Hanna of Jerome sells a very different type of product. "I do show rabbits, meat rabbits, pet rabbits, all sorts of

rabbits," she says.

Hanna, who also sells crocheted items, various kinds of vegetables and on occasion free-range turkeys, is quick to point out the health bonuses of eating rabbit meat.

"It has the lowest cholesterol and the highest protein for meat and is easy to digest," Hanna says.

Dorothy Amero of Buhl is at a

table surrounded by her art, from paintings to booklets of photographs to rocks painted like ladybugs. She holds up a series of pictures of a lone owl.

"I stalked this owl for long enough to get to touch it," she says, pointing at a picture with a hand stroking the owl. "It fussed a lot about it."

Amero, who describes herself as "sort of a frustrated artist,"

has set up shop in the market for around five years. Even if people don't buy anything, she is happy to talk about some of her most surprising shots.

"Look at this one," Amero says, holding up a picture of a petunia growing in a crack in some asphalt. "This crack was in a busy highway near here and it still grew. Now that's amazing!"

Time to nominate Governor's Brightest Stars in the state

RUPERT — Young people and adults are invited to nominate those making a difference in the lives of Idaho's families and children for Governor Kempthorne's Brightest Stars Awards.

Nomination materials must be submitted by Aug. 30 to Mayor Audrey R. Newirth, P.O. Box 426, Rupert, ID 83350, or call 436-9600.

Kempthorne and the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children established the awards in 2001. The Governor will present \$5,000 awards to a person, organization and business in Idaho. Anonymous charitable founda-

tions have contributed the prize money.

Four finalists from each community — an individual, business, organization and corporation — will be selected by Newirth to represent the city in the statewide awards campaign. Each finalist will receive a Brightest Stars Award certificate from Kempthorne.

A selection panel will recommend the top contenders in each category. Kempthorne will make the final selections and present the \$5,000 awards in early 2005.

"The Brightest Stars Awards seek to recognize those 'unsung heroes' who tirelessly work on

behalf of Idaho's families and children," Kempthorne said. "I encourage you to help us identify and congratulate these unsung heroes who make such a marked difference in our communities by nominating a 'Brightest Star' from your community."

To nominate an individual, business or organization, complete the nomination form and attach a letter explaining why the nominee should be recognized for his or her efforts. Nomination forms are available online at www.idahochoices.org, or by calling the Association of Idaho Cities at (800) 344-8594 or from Newirth.

A FUN OUTING



Some children from the Adult/Child Development Center... and family members visited The Cooles Basket in Twin Falls as part of a center summer session. With business owner Jane Fletcher are, from left, Wesley Wardle, James Holton, Terry Holton, Sarah Walton, Katie Walton, Joshua Farr, Ashley Holton and Zandrew Webb.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Zachary William Livingston Zamarripa, son of Nancy Marie Livingston of Kimberly, was born Thursday, July 29, 2004.

Andy James Rouse, son of Chelsey Ruth Rouse of Filer, was born Saturday, July 31, 2004.

Bryson Curtis Gelgen, son of Carrie Ann Gelgen of Irwin Falls, was born Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2004.

Emmanuel Carranza, son of Sandra Anastacia and Salvador Salinas Carranza of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004.

Jenni Nuevea LuRay Rogers, daughter of Shawna LuRay Rogers of Gooding, was born Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004.

Hayden Dean Bennett, son of Carrie Alice and Jeffrey Steven Bennett of Rupert was born Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004.

Kymbrena Celeste Brodin, daughter of Kimberly Jolene and Anthony Vee Brodin of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Aug. 6, 2004.

Jordan Nicole Trowbridge, daughter of Jaime Lynn and Jason Eldon Trowbridge of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Aug. 6, 2004.

Max T. Brose, son of Karl Lee and Christopher Eric Brose of

Filer, was born Friday, Aug. 6, 2004.

Adam McCoard Leshman, son of Heidi Noel and Chad William Leshman of Filer, was born Friday, Aug. 6, 2004.

Shelby Allen, daughter of Susan C. and Kimbot Randall Allen of Filer, was born Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004.

Emilia Marina Ayon and Francisco Javier Ayon of Jerome, was born Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004.

Michelle Lee and Robert Gary Huff of Paul, was born Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004.

Alla Masic, daughter of

Nidzara and Ermln Masic of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004.

William Douglas Preucil, son of Jennifer Lewis and Daniel George Preucil of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004.

Ivy Liberty East, daughter of Renee Kristeen and Cole Everett East of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004.

Nathaniel Casey Hutton, son of Sheri Lynne and Eric Hernandez-Hutton of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Aug. 13, 2004.

Daniela Denis Munoz, daughter of Karen Denis and Pablo Cesar Munoz of Hazelton, was born Saturday, Aug. 14, 2004.

Johnathon Jaymes Foster, son of Sabrina Marie Foster of Jerome, was born Sunday, Aug. 15, 2004.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Mariah Alexis Paredes, daughter of Monica and Pedro Paredes of Halley, was born Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004.

Colton Joseph Whitesell, son of Barbara and Brently Whitesell of Bellevue, was born Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004.

Camara Rose Filbert, daughter of Bobbi and Matthew Filbert of Bellevue, was born Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Jami Whitel The Community Page The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-5538. Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call Jami at 735-3278

Isaac Esparanza Pasillas, son of Maribel and Juan Pasillas of Halley, was born Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004.

4-H Dog Show takes place at fairgrounds

FILER — The Labor Day 4-H Dog Show will be held Sept. 6 at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. Classes will be held in showmanship and obedience. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. by the old llama barn by the north livestock entrance, and judging will begin at 9 a.m. There is a \$5 entry fee and the participant's fair pass is included in the entry fee.

Entry forms with the fee must be received no later than Wednesday. Passes will be mailed back no later than Aug. 27. Late entries will pay \$7 at the gate on the day of the show. The passes also pay for parking and other activities at the fair.

Participants may enter by phone, but will not receive the discounted pass and will pay \$7 at the gate when they arrive.

For more information, call Donna Hall, coordinator at 326-5392.

Kimberly Public Library adds books, videos

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Public Library, 120 Madison W., has added several new books and videos to its shelves.

Juvenile Fiction: "Moccasin Trail" by Eloise Jarvis McGraw, "Crispin: The Cross of Lead" by Avi, "June E., First Grader Shipwrecked" by Barbara Park and "Treasury of Irish Stories" chosen by James Riordan, "The Thief Lord" by Cornelia Caroline Funke, "Coraline" by Neil Gaiman, "The Slothfather" by Doug Peterson, "Toes to Tickle" by Shen Roddie, "Webster J. Duck" by Martin Waddell, "Webby Saves the Day" by Walt Disney, "Willie's Wonderful Pet" by Mel Calabash and "Nine-Story Pagodas and Double-Decker Buses" by Gilbert Morris.

Juvenile non-fiction: "Who Was Ann Frank?" by Laurie R. King, "Stephan's Spinner: Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul" by

CSI offers two non-credit judo classes

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho is offering non-credit judo classes in Gym room 236 at CSI, 315 Falls Ave. E. "Introduction to Judo" for students age 9 and above, will cover basic fundamentals, traditions and history. It will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Aug. 31 to

Boys, Girls Club celebrates anniversary

TWIN FALLS — The Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley will celebrate its 10th anniversary with an open house from 4:30-6 p.m. Friday at the Twin Falls club, 999 Frontier Road.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served, and club members will give tours of the facility.

Sober Riders hosts annual bike show

TWIN FALLS — The Sober Riders Motorcycle Club Snake River Crew will host a free second annual Kickstart bike show with a 50/50 drawing, live music, raffles and vendors.

Registration will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. Saturday at the Montana Snake House, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive. Entry is free for all makes of bikes.

Vendors should call Spoons at 539-6711.

'Child Find' is sponsored by Hansen School

HANSEN — The Hansen School District is sponsoring Child Find to alert the community and parents of the need to identify and serve children with disabilities. These children may have difficulty walking, talking, hearing or learning, or display behaviors different from children their ages.

Parents or guardians of children ages 3-21 who may have individual needs that result from disabilities or developmental delays, can call 423-5475 or 423-6387.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Jack Canfield: "The Pledge of Allegiance"; Lisa Kozleski: "Mount Rushmore" by Laura Hahn; "The Statue of Liberty" and "The Declaration of Independence" by Hal Marcovitz; and "The Back of Beyond" by Andy Russell Boven.

Videos: "Primo Baby," "Armageddon," "Mighty Joe Young," "The Goodbye Bird" and "Secrets of the Titanic."

For more information, call the library at 423-4556.

The club includes more than 800 members.

For more information, call 736-7011.

Registration will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. Saturday at the Montana Snake House, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive. Entry is free for all makes of bikes.

Vendors should call Spoons at 539-6711.

Richfield School hosts ice cream social

RICHFIELD — Richfield School, 555 N. Tiger Drive, will hold a back to school night and ice cream social from 6:15-7 p.m. Thursday.

The school will share changes made over the summer, and new students and staff will be welcomed. Hot beer floats and ice cream will be served.

For more information, call 487-2790.

SENIOR CALENDAR

FAMILY LIFE

Twin Falls Senior Center

630 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. Bungalow Center will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Menu:
Monday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, carrots, pickled beets, fruit cobbler
Tuesday: Meatloaf or liver, potato salad and gravy, mixed veggies, lettuce-O salad, bread, apple cake
Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, corn, fruit salad, roll cake and ice cream
Thursday: Barbecue chicken, sautéed potatoes, baked squash, french bread w/ cream
Friday: Swiss steak, potatoes and gravy, spinach, carrot salad, bread, pudding in a cloud

Activities:
Today: Closed
Monday: Quilting
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Blood Pressure
Wednesday: Quilting
Eks Card Club
Folk clinic
Birthday dinner
Thursday: Center pinochle
Friday: Quilting
Blood pressure
Lunch bingo

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl
Menu:
Today: Roast beef dinner
Monday: Chef salad, cottage cheese, fruit, bread, dessert
Tuesday: Sweet 'n' sour chicken, fried rice, oriental veggies, green salad, muffins, apple crisp
Wednesday: Chicken choice
Thursday: Pork chops, potatoes and gravy, peas and onions, apple sauce, bread, brownie

Activities:
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m. Seniors, \$4, under age 60, \$1.50.
Fri Friends
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Cards, 6-9 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Crafts, 1-4 p.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St.
Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals are available each meal day.
Menu:
Tuesday: Roast beef
Thursday: Birthday fried chicken

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
Menu:
Monday: Taco salad, refried beans, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Lasagna, scalloped potatoes, green beans, garlic bread, fruit, rice, cherry trees
Wednesday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, peas, lettuce-O w/ fruit, lemon bar
Thursday: Trout bake or chicken patty, nagratin potatoes, beefs, fruit, pudding
Friday: Roast turkey, potatoes and gravy, Italian veggies, green pea salad, fruit, cake and sherbet

Activities:
Monday: Gem State Fiddlers
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early bird, 6:55 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Birthday dinner

Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly
Menu:
Monday: Manwich, hash browns, glazed carrots, tossed salad, banana bread, apricots
Wednesday: Swiss steak, baked potato, carrots, fruit salad, bread and butter, apricots
Friday: Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, tossed salad, bread and butter, peas
Activities:
Monday: Board meeting, 1:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Crafts, 1 p.m.
Friday: Bingo, 11:55 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Ice cream social from 5-8 p.m. at Kimberly City Park

Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.
Menu:
Monday: Chicken nuggets, pota-

toes and gravy, peas, cottage cheese fruit, bread, dessert
Tuesday: Burritos, sliced cucumbers, dessert
Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, peaches, cookie
Thursday: Polish sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, carrot salad, roll, Texas steet cake

Activities:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 1:30 p.m.
Wild one, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11 a.m.
Birthday dinner, noon
Sing-a-long, 12:30 p.m.
TOPS, 4 p.m.
Friday: 7 p.m.
Friday: Live, 8 a.m.
Bowling, 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 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.
Menu:
Monday: Baked spiral ham, sweet potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, chocolate cake
Wednesday: Ground beef stroganoff, green beans, salad, baking powder biscuits, pie
Friday: Potato bar

Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden
Suggested donations for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are coffee and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.
Menu:
Tuesday: Turkey Tetrazzini, green beans, deviled eggs, cookie
Thursday: Liver and onions, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, salad, fruit

Activities:
Wednesday: Bake Day Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizen, Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menu:
Tuesday: Liver and onions, fried potatoes, five-way mixed veggies, peas, cottage cheese salad, sugar cookies
Thursday: Tuna/egg salad, sandwich, fruit, lettuce-O salad, key lime pie
Friday: Chicken chicken, broccoli, ambrosia fruit salad, rice pilaf, dinner rolls, birthday cake, ice cream

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 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: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menu:
Monday: Fried fish, black eye peas, french fries, coleslaw, carrot cake
Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich with lettuce-O veggie salad w/ cabbage and carrots, pear crisp

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey
Menu:
Tuesday: Pasta chlen, English peas, carrot risin' salad, pineapple chunks, hot rolls, buttermilk brownies
Wednesday: Ham manicotti, Scandinavian veggies, hot rolls, ambrosia salad, Harvard beets, chevy oatmeal cookies
Friday: Roast pork and gravy, cornbread stuffing, cream style corn, cabbage salad, hot rolls, strawberry pie

Activities:
Monday: Walmart shopping, 9 a.m.
Tuesday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 5:30 p.m.

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.
Menu:
Monday: Assorted salad, pork chops, potato casserole, veggies,

pudding
Tuesday: Tossed salad, chilli, cornbread, lettuce-O
Thursday: Tossed salad, finger steaks, fries, carrots, Texas toast, ice cream
Friday: Smorgasbord

Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1-4 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1-4 p.m.
Thursday: Silla, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Call George, 638-3107.
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1-4 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley
Menu:
Monday: Biscuits and gravy, mixed veggies, hashbrowns, fruit cup, shokuro crisp
Tuesday: Baked ham and cheese, veggie soup, green salad, berry crisp
Wednesday: Meatloaf, baked potato, green beans, Waldorf salad, lazy days cake
Thursday: Parmesan chicken, agurin potatoes, broccoli, rice salad, roll, apple crisp
Friday: Chilli, cinnamon rolls, salad, treats

Activities:
Monday: All play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Blood pressure
Tuesday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Dominos, 10 a.m.
Woodcarving class
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.

Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Organ lessons
Hearing aid assistance, 11 a.m.
Night pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Bridal Registry

Kyle Womell & Helman Rosenberger August 21st	Kae Darrington & Ty Cameron August 27th
Amber Gurney & Daniel Donelle August 21st	Emmylou Hepworth & Joshua Baird August 28th
Ashley Jolley & Heath Church August 27th	Ashley Gillette & Nate Shilley September 4th

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Heather Stiversen & Josh Harper August 27th	Megi Campbell & Ty Jones August 27th
Kae Darrington & Ty Cameron August 27th	Ashley Jolley & Heath Church August 27th
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Lucy Garrett & Ron Story August 28th	Amber Nielsen & Preston Buckley August 28th
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Critical commentary takes toll

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend I'll call Cameron. Cameron is a very judgmental person. My mom watches her every summer.
Mom doesn't like the fact that Cameron is always saying how dumb and stupid people look as she sees them pass by. Mom is going to talk to her and tell her to straighten up, or she can't come over next summer. If that happens, I know Cameron will ask me why she can't. What do I tell her? I tell her the truth, I'm afraid she'll be mad at me and not want to be my friend anymore. I don't want to lose my friendship with her because she makes me laugh.



DEAR ABBY
Jeane Phillips


—WORRIED IN DENVER
DEAR WORRIED: When your mother talks to your friend about her behavior, she'll be doing the girl a favor. If Cameron feels the need to tell you why she's no longer wel-

come, you should tell her the truth. Her behavior is obnoxious. People who act that way usually do it because they think it makes them look superior. In actuality, it's a tip-off that the person is insecure.

DEAR ABBY: After my separation and divorce, I had a relationship with a man I'll call "Austen."
He was in financial trouble and asked me to take out a loan of \$15,000 for him, since I have good credit. He claimed that if he could get himself "straightened out," we could have a

brighter future.
After two years of emotional abuse, I finally ended the relationship with Austen. It has been several months, and he is consistently late making the monthly payments. Last month, he told me that since I won't resume the relationship, I can go to hell and said not to call him again.
I am now stuck with the burden of paying off the loan. Any ideas how to persuade Austen to fulfill his responsibility?
— FEELS LIKE A SUCKER, WILKES-BARRE, PA.
DEAR FEELS: Unless his name is on the loan document, the financial responsibility is all yours. Consider what happened to be very expensive tuition in the school of experience. I'll bet you don't make that mistake again.

Dear Abby is written by Jeane Phillips.



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Magic Valley scrapbooks

Olga Brose and Ellen Larsen, with flowers on her hat, are pictured in 1915, probably in Twin Falls. They were best friends, and both taught school in one-room schoolhouses, says Ruth Lindgren, daughter of Ellen and niece of Olga. One taught in Rock Creek and one in Pleasant Valley. They would ride a horse or drive a buggy to school.



Photo courtesy of RUTH LINDGREN of Twin Falls



Photo courtesy of JEAN SOMMER of Twin Falls

Rose Sommer Allen, pictured in Twin Falls in 1920, was considered by family members a very beautiful woman. She always remained close in heart to her twin, John Sommer.



Photo courtesy of BETTY H. PASTOR of Twin Falls

Cella Holler holds a copy of a Twin Falls newspaper in about 1918. Her husband, H.M. Holler, was a police judge and a justice of the peace in Twin Falls for several years, granddaughter Betty Pastor says.

In this selection of old photographs from our readers' collections, you'll see a handful of Magic Valley's early women — as teachers and readers, as mothers and grandmothers, as farmwives and friends.

These images offer glimpses into lives of hard work, persistence and, in some cases, medical difficulty and early death. Take note, too, of their beauty, their pride of home and their loyalty to family.

Comments we heard from the readers — who brought us these photographs show that many of Magic Valley's women of a century ago earned the admiration of future generations.

—Virginia S. Hutchins



Photo courtesy of JOAN WILLISWHITE BARKLEY of Eden

Myrtle Louise Willis Weech, at age 28, is pictured in Twin Falls in about 1910. Niece Joan Barkley of Eden says her aunt Myrtle was 'a sweet and beautiful lady who had to raise three grandchildren.' Myrtle made many pies for a drugstore and delivered them in a red wagon. She went blind a few years before she died.



Photo courtesy of HAZEL ASLETT of Twin Falls

Kathern Muller Malone, pictured in Twin Falls in 1917, was mother to two daughters and four sons. She died in 1923, before she was able to see all her grandchildren, says granddaughter Hazel Aslett of Twin Falls. Her husband was E.J. Malone, who farmed in the Maroa district near Filer and in Twin Falls.



Photo courtesy of JOAN WILLISWHITE BARKLEY of Eden

Kathleen Amella Dykes Willis, pictured in the Twin Falls area a few years before 1900, was mother of nine children, but three died as babies or toddlers. Her death in 1898 left her widower, Henry Willis, with six children. 'I never met my grandparents of Dad's side, but sure wish I had,' says Joan Barkley of Eden, a granddaughter of Kathleen and Henry.



Mary Elizabeth Teague Willis — second wife of Henry Tillman Willis — shows off her Shoshone Basin cabin and flowers in 1900. Those were the hard days of field work, of canning garden vegetables and fruit, of cooking from scratch and of handling laundry with no washing machine, says Mary's step-granddaughter, Joan Barkley of Eden.

Photo courtesy of JOAN WILLISWHITE BARKLEY of Eden



Photo courtesy of JEAN SOMMER of Twin Falls

Louise Stelman Sommer shows her long hair in Twin Falls in 1920. Louise had come west with a family from Wisconsin as a nanny for two young girls, and she married John Sommer in 1914. The couple loved sleeping outside looking at the stars. For years Louise had migraine headaches that would put her to bed in a darkened room for several days. But she taught herself to can food, raised a large garden, sewed for her five children, sold butter and fed farm crews.

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