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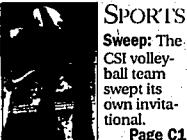
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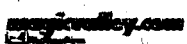
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STOPPING THE CYCLE



Marla Jensen, co-owner of Options Counseling in Burley, is a substance abuse and a domestic violence evaluator.

Domestic violence presents challenges for victims, perpetrators and officials

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

BURLEY – The man rose slowly from his chair. Facing the group, he scratched his head.

He gathered his thoughts as he prepared to answer the facilitator's question: What is domestic violence?

Counselor Marla Jensen reflected on that moment when something clicked in the man's mind.

"He said, 'That's beating up on the one you love. That doesn't make sense, does it?'" she recalled.

For Jensen, the man's moment of clarity meant, even in some small way she had made him think critically about his abusive behavior.

Jensen, co-owner of Options Counseling in Burley, is an advocate for victims of domestic violence, but she also provides treatment for offenders. She started out counseling victims through a crisis center but realized she needed to change her focus to abusers to achieve her desired results.

"I felt like I wasn't getting anywhere because they had no control over their life," Jensen said of victims. "Someone else had control. Their husbands wouldn't let them come to the meeting. They were scared."

Now, as a substance abuse evaluator

"I never realized how much power and control I used especially in making all decisions. And using my wife Karen as a servant ... I can't change the past but I can change the future especially now that I've realized that relationships are the most important thing or part of my life with myself, partner, friends, family, without that I'm very lost in life."

"I will take everything I've been taught from all and apply it to my life, the rest of my life. Remember communication. Be open minded and listen."

— excerpt from a letter by John Simonsen, a recent graduate of Options Counseling in Burley, dated Aug. 25, 2004

Want to help?

Classes are slated to begin in September for a victims' advocate class in Heyburn.

Participants are required to pay a \$20 deposit, which will be refunded upon completion of the class. Classes will be from 1-6 p.m. every Saturday for four weeks, beginning Sept. 18.

For more information, contact Heyburn Police Cpl. Dan Bristol at policeman@cablone.net or 678-3911. The deadline to sign up is Sept. 2.

Bristol is also working to raise money to establish a local women's and children's shelter in Rupert.

and a domestic violence and assault evaluator, she can assist each party in an abusive relationship.

The need for assistance on both sides is evident.

Need help?

Domestic violence victims seeking help can contact:

• Crisis Center of Magic Valley in Twin Falls, (800) 882-3236 or 733-0100.

• Heyburn Police Cpl. Dan Bristol, chairman of the Minidoka and Cassia Community Task Force Against Domestic Violence, 678-3911, or call the victim line at 312-3344.

• Ketchum crisis hotline, 726-3596. Business number: 726-3597. P.O. Box 939, Ketchum, 83340.

• Twin Falls Volunteers Against Violence hotline, 733-0100. Business number, 733-5054. P.O. Box 2444, Twin Falls, 83303.

• Halley Advocates for Survivors of Domestic Violence hotline, 788-6070. Business number, 788-4191. P.O. Box 3216, Halley, 83333.

More Idaho resources for stopping the cycle of domestic abuse include:

• Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance at (800) 291-0463 or www2.state.id.us/crimevictim/index.cfm.

• Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence at (888) 233-6118.

• Idaho Children's Trust Fund for abused children at 386-9317.

In 2003, more than 5,200 civil protection orders were sought statewide by Idaho petitioners at risk of violence, according to

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Too good to be true

Scammers take advantage of Rupert woman, many others

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT – It may be hard to believe that anybody could fall for a scam that requires sending thousands of dollars to an unknown party with the promise of millions in return. For a description of typical scams – See page A3

But every year in the United States, victims are swindled out of hundreds of millions of dollars by fraudulent lottery winnings and pleas on behalf of foreign dignitaries for help transferring money.

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Avoid the con

Nora Carpenter, executive director of the Better Business Bureau of Southwest Idaho and Eastern Oregon, had this to say about outsmarting the international lottery and Nigerian letter scams:

- Use your instincts – "If you're contacted out of the blue about something completely out of your field of experience, you should slow down and act cautiously."
 - Turn to trusted advisors – "A banker, financial planner, Consumer Affairs, the Better Business Bureau or those people have some degree of expertise, and it may be that one of them will have some piece of information to give you advice."
 - Don't send money – "Any time somebody wants money from you, even when they've apparently given you the money to give back to them, take due time."
- The Better Business Bureau's Web site, www.bbb.org/alerts, contains information about hundreds of scams and frauds and includes detailed information on what to watch for and how to avoid being conned.

Officials find explosive residue on second plane

Los Angeles Times

MOSCOW – Residue of the same type of explosive found in the wreckage of one of two Russian airliners that crashed last week has been found in the second, authorities said Saturday. "Traces of hexogen were found in the course of an additional investigation of fragments of the Tu-134 airplane that crashed in the Tula region," Sergei Ignatchenko, a spokesman for the Federal Security Service, or FSB, told the Russian news agency Interfax. The FSB had announced Friday the discovery of traces of hexogen in the wreckage of the other plane, which crashed in Russia's southern Rostov region. Ninety people died in the crashes after both jets took off from the same Moscow airport Tuesday night.

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Bush campaign aims to uphold policies



President Bush speaks to a crowd of supporters during a campaign stop Saturday in Perryburg, Ohio.

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON – In December 2000, when George W. Bush learned – after five extra weeks of suspense – that he had won a bare majority in the electoral college, despite losing the popular vote, he faced an immediate choice. He could husband his limited political capital, postpone proposals likely to engender strong opposition in a 50-50 Senate and hope for a greater public mandate in 2004 that would permit bolder policies in a second term. Or he could act as though he had won 100 percent of the power of the presidency, de-

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split the muddled outcome of the race. Bush chose the second route, because, as one adviser told The Washington Post, "if you don't

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7 days, 7 reasons to read

Blinded by the light

Maybe you should wear sunglasses whenever you're outside.

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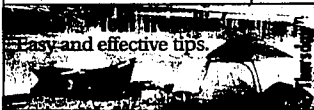
Fair preparations

4-H members get ready.

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Waste not

How to conserve your food.



Wednesday

Wagons ho!

Wagons and tourists will flock to Ketchum.

Knights of Columbus
Who are they?

Friday

Bobble this!

Get a bobble head doll that looks like you!

Saturday

Sunday



TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny skies and warm. Highs in the 80s. Tonight: Fair skies. Lows in the 50s. Tomorrow: Warmer and sunny. Highs in the mid to upper 80s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 84, Low 55).

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, HI LO Precip. Lists weather for various cities like Burley, Jerome, etc.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Mostly sunny skies and turning warmer today through Wednesday. Mostly dry conditions are expected.

BOISE Turning warmer and mostly sunny through mid week. Expect mostly dry conditions through mid week.

NORTHERN UTAH Dry and mostly to partly sunny skies today through at least Tuesday or Wednesday.

Weather key: Partly cloudy, mostly cloudy, overcast, in showers, showers, showers, wind, rain, snow.

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists weather for various Idaho cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, etc.

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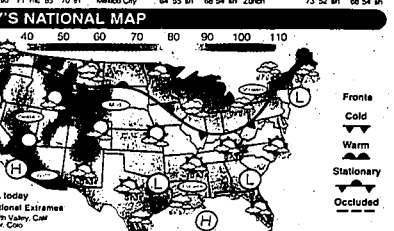
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WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists weather for various world cities like London, Tokyo, etc.



CANADIAN FORECAST

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Violence

Continued from A1. Idaho Legal Aid. Also that year, more than 16,500 domestic violence victims called Idaho's shelters and hotlines.

"The extent," it's here," Jensen said. "There's just so many situations where people are being abused. A lot of it is being reported, and a lot of it isn't."

Evaluating a problem

Often, law enforcement officials discover domestic violence problems because they arrive first to the scene of the crime. But authorities admit they may never know how many cases are out there.

"It's hard to judge because we (in law enforcement) don't get involved until it gets to the most serious, the hitting part," he said.

"In its basic form it's terrorism ... meant to control someone by fear or assumed fear if they don't behave," he said.

Other non-physical forms of abuse, he said, can include isolating a victim from her family and friends, cutting her off financially, using children as pawns and invoking male privilege.

"What we've done as a society is we've helped to abuse these women," Bristol said. "We ask, 'Why don't you get out of it?' rather than ask the man to stop

Possible charges

Misdemeanor charge: a household member who commits a battery against another household member which does not result in traumatic injury.

A household member is defined as a person who is a spouse, former spouse or a person who has a child in common, regardless of whether they have been married. This includes cohabitants, or people who share a house either full-time or part-time.

Domestic battery, first offense: punishable by six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Domestic battery, second offense (within 20 years): punishable by one year in jail and a \$2,000 fine.

Domestic battery, third offense (within 15 years): an automatic felony, punishable by five years' imprisonment and a \$5,000 fine.

Felony charges: willfully and unlawfully causing a traumatic injury to a household member. The maximum penalty is 10 years' imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine. The penalties are doubled if a child is involved.

abusing." Instances of female perpetrators and male victims exist, but are a small fraction of the opposite scenario.

"Statistically, we do see that, but it's harder for a man to take the stand," said Janice Kroeger, deputy prosecuting attorney for Teton County.

Indeed, victims don't fit into any one profile. "Anybody can end up allowing themselves to be in that situation," Kroeger said.

"It crosses all lines. It's not about educational level or income level. It occurs at all levels in social categories."

Often, however, those who were exposed to violence in the home will repeat the behavior elsewhere.

"It's a learned behavior," Bristol said. "What you learn as a child, you bring out in life."

When people have to deal with violence in the home, it frequently brings about other criminal behaviors, he added.

Money for the cause

Idaho has recently gotten an injection of money from the federal government to address domestic violence.

The Department of Justice has given a \$317,809 grant to Idaho Legal Aid Services, the statewide provider of free legal services in the state.

The money will be used to develop and implement a statewide domestic violence prevention and public awareness campaign, focusing primarily on rural areas of the state.

"Domestic violence is a terrible and destructive force in homes and communities," U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo said in an Aug. 5 news release after he announced the grant.

"Thankfully, efforts to combat this problem are being made by many in Idaho. Victims of violence need information on how and where to get help, which is often critical in breaking the cycle of abuse. In addition, it is important for members of the community to recognize their role in addressing the problem."

It is through education and efforts like those planned under the legal aid that we can end this terrible crime.

Idaho Legal Aid will team up with the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Idaho Partners for Justice Project to develop a statewide domestic violence prevention and public awareness campaign, including seven regional domestic violence summits throughout the state, culminating in a statewide domestic violence conference.

"Many in our rural communities are often unfamiliar with and/or lack access to the various services available to them," Ernesto Sanchez, Idaho Legal Aid Services executive director, said in the release.

"Through this grant our rural population will learn what to do and where to go if they are victims of domestic violence."

among the more difficult to prosecute, and they present myriad issues that prosecuting attorneys have to overcome.

"Sometimes you get someone who's said, 'I've had it with this.' Often, it's quite difficult to get (victims) to cooperate," Kroeger said. "It runs on them saying they don't remember, or they'll disown it, to outright lying."

"If a victim receives her testimony, it's often encouraging to the man to do it again and again," she said.

Additionally, the more punishment prosecutors ask for, the less cooperative the victim, she said.

"My hope is to get help to that situation because historically they go back - for emotional and family reasons and because of financial ties," she said.

And if they stay in those relationships, it's likely to get worse, she said.

"Threats range from 'If you tell the cops, I'll kill you' to 'If I go to jail time, we'll lose the house. We've got to get you to fight you for the kids,'" Kroeger said.

"In addition, they have true affection for these people," she said.

Planes

Investigators' suspicions appeared to be focused on two women with Chechen-sounding surnames - one believed to have been on each flight - as possible suicide bombers.

Aurich has said that no one has come forward to claim either body and that both women booked seats shortly before departure.

The bodies of 43 out of 144 people aboard the Tu-134 crash have been positively identified, and body parts of the last person - a woman - have been sent to Moscow for identification and examination to find out whether there are traces of explosives, the news agency Itar-Tass reported.

That woman is believed to be Amanat Nagayeva, who was on the passenger list for the flight from Moscow to the southern city of Volgograd, which crashed about 100 miles south of Moscow.

The further indication that at least one of the women might have been a suicide bomber, the newspaper Izvestia reported Saturday that Nagayeva's brother had been seized by Russian forces in separatist Chechnya about three years ago.

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Spy probe lasts more than a year

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI has spent more than a year covertly investigating including the use of electronic surveillance, whether a Pentagon analyst funneled highly classified material to Israel, officials said Saturday. Prosecutors were still weighing whether to bring the most serious charge of espionage.

Charges could be brought in the case as early as next week, said two federal law enforcement officials speaking on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing. The case has taken so long in part because of diplomatic sensitivities between the United States and its close ally Israel, they said.

Although the information involved — material describing Bush administration policy toward Iran — was described as highly classified, prosecutors could determine that the crime involved falling short of espionage and could result in lesser but still serious charges of mishandling classified documents, the officials said.

They said the still-classified material did not detail U.S. military or intelligence operations and was not the type that would endanger the lives of U.S. spies

overseas or bring sensitive methods of intelligence collection.

The target of the probe was identified as the two Israelis as Larry Franklin, a senior analyst in a Pentagon office dealing with Middle East affairs. Franklin, who did not respond to his office Saturday, formerly worked for the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Efforts to find a Home telephone number were unsuccessful.

In a statement late Friday, the Defense Department, without identifying anyone by name,

said the inquiry involved someone at the "desk officer level, who was not in a position to have significant influence over U.S. policy. Nor could a foreign power be in a position to influence U.S. policy through this individual."

Franklin works in an office overseen by Douglas J. Feith, the defense undersecretary for policy. Feith is an influential aide to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld whose previous work included prewar intelligence on Iraq, including purported ties between Saddam Hussein's regime and al-Qaida terrorism network.

living in Queens, and James El Shafay, 19, a U.S. citizen living on Staten Island.

Kelly said the men visited the Herald Square 34th Street station — one block from Madison Square Garden, the site of next week's Republican National Convention — on Aug. 21.

Bush

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assert the sovereignty and legitimacy of your administration from the outset, you undermine your ability to achieve your goals later.

As a consequence, Bush's first term has had striking — sometimes radical — changes in the direction of national policy. Long-held assumptions about U.S. military and diplomatic strategy have been overturned, with wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and bruised relationships with some traditional allies. At home, the budget has gone from large surpluses to larger deficits, while tax burdens have shifted and been reduced. The federal government has taken on a much larger role in setting directions for local schools and restructuring those that do not perform. The largest expansion in federal health benefits since the passage of Medicare in 1965 — provision of prescription drugs — passed Congress at Bush's urging.

policies are at stake on Nov. 2 is one reason the pardons are so fired up, and why voters are telling pollsters that they see his election as more important than most. The changes Bush has engineered — from the first application of his preemption doctrine in Iraq to his insistence on measuring the basic language and mathematical skills of every elementary school student — have altered millions of lives and touched communities everywhere.

But, because those two massive ventures — like many of Bush's other initiatives — have yet to play out, it is hard to know how history will judge the Bush presidency. During his term, the public has been up and down on his performance. At first, voters were mildly impressed but not certain. One month after he took office, his job approval in a Washington Post-ABC News poll was 55 percent, with 23 percent disapproving and 22 percent undecided.

Whatever area one examines — environmental policy, regulatory policy, law enforcement and broad sectors of social policy — fundamental priorities have shifted in the direction of this president. Some of the changes are rooted in the conservative doctrines that have dominated internal Republican debates since the time of Barry Goldwater and Ronald Reagan. Others reflect a distinct Bush imprint. What is beyond question is that he has turned out to be a very consequential president, an outsider who has not hesitated to challenge conventional Washington ways of thinking.

As former House speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., says, "You have to admire the sheer brazen courage of the guy" in upsetting the status quo on so many fronts at once. But Gingrich acknowledged in an interview that "it's an unfinished job. If the Democrats come back and sweep the November election, and change the tax policy and the national security policy, you will see the direction of the country look back and say this was a detour."

The realization that Bush's

in early September 2001, Bush was still rated positively by 55 percent of those polled, but the disapproval number had grown to 41 percent. Then came the election of the new president. Approval scores soon soared as high as 92 percent. They stayed at more than 70 percent for the next year and then began a slow slide downward, interrupted briefly during April 2003, when the U.S.-led coalition was winning in Iraq. For the past three months, the poll has shown slightly more disapproval than approval for Bush.

All this has left the Republican Party in a somewhat weakened public position. A mid-July survey by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press found that the GOP lost the advantage it held earlier in the Bush years on handling Iraq and foreign policy in general, and on managing the government and that the GOP had fallen behind the Democrats on the economy and a wide variety of domestic issues. Pollster Andrew Kohut said that terrorism stood out as the one issue on which Republicans significantly outdistanced their opponents.

Two face charges in subway bomb plot

NEW YORK (AP) — A U.S. citizen and a Pakistani national were arrested in an alleged plot to bomb a subway station in midtown Manhattan and possibly other locations around the city, police said Saturday.

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said the men were not believed to

be connected to al-Qaida or any other international terrorist organization, although he said they expressed hatred for America.

The men had been under police surveillance and had discussed placing explosives at the Herald Square subway station and stations at 42nd and 59th

streets, Kelly said. The men never obtained explosives, he said.

"It was clear that they had the intention to cause damage, to kill people," Kelly said. "They did not immediately have the means to do it."

He identified the men as Shahwar Matin Siraj, 21, a Pakistani

living in Queens, and James El Shafay, 19, a U.S. citizen living on Staten Island.

Kelly said the men visited the Herald Square 34th Street station — one block from Madison Square Garden, the site of next week's Republican National Convention — on Aug. 21.

Scams

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A 73-year-old Rupert woman, who asked not to be named, received a letter that made her a victim when she lost \$3,500 in an attempt to claim a \$600,000 prize from the International Lottery Corporation of the U.S. Its \$3,500 she doesn't have.

"My disabled husband doesn't work," the woman said. "My financial circumstances are not very good — that's why I got suckered into it."

Here's how the scam unfolded:

Typical scams

Here are just a few of the more prominent scams circulating via mail and e-mail:

- International lottery scam**
 - The setup: You receive a letter saying you've won millions in a foreign lottery. There is typically a cashier's check enclosed to "cover insurance and delivery costs" for receiving the money and a warning that the prize must be claimed within a short period of time and under strict confidentiality. You are told to call a U.S. phone number for further instructions.
 - The scam: You deposit the cashier's check and withdraw all or most of the money within days, before the check can be revealed to the bank as a counterfeit. The money is wired to the con artists who are, despite the U.S. phone number and return address, almost always in a foreign country. The check is then discovered to be fraudulent, and you now owe the withdrawn amount to the bank.
 - Protect yourself: It is illegal for U.S. citizens to participate in foreign lotteries, so, by nature, all foreign lottery appeals are scams.

lim of one of the previous two scams, and the same con artists contact you claiming that there was simply a misunderstanding the first time. They offer to increase your reward if you attempt the transaction again. In a variation, the con artist will pose as a law enforcement official who says he has located the people who conned you the first time. He will ask to use your bank account as a decoy in order to catch the criminals and retrieve your loss.

- The scam: As a victim, you're likely desperate to try anything to get your money back. You send more money to complete the transaction and lose it, or the con artist now furthers your loss by cleaning out your bank account.
- Protect yourself: No matter how tempting it is to regain your loss, don't get bitten twice. Report all losses to an item or items for sale over the Internet or in the newspaper classifieds, which often are posted on the paper's Web site. A buyer sends a cashier's check, typically from a foreign country but sometimes domestic, for much more than the price of the item. The buyer contacts you, explains and apologizes for the error and requests that you deposit the check and send the overpayment back to him in the form of a cashier's check.
- The scam: The deposited check turns out to be fraudulent, but you have sent a valid cashier's check back to the con artist. Generally the overpayment is many times the purchase price of the item. If you have already shipped the item, it is also lost.
- Protect yourself: If you believe the buyer is legitimate, offer to return the original cashier's check and request a new one written for the proper amount. Otherwise, make certain the check has cleared the bank before shipping merchandise or refunding overpayment.

say something," Higgins said. "That's what happened this time — we had a good bank person that caught on to it."

Rob Brough, a representative of the bank, said there's a fine line between providing customer service and protecting customer funds.

Customers often complain about not having immediate access to funds," Brough said. "We also recognize one of our primary responsibilities is to protect our customers and safeguard their funds."

'Just don't do it'

Perhaps the most troubling thing about the Rupert woman's case is that it may just be the beginning.

"This story probably hasn't ended yet," Carpenter said. "I'd bet my own money on it, these con artists or somebody affiliated with them will contact her again, what's called a reloading scam."

Reloading scams involve either an attempt to pull the same swindle again by explaining that there was simply a clerical error with the original check or by posing as law enforcement.

"They'll wait a little time and contact her again, claiming to be law enforcement asking for help to investigate, and use her bank account as a decoy under the guise of helping her," Carpenter said.

Carpenter cautioned that unless you can go in and sit down at their desk, don't fall for it. "Don't even be wary — just don't do it," she said.

While Carpenter said hundreds of millions of dollars are lost in these schemes annually, it's thought that a majority of victims go unreported because victims are ashamed or embarrassed.

Most of these scams are believed to originate in Nigeria or neighboring African countries, but Canadian cons are becoming increasingly common in Idaho due to the proximity, Carpenter said. Victims tend to be more trusting of con artists who know the local geography and speak without accents, she said.

The Rupert woman's case is all too typical. She followed instructions, acted quickly and spoke to no one about what she was doing.

She said she hoped sharing her experience could help keep others from being taken, but still had no idea how she would repay the money she'd been swindled out of.

"I just lost some money, that's all," she said. "I can't afford it. It's awful when you can't afford it."

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- Nigerian lottery scheme**
 - The setup: You receive a letter or e-mail from a foreign dignitary, often accompanied by a prominent doctor or his widow, who claims to have millions of dollars frozen in a foreign bank account. The dignitary requests your confidential help by transferring the money into your U.S. bank account where he can then access it. A percentage of the millions is promised as payment for your assistance.
 - The scam: Having supplied the bank information, your account is plundered. In other variations, con artists may demand large amounts of money to cover transfer fees, travel expenses, necessary bribes or taxes before the money can be placed in your account.
 - Protect yourself: Do not respond to these pleas for assistance, and never send money to any unknown party without contacting authorities to verify his identity.

- Reloading scams**
 - The setup: You've been a vic-

Sources: Better Business Bureau, Federal Bureau of Investigation

not to send money and delays will allow the bank more time to determine that the cashier's checks are fraudulent.

More subtle tactics are also used by the crooks to ensure success, Carpenter said.

"Frequently the scam artists are using the Federal Reserve Deposit System to their advantage," she said. "The check may have a good valid number, but it may not match the bank or

the amount, meaning that it takes the bank longer to discover that it's a fraud."

Higgins lauded the bank for noticing something seemed amiss in the recent case and investigating the check before allowing the woman to withdraw more money.

"If banks notice elderly people, or others for that matter, taking large sums of money out of their account, they should"

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NYC tries to take edge off protests

Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — Madison Square Garden sits girdled in 'sally ports,' a system of modern-day cast-iron doors designed to foil truck bombs or other terrorist attacks.

On the eve of the Republican National Convention, federal and local officials boast of fielding the nation's largest-ever show of force to secure any political gathering, including 10,000 New York City police officers and thousands more from the Secret Service and 64 other agencies.

Then there's the softer side of mayhem prevention: New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's offer of restaurant and museum discounts to any among the incoming hordes of demonstrators willing to don "peaceful political activist" buttons.

But no amount of planning or cajoling can eliminate the questions hovering over New York, which is intent on keeping its economy cool in the face of uncertainty and anxiety.

Will the surge of protesters — including an anti-war march on Sunday past the convention site at Madison Square Garden — rattle a city where many still haven't fully recovered from the Sept. 11 attacks?

And, more ominously, might terrorists return to the home of Ground Zero?

The intersection of those two concerns is foremost in the minds of many protesters, a broad array of groups that range from anarchists to Mothers Against Bush, who marched across the Brooklyn Bridge on Friday with small children in tow.

Other protesters — thousands of them, many on bicycles — closed down several streets in Manhattan's East Village on Friday evening in an early large demonstration with traffic ground to a halt in the bustling lower Manhattan neighborhood, where protests are part of the historic fabric.

Protesters to treat the demonstrators delicately and placed them in a blue and white police bus.

At midnight approached, hundreds of police officers stood watch as crowds gathered.

"The world is watching us now. The onlookers chanted as others walked bearing derogatory messages meant for the visiting Republican convention delegates.

The convention is an opportunity for New Yorkers to "take back their streets" from the Republicans and reject the Bush administration policies, particularly after the terrorist attacks, said David Greiner, a spokesman for the 33 Action Coalition, which advocates non-violent civil disobedience.

This war in Iraq has made us all feel secure. Greiner said, "and especially New Yorkers, because we're here in the bull's-eye of any future attack."

Some terrorism experts suggest that an attack on New York City is unlikely, given the heavily fortified city is, with the remaining 27,000 police protecting the rest of the city and the U.S. Open tennis championship, which begins Monday, not to mention the Yankees and Mets games that are in town.

"Look at al-Qaida's operation over the years. They like soft targets. It's usually, like, a founder and CEO of Homeland Security Associates, a Virginia consulting firm.

If it occurs, such an attack would probably be somewhere other than New York. Lapses added, because the terrorists could "get the same psychological impact by hitting the soft target as the right time."

A violent strike isn't the only violence feared this week. Many of the activists who have converged on New York fear that images of demonstrators clashing with police will play into the hands of Republicans.

During an open house for protest groups at St. Mark's Church last week, Jessi Arrington worked at a table advocating a decidedly low-key protest against the Iraq war. Called "Light Up the Sky," it urges people to gather across the city from dusk to dawn Monday "with candles, streamers and plastic wands to silently express our sorrow over all the innocent deaths the war has caused."

Heart and Soul Moving America Forward



President Bush speaks to a crowd Saturday at Lima Senior High in Lima, Ohio. Bush also scheduled campaign stops in Troy and the Toledo suburb of Perrysburg as part of a bus tour that will take him by some of Ohio's most fertile fields and through largely Republican rural areas in the western part of the state.

Bush coronation designed to stoke loyalists

Knights Ridder News Service

George W. Bush returns next week to New York City, where he once brandished a bullhorn and launched his war on terrorism, seeking now to invoke the tragedy of 9/11 and the spirit of renewal by accepting his party's nomination three miles away.

And in his bid to win the second term that eluded his father, he will campaign as all contemporary nominees must do, by headlining an infotainment spectacle, known in this case as the Republican National Convention.

Floor lights have gone the way of vinyl records, as the harmoniously scripted Democrats demonstrated last month in Boston. The Bush coronation will also be an exercise in mass marketing, and here are the likely elements:

A lot of "S" words. Bush will be described by a parade of lionizers as a commander in chief who is strong, steady, sensible, steadfast, solid and seasoned.

A lot of "U" words. John Kerry will be described by a parade of maligners as unreliable, unprincipled, unsteady, unacceptable, and unsafe for a nation at war.

A lot of moderates and minorities. Having to modernize GOP custom, conservatives virtually wrote the party platform (hence the call for a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage and civil unions), but they can't be allowed to address voters in prime time. The best lectern slots have been reserved for moderates, such as Rudy Giuliani and Arnold Schwarzenegger, who can put the friendliest face on the party.

Though the networks intend to broadcast only one hour a night, the GOP's verbal and visual cues are designed to ensure that Bush loyalists are advocated for November. They also are meant to persuade undecided voters that Bush is a sufficiently reassuring figure — despite the documented qualms about the loss of 1.2 million jobs since the Bush inauguration, and about an unresolved war in Iraq that has killed 666 Americans, wounded at least 6,497, and cost \$134 billion.

The latest polls show Bush and Kerry virtually deadlocked. "Bush needs to convey the sense that he is in command," says Jack Pitney, a former national GOP official who worked on party platforms. "He has to remind people of the Bush they saw right after Sept. 11 — focused, even eloquent. It was the high point of his presidency."

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The bad news for Bush, who as a candidate had promised to be "a uniter, not a divider," is that he faces a fiercely polarized electorate. The invasion of Iraq, launched because he insisted that Saddam Hussein was poised to wield weapons of mass destruction, has yielded no such weapons. And his massive tax cuts, contrary to advance billing, have not triggered an economic boom.

But the good news for Bush is that Kerry these days (with apologies to Pete Seeger's Vietnam song) seems to be waist deep in the big muddy. It's right there in the polling data: Even though most voters believe that the nation is on the wrong track (generally a bad sign for an incumbent), they're not sure Kerry would be any better.

Clearly, the parallel campaign being waged by Kerry's Swift Boat enemies has slowed the Democrat's march and shifted attention away from Bush's vulnerabilities; as Republican pollster Tony Fabrizio happily noted the other day: "Let's face it (the Bush team) would much rather have the President answering questions about (independent TV ads) — an issue few voters know or care about — than how much more heating oil will cost this winter, or how the war in Iraq is going."

In theory, that war could be a political embarrassment for Bush. The 2000 party platform, approved at the Philadelphia convention, contained lavish praise for "the Iraqi National Congress, an umbrella organization reflecting a broad and representative group of Iraqis who wish to free their country." That was a reference to the exiles led by Ahmed Chalabi, who fed his administration patrons phony intelligence about Saddam and mass weaponry. And this spring Chalabi was indicted

on counterfeiting charges. "There isn't a trace of Chalabi in the new Republican platform."

But the Republicans intend to reframe the war as a character issue for Bush. Convention speakers will essentially argue that even if Americans don't always agree with Bush, they can respect him as someone who knows where he stands. Ronald Reagan allies used to make the same argument for him — successfully so, because it helped attract swing voters as well as conservatives. The Bush team wants the same result.

The Republicans' infotainment model is designed to avoid a repeat of the 1992 bloodbath, when conservative firebrand Pat Buchanan turned off swing voters by railing against everything from the 1950s to "the homosexual lobby." It was President George H.W. Bush's reelection convention, and the son's aim next week is to avoid his father's fate. So he'll present an "inclusive" image (17 percent of the delegates this year are minorities, a record for the GOP), and he'll keep the social conservatives off pace time.

They're not making a stink about it, anyway. They already own the platform (although they wanted a harder line on illegal immigrants), and there's probably enough in the language to galvanize the base. For instance, the proposed ban on same-sex marriage is unequivocal. In the words of conservative activist Jeff Bell: "It's a very powerful issue, and it could make a big difference in the election, because turnout could make the difference in a close race; and, as Republican pollster Ed Goswami points out, white conservative Christians make up 19 percent of the electorate."

With conservatives calmed, Bush has room to woo swing voters with a new agenda. He can't promise pricey programs, because he is squeezed by a budget deficit of his own making. (The platform says the red ink is "unwelcome.") So he is expected to reiterate big themes, such as the dream of a democratic Middle East. And why not? After all, Kerry doesn't dispute the dream. He's now on record as saying he would have voted for war even if he had known there were no weapons.



David Mulkins, dressed as George W. Bush, carries a globe with bloody hands today for a rally for reproductive rights sponsored by Planned Parenthood, Saturday in New York.

Abortion-rights activists kick off third day of protesting

NEW YORK (AP) — Thousands of abortion-rights activists marched across the Brooklyn Bridge on Saturday, the latest in a growing procession of protests leading up to the Republican National Convention.

Protesters also were to gather late in the day in Central Park and at the World Trade Center site, where anti-Bush demonstrators planned to ring 2,749 bells — one for each victim of the Sept. 11 attacks there.

The Brooklyn Bridge march, organized by Planned Parenthood, attracted thousands of people on a hot, humid day. They crossed the bridge in a line 10 people wide and about a half-mile long.

"I'm affected personally in terms of birth control, I demand and cherish that right," said Sara Brown, a 22-year-old student from Austin, Texas.

"Under Bush, that right is being threatened through sex education that teaches only abstinence," said Brennan before rolling her bicycle onto the bridge.

Some of the marchers chanted: "What does democracy look like?" While others answered, "This is what democracy looks like!"

Once the protesters crossed the bridge, they were headed for a rally at City Hall. Actress Kathleen Turner, state Com-

ptroller Alan Hevesi and Planned Parenthood President Gloria Feldt were among the marchers.

Police on foot and in cars were monitoring the protests. There were no early reports of arrests.

On Friday night, 264 people were arrested for disorderly conduct in a protest bicycle ride that snaked through the city and passed by Madison Square Garden, where the convention opens Monday.

The bike ride represented the first major clash between police and demonstrators converging on the city for the convention.

Later Saturday, an anti-war group called the ANSWER coalition was encouraging people to gather in Central Park. But the park was peacefully early, with its usual assortment of sunbathers and softball players.

And a group called Ring Out planned to encircle Ground Zero in lower Manhattan and ring bells to honor those who died at the World Trade Center. The group said it intended to speak President Bush does not shirk for attack victims or New Yorkers.

Saturday's protests were expected to be a mere prelude to Sunday, when a huge anti-war march was to pass by the convention site and end at Union Square Park in Manhattan.

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Protesters wait in vain for Powell

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell canceled his trip to Greece at the last minute partly because of concern his presence — expected to be met with anti-war protests. The trip might have disrupted the closing ceremony at the Olympics. State Department officials said Saturday.



Colin Powell

Powell's decision, announced just hours before he was to depart, came after anti-American protests in Athens on Friday that featured "Powell Go Home" placards.

The secretary was not concerned about his own security but felt Greek organizers were entitled to carry out the Sunday night ceremony without the potential for distraction that his presence might have caused, said two State Department officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Many Greeks had wondered why Powell planned to visit their country. He said Kerry was an opportunist who used Vietnam to advance his political ambitions.

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tably China and Pakistan, have been reluctant to take strong steps against Sudan. It is not clear what the United States will recommend during the upcoming 11-nation summit.

In Athens, the Greek foreign ministry said Powell decided against the trip because of "urgent responsibilities."

The State Department said initially that the situations in Iraq and Sudan led to the cancellation. Later, however, officials said Sudan was the primary foreign concern this weekend for Powell.

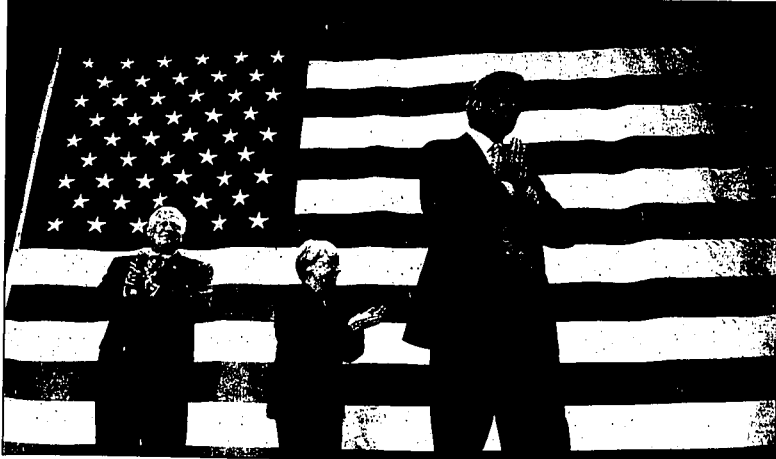
On Wednesday, a department spokesman, Adam Ereli, said officials were aware of protest plans. "We are committed to visiting our Greek friends and sharing in this very important occasion," he said.

In a letter, Powell congratulated Moliatis "for the especially successful and secure organization of the games."

Friday's protest was directed largely against U.S. policies in Iraq, Greece, along with about 10 other members of NATO, is not a part of the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq.

Riot police used tear gas to disperse hundreds of demonstrators protesting Powell's planned visit. About 1,500 people who took part in the march were prevented from taking their protest to the U.S. Embassy.

It is an enormous victory of the anti-war movement that managed to cancel the visit of the arch-killer Powell," protest organizer Yiannis Sifaliakhs told The Associated Press.



Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., and Congressman Jim McDermott, D-Wash., left, arrive at a fund raiser in Seattle on Friday.

Kerry's once and present critic

Veteran, author denounced Dem candidate decades ago

Los Angeles Times

HOUSTON — Thirty-three years ago, fresh from combat in Vietnam, John O'Neill parted his hair neatly, put on his only suit, stashed into a television camera and made it clear how much he detested John Kerry. Not Democrats. Not liberals. John Kerry. "This man," O'Neill said during a 1971 debate with Kerry on "The Dick Cavett Show," "has attempted the murder of the reputations of 2.5 million of us, including the 55,000 dead in Vietnam."

President Nixon had recruited O'Neill to counter Kerry, who had come home from Vietnam convinced that the war was a military and moral mistake. For three decades, he has emerged as a chief architect of an attack on the military credentials of Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kerry, the Democratic presidential nominee.

The effort has had an impact on the campaign: a Los Angeles Times poll this week showed that O'Neill's organization, Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, has eroded Kerry's support by questioning whether he deserved his war medals.

The Swift boat group has run ads that claim Kerry lied about the military service that earned him several combat medals. Numerous questions have been raised about the group's honesty and credibility. O'Neill, who has been accused of inconsistencies, has acted as a spokesman for the group, provided it with critical legal advice and has written an accompanying book about Kerry called "Unfit for Command."

In an hour-long interview this week, O'Neill, 58, sought to distance himself from the

UNFIT FOR COMMAND



This photo of the cover of 'Unfit for Command' by John E. O'Neill and Jerome R. Corsi.

Republican Party operatives and partisans who have been linked to the campaign against Kerry. Wearing a starched, monogrammed shirt, he spoke in his firm's swank, 18th-floor offices overlooking City Hall and decorated with paintings of Venice, Italy.

He portrayed himself as a political independent — a Reagan Democrat, he said. If he has to have a label, although he typically supports GOP candidates, he says he voted for Democrat Al Gore in 2000. And although the "Swifties" have agreed to focus on Kerry and not to discuss President Bush, O'Neill made it clear he is no great fan of the president, whom he has described to several friends as an "empty suit."

He has become, effectively, a single-issue voter in this election, akin to an otherwise liberal Catholic who cannot bring himself to vote for a pro-choice candidate. O'Neill's single issue is simple: He despises John Kerry. Whether Bush benefits from the campaign, he said, is a distant concern.

"I know everybody thinks politics is the most important thing in the world," O'Neill said. "But it's not."

After Kerry returned from Vietnam, he famously asked a Senate committee: "How do you

ask a man to be the last man to die for a mistake?" His purpose, Kerry said then and says today, was to call for an end to the war, not to indict those who fought it. O'Neill, however, said Kerry had impugn the integrity of every soldier who had fought in southeast Asia. The son of a U.S. admiral and the grandson of a naval academy instructor, O'Neill had become taught since he was young to support U.S. troops — no matter who sent them to fight, no matter the circumstances of the war. Kerry, he said, violated an unspoken military creed.

O'Neill had been asked publicly to resurrect those concerns several times during Kerry's rise to prominence, but he always declined, saying it wasn't worth revisiting a painful period of his life to intervene in a Senate race. But when it became clear that Kerry had become a serious contender for the presidency, O'Neill was persuaded to speak up because he "couldn't stomach" the idea of Kerry of being commander in chief.

O'Neill said he believes, in hindsight, that legitimate questions were raised about the war. He says some people who voted against — including Al Gore Sr., a Tennessee senator who jeopardized his career by announcing his opposition —

were brave and even patriotic. But O'Neill does not believe Kerry was brave. He said Kerry was an opportunist who used Vietnam to advance his political ambitions.

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'CHEESEBURGER BILLS'

Restaurants push for protection from obesity suits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bills to protect restaurants and food companies against lawsuits by people who claim the meals or snacks made them fat are moving ahead in 12 states like hamburger passed out a drive-thru window.

Measures known as "cheeseburger bills" bar people from seeking damages in court from food companies for weight gain and associated medical conditions, including heart disease and diabetes.

Supporters say the proposals should be passed from having to pay to defend themselves against frivolous suits. Opponents contend the claims often are valid and ought to be heard in court.

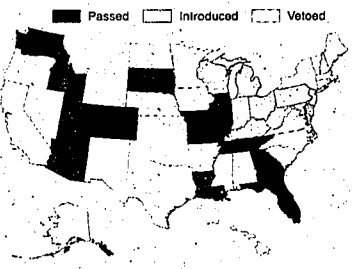
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Food made you fat? Don't blame us

Twelve states have laws preventing consumers from suing restaurants and others in the food business over medical conditions associated with weight gain.



SOURCE: National Conference of State Legislatures

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Similar bills have won approval in other states. But efforts at passing a national shield have faltered in Congress. One bill, sponsored by Rep. Ric Keller, R-Fla., was passed by the House. A second, sponsored by Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., is before a Senate Judiciary Committee subcommittee.

The prospects that a ban will pass are not good because time is running out on the congressional calendar and lawmakers are facing re-election in November.

The issue is politically charged. Republicans say companies need protection from

greedy lawyers. Democrats say that the courts should decide whether the cases are worth hearing.

Some consumer advocates also oppose the laws. "These cheeseburger bills are shameful efforts to deprive the public of the right to have a day in court if they feel they have been aggrieved," said Michael Jacobson, executive director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

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Sub commander's descendant serves aboard namesake

PANAMA CITY, Fla. (AP) — The Navy's newest destroyer, named for the late Vice Adm. Charles "Swede" Momsen, was commissioned Saturday with an inaugural crew that includes the submarine and diving pioneers' great grandson.

His great-grandfather, who led the daring rescue of 33 men trapped aboard the sunken submarine USS Squalus 65 years ago,

Sub commander's descendant serves aboard namesake

The Navy offered Hailey no promises, but he was assigned to the crew in October 2002 while the ship was under construction.

Aboard the USS Momsen, Hailey is a weapons system computer technician. Given his family ties, he was assigned to gather photos that hang aboard the ship to commemorate Momsen and brief new crew members.

Hailey, 30, never met Momsen, who died in 1967. He said he admires his forebear, but

Sub commander's descendant serves aboard namesake

does not try to follow exactly in his footsteps.

"Sometimes people say, 'Would Charles Momsen do that?'" Hailey told The News Herald of Panama City. "Well, I'm not him. I have to find a balance between his (great) grandson and being myself."

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Alcoholic's wife finds the courage to leave

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing about the letter you printed from "Fed Up in Richmond, Texas," whose husband's idea of an evening out or a day off is getting drunk. I hope she takes your advice to go to Al-Anon.

I fell in love and married a man who exhibited similar drinking behavior. It became worse during the 20 years we were together. I was verbally abused, humiliated and, at the end, feared for my safety as well as the children's.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne
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I was very naive. He convinced me that I was crazy, threatened my family and threatened to take off with the children if I left. At age 40, I finally found the courage and strength to leave.

I took lots of counseling, but I now understand that I was caught up in his sickness. I regret that I wasted my youth on this man. I hope "Fed Up" opens her eyes and won't be caught up like I was in what domestic violence counselors call "the honeymoon cycle." That's where you bring his behavior to his attention, he promises he'll change. It's a great month or so, and then he starts drinking again. I look back over those years and see a bad movie filled with heartache for me and my children.

I wasn't easy, but it has been worth it. I am now treated with the love and respect I deserve. My children and I are happier than we've ever been. I'm a stronger person now and we're blessed with a wonderful man who saw us through outrageous court battles, restraining orders, stalking and intimidation tactics.

"Fed Up" deserves love and respect, too. But she and her child won't get it from her spouse if she doesn't demand it. I wish her strength, courage and no regrets.

—REBORN IN PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR REBORN: I, too, hope that "Fed Up" will take your letter to heart and find help before her husband's problem escalates to the point that your husband's did. Addiction prob-

lems cannot be ignored. If the problem isn't addressed, it doesn't "level off"; it grows worse until the addiction takes over the lives of everyone around the addict. I'm pleased that you finally found the strength to free yourself and your children. Thank you for writing.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 14 and my name is "Pearl." I just found out that I might have chlamydia. I really like this guy and I need to know if I should tell him. What should I do? I am a little scared. Please answer soon.

—NEEDS TO KNOW IN LANCASTER, CALIF.

DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW: You should be examined by a doctor right away. If you do indeed have chlamydia, your partner must be notified so he can be treated.

Ask your mother to schedule an appointment for you. If you cannot talk to her about this, then call the county health department and ask for the location of the nearest clinic where you can be treated confidentially. Do not put it off. If you have chlamydia and aren't treated, it could cause fertility problems for you in the future.

Since you are sexually active, it is important that you learn to protect yourself against an unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases so that you are not reinfected or infect others.

Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.

Taurus: Hold off on important decisions

IF AUGUST 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are about to begin a new cycle, and what is closest to your heart is clear. Relationship issues that have simmered in the background may finally come to a head, and should resolve in your favor. Although recent changes seem permanent, further adjustments could be necessary before next spring. Consider transplanting yourself to a new environment — you should thrive!

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

Too much chitchat can get in the way of progress. Do not exaggerate your abilities, or put too much reliance on what others say. Congeniality should not be construed as a solid agreement.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The full moon may bring matters to a head that have been building for several weeks. Confidence and charisma help you take command of any situation. Relationships break off or weld tighter.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The full moon could highlight financial arrangements or other circumstances that have recently altered. It may take several days for the full impact

to sink in. Avoid snap decisions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The good will of others can boost your spirits, but get the facts before making a firm promise. Close advisers may be aggressive and confident, but make your own decisions another time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): There is magic in the stars that heightens romantic fantasies, but it is a poor time to ask for commitments. Trying to charm someone new could backfire. Take stock of your resources.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Cast a romantic spell on your favorite other and make the day lusciously memorable. Avoid making key decisions that might affect the future, and pushing your luck with someone new.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Others may dampen your enthusiasm by asking detailed

questions, and your creative urges could be bogged down by practical considerations. Put important purchases on hold.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Mental alertness could pay off. You have the ability to take advantage of shifts in power. Think deeply and consider other perspectives. Appreciate loyalty and depth of feeling from a lover.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The intensity of your passions may ebb, so put finishing touches on projects. Ingenious methods of handling money or possessions could become a hot topic. Do not act on impulse today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): The full moon illuminates relationships, and could show you how much influence someone in your life could have. Honor and fidelity are important traits that are valued now.

Summer camp tries to bring Arabs, Americans together

OTTSFIELD, Maine (AP) — An Iraqi girl clung to a bat and waited nervously for the pitch. She had practiced running bases on the basics of the game. Her eyes widened, her shoulders tensed, and she swung.

Campers at Seeds of Peace rose to their feet and cheered as she hit a grounder and rounded first base. A small barrier had fallen in the effort to teach the 15-year-old to play America's favorite pastime.

Over the past 11 years, Seeds of Peace has focused on bringing together Israeli and Arab teenagers in search of common ground. This summer, the camp's mission is expanding as American teens and their counterparts from Iraq, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia explore the rift between Arabs and Americans that widened after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"We asked ourselves in the early '90s what would replace the Cold War? The answer came on a beautiful day in September 2000," said Aaron David Miller, Seeds of Peace president. "But even before 9/11, the depths of misunderstanding between Arabs and Americans were profound."

Many of the camp's activities are geared toward building teamwork and trust between cultures that are enemies.

For example, an exercise this summer linked two campers from countries at conflict for a "trust walk" in the woods. With one camper blindfolded, the two walked hand-in-hand over rough terrain with only one word to see what was ahead. Blindfolded campers had to rely on

the other for every move.

Previous sessions brought together youths from India and Pakistan, "Cypriot Turks and Greeks, and Bosnian Muslims and Serbs."

Despite security restrictions — state troopers guard the entrances — the camp's model remains the same: Give campers a glimpse at normalcy in a setting where nationalities mean nothing and policies pertain only to camp activities such as swimming, photography, soccer and dancing.

Most of the time, thoughts of Iraq seem far away during the daily routines of camp, but the campers' fears come into the open in closed-door dialogue sessions and late night bunkhouse chats.

A Saudi Arabian teenager turns somber as he reflects on events following the terrorist attacks in the United States.

"I knew, from that moment on, whoever did that is fighting in the name of Islam," said 15-year-old Abdullullah Osama Darandary. "And every time I come to America and say 'I'm a Saudi,' people are kind of shaken inside. That's why I have this fear inside of me."

Being questioned about his nationality upon entering the United States unsettled Darandary's fears, he said. But those fears dissolved at the camp.

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Hurricane Frances strengthens over Atlantic

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — Hurricane Frances, the third major hurricane of the month, exploded into a Category 4 monster Saturday over the Atlantic Ocean, and forecasters advised South Floridians to begin making calm, prudent preparations — just in case.

Though it remains far out to sea and many things can hap-

pen, Frances could grow even more viciously potent. At the moment, it is adhering to a course that could threaten the Bahamas and Florida by the end of this week.

"We have a major hurricane heading in our general direction, and it would make pretty good sense to dust off your hurricane plan," said Max Mayfield, director of the National Hurricane Center in

West Miami-Dade County.

"Why wait until mid-week when things are busy?" he said. "Do it on Sunday. Check your water and batteries and so on. That's what I'm going to do."

Believing that Frances is likely to strike somewhere along the U.S. East Coast, Mayfield sought activation of a response team from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. In addition, he requested meteor-

ological reinforcements to augment his forecasters later this week.

"We're going to need it," he said. "We've been busy."

After a slow start to the season, the tropics suddenly have become a hurricane factory.

In addition to Frances, a strong tropical storm lurked off South Carolina's coast Saturday and a tropical depression appeared to be forming near

Bermuda. On Florida's south-west coast, residents were still dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Charley.

And the peak of the tropical weather season hasn't even arrived yet.

"This is the last thing any of us need right now," Mayfield said.

At the same time, he urged South Floridians not to make the same mistake made by

some residents of the Gulf Coast, who said they were caught by surprise earlier this month when Charley's core reached land at Port Charlotte instead of Tampa Bay, about 50 miles north.

"Don't concentrate on the center line of the forecast," he said. "Remember there is a margin of error and everyone in a hurricane warning area has to take action."

Fed likely to raise rates again

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — The job market may be in a funk and oil prices are in the stratosphere, but interest rates probably will climb again in September because the Federal Reserve is confident the economy's "soft patch" is temporary.

At least that was the prevailing view at a meeting of top central bank officials and their guests at the annual conference put on by the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank.

The main topic of the meeting was the challenge faced by the United States and other countries from a rapidly aging population. Participants also discussed the economic fallout from soaring oil prices.

Members of the interest-rate setting Federal Open Market Committee were guarded in their comments about what may happen at their next meeting, on Sept. 21. But these Fed board members and regional Fed bank presidents did express confidence about the future of the economy.

"The fundamentals of the economy are very strong," William Poole, president of the St. Louis Fed, said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"I would be very surprised if what we have seen to date (in higher oil prices) would be enough to derail the expansion," he said.

Poole made clear he was speaking for himself and not other committee members when he said he would not necessarily support a pause in rate increases even if the monthly employment report released Friday is disappointing.

But Poole said that could change if signs of further weakness are evident in other economic indicators that come out before the September meeting.

Poole said the general trend for interest rates will be higher as the Fed moves toward a more neutral stance for monetary policy. The central bank last year pushed interest rates to a 46-year low of 1 percent on the federal funds rate, which is the interest that banks charge each other.

"What we can predict is an upward trend," Poole said. "Along the way, the arrival of new information could lead us to a pause or could lead us to speed things up."

In one encouraging sign for economic growth, oil prices retreated last week. They closed at \$43.18 per barrel in New York trading on Friday, down from a record \$49 per barrel.

The price of oil and the threat of terrorist attack were seen as the big wild cards in any economic forecast.

Higher oil prices this year have taken \$50 billion out of consumer spending, former Fed governor Lyle Gramley estimated.

The drop in such spending was the chief reason that the annual growth rate was 2.9 percent in the April-June quarter, compared with 4.5 percent rate in the first three months of the year.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan called the slowdown a "soft patch" and it led to a sharp cutback in hiring over the past two months. Businesses added just 32,000 workers to their payrolls in July. That gave ammunition to Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry, who contended it showed that President Bush's economic policies were failing.

The steep drop in growth in the second quarter and the stagnant job creation caught the Fed and many private economists by surprise.


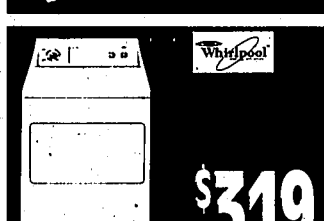
The recession jacked about the problems with making projections, saying forecasters "ain't doing so well" at the moment.

But Fed officials and private economists said the bill before growth has started to rebound and will gain strength in the final three months of 2004 — if oil prices behave.



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American soldiers drive past a portrait of Imam Ali adorning the destroyed streets of Najaf, after the three-week crisis in the southern Iraqi city Friday.

Battle erupts again in Baghdad

The cleanup begins in Najaf

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Shiite militants and U.S. forces battled throughout the Baghdad slum of Sadr City, and a mortar barrage slammed into a busy neighborhood in the capital in a new wave of violence Saturday that killed at least five people and wounded dozens of others.

U.S. warplanes and tanks later bombarded targets in Sadr stronghold of Fallujah, and U.S. forces exchanged gunfire with insurgents along the city's eastern outskirts and the main highway running to neighboring Jordan, witnesses said. The fighting left at least 14 people injured, hospital officials said.

The new violence came as residents of Najaf began digging out of the rubble and debris left by three weeks of fierce fighting between militants and U.S. forces in the holy city. The crisis ended Friday when the militants withdrew under a peace deal brokered by Iraq's most senior Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani. Iraqi police spread out across Najaf's devastated Old City on Saturday, patrolling in vehicles and on foot and taking over checkpoints that until recently were manned by followers of rebel Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. U.S. forces pulled back from the neighborhood, the site of much of the fighting.

"It's a joyful thing, the armed men have left Najaf and (neighboring) Kufa," interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi told al-Iraqiyah television Saturday. Around the Imam Ali Shrine

— which al-Sadr fighters surrendered Friday after weeks of using it as a stronghold — street cleaners in orange uniforms swept up debris, trash and rubble, loading it onto trucks. Shards of glass littered the streets, and burnt cars could be seen on the roads, cratered by bomb blasts. Some buildings were blackened by blasts. Others had big holes in them.

A delegation of five government ministers visited al-Sistani to thank him for his peace efforts. They also visited the shrine. "The shrine inside is cleaned up," Minister of State Qassim Dawoud said. "We hope to open the mosque to the public within 10 days."

Though Najaf remained calm, fighting flared in Sadr City, an al-Sadr stronghold in Baghdad named for the cleric's slain father, as militants armed

with rifles and mortars fought with U.S. forces.

Sadr City has been the scene of repeated clashes in the 16 months since the fall of Saddam Hussein, but the violence intensified in recent weeks as the Najaf fighting spread to Shiite communities across the country.

Allawi blamed the continuing violence on renegade al-Sadr followers who do not want to honor the peace deal. "I believe there are some people who are disobeying Muqtada al-Sadr's orders" to stop fighting, he told al-Iraqiyah television.

U.S. soldiers in Humvees drove through the neighborhood with loudspeakers, telling people to stay inside because coalition forces were "cleaning the area of armed men," according to an Associated Press reporter at the scene.

U.S., Afghan troops arrest 22

Officials say a Taliban commander was killed

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. and Afghan troops killed a Taliban commander and detained 22 suspected Taliban fighters during a major search operation after a gunbattle in a southern Afghan mountain range, officials said Saturday.

Also, a renegade warlord was taken into custody weeks after a clash with a powerful rival in the west of the country, as authorities struggle to improve security for October elections.

Mullah Rozi Khan, a Taliban commander in Zabul province, was killed after troops surrounded a group of rebels in Ghazal village Friday evening, said Asadullah Khan, governor of a neighboring Ghazni province.

"The soldiers demanded that they surrender, but instead they started shooting," Khan told The Associated Press. "Mullah Rozi Khan and another Taliban has been killed and several others arrested."

Rozi Khan also was suspected of involvement in kidnappings and attacks on foreign construction workers reroading the main Kabul-Kandahar highway in Zabul.

U.S. military spokesman Maj. Scott Nelson confirmed the operations in Zabul and neighboring Ghazni province, and said 22 Taliban suspects had been detained.

"We did have a major operation there," he said. "It was unclear how many American and Afghan soldiers were taking part. None were reported injured."

Taliban in late 2001. Further east, suspected Taliban fired on a convoy of trucks bringing supplies to a U.S. military base in Khost province, killing a driver and injuring his assistant, said Nashin Uddin, an aide to the local Afghan National Army commander.

The attack occurred on Friday as the convoy made its way to Camp Salerno, a major U.S. base close to the Pakistani border.

Some 18,000 American-led troops are in Afghanistan to hunt down al-Qaida and Taliban fighters, and to help ensure security for landmark presidential elections scheduled for Oct. 9.

The Taliban have vowed to disrupt the elections, and have launched frequent attacks on coalition soldiers, election workers and Afghan voters.

The vote is also threatened by factional violence and the risk of intimidation by regional militia leaders.

The arrested warlord, Amanullah, a Pashtun who goes by only one name, was brought to Kabul on Friday from the western province of Herat, said Javed Ludin, a spokesman for President Hamid Karzai. Ludin said Amanullah agreed to the transfer, but officials speaking on condition of anonymity said he had little choice and was essentially being kept under arrest.

"He does not have the freedom to go back. He is in custody," said a senior Afghan official.

Dozens were killed in fighting which broke out earlier this month between Amanullah's fighters and those of Herat Gov. Ismail Khan, an ethnic Tajik strongman whose autocratic rule has alienated minorities and even some of his own commanders.

Ludin would not comment on speculation that Khan might be removed from power, but he said the action against Amanullah was one in a series of steps unfolding during the coming days.

Al-Jazeera: Tape shows French hostages

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Islamic militants released a brief tape showing two French journalists kidnapped recently in Iraq, saying they were holding the men to protest a French law banning headscarves in schools, according to footage aired Saturday by Al-Jazeera TV station.

The station news reader said the group, calling itself the Islamic Army in Iraq, gave the French government 48 hours to overturn the law but mentioned no ultimatum.

The journalists, Christian Chesnot of Radio France-International, or RFI, and Georges Malbrunot of Le Figaro newspaper and RTL radio, have not been in touch with their employ-

ers since Aug. 19, the French Foreign Ministry said last week. The station's news reader said the group described the French law banning religious apparel in public schools as "an aggression on the Islamic religion and personal freedoms."

The tape, lasting 3-4 seconds, showed the men separately standing in front of a black background emblazoned with the group's name in Arabic. Chesnot appears first, saying in poor Arabic that "we are being held by the Islamic Army in Iraq. The tape then shows Malbrunot speaking French; the station did not translate his remarks.

The French law, which takes effect Wednesday, forbids public

school students from wearing religious apparel and "conspicuous" signs showing their religious affiliation. That includes Jewish skullcaps and large Christian crosses.

French authorities have made clear, however, that the ban is aimed at removing Islamic headscarves from classrooms. The law sparked protests at home and abroad, with many Muslims saying they felt unfairly targeted.

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Warplanes, tanks bomb Fallujah

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — U.S. warplanes and tanks bombarded targets in Fallujah on Saturday and U.S. forces exchanged gunfire with insurgents on the city's eastern outskirts and the main highway that runs to neighboring Jordan, witnesses said.

Fourteen people were wounded in the violence, including eight children, said Dr. Ali Khamis of Fallujah General Hospital.

The attacks struck the city's eastern al-Askari neighborhood as well as the industrial area at the eastern entrance of Fallujah. At least four homes were destroyed and people were seen being rushed to hospital.

Lt. Col. Thomas V. Johnson, a Marine spokesman, said U.S. troops based on the edge of Fallujah had been attacked. Witnesses said the air raids began at 7 a.m. and clashes between the two sides continued for several hours. Smoke could be seen billowing into the air and fire flared in the sky after the strikes.

Johnson said one fire in the city had been sparked by a U.S. strike and was "believed to be related to a hit on a significant weapons cache."

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Iran will 'guarantee' it won't make nuclear weapons

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran said Saturday it would continue its nuclear program but provide "guarantees" not to build atomic weapons, and warned Washington it cannot stabilize neighboring Iraq and Afghanistan without Tehran's help.

In a wide-ranging news conference, Iranian President Muhammad Khatami said the wall of mistrust separating Tehran and Washington had become thicker during the Bush administration, adding he hoped American casualties in Iraq would affect U.S. public opinion before the November election.

Washington claims the Iranian nuclear program is aimed at building atomic weapons, but Tehran says it directed at generating electricity.

"We are ready to do everything necessary to give guarantees that we won't seek nuclear weapons," Khatami said.

"As Muslims, we can't use nuclear weapons," he told reporters in Tehran. "One who can't use nuclear weapons won't produce them."

He did not elaborate on the nature of the guarantees, but Iran has already agreed to international inspections of its nuclear facilities and military sites. Khatami reiterated his country would not give up its nuclear program.

Pakistan economic czar becomes prime minister

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan's economic czar Shaukat Aziz was sworn in as prime minister Saturday and said his government's greatest challenge would be combating terrorism and maintaining law and order.

Aziz also promised to modernize the armed forces, reorganize the law enforcement and judicial systems and tackle the endemic poverty and unemployment.

"Our biggest challenge is to improve peace and security in the country, especially the situation created by terrorism," he told lawmakers.

Aziz, 55, is a close ally of President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, whose support of the U.S.-led war on terrorism and military campaigns against al-Qaida militants along the Afghan border have stoked anger among Islamic militants.

Pakistan has been hit by a wave of terrorist attacks this year, and Aziz himself was targeted in an assassination attempt July 30 while campaigning. He was unhurt but nine others were killed.

Aziz was elected by parliament on Friday despite a boycott by the opposition which condemned the process, claiming it was stage-managed by Musharraf.

Yemeni court convicts 15 militants in attacks

SAN'A, Yemen — A chaotic three-month trial ended Saturday with 15 militants convicted for roles in terror attacks on a French oil tanker and a helicopter carrying U.S. oil workers, as well as plots to kill the American ambassador and Yemeni security officials.

The court sentenced one man — convicted of killing a Yemeni police officer — to death and the others from three to 10 years in jail. One man was tried in absentia.

"There is no God but God, America is the enemy of God, Osama is beloved by God," the defendants chanted from their court cells, referring to Osama bin Laden. Some of the men are believed to be linked to bin-Laden's al-Qaida terror network.

"They want us to nullify our pact with Osama, by God, that will never happen," Favaz al-Habesie, who was sentenced to 10 years in prison, cried before a courtroom packed with defendants' relatives, journalists and security. Outside, sharpshooters were posted on nearby rooftops. Several armored vehicles and machine gun-mounted military jeeps surrounded the court and blocked streets.

U.N. reports improvement in Sudan, ends mission

AL-FASHIR, Sudan — Security has improved in camps in Sudan's violence-torn Darfur region, but displaced villagers still face attacks and abuse when they leave their camps, a U.N. team said Saturday as it completed a mission that could determine whether Sudan is hit with international sanctions.

Darfur rebels, meanwhile, said government forces and Arab militiamen continue to burn and torch villages and kill civilians — with attacks on six vil-

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lages in the past three days, including one that killed 64 people. The rebels said they would hold a 24-hour boycott of peace talks with the Sudanese government to protest.

More than 1 million black African villagers have been driven from their homes by the militiamen known as the Jan-

jaweed, who are allegedly backed by the government, and many of the villagers are in 147 camps scattered across Darfur, a region the size of France.

An estimated 30,000 have been killed in the violence, which began in February 2003, when African rebel groups began an anti-government campaign. The latest attacks reported by the rebel negotiators could not be independently confirmed.

Bangladeshi police beat demonstrators at strike

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Bangladeshi police beat demonstrators with batons Saturday during opposition-led strikes demanding the government resign over a deadly grenade attack on a political rally.

At least 50 people were injured in the clashes in southeastern Chittagong city and eastern Narsingdi district, the domestic

news agency United News of Bangladesh reported.

In Narsingdi, 25 miles east of the capital Dhaka, baton-wielding police broke up a crowd of about 400 people who tried to hold a rally. About 30 people were injured, UNB said.

About 20 protesters were hurt in similar skirmishes in Chittagong city, 130 miles southeast of Dhaka, the report said.

Saturday's strike is the third such protest called by the oppo-

sition Awami League, which blames the government for the Aug. 21 grenade attack that killed 20 people and injured more than 300 at a rally outside the opposition Awami League's headquarters in central Dhaka. Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina escaped the assault unharmed, but she claims police allowed the assailants to flee — a charge the government denies.

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Anti-gay reggae stirs debate in Jamaica

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — A generation ago, reggae anthems by Bob Marley and Peter Tosh preached concepts of "one love," legal marijuana and social justice.

But today's version of Jamaica's native music is more likely to advocate casual sex, opulent dress and sometimes critics say, violence against gays. The issue of homophobia in dancehall reggae took center stage this past week after Grammy-winning artist Beenie Man was booted from a concert associated with Sunday's MTV Video Music Awards in Miami.

MTV pulled the Jamaican from the roster after Florida gay rights groups threatened to protest because of past Beenie Man lyrics like "I'm dreaming of a new Jamaica, come to execute all the gays" and "Queers must be killed."

"These lyrics only incite hatred and violence toward gays and lesbians," said Brett Lock of Outrage!, a London-based gay rights group leading boycotts of Beenie Man and several other artists.

The episode has drawn mixed reaction in reggae's birthplace, where homophobia frequently surfaces and issues of sexuality are rarely discussed publicly. Beenie Man's manager, Clyde McKenzie, said the artist was not promoting violence and suggested the protests were timed to capitalize on the recent success of dancehall — a type of reggae infused with hip-hop influences.

"This wouldn't be happening right now if it weren't for the music's popularity," he said. "But some have been less sympathetic."

"You are earning money from selling songs that preach death for your fellow Jamaicans," read an anonymous letter published in Friday's Gleaner newspaper, Jamaica's largest.

Other artists criticized for anti-gay lyrics include Buju Banton, Bounty Killer and Elephant Man. Banton's music has called for burning homosexuals.

Beenie Man, whose real name is Anthony Moses Davis, is on tour to promote an album, and he issued a statement through his record label earlier this month offering his "sincerest apologies to those who might

“ These lyrics only incite hatred and violence toward gays and lesbians. ”

— Brett Lock of Outrage!, a gay rights group

have been offended, threatened or hurt by my songs."

In a 2002 interview with The Associated Press, he said, "I don't support homosexuality because I'm not homosexual, but I don't hate gay people... Jamaicans come right out and say, 'We don't deal with homosexuals'... That's why the music is homophobic? I don't understand."

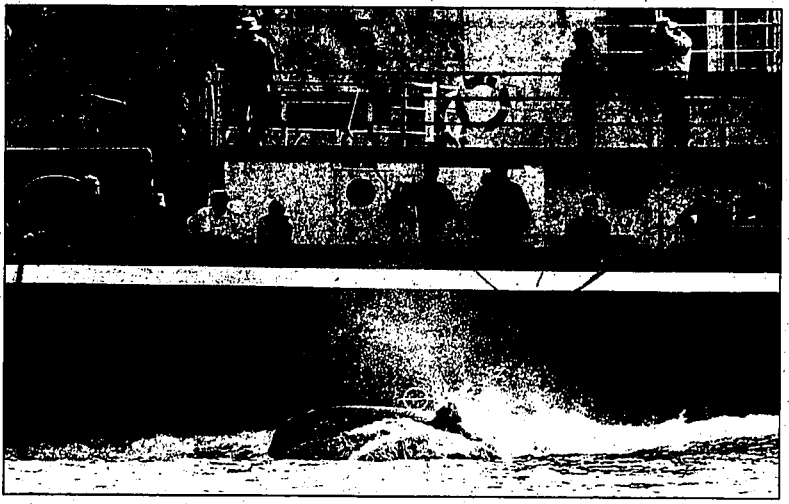
When he played early Saturday in the Cayman Islands before more than 1,000 people, he did not perform any songs with anti-gay lyrics. Lack of tolerance toward gays is not new in the Caribbean. Last month, more than 100 protesters in the Bahamas shouted anti-gay chants at homosexual cruise passengers as they stepped off their chartered ship.

J-FLAG, Jamaica's sole gay rights group, says it has received dozens of reports of abuse against gays this year, and it cites dancehall lyrics as a factor.

"These artists are Jamaica's role models: if you grow up hearing songs saying 'burn gay people,' of course that's going to have an effect," said a J-FLAG spokeswoman, who asked not to be named for fear of retribution.

Others note that much of Jamaican music is free of homophobic and popular artists like Sean Paul, Burning Spear and Luciano do not use anti-gay lyrics.

"Dancehall is just one corner of the music. I wish people would focus on the positive message reggae has spread throughout the world," said Barbara Blake-Hanna, a Jamaican author who writes on culture and the Rastafarian faith.



Luna the killer whale bounds and plays in the wake of the Uchuck, a working coastal vessel that offers passenger and freight service in Nootka and Kyquot Sound, near Mooyah Bay in the Gold River, Canada, in this May 20 file photo.

'Friendly' killer whale damages boats

Officials, Indian group work on plan to protect it

GOLD RIVER, British Columbia (AP) — A "playful" killer whale who likes to frolic alongside fishermen has damaged three boats in separate incidents in recent weeks.

Luna, described by fishermen as a friendly 5-year-old whale, has made frequent contact with people and boats in waters off Vancouver Island about 125 miles north of the U.S. border, since he began frequenting the waters more than two years ago.

Now Canadian officials and an Indian group that believes the animal is the reincarnation of its late chief are working on a plan to protect both Luna and humans. Officials hope to eventually reunite him with his pod of U.S. relatives.

Witnesses said Luna damaged the rudders of a sailboat and two gillnetters in Nootka Sound in recent weeks. For hours after damaging the boats, Luna bumped and nudged the vessels, apparently seeking social contact, said Les Rombough, president of Canada's Area D Gillnetters Association.

One fishing boat was so damaged that its 75-year-old skipper had to rig a rope-and-pulley system to steer it while Luna continued to "harass and bang around the boat like a beach ball for five hours," Rombough told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer for a story in Saturday's edition.

Still, Rombough said, "he's just being playful." But as Luna grows, there is concern the encounters have gotten increasingly dangerous.

Rombough said fishermen would love to avoid Luna, but "you just can't do that any more."

The Canadian Fisheries department and the Mowachah-Muchalaht First Nation — a band that believes Luna embodies the spirit of their dead chief — plan to unveil a formal "stewardship plan" for the whale this week, said Don Radford, acting director of the fisheries department's regional office.

The plan will include providing public information on how to avoid Luna and what to do if one encounters him, Radford said.

In the past, people have contributed to the problem by coming down to the dock to see the whale, who used to snoot around docks and boat propellers. One person even tried to brush the whale's teeth.

Radford said the Indian band has already posted warning signs, restricted some dock access and distributed brochures about the whale. He said the fisheries agency issues radio

broadcast advisories about the whale over maritime frequencies.

In June, fisheries officials tried to capture Luna in an effort to reunite him with his pod as the small group of whales swam past the southern tip of Vancouver Island.

The plan was scuttled, however, after catches of Mowachah-Muchalaht lured the whale away; they said they were uncomfortable with the plan.

Some said a stewardship should have been put into place soon after that incident.

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EDITORIAL

Simpson wilderness plan goes too far for the ecos

When U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson talks about wilderness in the Boulder-White Clouds range, he makes an interesting case.

The 2nd District Republican defends his Boulder-White Cloud wilderness proposal and says he remains true to the virtues of grazing, mining, timber and motorized recreation. Yet he acknowledges that the environmental movement's growing strength is narrowing the political future of those activities.

else he'll withdraw his support. That seems to be a risk the environmentalists are willing to take to gain greater environmental protection in the future.

If Sen. John Kerry becomes president, he would likely consider using the Antiquities Act to designate a Boulder-White Cloud national monument over local objections. (Both Simpson and Sen. Mike Crapo said the Boulder-White Clouds and the Owlhees were up for consideration under President Clinton.)

Our view:

Environmental opposition poses the biggest risk to Rep. Mike Simpson's wilderness plan.

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

Simpson says he wants to assure some kind of federal protection for those uses — although on a smaller scale — in exchange for more than 340,000 wilderness acres in the Boulder-White Clouds.

But we can't help thinking his hard work will be for naught, because his plan is likely to be hog-tied by the powerful environmental groups.

More than two dozen pro-wilderness groups have stated their opposition to Simpson's plan, with two key points of contention.

• Quarter County land — The groups refuse to see the benefit of granting Custer County an allotment of 1,500 acres in the Challis National Forest. Simpson says this land swap, which is about .005 of a percent of the 2.93 million acres of federal land in the county, will provide a needed boost to the county's tax base.

Land ownership is the ultimate basis for private wealth. The ecos appear to oppose any proposal that helps Custer County become independent of the federal government.

• Motorized vehicle use — Simpson's plan also includes a main corridor enabling continued motorized-vehicle use through Germanias Creek. The pro-wilderness groups say off-road vehicles should be banned entirely in any Boulder-White Clouds wilderness region.

Simpson says the Germania Creek corridor must remain in the legislation, or

optimism for additional wilderness and less multiple use. They clearly have the ear of Kerry and his environmentalist wife, who owns a \$5 million home in Ketchum.

The ecos won't surrender the chance of a presidentially decreed national monument for Simpson's wilderness plan.

As for the creation of more wilderness in Idaho, we understand Simpson's desire to protect multiple use as much as possible. The decline of grazing in the Sawtooths, mining in the White Clouds, and snowmobiles in Yellowstone show environmentalists are gaining an upper hand.

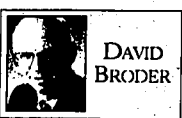
But Simpson's approach, in the end, is really capitulation. Protection of multiple uses uncertainly would also be uncertain over the long term. New lawsuits can be used in years to come to implement even tighter regulations than Simpson's plan proposes.

Simpson's Boulder-White Clouds plan would certainly enhance Simpson's political legacy in the mold of a Cecil Andrus and Frank Church. And his prolonged effort to mediate so many views on this issue is praiseworthy.

We might endorse the proposal if we thought it had a chance of meeting Simpson's hopes. But with so much power on one side of the debate, those wishes are still far from reality.

Candidates can change tone, but not volume of TV ads

GREEN BAY, Wis. — When John Kerry came to a campaign appearance last week, no one was happier to see him than the owners of the local television stations. Kerry has been very good to them, and so has President Bush, as both sides advertise heavily seeking an edge in the struggle for this battleground state.



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Spending by the two sides put Green Bay in 12th place among all media markets in the country. Wisconsin is also one of the three states where the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth launched their now-famous campaign to discredit Kerry's Vietnam service record. And it is a major target for ads sponsored by the Media Fund, America Coming Together and other independent organizations out to defeat Bush.

With total reported political contributions for this cycle already past the \$1 billion mark — and the heaviest ad buys still to come — the character of the perpetual debate about campaign financing is not one of finance but of accountability.

What the candidates and the political parties put on the air become their responsibility. Cheap and blatant distortions can be — and have been — laid right at their doorstep. But when independent groups launch their broadsides at the opposition candidate, the intended beneficiary can't be held responsible for his hands of the whole affair.

That is what Bush has done with the Swift Boaters; rather than denounce their allegations and verify their lies about his war wounds and decorations, he



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has rightfully come down against all such non-official ads. Implicit in Bush's stance is the assumption that the election-period dialogue is the exclusive property of the parties and their candidates. But that is not — and never has been — the law, and it hardly fits the realities of America's pluralistic society.

The institutions and individuals with a stake in the presidential election are far more numerous than two parties and two candidates. All sorts of other groups — from left and right, from environmentalists to anti-abortionists — have much riding on the outcome. By what logic are they to be prohibited from running their ads?

Kerry had no difficulty proving that some of the people who signed in the independent pro-Bush groups were veteran Republicans with close ties to the Bush family or campaign. The same sort of incestuous relationship is even more obvious among the pro-Kerry independents, whose leaders include Kerry's own former campaign manager and two former Clinton White House political directors.

Almost simultaneously with Bush's denunciation of these groups came word that new organizations aimed at defeating Kerry had been formed by people who served as chiefs of staff to the president's father and fellow members of the Reagan-Bush administration. Those groups announced financial plans that will soon put them in the same league as the pro-Kerry independents.

The reality is that, in a nation with our Constitution's guarantee of free speech and a government whose decisions impact on every aspect of life, the flow of money from the private sector into the political world will be almost impossible to control.

What can be disciplined is the tendency of these ads to exaggerate, distort or flat-out lie. And the candidates who benefit from the ads are the ones who have the first responsibility — along with the press — to police them. The candidates ought to be judged by their willingness to tell their supporters when they have crossed the line.

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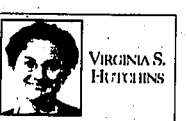
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Hospital provides impressive treatment

Last month, my 90-year-old father was visiting us in Las Vegas, Nev. Not feeling well and suspecting a possible problem with his heart, we decided to take him to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. At about 9:30 a.m., he was admitted to the emergency room and the experience was not good. However, he did agree that traveling back to Las Vegas was not an option in his immediate condition and agreed to go to the hospital.

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It was determined that he should be admitted to the hospital and seen by a cardiologist. By 1 p.m., we had met Dr. Dan Brown, cardiologist, and arrangements made for a procedure the next day. Dad had the procedure to correct a couple of blockages in his heart, was released and feeling much better in two days. We jokingly said if he had been in Las Vegas, he would still be in the waiting room.

No one likes or desires a hospital experience. Too often, it is unpleasant under very stressful circumstances. Our family has had a lot of hospital visits with our aging mother over the last three years. We can readily distinguish inadequate care from excellent care and everything in between. Our dad received excellent care at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, and his stay there was made as pleasant as humanly possible for him and his family.

On behalf of the my dad and the Burton family, I want to say thank you to everyone from the emergency room staff and doctor, to the intensive care unit staff and doctors, to Dr. Brown and his staff. Thank you to every hospital employee that saw me in the hallway and asked if I needed assistance. Thank you to the volunteers that drive the golf cart around the parking lot assisting visitors. Thank you to the management of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for addressing quality patient and family care. Keep up the good work.

JEANNINE BARNEY
Twin Falls

M.V. victims see their rights are neglected

It's time we get our rights back. We have had several murders in Jerome that have never been solved. We have had women cut up and murdered

in their own homes. Nothing has been done about it because of the way our laws are here in Magic Valley. We have had people walking to the store get run over and killed never has found his murder yet also.

Does our law care? No, the person who did this is still free. Do our laws care about who gets killed? No, they sure don't. None of these cases have been solved yet. Right now as of today, we still have murderers walking around in Magic Valley. We have to put up with cops lying about us, mistreating us when we call. There are times they never show up; why? Because we only have one cop on duty. Because they wear a gun and a badge, they can do as they please because they're the law.

Can they find a killer? Must not. It's been more than two years on one deal, more than 12 years on another murder. But yet they tell us we can't have firearms in town to protect ourselves. Now they say we can't have a dog to protect us because if you do have a dog that will protect you and your home, they will come into your home and make you put it down. They will also come into your home if you have more than three dogs. They have a right to come put them down, too, because the law says you can't have more than three dogs.

Where are our rights? Here, we can't bear arms to protect ourselves; we can't have dogs to protect ourselves. If we get put in jail over these stupid laws, we get abused by the law. They don't pay our power, water, phone, rent or house payments. What gives these people the right to hurt us and kill our pets which are family. It's OK we are run over, cut up and murdered. We can't do anything about this. We can't even have dogs to protect us any more. We need to get our rights back. If you

agree with me, please contact me.

DEB K. KASTER
Jerome

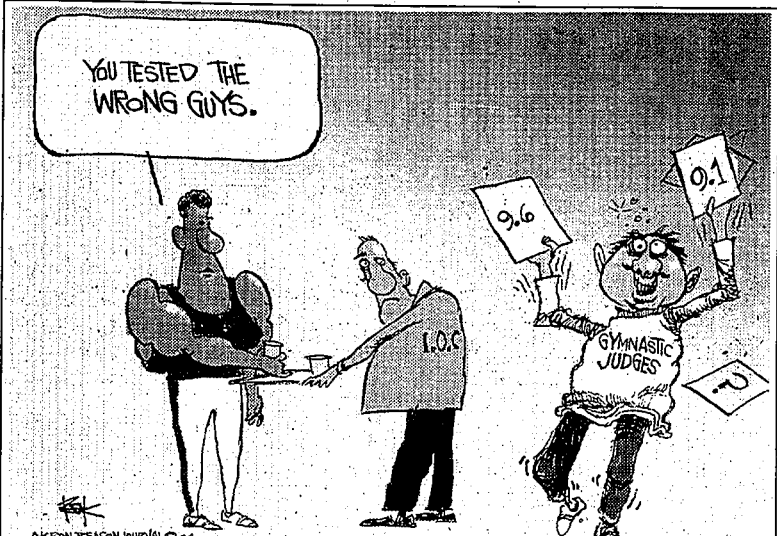
Inmate needs to accept consequences of actions

This letter is to Toby LaFray. I have one question for you. Why is it so hard to have a relationship without sex? No one is faulting you on having a relationship with a minor. They are faulting you on what you did in that relationship. We all have got to be responsible for our actions, and to you let you know, I'm not saint, but until I started accepting my consequences for what I was doing, I couldn't stay out of trouble.

So stop your whining and do what you got to do to get on with your life. You can't change anything. Stop living in the past and see what is going on in front of you today.

KENNY CORDIER
Twin Falls

LETTERS



Alcohol ruins a night at the Gooding rodeo

The Gooding Rodeo showing could have been an enjoyable evening out for kids and adults. But when adults feel they can't do without the beer, they ruin the time for their kids and everyone who has to be around them.

Don't get me wrong, I don't mind adults being with adults and drinking alcohol. I've even put in my years, but I never took my now-grown children out to such places with me nor felt I had to drink while we were enjoying a family time together.

We had our evening ruined Saturday night (Aug. 21) at the Gooding Rodeo, and because of this, we'll probably not partake in another rodeo at Gooding. There were many people drinking that night; in fact, there were people walking around selling beer but not soft drinks.

But our incident was this: "There were two couples sitting behind us that had young children, the youngest being about 5. Not only did the adult woman spill her drink on me, but another time, she spilled her beer on a little girl about 4 years old who was there with her dad. Now these people had four or five 20-ounce beers while watching the rodeo, so, as if this isn't bad enough, but there's more. These people were poking their feet, knees and elbows in us all of the time, being loud, rude and inconsiderate to everyone around them. What an example to set for their children and other children."

Now these people were going to drive home after who knows how many beers. But the very worst part of this is the children are going to be riding in the vehicle too. Isn't this child endangerment?

I spent 11 years on a quick response unit. I can't recall how many alcohol-involved accidents I responded to, the needless killing of children, all in the name's sake of having a good time.

Won't this be a great memory for the kids? Mom and Dad took us to the rodeo and spilled beer on everyone? What do you suppose these kids will grow up to think is right or OK? Alcohol,

adults and children don't mix. Leave the drinking where everyone wants to do the same thing and don't ruin your children's times with you or ruin other families' times with your drinking.

Trust me, you can have fun without booze and probably remember more too.
DELLA GRIGG
Jerome

Vets have earned the right to light up

I am so angry I could chew nails and spit rust! Have you been in a veteran's hospital? Have you seen a man so ridden with liver cancer that he is yellow? His only happiness is to have coffee and smoke cigarettes? When a young intern comes through and says to him, "Smoking will kill you."

Have you ever been in a VA hospital where a man is in a wheelchair with no use of his legs or arms but as a device rigged up so he can, with the help of a nurse, smoke a cigarette? Have you ever been in a VA hospital? These are the men who have fought and been denied any sort of a normal life so that we may be free! These are

the men who have done everything for us, only to have their rights taken away! What are we thinking of?

During World War II, everyone smoked and there were thousands, possibly millions, of children born perfectly normal to smoking women. Cigarettes were in the servicemen's rations! I do not advocate for smoking for youngsters, nor do I advocate either drinking of alcohol or using narcotics. Nevertheless, there are millions of people who die from lung cancer who have never smoked a cigarette in their lives, have never been around tobacco smoke, but still they die of lung cancer.

To not allow our veterans to smoke in the VA hospitals is beyond everything that we owe them. It is cruel and inhuman. In Jackpot, Nev., or any gambling place, people sit next to others that smoke and think nothing of it. Somehow it isn't so offending.

Let our veterans do whatever they want to or need to in order to give them a reason to wake up in the mornings.

Support our troops and God bless the veterans.
BEVERLY HARSHARGER
Jerome

Idahoans work hard to observe smoking limits

Thank you to the thousands of Idaho businesses, office buildings, shopping malls and others that have so willingly complied with Idaho's new Clean Indoor Air Act prohibiting smoking in public places.

Thank you to those restaurant owners who may have originally opposed the smoke-free legislation but have so willingly complied in every respect. Many of you have called and reported increased sales and expressions of gratitude from customers and employees since you went smoke-free. Thank you for obeying the law and realizing the rewards. A great deal of attention has been focused on a small handful of restaurants trying to circumvent the law by exploiting "loopholes" that do not even

exist. Their noncompliance creates a completely unfair environment for you, but you have remained true. Thank you.

Thank you to the many bowling centers across the state that have voluntarily gone smoke-free, even though you were not required to under the Clean Indoor Air Act. Your commitment to the health and safety of your customers deserves a lot more attention than it has received.

Thank you to our veterans for pointing out that the law has been interpreted to prohibit smoking in private rooms in the state-owned veterans homes. Although common areas in nursing homes should be smoke-free, there was no intention to prohibit smoking within your private rooms. Clarifications or corrections will be made to accommodate you.

Thank you to the citizens of

Idaho, I always knew this law would be self-enforced because of the integrity of our citizens. Violations have been politely corrected. Misunderstandings have been quickly resolved. To my knowledge, not one citation has been issued for refusal to obey Idaho's Clean Indoor Air law. People understand that Idaho's law does not prohibit smoking; it merely restricts it to myriad locations other than indoor public places where all of us are now welcome.

Because of each of you, Idaho is a healthier, cleaner place to live and breathe.

Thank you
SEN. BRENT HILL
Redburg
(Editor's note: Brent Hill, R-Redburg, is the senator for District 34, Fremont and Madison counties. He was the legislative sponsor of Idaho's new smoking ban in the 2004 session.)

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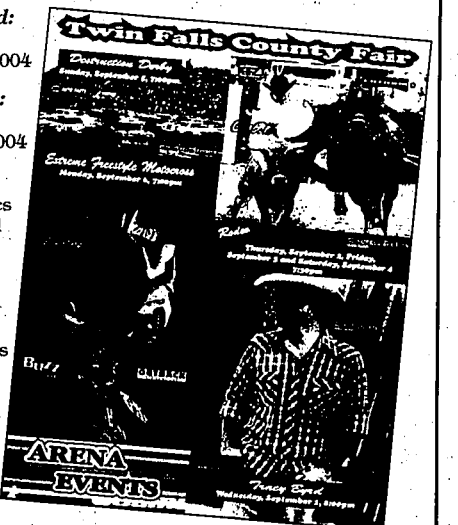
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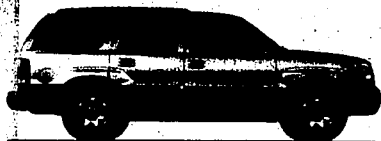
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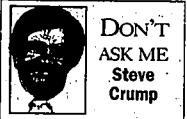
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Section B

How much is that Scooby in the sun roof?

I went to the Western Idaho Fair in Boise last weekend and, to my amazement and for the first time in my life, actually won something on the midway: A 5-foot-tall stuffed Scooby-Doo.

The prize was won at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. We stayed at the fairgrounds until 10:30, including three hours at a Doobie Brothers concert.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

Scooby at the Doobies occupied a place next to me, until the seat-holders showed up. Then Scooby sat on my lap.

I heard the Doobies, but I must confess that I never actually saw them.

After the concert, we walked through the livestock barns. Scooby frightened the llamas into a near stampede; then we went for ice cream on the midway. While my girlfriend Victoria fumbled for change in her purse, I juggled Scooby in one hand and her hot-fudge sundae in the other.

When we got to the car, Scooby wouldn't fit in the trunk. So he sat in the back seat, his head protruding through the sun roof.

Then it began to rain. Gallant soul that I am, I stopped the car and covered Scooby's head with my jacket. Within half a block, the jacket had blown away.

Scooby, I'm happy to say, is currently perched in Victoria's Barcalounger, awaiting shipment to her niece and nephew in California.

But that drenching I took trying to rescue him left me with cold, complete with fever and chills.

Could I borrow your coat?

May I share a little secret with you?

This is the time of year that folks who work in newsrooms dread most.

It's zucchini, squash and potato harvest season, and that means that invariably some of you fetch up on our doorsteps and want us to take pictures of your humungous produce.

Worse, there's a publicity among publicity seeking giant-vegetable growers who tend to veer over into folksy goofiness. These are folks who reckon that their carefully nurtured vegetables look like presidents, or even Tom Cruise.

Once when I was working for the paper in Pocatello years ago, a gentleman came into the newsroom and declined to leave until I agreed to write a front-page story about the potato he had sculpted into a bust of Archibald Cox, the lawyer who investigated President Nixon during the Watergate scandal.

Now this was a couple of months after I graduated from college, and the commencement speaker happened to be Archibald Cox. I told Mr. Potato Head this and allowed that I saw no resemblance.

He accused me of being anti-vegetarian, pro-Nixon and swore he'd never read the Idaho State Journal again.

The Journal, I'm sure, has been grateful ever since.

My colleague Sandy Miller, who used to work for the paper in Elks, was occasionally called upon to photograph large vegetables grown by readers in rural areas of northeastern Nevada.

Now this was problematic because the Great Basin has often been dusted with radioactive materials over the past 55 years. The specter of a giant mutant zucchini grown in Montello, Nev., pretty much put Sandy off zucchini forever.

That said, it's not particularly remarkable that zucchini morph themselves into phantasmagoric shapes. This, after all, is a plague disguised as a summer squash.

Of course some zucchini look like President Bush; they think they are President Bush. So if at any point during the next week you harvest vegetables from your garden and remark in the likeness of anybody famous, do us a favor: Get a hobby. And don't make it potato-sculpting.

On the other hand, Times-News features editor Steve Crump sort of looks like a Hubbard squash.

Woman skydives for 93rd birthday

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

CALDWELL — She enjoys crawling through tunnels on the playground and riding mechanical bulls at the county fair.

So it doesn't seem strange that Lucre Koltz wanted to celebrate her 93rd birthday by jumping out of an airplane or, at least, it doesn't seem strange to Koltz.

"Because it's a new adventure," she explained.

Koltz, who lives in Burley,

saw videotape of her great-granddaughter skydiving a few years ago and set her mind to doing the same.

On Saturday morning, Koltz got her birthday wish to skydive in Caldwell. Her age, she said, wasn't a concern.

"I wouldn't have missed it for anything," she said Saturday afternoon from her home. "It was smooth and fine."

In fact, the jump was less daunting than the Screamer ride at Disneyland's California Adventure park, Koltz said.

The 13 cars full of family and

friends who watched the skydive shouldn't have seemed too surprised based on Koltz's history of adventure.

On her 91st birthday, she marked the day by climbing onto a automated bronco at the Cassia County Fair.

Koltz's grandson-in-law, John Price, remembers that day. He laughs about how frustrated Koltz became over the event.

"She kept on telling the guy to speed it up," Price said. "She got so mad 'cause he wouldn't do it."

Koltz still drives a car and takes care of herself, he said. In recent years, Koltz has enjoyed gardening.

In her youth, she not only worked in hay, grain and potato fields, but also milked cows.

Price considers Koltz pretty adventurous for her size and age.

"There's no stopping her," Price said. "She's just a little bit of a wisp of a thing. She ain't no bigger than a minute."

Koltz is keeping her plans for her next birthday under wraps. "I'll have to wait and see if I

have one," she said.

However, that hasn't stopped her from planning a few more adventures.

Koltz hopes to take a trip to Egypt for Christmas of 2005 and to Scotland in September of 2006.

Koltz has six children, 35 grandchildren, 75 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

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STAYING ACTIVE



After winning silver medals in the javelin, shot put and discus, Rita Plank tries her hand at the softball throw during the Magic Valley Seniors Games at Brulin Field on Saturday.

M.V. seniors compete in their own Olympics

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Where do used-up PE teachers go?

Used to physically active lifestyles, many showed up at the second annual Magic Valley Seniors Games on Saturday. Senior Games is an Olympic-style sports event designed to promote healthy lifestyles for seniors through fitness, sports, active lifestyle and athletic competition. The games are for people ages 50 years and older.

About 400 participated this year, which is up about 130 compared with the first year. People came not only from Magic Valley, but also Boise, Idaho Falls, Washington and

Oregon, retired District Judge William Hart said. Hart and his wife Cheryl started the Senior Games in Magic Valley.

Seventy-year-old Nancy Warrmack of Stanley, a retired PE teacher, said she spends almost all of her time involved in various physical endeavors.

"I taught so hard for so long that now that I have the time to participate, that's what I do," she said.

She plays tennis, does aerobics, hikes, teaches yoga and about anything that looks like fun.

Warrmack's 76-year-old husband, Bob Warrmack, is also a retired PE teacher. He runs 20 miles a week, she said. On Saturday, he was busy running in various track events.

Donna Pence, 62, of Gooding, another retired PE teacher, helped organize the games last year and this year. Pence participated in events such as the shot-put, the javelin throw and the discus. To get ready for the event, she helped teach other women how to participate in those weight-bearing sports. She said the class was valuable for older women because most of them did not have the opportunities to be involved in such activities when they were in school.

"That's because it was supposed to be bad for your health," Pence recalled.

It wasn't until the late 1960s that teenaged women in Idaho were even allowed to participate in school-sanctioned sports,

Pence said. And that was because of the efforts of Pence and other women PE teachers who began organizing informal basketball and track competitions for young women.

"It took a lot of grassroots effort to get this thing going," Pence said.

With a little help from the federal government, the Idaho High School Athletic Association began recognizing women's sports. It was in 1972 that Congress first passed anti-sexual discrimination laws in education.

In 1975 Congress went further by prohibiting sex discrimination in athletics and establishing a three-year window for schools.

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New North Rim Park offers protection for Oregon Trail route

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — At first, it looked like an ordinary rusted tin can. But on closer observation, one could see that the can Clair Ricketts picked up had a perfectly round hole a little larger than an inch in diameter in one end.

That indicated that the can was from the Oregon Trail era, he said.

The hole in the top was where the can was filled, Ricketts said. After the can was full, it was sealed, and then the hole was punched out at the time of use.

"Apparently they camped over there," he said as he pointed with his cane to an area along the north rim of the Snake River Canyon where the Oregon Trail crossed the Walgamott Trail.

He has found many other tin cans and other indications of a camp in the spot.

A pristine segment of the North Side Oregon Trail, opened by the Hudson's Bay Company in 1836, crosses the entire length of the newly designated North Rim Park from U.S. Highway 93 past Devil's Corral to the eastern boundary of the park, Virginia Ricketts said.

The Hudson Bay Company



Clair and Virginia Ricketts study maps they have made from survey maps, marked with sections of Oregon Trail ruins.

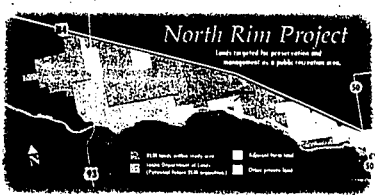
owned Fort Hall and Fort Boise.

"This was the shortest route between those forts," Virginia Ricketts said.

The first wagon train came

through in 1844, she said.

"As far as we know, it was the first one," Ricketts said. "It's difficult coming up with early diaries for this side."



In addition to sites associated with the Oregon Trail — camps, trail ruins and pioneer gravesites — there are other historic spots dating back to prehistoric times in the new North Rim Park.

The Rickettses and others see the Bureau of Land Management's lease of the area to Jerome County for recreation and preservation as an opportunity to protect the area's history.

Trail travelers

Clair and Virginia Ricketts have studied the Oregon Trail ever since Virginia served as Jerome County clerk and came across survey maps of the north rim area.

"I didn't know the Oregon Trail went on the north side," she said.

The trail was one main road

with a maze of others that crossed it.

"They would find the easiest way around the rock piles," Virginia Ricketts said.

"As the summer progressed, they would go where they could find more forage for their livestock."

When the couple first started studying the North Rim Oregon Trail, they made several trips to Boise, where they were able to make copies of survey notes and maps, from which they made maps of their own with the trail marked.

"Seeing the maps lit a fire under our feet," Ricketts said. "We went hog wild."

The history buffs have followed the Oregon Trail from Twin Falls all the way to Pocatello.

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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.

Jeffery D. Brown
(Trowbridge)

- Age: 27.
- Hometown: Buhl.
- Local family: Parents, Steve and Joy Trowbridge of Twin Falls; brothers, Ben, Logan and Craig Trowbridge; wife, Starr Brown of 29 Palms, Calif.; children, Trinity and Nicholas Brown of 29 Palms, Calif.; grandparents, Rose Lattie of Jerome and Bob and Reah Brown of Boise.
- Service, date of enlistment: Marine Corps, September 1996.
- Rank, assignment: Corporal, wing division.
- Hazards: Heavy equipment dazed mechanic, driver and hazardous flight crew chief.
- Additional information: Deployed in February of 2004 to Iraq with MWSS Squadron 374.

To send a message to those serving in the military, go online to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Military Messages." To submit information and photos about local servicemen and women involved in Iraq and Afghanistan, please call Times-News columnist Willard at 735-3278 or e-mail jwhited@magicvalley.com. Please include your own name and contact information.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Forest Service will restrict Warm Springs camping to designated sites

The Times-News

KETCHUM — Camping on the Sawtooth National Forest in the Warm Springs area west of Ketchum will be restricted to designated campsites to manage high levels of public use.

U.S. Forest Service staff will begin designating campsites Monday along a 14-mile stretch of Warm Springs Creek to protect damaged meadows and stream banks.

Camping areas will be re-directed to more resilient areas, and options for primitive camping experiences will be maintained, an agency news release said.

Regular camping access will continue until the project is finished, Ketchum District Ranger Kurt Nelson said.

Restricted camping areas — which should result in no net loss of camping opportunities — probably will be in full effect in 2005, he said.

"Back in 1999 and 2000, we completed an environmental analysis, which included a fairly extensive public information and involvement effort, that resulted in the decision to designate dispersed campsites and roads in Baker Creek and Warm Springs Canyon," Nelson said.

Baker Creek has been finished.

In Warm Springs, designated campsites will be identified by signs and defined with rock or barrier logs.

Each campsite will have a fire ring and cooking grate.

"We will also be closing unneeded, two-track roads," Nelson said. "In some areas, there are two and three roads going to the same campsite."

"Improvements have been realized in the Trail, Corral, Deer and Baker creek areas since similar initiatives began in the early 1990s.

Designated camping along Warm Springs Creek will begin a mile east of the West Fork west of the junction of the South Fork.

New tribal health center opens

Officials: Funding remains sketchy

LAPWAI (AP) — A new health clinic has opened its doors to Nez Perce tribal members, but officials say it's still unclear how many services the center will be able to offer.

The \$5 million, 40,000-square-foot Mt. Tabor Health Clinic was built with the help of a \$1.6 million grant from the federal Indian Health Service.

Dan Wilder, the director of the Indian Health Service, said the tribe was lucky to have the center.

"You would have to wait another 30 years — maybe never — for the Indian Health Service to build it," she said during a grand opening on Friday.

Federal funding for similar clinics has not kept up with the increasing costs of health care, she said.

The Bush administration has requested a small increase for the Indian Services budget for next year, Wilder said, but Congress has not approved it.

Wildlife, the cost of medicine has increased an average of 17 percent every year for the past three years, she said.

"This is not an entitlement; it's part of the discretionary budget," Wilder said.

The budget for contract health services — the cost of sending tribal patients off reservation for specialized treatment — usually runs out of money by the third quarter, said Michael Mahoney, the legislative and congressional affairs director for Indian Health Services.

Mental health care, addiction treatment and dentistry services also compete for scarce health dollars, Mahoney said.

Indian health care advocates will push in Congress for the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act — legislation that helped to pay for the care of tribal patients by improving services and facilities, Mahoney said. That act expired in Sept. 2000.

But the budget woes are just one more reason for the Nez

Perce Tribe to be happy about getting the new clinic, he said.

"For the last 20 years it's been harder and harder to get money for facilities," Mahoney said.

Tribal elder Mylie Lawyer said reservation health care had come a long way in recent history.

"I'm proud of our tribe even if I am 92," Lawyer said.

Lawyer's father taught her about the time "after the Joseph war" when the soldiers left Lapwai and the tribal agency became a tuberculosis sanitarium, she said, treating people across the country.

A doctor used to visit the reservation by buggy, she said, using an interpreter to ask the Indian people if they needed any help. But many tribal members avoided doctors until they started treating Indians for smallpox, she said.

"Most of the women had their babies at home or went out in the forest and had them themselves," said Lawyer. "They never thought of going to a nurse or doctor."

Teens reach plea agreement in inhalant death case

POCAVANTO (AP) — Charges of involuntary manslaughter against three teens in connection with the inhalant death of a fourth will be dropped as long as they successfully complete probation, a prosecutor said.

The Blackfoot teens, aged 13, 14 and 15, were charged with the felony offense and misdemeanor possession or use of

inhalants in July. Police said the teens were with 16-year-old Daniel Pearson on June 2 when he began having trouble breathing after inhaling aerosol at a freshener in a city park. He was declared dead at Bingham Memorial Hospital.

During a pretrial hearing last week, the juveniles agreed to plead guilty to the second

charge in exchange for probation. Bingham County Deputy Prosecutor Dave Hooste said. If they successfully complete the terms of the probation then the manslaughter charges will be dropped, he said.

Authorities have not released the names of the teens. They are scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 13, Hooste said.

Utah gyroplane sales could take off under new FAA license

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration has qualified the single-seat Sparrowhawk gyroplane for sale in Utah under a new sport pilot license that will simplify the rules for flying.

The 148-horsepower Sparrowhawk is being needed for bigger sales by gyroplane developer Green Brothers Aviation through dealerships for \$30,380 shipped in crates. Green Bros. makes the kit planes at a Salt Lake factory.

The manufacturer planned to handle its own sales in Utah, but turned to a Spanish Fork dealer, Airova Aviation, which plans to show off the plane at a demonstration Sept. 1, when the FAA makes sport licenses available.

The new license will lower the barriers to becoming a pilot and for the care of tribal patients by improving services and facilities, Mahoney said. That act expired in Sept. 2000.

DEATH NOTICES

Michael William Fuller
 BUIH — of Michael William Fuller, 40, of Buhal, died Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhal.

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

Lily Irene Vigue
 TWIN FALLS — Lily Irene Vigue, 98, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, at Sun-Bridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Edward William 'Ed' Thompson
 KIMBERLY — Edward William 'Ed' Thompson, 67, of Kimberly, died Tuesday, Aug.

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Marian Lynn Esterbrook - Gooding

Marian Lynn Esterbrook passed away Aug. 25, 2004, at Lakeview Hospital in Bountiful, Utah, surrounded by her loving husband and children.

Marian was born June 2, 1948, in Long Beach, Calif., to Richard Ferguson and Geraldine Faye Pooler. She married Darrell Duane Esterbrook on Oct. 14, 1967, in Santa Maria, Calif. Together they had five beautiful children. She lived in and loved Gooding, Idaho. She worked at the Lincoln Inn for several years as a cook, which she loved to do. But her most important job was being a wife and mother.



She was preceded in death by her grandparents.

Special thanks to the extraordinary care she received for many years from Sun-Bridge Retirement Home; also a special thanks to Rose Hrance for always helping with her, and a special thanks to the Intensive Care Unit at Lakeview Hospital, and to the nurse Chris who helped her and the family get through this hard time in death.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30, 2004, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel with Pastor Brian Nickens officiating. Burial will be at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Family members and friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday (today) at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. The family respectfully requests, in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to ACAPE Group in care of Leone Patterson, 1004 S. 2100 E., Gooding, ID 83330.

On Oct. 8, 1985, on her way back from visiting California, Marian was involved in a traffic automobile accident that confined her to a hospital bed for the last 19 years. Marian was a strong spirit. She was full of love and compassion.

She is survived by her husband, Darrell Duane; five children, Kevin (Tami) Ester-

brook, Jerilyn (Brian) Sorenson, Jason (Heidi) Esterbrook, Jennifer Rice and Nicki (Larry) Pace; her father, Richard Ferguson; her mother, Geraldine (Ben) Pooler; her brothers and sister, Robert, Danny, Sonny, Keith, Jerry and Karen; eight grandchildren, 17 nieces and nephews; and a lot of special family and friends.

Earl B. Dodge - Twin Falls

Earl B. Dodge, 80, of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, at his home with his loving wife and family by his side.



Valley, Earl was a very quiet person who showed his love by doing for his family and friends. He will be deeply missed.

Surviving Earl are his loving wife, Emma; son, Paul Dodge of Jerome; and daughter, Ann Dean of Twin Falls; two grandchildren, Kirk Dean and Trevor Dodge; and four great-grandchildren. Also surviving is his sister, Jeanet Green of Jerome, Idaho, and many nieces, nephews and a host of friends. His parents, three sisters, one brother and his 4-month-old son, Earl B. Dodge Jr., preceded him in death.

Earl was born Sept. 10, 1923, in Arco Pass, Idaho, the son of Oscar Luttreich and Ruel Gertrude Bischof Dodge. He grew up quickly and took on the responsibilities of the family farm. He was drafted into his country in 1941 and he joined the Army. World War II had just begun and Earl served most of his military career in Okinawa, Japan. On Dec. 24, 1942, in Hatley, Idaho, he married the love of his life, Emma Jeannet Chess. To this union were born three children, Earl B. Dodge Jr., Paul Laytymond and Elizabeth Ann.

Earl's hobbies, when he had spare time, were hunting, fishing and woodworking. He was forever having someone give him a drawing or a model of something so that he could try his hand at building it. Many people have seen his handiwork at the Wendell Restaurant — he rebuilt the backboard in the storefront from some old scraps that were lying around. It has since been seen in several parades and other events in the Magic

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Earl spent his early life, farming, ranching, as a cattleman, horseman, breaking horses to ride or pull farm machinery. He was raised on a ranch and loved the outdoors. You could always find him hard at work. Earl also drove truck, first for Ida-Cow (until their operation moved to Caldwell, Idaho) and then later for Montana Express. He had

Patrick A. Miller - Wendell

Patrick A. Miller, age 52, of Wendell, passed away Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, as the result of a heart attack.



Survivors include his wife, Naoma; children, Shawna (Chris) Wageman, Wayne (Jamie) Miller, Casey (Jeanie) Fallert and Michael (Lori) Fallert; mother, Mary Rita Miller; brother, Mark Miller; sister, Mary Ann Hunter; grandchildren, Mason, Mikah and Moriah Fallert; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents; father, Charles; and sister, Jennie.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, at Wendell Cemetery. There will be no public viewing. Demaray's Wendell Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Pat was born Nov. 1, 1951, in Wendell, the son of Charles E. and Mary Rita Miller. He attended school in Wendell and attended the College of Southern Idaho, graduating with a degree in auto body repair. He started his own auto body business later being joined by his brother, Mark. In the early 1990s, he took over operation of the Pit Stop Convenience Store alongside his best friend, Naoma.

Pat enjoyed riding his Harley and building and flying his R.C. sailplanes and fly fish-

ing. He was always an independent and free-spirited person.

SERVICES

Alice Kay Thompson, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel in Gooding.

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WAGONS NORTH



Glen and Myra Beck of Burley take their draft mules around the block for a warm-up Saturday just before their wagon train began its trek north.

Group begins 70-mile trip to Ketchum for Wagon Days

By Amy Ballard
Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD — Jim Super looks back fondly on seven years as wagon master for the tight-knit group of teamsters who join up annually in Fairfield for the 70-mile trip to Ketchum for Wagon Days.

"We've had no injuries, thank God," Super said Saturday morning as the group picked up camp at the Fairfield City Park.

Super's company, Super Outfitter Adventures of Sun Valley, organized the wagon train he calls "the kickoff for Wagon Days."

"Driving is kind of a lost art," Super said. "I learned it from some of the older guys that have been doing it forever. I learned more in six days from these guys than I could have picked up in a lifetime by myself."

Super has been the driving force behind the wagon train since he learned to drive a team. "I just kept it going," he said.

The mountain route was cho-

sen for its historical significance, Super said. The six wagons and numerous outriders will travel 12 miles north from Fairfield to Wells Summit on the first day. Day two will take them nine miles further to Worswick Hot Springs, followed by a gradual climb to Carrie Town 10 miles north on day three.

Now owned by Herb Deuel, Carrie Town was an active silver mining district in the 1880s. The teamsters will rest and explore the historical area on the fourth day.

Day five will bring the challenge of Dollarhide Summit, elevation 8,900 feet. "The downhill side is scarier than the uphill side," said Myra Beck of Burley. "You've got less brakes and you can't put a log behind you to catch you if you start to slide like you can on the way up. Your wagon can jackknife."

Beck and her husband Glen drive their team of four draft mules competitively throughout Idaho, in addition to

participating in the wagon train.

"Wells Summit and Dollarhide are pretty steep passes," said Glenda Adams of Paul. "But it's a beautiful tour in the mountains the whole way."

Adams, who participates in the wagon train every year with her husband Jon, said mules are safer to drive through the mountains than horses. "Mules are smarter," she said. "They won't let themselves get hurt."

On Thursday, day six of the journey, the wagons will arrive in Ketchum in time to rest up, before taking their place as the centerpiece of the Wagon Days Parade on Saturday, Sept. 4.

"We go through cattle grazing land, logging areas, sheep grazing and mining," Super said. "It's a great glimpse of history." The teamsters pulled out of Fairfield on schedule at 9:30 Saturday morning. Their evident camaraderie fulfills Super's hopes for the event. "This is about making friends and having a good time."

Noted producer will take on Max Evans' Taos classic

TAOS, N.M. (AP) — Took a dreamer to live it, another to write it, still others to recognize the dream when they saw it — the tale of a plumber who sees holes in the sky and fixes leaks down in the mud.

It's a story, soon to be a movie, about a man and wife at war, circa 1950, in Taos. She wants plumbing to replace their out-house. Her plumber husband imports, instead, a ballet performance.

There is no tolerance for any sky holes he may see. The holes in the sky are symbols of a laborer's special but unappreciated gifts.

"You've got holes in your head," she tells him — before she finds out what he has done.

Two stories in one: The first is Max Evans' "Xavier's Folly." The film is using his screenplay from his original story based on a 1926 incident; the parallel story is that of Emilio Padilla, who billed himself as "El Plomero." He's long dead, but his son Nino remembers his stubbornness and his get-rich schemes, like the dance performance he commissioned from Valentina Oumansky, a young dancer from Los Angeles.

"He would have loved to have been famous and rich," Nino Padilla says of his father.

Just being himself El Plomero was halfway there — famous. Known not merely as plumber but artist, woodcarver and dance "impresario."

Oumansky, who heads the Los Angeles-based Dramatic Dance Foundation, remembers Padilla coming to see her in Santa Fe, where she had just danced, and she agreed to dance in Taos as well. She went on to a distinguished career in all facets of dance, including teaching and choreographing.

For Padilla, meanwhile, although the rich never got connected to the fame wasn't half-bad.

It put Padilla and his son on course for reconciliation. It drew the notice of Evans, who wrote the story. It captivated producer Karen Koch (pronounced Cook).

Koch is choosing a director; they will cast it and shoot in Taos next spring, she said. She credits fellow producer Lowell Johnson III for bringing her aboard.

"Xavier" has been saddled up ready to ride previously, but now's the first time Evans has said it will cross the finish line and be a movie.

Evans and Koch say "Xavier's" day has arrived. Hollywood couldn't do it, they say. New Mexico can. The producers are considering the state's film incentives, which include up to \$7.5 million if a guarantor signs a promissory note. It also can include a 50 percent tax rebate on production-related purchases.

Koch says a New Mexico story, New Mexico artists, filmed in New Mexico should meet state requirements.

In 20 years, actors expressing interest or mentioned for the role of Xavier have included Anthony Quinn, Edward James Olmos, Emilio Estevez, Esai Morales, Cheech Marin and others.

Dame Margot Fonteyn, who died in 1991, was once a candidate for the fictional ballerina, Evans says.

Oumansky is rather insistent she is not a ballerina but specializes in dramatic dance — a brand of dance that tells a story and sometimes includes words.

Nino first learned about the fictionalized "Xavier" version when he was introduced to Evans at an art opening in the 1990s. The conversation turned to Taos, and Padilla says the author told him "The best short story I ever wrote" was about "the plumber," whom Evans described —

"I looked at him and said, 'That was my father,'" Padilla says. "Life isn't anything but fate and destiny," he said. "It's either all destiny or none of it is destiny."

Either way, it was a time when Taos was in the prop-wash of

World War II, and 20th century plumbing had some catching up to do.

"Being a New Mexican, I can so visualize that time in Taos," Koch said.

Evans and Koch have seen in Xavier something it took Nino decades to understand in Emilio — a man stubborn enough to make his dream a reality.

"He was an in-your-face; gonna-show-you type of person," his son said.

But when he discovered at 12 that his father was spending fairly funds to promote ballet, Padilla expresses 50 years later how he felt then.

"Pissed me off," he said. "All us kids ran around with ragged clothes. We never had school supplies. Weled a meager life."

Now, Padilla, an artist like his dad, sees his father in himself, how "the arts thing in my blood would come back and not allow me to be normal."

Evans is best known for "The Rounders" and "The Hi-Lo Country," books already made into movies. He celebrates his 80th birthday Sunday.

Koch, a native New Mexican with a degree in art history, began her film career with the state Film Office 20 years ago.

It was such a perfect fit, she said, she moved to Hollywood. Her work there included the gamut of production jobs on Wim Wenders' "Paris, Texas," writer of the Palme d'Or at Cannes; Gus Van Sant's "Drugstore Cowboy"; Renny Harlin's "A Nightmare on Elm Street 4"; Jim Jarmusch's "Dead Man" among many others.

Back in New Mexico, a place that generates its own stories, the kind that Koch wants to film, she says: "Maybe I'll try to specialize in those."

Medicine man gets warning for peyote distribution

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Utah man offering peyote at religious ceremonies may be immune from state prosecution, but federal authorities warn they may step in to file charges.

Richard Lambert, chief of the U.S. attorney's criminal division for Utah, told James "Flaming Eagle" Mooney and his wife, Linda, they could be liable under federal drug laws if they continued using or offering peyote to others.

"Although the Utah Supreme Court has recently ruled that you may sell or otherwise distribute peyote under state law, that ruling does not control or bind the federal government," Lambert said in an Aug. 20 letter to the couple.

Lambert said his office is "reviewing your conduct for consideration of seeking federal charges."

A spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office declined to comment on how close federal officials were to making good on the threat.

The Utah Supreme Court OK'd religious peyote use in June for any member of the Oktochee Barlow's Native American Church.

As a result, state drug charges were dropped against Mooney, who calls himself a medicine man and part American Indian.

But federal prosecutors may challenge James Mooney's assertion that he is one-quarter Seminole.

"This is not an area where federal law pre-empt state law. This is more harassment and persecution of these people, and it ought to stop."

The state case was launched with a raid that seized 12,000 peyote buttons in 2000 from the Mooneys, who worship peyote as a sacrament.

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Slow wildfire season takes toll on private firefighting crews

RUCH, Ore. (AP)—After coming off the lines of a wildfire in Northern California, the men on one of Grayback Forestry's contract firefighting crews were back to their bread and butter, cutting and piling brush in an overgrown stand of oak trees. "It's good it's not a big fire season, because a lot of people are not losing their homes," said Ray Lawrence, 19, of Empire Point as he stopped to gas up his chainsaw on a steep hillside on the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Medford District in

southwestern Oregon. "But it's not as good money. There's all these acres of brush there." Outside Alaska, the 2004 wildfire season in the lower 48 states has been a dud for the private firefighting industry. The acreage burned is only a third of average, and when contract firefighters aren't fighting fire, neither the crew nor the company they work for gets paid for those specialized skills. Meanwhile, in Oregon and Washington, home base to companies supplying about 90

percent of the private firefighting crews in the nation, the agency that makes sure those crews have the training, fitness and equipment to do the job is cracking down more severely than ever, terminating agreements with 10 companies that fielded more than 1,000 firefighters. "The industry has grown so fast, it's probably grown too fast for them to keep a handle on," said Don Moritz, fire contract officer for the Oregon Department of Forestry, which oversees fire crews in Oregon and Washing-

ton that are covered by a regional firefighting agreement. "This year is the first year we've had a three-person team actually going out and monitoring dispatch locations, training records, anything that has to do with the agreement." Faced with bigger and more intense wildfires this year, federal spending got a big boost in 2001, and the numbers of private contract crews grew, too, tripling to more than 300, according to state and federal agencies. Of those, 43 are on the

national contract, overseen by the U.S. Forest Service, 243 on a Northwest regional agreement and six in California. All those crews are 20-person Type II crews, the basic unit of firefighting, one step below the Type I federal hotshot crews in training and experience. Though some contractors believe their crews are as good as federal hotshots, regional inter-agency dispatchers generally call federal crews first, and fill in with contract crews. Created in 2002, the national

contract calls for crews that have a little higher level of training and experience than regional crews, and are dispatched based on past performance. The regional crews are dispatched based on a low bid and proximity to a fire, and can be called off a fire, and can be called off a fire, and can be called off a fire... "The work has been very scarce."

Holocaust memorial will open in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—For years, Chella Kryszek had nightmares about the dark, crowded cattle cars that shuffled her from camp to camp, concentrating her to a concentration camp as a Dutch Jew during the Holocaust. She remembers stepping out of one such car in 1945 outside the notorious Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland. Smoke and flames painted the sky and there was "a terrible smell," Kryszek said.

"We had arrived in hell," the 76-year-old Portland woman said. "There were no tears... You could not cry because you were in shock."

Six decades after Kryszek's journey, and after 10 years of often-controversial planning, the Oregon Holocaust Memorial is set to open on Sunday, honoring the roughly 130 Holocaust survivors living in Oregon and southwest Washington.

The memorial, which is located in a quiet corner of Portland's heavily wooded Washington Park, is also dedicated to the local survivors' friends and relatives who were killed by the Nazis.

"This memorial, for us, means everything," said Kryszek, who, with the exception of her older sister, Flora, an aunt and two cousins, lost her family to the Holocaust.

Visitors first see a replica of a European town square, with wild cast bronze artifacts representing what was left behind — a tattered teddy bear, a pair of broken eyeglasses.

The path of broken cobblestones leads to a 9-foot-tall stone wall bearing quotations from interviews with regional Holocaust survivors on one side, and the names of their lost relatives on the other.

"On one end, buried beneath a 12.5-ton basalt boulder, is a vault filled with soil from the six major extermination camps used during the Holocaust."

"This is a public statement against hate and intolerance," said Lisa Kumer, chair of the Oregon Holocaust Memorial Coalition.

Games

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to comply. Since then, women's participation in sports has become mainstream and recognized as a healthy activity for all teens. "I've known a lot of dads who are really gun happy when their daughters being involved in sports," Pence said.

Warnack said that her lifelong involvement in athletics and exercise is the reason why her annual bone density tests are "off the chart." Women with strong bones don't develop osteoporosis.

"Though weight-bearing exercise will increase bone density at any age, it is particularly important for teenagers to participate in those activities because it is during the teen years that people develop most of their bone density," Pence said.

And though it's certainly never too late to begin being physically active, it does take more time and effort if someone wants to participate in the athletic events of the Seniors Games if they haven't been active, Pence said.

"You need to start slow, or you can get hurt if you're too fast when you can't get over it," Pence said.

Nonetheless, Warnack said anybody can improve his or her fitness at any age.

"The bottom line is it just takes dedication, a mindset," Warnack said. "You just have to make up your mind you're going to do this. You're the only one who can."

There's nothing more inspiring than to see an 80-year-old participating in the track events.

In counselors' murder, environment hinders detectives

Police struggle with many tips, little evidence

JENNER, Calif. (AP)—Murder detectives aren't looking far along California's remote northern coast, frustrating the dozens of detectives who are trying to solve the slayings of two Christian camp counselors on an isolated beach.

Consider this: the killer, or killers, could have slipped away by land or sea.

The slayings could have happened in the dead of night, under the cover of fog or even in the day, with the culprit blending in among the many transients who ride the roller-coaster-like Pacific Coast highways that hang on ocean-side cliffs, plunge to rocky beaches and climb through towering redwood forests.

Loggers, hippies, yuppies, fishermen, retirees, surfers, weekly workers, artists, marijuana growers and ranchers live here, mostly in places hidden from the road, all finding something in common in the sparsely settled terrain. In the area, the police are looking for a murderer, said John Chyle, a retired airline pilot. "Then this happened in our backyard."

With 350 tips to follow up on, investigators said they were optimistic for a break in the case, but had yet to find any motive for the slayings and were prepared for a long investigation. "No weapon has been found, there were no signs of robbery and there was no evidence of any other violence."

A dozen officers returned to the scene Wednesday, more than a week after the killing, digging and sifting sand where the victims were shot at close range.

During a community meeting that night to calm jittery nerves and provide some answers, the sheriff and his top brass said they were keeping their minds open to any evidence or theories, but were keeping details secret.

"We thought we were in a cocoon here, isolated" and



Jenny Cobb, right, and Charlie Ehler of Salt Lake City, speak about the mysterious shooting deaths of two camp counselors at a nearby beach in Jenner, Calif., while on a bicycle trip Wednesday.

insulated from the rest of the world," said John Chyle, a retired airline pilot. "Then this happened in our backyard."

With 350 tips to follow up on, investigators said they were optimistic for a break in the case, but had yet to find any motive for the slayings and were prepared for a long investigation. "No weapon has been found, there were no signs of robbery and there was no evidence of any other violence."

A dozen officers returned to the scene Wednesday, more than a week after the killing, digging and sifting sand where the victims were shot at close range.

During a community meeting that night to calm jittery nerves and provide some answers, the sheriff and his top brass said they were keeping their minds open to any evidence or theories, but were keeping details secret.

"We thought we were in a cocoon here, isolated" and

become a permanent getaway. Billy White came west from Indiana to play with a Santa Rosa rock band 18 years ago, then quietly moved out to the coast.

He works as a printer of wine labels, and doesn't mind struggling to get by.

"Living here makes you wealthy enough," he said. "A lot of us look at it that way."

Residents talk about the spiritual energy that comes from the mix of salt and fresh water where the river meets the Pacific.

The Jenner Inn's guide for guests trumpets the "magical vortex of peace and tranquility. A peace flag waves a greeting above the inn, which has converted old log cabins into guest cottages."

With the killings in the news, innkeepers have had more vacancies.

The gas station has fewer cars at the pumps and residents say they're locking their doors.

For those who live here, it's

Trail

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"There are some out-of-this-world traces left between Mindoka and Pocatello," Virginia Ricketts said.

The first time they followed the trail, they did it along some stretches of the trail were in what Virginia called "no-man's land."

After nearly getting stuck in ruts in a place so remote that radios or cell phones could not reach the outside world, the couple decided they would not make the trip alone again.

The couple have been so fascinated with the trail that they started a chapter of Oregon-California Trails Association and have made the Oregon Trail trip from Twin Falls to Pocatello several times with other members of that group.

Portions of the Oregon Trail can be recognized from the deep grooves in the rocks where iron wagon wheels made lasting impressions.

Virginia Ricketts once learned from prominent western historian Merle Wells that it would take thousands of wagons to make grooves that deep. "It was a well-used route," she said.

Other sites

The Rickettses have documented many Jerome County historic sites, which are intertwined historically with the Oregon Trail.

The couple pointed out the spot where the trail crosses the old Walgamott Sullaway Road, which was developed more than 110 years ago by Charles Walgamott and Joe Sullaway to connect the town of Shoshone to Shoshone Falls. Walgamott was a miner who came to visit his sister at the



Claire and Virginia Ricketts stroll along a section of Oregon Trail ruins in the new North Rim Park in Jerome County. The couple has studied Oregon Trail sites for many years.

Stricker Ranch and made a mining claim on the north side of the river, Claire Ricketts said.

"Most of the materials to start and build the town of Twin Falls, Kimberly, Filer and Buhl were freighted over this road from the railroad at Shoshone," she said.

Walgamott Sullaway Road was also used to carry supplies and materials to build Twin Falls and the other towns be-

lock on the gate has bullet holes where vandals tried unsuccessfully to break the locks, he says.

Association members have placed markers along the trail at spots where it crosses other roads.

"Unfortunately, the costly markers are gradually disappearing or are used for target practice, requiring constant replacement," she said.

Illegal dumping has also become a major problem in the area.

Preservation

South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreation Development is in the process of sending out letters to people who would be interested in serving on an advisory board that would be involved with planning. Plans would include protection for North Rim Oregon Trail ruins and historical sites along the trail.

"The intent is to protect them," said Debbie Dane, executive director of SCITRD. "One of the original goals of protecting that property is to protect it from dumping and other misuses."

Debbie Kovar, BLM reentry specialist, said they will find people that will come up with a plan about how to develop without harming the resources," she said. "It's an area that we have identified to be preserved. It needs to be preserved for generations to come."

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History buffs

The Oregon-California Trails Association, founded in 1982, is a not-for-profit organization, headquartered in Independence, Mo., dedicated to education about preservation and enjoyment of the trans-Mississippi emigrant trails.

For more information, go online to www.octatrails.org.

In addition to Oregon Trail sites, a number of prehistoric archaeological sites can be found in that area, said Lisa Crisswell, a Bureau of Land Management archaeologist.

"The Snake River was very important to Native Americans," she said. "They spent their winters on the Snake River."

Threats to history

Sadly, vandals have attacked many of the historic sites along the north rim.

For example, Preacher Rock — where a Methodist minister staying at the Walgamott and Sullaway tent hotel is said to have delivered a sermon — has become a platform used by vandals for graffiti preaching.

"Much vandalism and graffiti is ruining what a few years ago was a special memento of our history," she said.

Several gravesites of unknown people who met their deaths while traveling the Oregon Trail are located along the trail. But only one is marked. Trails association members fear that if the other gravesites were marked they would fall prey to vandalism.

A Boy Scout project marked one grave with a stone marker and a chain-link fence. But the

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS

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

Sarah M. Rice, 18, 117 3rd St., Murtaugh; grand theft by unavailability; control substance; arrested; pleaded innocent; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 3; released under own recognizance.



Tina M. Vance, 45, 618 Poplar St., Butte; possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 14; \$500 bond; possession of controlled substance; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pre-trial hearing set for Sept. 3; \$1,500 bond.

Johnny Scott, 27, 1546 Laurel Ave., Twin Falls; passing counterfeit money; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Oct. 5; released under own recognizance; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 3; released under own recognizance.

Freddie Anthony Naranjo, 28, 227 Rammer St., Twin Falls; failure to appear — failure to appear; driver's license and contempt; public defender continuing; sentencing reset for Sept. 14; \$1,000 bond.

William Preston Pendleton, 35, 120 Harmony Road, Twin Falls; grand theft; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 3; \$500 bond.

Kevin Farrell Fuller, 29, 541 S. Main St., Hansen; driving without privileges, contempt — FTA; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Oct. 5; \$500 bond.

Brandon J. Olmstead, 18, 503 N. Dixie; juvenile theft; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Oct. 5; \$1,000 bond.

James Dean Davis, 26, 182 Harrison, Twin Falls; aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 3; \$1,000 bond.

Aaron A. Klier, 26, 1969 Sherry Dr., Twin Falls; assault; public defender appointed; sentencing set for Aug. 31; \$25,000 bond.

Lucas Allan Dotson, 21, 1625 Shoup Ave. E., No. 5, Twin Falls; aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; private counsel; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 3; released under own recognizance.

Gonzalo Madrid Flores, 45, 316 12th Ave. N., Butte; possession of marijuana in excess of 3 ounces, possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 3; \$1,500 bond.

John Luis Vala, 43, 161 Locust St., Twin Falls; disorderly conduct; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Oct. 5; released under own recognizance.

Diann Louise Williams, 40, 1515 Kimberly Road, No. 22, Twin Falls; plea to appear — possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pre-trial conference set for Sept. 14; \$2,500 bond.

Pierre Werner, 32, 1437 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls; grand theft; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 3; \$2,500 bond.

Eric Scott Braden, 32, 381 Polk St., Twin Falls; theft by unauthorized control, possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 3; \$500 bond.

Rick J. Rudy, 33, no address listed; Twin Falls; domestic battery; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Oct. 19; \$1,000 bond.

Benjamin Christopher Hamilton, 22, 510 Rimview Drive, Twin Falls; burglary; intimidating a witness; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 3; \$2,500 bond.

John Lee Ricks Jr., 55, 1429 Eighth Ave., Twin Falls; failure to appear — failure to purchase driver's license; public defender appointed; sentencing reset for Sept. 3; \$25,000 bond; providing false information to an officer; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pre-trial conference set for Sept. 14; \$500 bond.

Edward L. Lockwood, 50, 337 Elmore, Twin Falls; failure to appear — driving without privileges; public defender appointed; pleaded guilty; sentencing set for Oct. 19; \$1,000 bond.

John Earl Ash, 44, 245 Van Buren St., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 3; \$500 bond.

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BUHL SCHOOL

Breakfast Menu Milk served daily. Choice of fruit or juice every day. Monday: Cereal Tuesday: French toast Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy Thursday: Breakfast pizza Friday: Lunch Menu Salad bar and milk served every day.

Monday: Chicken sandwich Tuesday: Spaghetti Wednesday: Corn dogs Thursday: Burritos Friday: Turkey sandwich

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served daily. Monday: Macaroni and cheese Tuesday: Ham sandwich Wednesday: Sweet-n-sour turkey Thursday: Fish patty on a bun Friday: Spaghetti

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Chief salad Tuesday: Chicken party Wednesday: No School Thursday: No School Friday: No School

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast Menu Milk served daily. Monday: Cereal Tuesday: Pancakes and syrup Wednesday: Cereal Thursday: Ham and cheese sandwich Friday: Cereal Lunch Menu Milk served daily. Monday: Chicken nuggets Tuesday: Burritos Wednesday: No School Thursday: Ham and cheese pockets Friday: Tuna sandwich

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day. Monday: Grilled cheese Tuesday: Spaghetti Wednesday: Sloppy joes pasta Thursday: Creamy cheese Friday: Chicken strips

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served daily. Monday: Chicken nuggets Tuesday: Hamburgers Wednesday: Chicken fillet Thursday: Deli sandwich Friday: Tacos

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served daily.

MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Fresh fruit and milk served daily. Monday: Meatball sandwich Tuesday: Chicken sandwich Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served daily. Monday: Chicken drummies Tuesday: Shaker salad Wednesday: Pepperoni hot pocket Thursday: Chicken fried steak Friday: Deli sandwich

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served daily. Monday: Tacos Tuesday: Rib-b-cue Wednesday: Pizza Thursday: Hamburger gravy Friday: Chicken burgers

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu Milk served daily. Monday: Cereal Tuesday: Pancakes and syrup Wednesday: Cereal Thursday: Ham and cheese sandwich Friday: Cereal Lunch menu Milk served daily. Monday: Chicken fried steak Tuesday: Grilled chicken and bacon wrap Thursday: Spicy chicken sandwich Friday: Pizza

ST. EDWARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Cheeseburgers Tuesday: Bean and cheese burritos Wednesday: Ham and cheese buns Thursday: Hot dogs Friday: Macaroni and cheese

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served daily. Monday: Cereal Tuesday: Pancakes and syrup Wednesday: Cereal Thursday: Ham and cheese sandwich Friday: Cereal Lunch menu Monday: Chicken sandwich Tuesday: Soft shell tacos Wednesday: Shaker salad

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast Menu Milk served daily. Choice of fruit or juice every day. Monday: French toast sticks Tuesday: Cereal Wednesday: Breakfast on a stick Thursday: Cereal Friday: Scrambled eggs Lunch Menu Salad bar and milk served every day.

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served daily. Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day; taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menus varies every day. Monday: Soft shell tacos Tuesday: Popcorn chicken basket Wednesday: Cheeseburger Thursday: Toasted cheese sandwich Friday: Pizza

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served daily. Monday: Enchilada Tuesday: Chicken burger Wednesday: Pizza Thursday: Nachos Friday: Tomato soup.

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served daily. Monday: Hamburger Tuesday: Tacos

GLENNS FERRY

Monday: Pizza Tuesday: Chicken nuggets Wednesday: Ham and cheese pockets Thursday: Soft shell taco Friday: Potato soup

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered daily. Monday: Cereal Tuesday: French toast Wednesday: Cereal Thursday: Ham and cheese pockets Friday: Cereal Lunch menu Monday: Taco Tuesday: Corn dogs Wednesday: Nachos Thursday: Turkey gravy Friday: Hamburgers

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast Milk and juice served daily. Monday: Cereal Tuesday: French toast Lunch Monday: Hamburger Tuesday: Pizza Wednesday: Taco Thursday: School choice Friday: Belgian waffle

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily. Monday: Chicken nuggets Tuesday: Burritos Wednesday: Pizza Thursday: Hot dogs Friday: Soft tacos

MINIDOKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Choice of milk served daily. Breakfast menu Wednesday: Muffin Thursday: Breakfast burrito Friday: Cereal Lunch menu Wednesday: Nachos Thursday: Hot dogs Friday: Cereal

MINIDOKA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Breakfast menu Milk served daily. Wednesday: Muffin Thursday: Breakfast burrito Friday: Muffin Lunch menu Wednesday: Nachos Thursday: Hot dog or chef salad

CASSIA COUNTY SCHOOLS

Milk served daily. Breakfast menu Monday: Cereal Tuesday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich Wednesday: Oatmeal Thursday: Cereal Friday: Breakfast cookie

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

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Utah town officials spend a bundle at car wash

HURRICANE Utah (AP) — Officials are running a tab of nearly \$20,000 a year at Mr. Sudz Car Wash, a business partly owned by the police chief, leaving some wondering if taxpayers are being taken to the cleaners too. City leaders say it's the only car wash in town, and they want to put on a positive image by having sparkling clean vehicles. But they plan to solicit other bids for car washing, even though they doubt they'll get any, to make things squeaky clean. "It sounds like someone could be negotiating a special deal," said one resident, Dean McNeill. "It doesn't seem like the city is getting value for their money. Hurricane even treats its street backhoe to a \$75 "platinum" wash every month, which includes cleaning the inside of windows and conditioning the dash board and leather seats. The Spectrum of S. George reported.

Hurricane officials spend \$1,176 to \$2,058 a month on cleaning and detailing for a fleet of 50 vehicles, according to invoices examined by the newspaper. Few of them settle for Mr. Sudz's basic \$5.95 car wash, either. Instead, their vehicles most often get the \$11.95 "silver" cleaning, which includes an upholstery wash, tricolor waxing, tire cleaning and a vacuum, the paper said. Other times, city cars luxuriate in the \$16.95 "gold" service, which adds an interior wipe-down and air freshener. Mayor Tom Hirschi said keeping clean vehicles enhances their value and helps the city maintain a good image. Mr. Sudz Car Wash is owned by Todd Langston and Hurricane Police Chief Lynn Eccles, who regularly discloses on city ethics forms that he is an owner of the car wash and never sought the business, City Manager Clark Fawcett said. "Somebody at the city took their vehicle to be washed and decided it was a good idea and others followed," Fawcett said. "It was never a requirement that employees have the vehicles washed at Mr. Sudz. But we are putting it out to bid, although there are no similar businesses in town." Hurricane might get a bid from a "mobile" car wash, but without a disposal system that complies with state regulations, he said.

St. George, which has more than 500 vehicles, gets by mostly on do-it-yourself car washes. Except for police, who can use a car wash, other employees hose down vehicles themselves using a city wash bay, fleet manager Courtney Stephens said. "Between the soap and towels, we spend about \$100 a month," he said.

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Researchers study rattlesnakes in Idaho desert

The Morning News

ATOMIC CITY, Idaho (AP) — Idaho State University researchers Chris Jenkins and Scott Cambran spend most of their working hours slinking and slithering around in the dust, sagebrush, and lava rock of the upper Snake River Plain.

When it's time to rest or reassess the day, they hole up in a small apartment in tiny but friendly Atomic City, population 30: a wind-riven grid of trailer homes, tree breaks, and desiccated brick buildings in the high desert.

The two are wildlife biologists conducting herpetological research on the 890-square-mile restricted landscape of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory site.

"We're studying populations of rattlesnakes," said Jenkins, a Massachusetts native and a Ph.D. candidate in biology at ISU. Jenkins said that rattlesnake numbers have declined because of "the sagebrush steppe being changed by invasive plant species."

He said that the two researchers capture rattlesnakes in their dens by using long traps. They also make use of funnel traps that confuse lone serpents crawling across the ground.

According to Jenkins, the research project has captured over 4,000 snakes to date. Some of the rattlers are fitted with internal radiotelemetry devices so their movements can be tracked.

Cambran assists Jenkins in the study. Originally from Indiana, Cambran recently graduated from the University of Idaho and will begin graduate study at ISU this fall.

Observing a rattlesnake up close at the Atomic City



Idaho State University researcher Scott Cambran attempts to coax a Great Basin rattlesnake into a protective plastic tube on Aug. 14, in Atomic City, Idaho. Cambran is part of a team working on a study of rattlesnake populations in the Idaho desert.

research station is a careful operation. To demonstrate the method, Cambran removed the lid from a small cooler filled with a handful of long bags. At the bottom of each was a rattlesnake.

The contents were quiet and nondescript. Then, after Cambran lifted one of the top sacks out, a couple of faint, hollow rattling sounds emanated from inside the cooler.

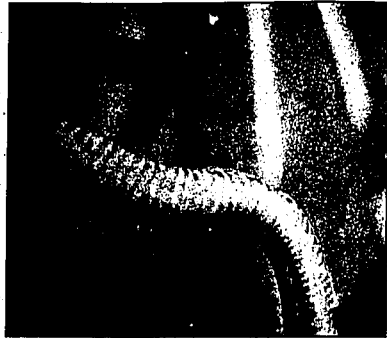
Cambran poured out a nearly three-foot long Great Basin rattlesnake into a small metal pot on a weighing scale. Then he grabbed a pair of plastic tubes like over-sized chopsticks and coaxed the serpent to slip its head into one of the sheaths. This was to protect the snake and, obviously, any observers and handlers.

There were a few resonant shakes of the snake's hollow tail when it was hoisted higher or

dropped lower. But in general the specimen stayed calm and didn't squirm.

Cambran observed a small wire protruding from the lower third of the rattler's length. A scan with a hand-held sensor revealed it was an antenna from a previous research tagging project.

Cambran said that the study "helps in managing the population... finding out what they eat, why they move, basic ecology. It is a conservation issue."



Idaho State University researcher Scott Cambran holds aloft a Great Basin rattlesnake on Aug. 14, in Atomic City, Idaho. A thin wire from a radio tracking device protrudes from the snake's underbelly. Cambran is part of a team working on a study of rattlesnake populations in the Idaho desert.

Rattlesnakes are not on most people's cute and cuddly list of favorite animals. Consequently, some individuals take it upon themselves to burn or otherwise destroy rattlesnake dens.

Cambran said that this is catastrophically destructive for rattlesnake populations. "Any time you take out a den, it's changing the population structure of an entire area. By destroying a main den, you're also destroying all the other little dens. They can't reproduce themselves," he said.

Cambran also said that rattlesnakes are not short-lived pest creatures like mice or rats. In fact, he said that rattlesnakes eat vermin and are actually

long-lived, higher order creatures.

"They're more like an elk or a deer. They live a really long time. Up to 30 years, actually," Cambran said.

Cambran said that one of the most remarkable aspects for rattlesnakes is their efficiency in hunting. Rattlers pursue moving prey and rely on a hemorrhagic poison that makes animals bleed to death internally.

"When they strike at their prey, they release them. While it's dying, the venom actually digests the prey," he said.

Cambran's enthusiasm for rattlesnakes is evident. "I think they're one of the coolest things. That's why I'm up here working," he said.

ALMOST HEAVEN ALMOST GONE?

'Patriot' haven now silent a decade later

WOODLAND, Idaho (AP) — The "No Threatening" signs increase with the elevation along the Woodland grade until the tiny development of Almost Heaven, where they seem to mark nearly every house and trailer.

But there's few people to keep out of Almost Heaven these days. Interest in the so-called covenant community tapered off years ago after founder James "Bo" Griz left, and near Woodland residents say many of the patriot movements' most vocal members have long since left as well.

"When Bo Griz left, things kind of settled down," said Glenn Simler, a farmer who has lived in the peaceful Quaker settlement of Woodland for all of his 47 years. "The ones that seemed to be troublemakers took off — I don't really know why. Law enforcement in the area got to them. It just wasn't a place that fit their ideas."

Almost Heaven started in the early 1990s with just under 1,000 acres on the rim of the plateau overlooking the Clearwater River. Griz, a former military man who describes himself as the inspiration for "bumbo," envisioned a place where like-minded constitutionalists could live, free from excessive government control and safe from crime and other dangers.

Residents of Almost Heaven would simply have to agree to the community covenant, which required that they be God-fearing Christians who would stand and fight with each other should any resident's Constitutional rights be threatened.

Media attention spread news of the effort across the continent, and lots at Almost Heaven soon sold out. It was followed by other nearby developments with names like Shenandoah, Doves of the Valley and Woodland Acres.

Though at first the region's longtime residents were scared and angered by the influx, live-and-let-live sensibilities prevailed for a time, said Larry Nims, owner of Ida Stone Memorials in nearby Kuna. Like the Clearwater River and the economy, he said, politics ebbed and flowed in the region and many locals just tried to ignore Griz and his followers.

"It really continued on the media attention to sell the property. A lot of people wrote him off as just a salesman and that trivialized it," Nims said. "It took a while to get the Prairie people to understand that there were some weirdos in the valley and that they needed to pay attention."

After all, on the surface the newcomers may not have seemed radically different. The majority of Idaho and Clearwater County residents were from logging, farming or ranching families, people who used their back to make a living. Self-reliance was a virtue, and many locals had just a resentment of the federal government and any other outside influences that they saw as interfering in the local livelihood.

To them, the newcomers seemed like people who just

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Crews race to cut dead trees in dry California

BIG BEAR LAKE, Calif. (AP) — In the mountains of Southern California, it's the new sound of summer: the whine of a chain saw followed by the whoosh and thud of a falling tree.

Logging crews are moving through neighborhoods in San Bernardino County across densely forested hillsides, racing to cut as many dead and dying trees as they can before the area erupts in flames.

It's a battle no one expects to win this year — and perhaps not anytime soon.

"We have an extremely hazardous situation out there even though we've made a lot of progress," said San Bernardino County Fire Chief Peter Hills.

Drought and infestations of bark beetles have killed millions of trees in the forests of San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego counties, posing a major threat in what has been called an extremely dangerous fire season.

Last year, the same conditions fueled the most destructive wildfires in state history. Throughout Southern California, 15 blazes killed 24 people while scorching 750,000 acres and destroying 3,673 homes and businesses.

One fire in the 670,000-acre San Bernardino National Forest charred 91,000 acres and destroyed 993 homes. Big Bear Lake, a resort city of 6,000 people east of Los Angeles, was evacuated.

"It was pretty scary," recalled Joe Carcerano, 63, a restaurant owner. "It was like a ghost town."

Despite the devastation, plenty of fuel is still available. Vast areas



Guillermo Hernandez, with chain saw, and Fabian Cetes watch as Hernandez deftly drops a dead pine tree between a house and other healthy trees as part of a National Resource Conservation Service forest clearing program in Big Bear Lake, Calif., Friday. Crews are removing dead and dying trees in this and other areas of Southern California at a pace that hasn't been seen in decades, removing thousands of towering pines from around structures and power lines.

of dead trees are visible as rust-colored streaks amid the pine-covered mountains.

If they aren't removed, the trees "will go up like fireworks on the Fourth of July," said Thomas Meinzer, an assistant professor in the environmental sciences department of the University of California, Riverside.

"It's going to burn eventually. All you can do is reduce the

risk," he said.

The effort to clear the trees is part of a broader wildfire strategy that includes stationing of additional firefighters in the tinder-dry forest region and increased training, Hills said.

Forest thinning has sparked bitter battles in the Sierra Nevada and other parts of the West. Environmentalists argue that such projects are often a backdoor to wholesale logging in sensitive

areas or increase fire danger by spreading debris and destroying fire-resistant large trees.

No one, however, disputes that the drought and bark beetles, which kill trees by cutting off their flow of water and nutrients, have created a huge problem in Southern California. Environmental groups such as the Sierra Club endorse dead tree removal from around

Forest thinning has sparked bitter battles in the Sierra Nevada and other parts of the West.

Environmentalists argue that such projects are often a backdoor to wholesale logging in sensitive areas or increase fire danger by spreading debris and destroying fire-resistant large trees.

mountain communities in San Bernardino, Riverside, San Diego and Los Angeles counties as a way to reduce the danger to the public and firefighters.

"It is a race against time ... to create defensible space around homes," said Bill Corcoran, a Sierra Club regional representative.

Carcerano is also an enthusiastic supporter of the tree clearing. "I'm glad they're knocking them down," he said last week as a logging crew disturbed the morning calm on his street.

Heaven

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wanted to build a cabin in the woods and he left alone. And the majority of Almost Heaven residents wanted just that, said Griz, who now lives in Sandy Valley, Nev.

The entire range of Americans swoed up. All we did was increase the economy of Kamiah because we needed groceries and everything that community had to offer. At that point in time, the people up there were the kids who wanted to invite into your home for dinner," Griz said.

But along with the mild-mannered patriots came those who Griz calls the "knots."

"When you're fishing and everything is running smooth, when you make a great cast, sure as hell when you reel in your line there's a knot. These guys were a constant irritant," said Griz, who no longer lives in Almost Heaven. "There were about six individuals who were looking for Armageddon, and if it didn't come, they were going to cause it."

Some residents filed documents with the Idaho County Courthouse, renouncing their U.S. citizenship and claiming to be "sovereigns" of the "Idaho State Republic."

Others started a militia group called the Idaho Mountain Boys. The group was later accused of plotting to kill U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge.

Local residents became more active against the patriot group.

But for the past few years, the patriot community has been quiet. Longtime residents have turned their attention to another new anti-government group, made up of both locals and newcomers called the Watchmen on the Wall.

joining a loosely organized discussion group started by Nims — the Clearwater Valley Citizens for Human Rights. Area businesses posted signs stating "No Guns" after some Almost Heaven residents began toting six-shooters on their hips. Letters were written to local lawmakers and newspapers, and over time law enforcement agencies became more successful in arresting any lawbreakers in the patriot group.

"A few of us were kind of upset because they upset the

apple cart, so to speak." Simler said. "They were kind of belligerent, against government, but other than that just like anybody else. But now it seems that not much has changed because of them. More traffic, but that's about it."

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"You can only stay excited for so long, and then you get tired," Nims said. And if it's not almost gone, well, Almost Heaven is at least almost silent lately, he said.

Nims, however, said after-effects of the Almost Heaven influx are still rippling through the region, and not all are bad. "People are a lot more involved politically now. For the first time in a long time, Idaho County's got an active Democratic party, and the mainstream conservative elements have become more active, too," Nims said. "In that sense, it's a blessing in disguise."

And the future of Almost Heaven? Griz, who now hosts a radio talk show from his Nevada home, won't rule out returning to the development.

"If push ever came to shove, I'd take my wife and my dog and go back," Griz said. "I still think it's the safest place on Earth."

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GHOST COUNTIES

Remaining residents try to stop Western rural counties from emptying

CONDON, Ore. (AP) — When a delegation of dignitaries from Washington, D.C., rolled into this remote corner of north-central Oregon recently to deliver a big check for economic development, the people of Gilliam County pulled out all the stops.

A tent was erected against a backdrop of wheat fields along a rural stretch of highway, an array of bread made from homegrown wheat was available for the eating, and the county's movers and shakers came out in force for the photo op, including Gilliam County Judge Laura Pryor, who leaned her forearms on the makeshift podium, and told the visitors just what was what.

"You are in a frontier county of about 1,500 people," Pryor began. "You're miles from the Columbia River, in a place that has grain customers in the Pacific Rim. And you're a stone's throw from the Oregon Trail. So you have, every place in the world is a somewhere."

But if Gilliam County, with three tiny towns, no stoplights and 1.6 square miles for every person, loses much more population, it could soon turn into a nowhere.

Percentage-wise, the county regularly tops the census list of Oregon counties that are losing population, a steady stream of about 80 or 100 people every year.

And Gilliam County is far from the only place in the rural West that's in danger of becoming a ghost county. In places like Clearwater County, Idaho, Niobrara County, Wyo., and Treasure County, Mont., the loss of a hundred or so people regularly translates into sharp declines of 5 or 7 percent, year after year.

The decline is fueled primarily by two factors: old-timers who die, and young people who move away.

"Our teens graduate and they leave, and why not?" said Jan Eason, an associate pastor at a Nazarene church in Gilliam County. "What is there to come back for?"

In Niobrara County, Wyo., which has just 2,237 people left after a decline of 7.1 percent between 2000 and 2003, 18.7 percent of residents are over 65, compared with just 11.7 percent statewide.

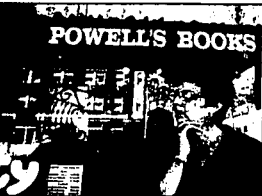
And if the trends continue, in a decade or two, some need



Flap from a property marker flaps in the breeze under cloud-dappled, sunny skies during a dedication ceremony for Gilliam County wheat lab, currently under construction, in Arlington, Ore., on Aug. 3. The money is a boost for the area economy, but if Gilliam County, with three tiny towns, no stoplights and 1.6 miles for every person loses much more population, it could soon turn into a nowhere.



Austin Fennem, 11, pushes his lawn mower past the newly-refurbished Condon Hotel, in downtown Condon, Ore., on Aug. 3, on his way to earning some summer money mowing lawns. Percentage-wise, Gilliam County regularly tops the census list of Oregon counties that are losing population, a steady stream of about 80-100 people per year.



Darla Seale, owner of Country Flowers gift shop, soda fountain and Powell's Bookstore annex, ponders the future of her town and county sitting in front of her store in Condon, Ore., on Aug. 3.

counties may be virtually empty.

"People either move to Billings, or, if they get really old, they go into assisted living or they die," Treasure County Commissioner Mack Cole told The Associated Press last week, after a recent round of census figures showing that population there had dipped to 735 people. "The future is about what is now."

Some places, though, don't want to give up, including once-prosperous Gilliam County, whose farmers supplied wheat and grain to a battered world after World War II.

As other nations rebuilt, demands slipped. By 1984, many local farmers felt they had no choice but to take the buyout money offered by that year's Farm Bill, aimed at curbing over-production, and protecting eroded agricultural lands.

By the early 1990s, the county's economic backbone was gone. County leaders were searching for any kind of monomaker at all. All they really had to offer was plenty of vast, empty space.

Fortunately, that was just what urban areas like Portland, 137 miles up Interstate 5, need-

ed—a vast, empty space to put trash. Gilliam County became the site of an environmentally sound rural landfill, a distinction which now brings in \$1 million a year to the county's tax rolls, and is a linchpin of what remains of the economy.

"At night, we sit in our porch swing, and count the garbage trucks that go by," said county resident Darlene Smythe, 70.

Fueled by that success, the county placed an ad in The Los Angeles Times that touted the low cost of living, clean air, and nonresistant traffic in Condon. National media parachuted into the story, and the responses poured in: when the dust cleared, there were some new faces on the street. But they were mostly retirees, who didn't come with new jobs in tow.

Next, county officials hit on a plan to at least keep the elderly around until they died, instead of losing that population to urban nursing homes. The county helped bankroll a non-profit assisted living center, a move, Pryor said, to "stabilize, so generations can stay together."

But perhaps the crown jewel in the county's attempt to save itself, from extinction is the

Hotel Condon, the anchor of Condon's downtown, and once abandoned and empty, save for the occasional bat.

A motley group of investors — the local newspaper editor, farmers, ranchers, the district attorney, the owner of a local chemical company — decided they couldn't bear to see the grand old dame of a building waste away.

They all chipped in, as did the county, and little by little, the hotel was restored to its former glory, with period light fixtures and velvet drapes, as well as modern conveniences not often found in small town hostels, like wireless Internet access.

More development efforts are in the pipeline, like wind power projects on ranches and plans to make Gilliam County a wi-fi hot spot. Plus, the federal government has just handed over a \$920,000 check for the development of a new "grain quality" lab, to do market research about which strain grown in Gilliam County will ultimately be the best product.

What the county wants is not, in the end, so grand. People there say they'd just like to hold

on to the grocery store and the drug store, perhaps even to grow the county back to all of 3,000 people.

Still, even with all these efforts — the hotel, the trash, the grain lab, the nursing home — there are still those undeniable population numbers, slipping a bit more as each year goes by, and empty buildings on Main Street. The newly gleaming hotel has sometimes struggled to attract guests, and plenty of high school graduates still leave town without looking back.

"We are afraid we haven't bottomed out yet," said McLaren Stinchfield, editor of the county's weekly newspaper, The Times-Journal. "We didn't seriously think about what we could do to help ourselves for a very long time. It looks bad, but it could get worse."

Even Darla Seale, chairman of Condon's chamber of com-

merce and owner of a landmark soda fountain and gift shop that houses the only non-metropolitan branch of Powell's, Portland's enormous independent bookstore, has her blue moments.

"If this attempt at trying to turn the population around doesn't work, I would be apt to close part of the business," she said. "You can't expect people to stay in business if they don't make any money."

Still, though, Seale, Stinchfield and others are keeping their fingers crossed for the county, and take hope that someone is trying to keep them a somewhere.

"It's about trying to give people choices, where they don't have any now," Pryor said. "If you lose your job now, you don't have a choice. You have to leave. We would like for people to be able to choose to go or choose to stay."

Jackson elk depend on supplemental feed

LANDER, Wyo. (AP) — Jackson Hole's elk population would drop off by 7,000 if wildlife officials stopped giving them supplemental feed, a new report says.

These elk (if not fed) will disperse to private lands ... and because there is no other way to control those elk, they will be killed because of the brucellosis risk or to prevent damage to private lands," Garvice Roby told a governor's brucellosis task force during a meeting Friday.

The Jackson Elk Herd Unit averages from 15,000 to 17,000 animals. About 6,000 elk in the herd spent parts of last winter on National Elk Refuge feedgrounds north of Jackson.

Significant mortality or elimination of elk feeding in the unit would likely precipitate a substantial die-off of wintering elk, or require the Game and Fish to halt the herd, he said. "And elk tend to die clearly shows that habitat improvement projects will not maintain (current) elk numbers," said Roby, a retired longtime Wyoming Game and Fish Department wildlife biologist.

Roby presented his report, titled the "Ramifications of Reduction or Elimination of Feeding on the Elk of Jackson Hole," which was commissioned by the Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife of Wyoming.

The report speculated what might happen if feeding was terminated or reduced on the National Elk Refuge and on three agency feedgrounds in the Gros Ventre River drainage. The report focused on the department's Elk Hunt Area 80.

The report concluded, among other things, that a significant reduction or the elimination of

feeding would lead to large-scale brucellosis transmission to livestock because elk would scatter throughout private property and ranches in the area.

Many elk and bison in the greater Yellowstone area are infected with the disease brucellosis, which can be transmitted to cattle and cause cows to abort their first calves.

But several task force members disputed Roby's assertion that transmission of the disease would increase with the closing of feedgrounds.

"That point troubles me," said group member Kenneth Mills of the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory. "It goes against what we know ... that there's absolutely no question it would slow (transmission) of the disease down. When you concentrate elk (on feedgrounds) ... it will eventually infect them all."

Roby also said stopping or reducing feeding would also lead

to intense competition for extremely limited forage in the Jackson Hole area between elk, bighorn sheep and moose that winter in the area.

"Without feedgrounds, I doubt that Jackson Hole country could support different big game species ... and that means bighorn sheep and moose numbers would decline even further," he said.

The Game and Fish operates 22 feedgrounds that are scattered throughout western Wyoming. The department also assists in the operation of the federally run National Elk Refuge.

Feedgrounds came to the fore of the brucellosis debate after the discovery in November that a cattle herd adjacent to a feedground was infected with the disease. The discovery cost Wyoming its federal brucellosis-free status and led to costly testing of Wyoming cattle before they are sold.

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— Jim Armstrong of America Online about the success of women athletes at the Olympics and its relationship to Title IX

TRIVIA

QUESTION: When was the last time a major league baseball team had to forfeit a game?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

T.F. Muni offers M.V. Amateur

TWIN FALLS — The Press-Box Magic Valley Amateur golf tournament will be held Sept. 4-6 at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

The 54-hole tournament will feature flights determined by handicap. All flights will have a gross payoff with the exception of the last flight.

For more information, call the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course at 733-3326.

MV Marlins will hold parents meeting

TWIN FALLS — Anyone planning to swim this fall for the Magic Valley Marlins or anyone interested in finding out more about the swim team is invited to attend an informational parent meeting.

Head coach Celeste Walz will go over practice schedules, fees, team suits and meet schedules at this meeting.

Practice begins Tuesday, Sept. 7 at the Y City Pool. For more information, call Celeste at the Y City Pool at 734-2336.

Burley ladies announce winners

BURLEY — The Burley Ladies Golf Association held a two-lady best ball invitational tournament Wednesday.

Leaders followed: 1. Wanda Stoeckel and Orla Roberts; 2. Eileen Lovell and Saira Simons; 3. Elizabeth F. Drake, Myrtle Lee and Cathy Sprague; 4. Davis Vetrivalka and Tandy Fry.

CSI Boosters hosts 'Kick-Off' picnic

TWIN FALLS — The CSI Booster Club will host an all-sport 'Kick-Off' picnic on Monday, Aug. 30 at 6:30 p.m. by the CSI Rose Garden.

Boosters and fans will have an opportunity to meet the 2004-05 athletic teams and coaches. The picnic is sponsored by the Outback Steakhouse.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Aug. 10, 1995, when the Dodgers had to forfeit against St. Louis after fans threw giveaway baseballs onto the field to protest an umpire's call.

Eagles begin season unbeaten

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Eight matches in two days are a lot. Although other teams competing at this weekend's CSI Outback Steakhouse Invitational may have thought the College of Southern Idaho Volleyball team looked invincible, even the Golden Eagles began to show signs of wear and tear by the time the tournament ended Saturday at CSI Gymnasium.

"I thought we were tired today," Stroud said. "I thought we played too much yesterday. I really did. I thought our legs were gone."

CSI finished 8-0, capped off with a 30-16, 30-19 win over North Idaho College in the finale.

Things didn't appear as if they would be easy entry for the Eagles. NIC, coached by former CSI assistant coach Bret Taylor, came into the match excited to play a Scenic West Athletic Conference rival and one of the best teams in the country.

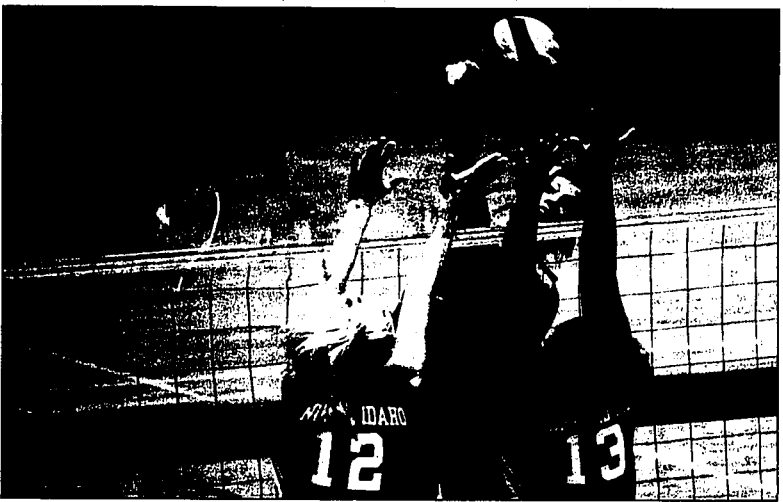
"The Cardinals put up a big block early. They opened with Colleen Dorman and Jessica Holland's stuff of Amber Bloom before recording two more block kills on the way to a 6-4 lead."

"There was a block up there," CSI's Chrystal Johnson said. "The teams were playing mostly, today and (Friday), they were really short. But yeah, I was kind of worried before the game today about (NIC's) block."

But CSI responded, hitting balls out of bounds off the Cardinal block before finding other ways to manufacture points.

"When I'm up there, I can pretty much see where their hands are and hit around the block," Johnson said.

Tatyana Menshikova, who Please see CSI, Page C2



College of Southern Idaho outside hitter Tatyana Menshikova, center, sends the ball past two North Idaho College defenders during the Golden Eagles' 30-16, 30-19 win against the Cardinals, Saturday at the Outback Steakhouse Invitational in the CSI Gymnasium. CSI started its season 8-0.

CSI Outback Steakhouse Invitational Saturday's results
Yavapai (Ariz.) def. Dixie State (Utah), 20-30, 30-26, 17-15
Western Wyoming def. Northwest (Wyo.), 30-17, 30-27
North Idaho def. Eastern Utah 30-26, 30-19
Dixie State (Utah) def. Sheridan (Wyo.) 30-13, 31-29
CSI def. Yavapai (Ariz.) 30-16, 30-14
Salt Lake def. Casper (Wyo.) 30-28, 30-21
North Idaho def. Northwest (Wyo.) 30-26, 30-24
Dixie State (Utah) def. Eastern Utah 30-28, 30-24
Salt Lake def. Western Wyoming 28-30, 30-17, 15-8
CSI def. Sheridan (Wyo.) 30-16, 30-16
Final standings
CSI 8-0, North Idaho College 6-2, Salt Lake Community College 6-2, Dixie State College 5-3, Casper (Wyo.) College 4-4, Sheridan (Wyo.) College 3-5, Yavapai College (Ariz.) 2-6, College of Eastern Utah 2-6, Western Wyoming 2-6, Northwest College (Wyo.) 1-7

Wolverines equal to Bruins in 3-3 bruiser

Three leave game with injuries

By Eric Larson Times-News writer

HAILLEY — Soccer is a contact sport, just ask the Twin Falls Bruins and Wood River Wolverines.

During Saturday morning's 3-3 tie at Wood River High School, the solid soccer was nearly overshadowed by a few solid collisions. Three players — Twin Falls' goalkeeper Drew Davis and co-captain E.J. Morgan, along with Wolverine attacker Austin McCann — left the game with injuries.

"Our goal was to be a team and have it be clear that we played as a team," Bruins coach Trent Felton said. "I didn't expect injuries to send kids out, but I look at it as a test, one that we passed."

The Bruins had an auspicious start to the non-conference game, boys' soccer as Morgan started the scoring — by Wood River — by placing a header into his own team's net 23 minutes into the game.

So there they were, celebrating with the unbridled joy of children at play, huddled under Old Glory as if it were a sheltering tent. They skipped around the court with their U.S. teammates, laughing and giggling and soaking up the adulation.

In what was Staley's last Olympics game — and perhaps Swopes', too — the United States shook off early shooting woes and sloppy play to claim its third straight Olympic title on Saturday, a 74-63 victory over Australia.

"It's hard for me to think

before knocking heads with McCann, who was looking to head the ball in. Both went to the ground, causing play to stop.

It was McCann who got up first, blood dripping down his neck from the back of his head. Davis suffered a gush above his right eye from the encounter. Both players required stitches and were lost for the game.

"The injuries messed up the flow of the game a bit," Wolverines coach Farrell Swain said. "But we'll get them taken care of and be ready to play."

Leading 1-0 after half-time, the Wolverines stretched their lead on a Michael Connor header, assisted by Byron Epp. Less than five minutes later, Twin Falls' Denis Pavlovic had the answer with a goal to cut the score to 2-1.

Only minutes later, the Wolverines had an answering goal of their own. Co-captain Sagen Howard assisted to give Wood River a goal to cut the score to 3-1 lead.

Shortly after the Wood River goal, the Bruin defense took a big hit, as Wood River's Willie Meyers slid into co-captain and sweeper E.J. Morgan. It wasn't a dirty play, but the Meyers slide tackle connected with Morgan's left shin and took him out of the



Twin Falls forward Denis Pavlovic battles Wood River's Garrett Leo for the ball Saturday afternoon in Halley. The teams opened their 2004 seasons with a 3-3 tie.

The Wolverines, now 0-0-1, know they will have some work to do, but they will be confident heading into Tuesday's game at Minico. "We were a little frantic in the beginning," Swain said. "But we picked it up in the second half, our confidence rose, and we played much better."

Senior co-captain Ted Dankanyin will lead a confident team throughout the year that feels they can compete with anybody. "We showed we can match Please see BRUINS, Page C2

Wood River girls down Twin Falls

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Wood River girls soccer team did almost everything just a little bit better than Twin Falls High Saturday.

The result was a convincing 2-0 victory at Ascension Fields in the two teams' season openers.

"I've got to hand it to Wood River," Twin Falls coach Steve Schimidt said. "They have a good team and they kept us on our heels."

The winning goal was indicative of the first half. Wood River kept the ball in the Bruins' end for most of the half and was able to fire off some shots around the front of the goal.

It was a loose ball off a corner kick that helped sophomore Kaitlin Gasenica open the scoring.

"A Twin Falls defender tried to clear the ball but it went off a Wood River forward, landing by Gasenica's foot in front of the net. She lofted the ball over the crowd and past Bruins' goalkeeper Erin Donnelley's hands to make it 1-0 midway through Please see WOOD RIVER, Page C2

U.S. women make it three in a row

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Three teammates, three Olympics, three gold medals. Dawn Staley, Lisa Leslie, Sheryl Swoopes.

They've flown thousands of miles together, ridden countless buses, played dozens of games.

So there they were, celebrating with the unbridled joy of children at play, huddled under Old Glory as if it were a sheltering tent. They skipped around the court with their U.S. teammates, laughing and giggling and soaking up the adulation.

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"It's hard for me to think

about suiting up without Dawn or Sheryl," Leslie said. "It's amazing to have these two players out there on the court."

The Americans won it by turning up the defense, crashing the boards harder in the second half and, most importantly, finding their shooting touch.

This was a team in every sense of the word, the most dominant in women's basketball.

"U.S. men, take note! "This is incredible," Staley said. "I have to share this with so many people..."

It's a lasting reward for the three players who have led the resurgence of U.S. women's basketball internationally after disappointing bronze-medal finishes in the 1992 Olympics and 1994 world championships. They gave their time to Please see THREE, Page C4

SENIOR GAMES



Donald Acheson left his competitors behind on his way to winning the 100-meter freestyle swimming event at the Magic Valley Senior Games at the Twin Falls YMCA City Pool Saturday. Results from all the events will be published in the Times-News when made available.

SPORTS

Falcons rout Bengals

ATLANTA (AP) — For the second straight week, Matt Schaub passed for three touchdowns, leading the Atlanta Falcons past the Cincinnati Bengals and their pung quarterback, Carson Palmer...

Rosenfels snapped a 10-10 tie midway through the fourth quarter. The son of Hall of Famer Ronnie Lee raced up the right sideline untouched.

Colts 30, Bills 17

INDIANAPOLIS — Mike Doss recovered a fumbled punt return and blocked another punt that went for a touchdown...

Browns 21, Chiefs 19

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Rookie quarterback Luke McCown hit rookie Richard Alston with a 34-yard TD pass with no time left...

Late Friday Broncos 31, Texans 17

DENVER — Jake Plummer threw for 159 yards, ran for 25 yards and led Denver's top unit to its first two touchdowns of the preseason.

Seahawks 20, Chargers 26

SAN DIEGO — The Phillip Rivers era in San Diego got off to a rousing start. It didn't last long...

Pittsburgh Pirates' Ty Wiginton, top, crashes into St. Louis Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina, who manages to hold on to the ball for the out during the second inning Saturday, in Pittsburgh.



Ravens 17, Lions 6

BALTIMORE — Chester Taylor ran for 117 yards and two touchdowns as the Ravens got a solid performance from their depleted defense.

Bucs 17, Dolphins 10

TAMPA, Fla. — Chris Simms tightened his grip on Tampa Bay's backup quarterback job, and Ryan Nese returned a fourth-quarter interception 55 yards for a touchdown...

Mountain Home roughs up Wolverines in 4A debut

HAILLEY Mountain Home used five big plays to down Class 4A football newcomer Wood River 35-14 Friday night. The Tigers scored on the first play of the game, an 83-yard opening kickoff return...

Local sports

Mountain Home 35, Wood River 14
Wood River (0-1) scored twice in the second half, including a 62-yard touchdown run by Tyson Bruschars with 21 seconds left in the contest...

10 minutes after taking a hit to the head in the Cowboys' 34-12 loss to Hansen, according to the Idaho State Journal... Mackay 42, Hagerman 44

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HAGERMAN — The visiting Mackay Miners manhandled the host Hagerman Pirates 42-14 Friday night. Pirates senior Dusty Vader returned a Mackay kickoff 60 yards for a score...

Cardinals reach win No. 85

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Reggie Sanders hit a three-run homer and the St. Louis Cardinals clinched the lead in their 85th win, beating the Pittsburgh Pirates 6-4 Saturday.

ahead run in the seventh inning for Arizona. The Diamondbacks have won consecutive games for the first time since Aug. 3-4 against Florida...

Marlins 4, Rockies 3

MIAMI — Juan Encarnacion hit a two-run single in the first inning and a go-ahead, two-run homer in the eighth, extending the Rockies' losing streak to six.

Dodgers 4, Mets 2

NEW YORK — Adrian Beltré went 5-for-5 with his major league-leading 42nd home run for the Dodgers.

Astros 7, Cubs 6

CHICAGO — Roger Clemens pitched six innings for his 324th victory and the Astros made the most of three Cubs errors.

Phillies 4, Brewers 3

PHILADELPHIA — Placido Polanco homered off Mike Adams (2-2) with one out in the ninth inning, and the Phillies extended the Milwaukee Brewers' losing streak to 10.

Diamondbacks 6, Reds 3

CINCINNATI — Casey Fossum combined with four relievers on a four-hitter, and Juan Brito singled home the go-

Funk regains lead with late rally

CHROMEWEIL, Conn. — Fred Funk needed a late rally to stick a sticky, streaky Saturday to take a one-stroke lead into the final round of the Buick Championship.

Golf roundup

With Funk struggling, Byrum grabbed a one-stroke lead with a 15-foot birdie putt on No. 10 and followed up with his fourth birdie of the day to improve to 9-under. His troubles started, however, just as Funk was picking up his pace.

Mackay 42, Hagerman 44

WOOD RIVER (0-1) hosts Mini-co (0-0) Friday. Mackay 42, Hagerman 44
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Levet, Jimenez share lead in German golf

NORD EICHENRIED, Germany — Thomas Levet shot a 9-under-par 63 Saturday and shared the third-round lead with Miguel Angel Jimenez at our fitness pulled us through in the end, Gascenia said.

Park uses late rally to take lead at Wachovia

KUTZTOWN, Pa. — Grace Park closed with an eagle and two birdies for a 7-under-par 65 and a two-stroke lead after three rounds of the Wachovia LPGA Classic on Saturday.

Braves 9, Giants 3

ATLANTA — Paul Byrd (5-4) anchored one run in six innings and hit a pair of run-scoring singles off Jason Schmidt, leading the Braves past the Giants.

CSI

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finished with 10 kills, recorded four points for the Eagles during a spurt that put CSI ahead 13-8. Chanele Larsen then scored for the Cardinals before Ashley Gaudault, one of CSI's best servers, helped the Eagles reel off 10 straight points to take a 26-11 lead.

CSI def. Yavapai College

(Ariz.) 30-16, 30-14
Santos recorded 10 kills while Serralla dished out 16 assists and Gaudault 15 in the Eagles' win.

CSI def. Sheridan (Wyo.)

College 30-15, 30-18
CSI hit a sparkling .510 on the way to routing Sheridan (Wyo.) College.

Bruins

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toward the season's first win Thursday at Barley.

Times-News sports writer Eric Larsen can be reached at 1-800-658-3883, Ext. 639, or elarsen@magicvalley.com.

Keep up with your favorite team in The Times-News Sports pages.

SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

BASISBALL

Table with columns for team names (Astros, Cubs, etc.) and statistics (W, L, R, H, E).

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Auto Racing: -Astros at Cubs, WGN, 8:20 p.m. -Little League World Series, World Championship game, ABC, 8:30 p.m.

PHILADELPHIA

Table with columns for Philadelphia Phillies and their opponents (Astros, Cubs, etc.) with game results.

GOLF

PGA TOUR: -European PGA Tour, BMW International Open, final round, TGC, 7 a.m.

DIAMONDBACKS

Table with columns for Diamondback backgammon players and their scores.

BASEBALL

National League: -Little League World Series, mid-price game, ESPN, 11 a.m.

ASTROS

Table with columns for Houston Astros and their opponents (Cubs, etc.) with game results.

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DELO YOUTH SOCCER

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EARNHARDT ENDS SLUMP

BRISTOL, Tenn. - Dale Earnhardt Jr. found the perfect cure for his struggling teams at Bristol. He'll stick the trophy right next to the one he earned Friday night for winning his first Busch series race on the 0.533-mile bullring.

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CALIFORNIA BEATS TEXAS

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. - Cody Thomson pitched a one-hitter and had an RBI single to lead Conejo Valley of The College of the Siskiyous to a 4-0 victory over Lamar University of Richmond, Texas, in the U.S. championship game of the Little League World Series on Saturday night.

ARSENAL EXTENDS RECORD UNBEATEN RUN

LONDON - Arsenal extended their unbeaten streak to 44 games with a 4-1 victory Saturday at Norwich, and 18-year-old American defender Jonathan Spector scored his international debut in Manchester United's 1-1 tie at Blackburn.

MIA HAMM WILL CARRY U.S. FLAG AT CEREMONY

ATHENS, Greece - Hedding soccer star Mia Hamm was selected by the U.S. Olympic team to carry the nation's flag in Sunday's closing Olympic ceremony.

NO. 1 USC HOLDS OFF VIRGINIA TECH

LANDOVET, Md. - Southern California held off Virginia Tech in a sloppy opener Saturday night in the Black Coaches Association Classic.

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YOURSPORTS

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BUHL LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPS



Photo courtesy of MIKE HAMILTON

The Buhl Farmer's National Bank Little League Team completed the regular season with a record of 10-0 in the Magic Valley League. The team also won the Hansen Little League Tournament and the Magic Valley Little League Tournament. Kneeling in the front row from left to right are: Jared Gifford, Eddie Gonzalez, Connor Jones, Blake Mabey, Armando Arroyo, Todd Loveless, Brandon Benhula. Standing from left to right: Coach Mike Hamilton, Caleb Ussery, Bobby Oakes, Matt Hamilton, Jack Hamilton, J.D. Leckenby, Markus Livly, Coach Mark Livly.

YEAR-END TOURNEY CHAMPS



Photo courtesy of MIKE HAMILTON

The Buhl Rotary Minor League Team completed the regular season with a record of 9-0 in league play and won the year end tournament. Kneeling in the front row from left to right are: Dylan Jacobsen, Bo Vandenberg, Darion Hiller, Joel Hamilton, Andrew Jensen, Kyle Loveless. In the middle row, standing from left to right are: Jason Turner, Thys Vandenberg, Brandon Hiller, Zachary Clark, Hunter Crown. In the back row, standing from left to right are: Coaches Larry Jensen, Mike Hamilton, Grant Loveless.

TRAVELING CHAMPIONS

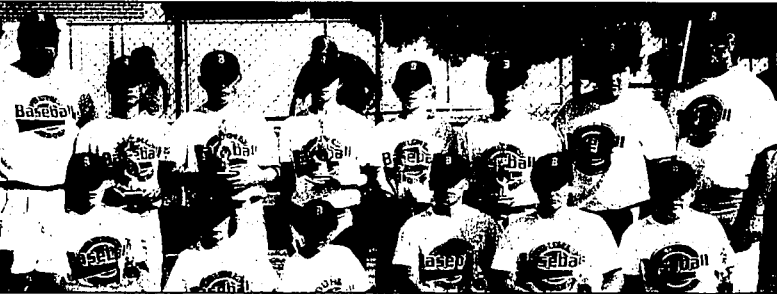


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The Buhl Traveling Little League Baseball Team participated in two tournaments during July. The team placed second in the 14-team Ray Nelson Invitational Major Division in Halley. The team also competed in the 46th Annual Malad Invitational Major League Tournament and won the seven team event. In the front row from left to right are: Matt Hamilton, Michael McDonald, bat-boy Michael Livly, Jack Hamilton, Levi Golden, Steven Livly. In the back row, standing from left to right are: Coach David Cooper, Josh Cooper, Markus Livly, Cader Owen, Isaac McCreery, J.D. Leckenby, Tanner Owen, Coach Bryan Livly.

Pins & Putts announce winners

TWIN FALLS — The Sixth Annual Pins & Putts Tournament was recently held at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course and Magic Bowl. Partners were by blind draw at the start of the tournament. Your golf partner was also your bowling partner.



LET'S GO BOWLING Thelma Tucker

The top two in the bowling were Steve Gentry and Barb Reynolds. Second was Cory Holloway and Jeff Malina. Golf's top two were Holloway and Malina. Second here went to Ted Wasko and Randy Gentry.

Prizes were paid to the top three winners in overall scores. First: Cory Holloway and Jeff Malina, second: John Pawlus and Terry Fiscus with third going to Steve Gentry and Barb Reynolds. A good time was had by all. A \$10 fee was charged to be used for scholarships/prizes for the Magic Bowl Junior Bowlers. The Magic Valley Senior Games are currently underway. If you didn't enter you can walk in to the Bowladrome and have a great time. Squads on Saturday are at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. On Sunday squads are at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. The bowling is all 9-pin no tap using 90 percent of 250 handicap.

If you don't have a last year's bowling average, men will bowl at 180 and ladies at 150. At 11 a.m. on Saturday at Brulin Stadium is "Toss the Bowling Pin." This event is pay back time.

YOUR SCORES AND STATS

Here are the scores reported from the area bowling centers for the current week.

- BOWLING: TWIN FALLS**
- JAMES CLARKE**
 SERIES: Sunny King 370, Les Ann Hight 346, Jennifer Johnson 178, Matt Smith 157
 GAMES: Annelle Johnson 224, Sunny King 201, Les Ann Hight 180, Jennifer Johnson 196
- JOHN MAED FOLLES**
 SERIES: Sunny King 370, Les Ann Hight 346, Jennifer Johnson 178, Matt Smith 157
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- BOB'S BOWLING**
 SERIES: Sunny King 370, Les Ann Hight 346, Jennifer Johnson 178, Matt Smith 157
 GAMES: Annelle Johnson 224, Sunny King 201, Les Ann Hight 180, Jennifer Johnson 196
- THE 5th FLOOR**
 SERIES: Sunny King 370, Les Ann Hight 346, Jennifer Johnson 178, Matt Smith 157
 GAMES: Annelle Johnson 224, Sunny King 201, Les Ann Hight 180, Jennifer Johnson 196
- THE 10th FLOOR**
 SERIES: Sunny King 370, Les Ann Hight 346, Jennifer Johnson 178, Matt Smith 157
 GAMES: Annelle Johnson 224, Sunny King 201, Les Ann Hight 180, Jennifer Johnson 196
- THE 15th FLOOR**
 SERIES: Sunny King 370, Les Ann Hight 346, Jennifer Johnson 178, Matt Smith 157
 GAMES: Annelle Johnson 224, Sunny King 201, Les Ann Hight 180, Jennifer Johnson 196
- THE 20th FLOOR**
 SERIES: Sunny King 370, Les Ann Hight 346, Jennifer Johnson 178, Matt Smith 157
 GAMES: Annelle Johnson 224, Sunny King 201, Les Ann Hight 180, Jennifer Johnson 196
- THE 25th FLOOR**
 SERIES: Sunny King 370, Les Ann Hight 346, Jennifer Johnson 178, Matt Smith 157
 GAMES: Annelle Johnson 224, Sunny King 201, Les Ann Hight 180, Jennifer Johnson 196
- THE 30th FLOOR**
 SERIES: Sunny King 370, Les Ann Hight 346, Jennifer Johnson 178, Matt Smith 157
 GAMES: Annelle Johnson 224, Sunny King 201, Les Ann Hight 180, Jennifer Johnson 196
- THE 35th FLOOR**
 SERIES: Sunny King 370, Les Ann Hight 346, Jennifer Johnson 178, Matt Smith 157
 GAMES: Annelle Johnson 224, Sunny King 201, Les Ann Hight 180, Jennifer Johnson 196
- THE 40th FLOOR**
 SERIES: Sunny King 370, Les Ann Hight 346, Jennifer Johnson 178, Matt Smith 157
 GAMES: Annelle Johnson 224, Sunny King 201, Les Ann Hight 180, Jennifer Johnson 196
- THE 45th FLOOR**
 SERIES: Sunny King 370, Les Ann Hight 346, Jennifer Johnson 178, Matt Smith 157
 GAMES: Annelle Johnson 224, Sunny King 201, Les Ann Hight 180, Jennifer Johnson 196
- THE 50th FLOOR**
 SERIES: Sunny King 370, Les Ann Hight 346, Jennifer Johnson 178, Matt Smith 157
 GAMES: Annelle Johnson 224, Sunny King 201, Les Ann Hight 180, Jennifer Johnson 196
- THE 55th FLOOR**
 SERIES: Sunny King 370, Les Ann Hight 346, Jennifer Johnson 178, Matt Smith 157
 GAMES: Annelle Johnson 224, Sunny King 201, Les Ann Hight 180, Jennifer Johnson 196
- THE 60th FLOOR**
 SERIES: Sunny King 370, Les Ann Hight 346, Jennifer Johnson 178, Matt Smith 157
 GAMES: Annelle Johnson 224, Sunny King 201, Les Ann Hight 180, Jennifer Johnson 196
- THE 65th FLOOR**
 SERIES: Sunny King 370, Les Ann Hight 346, Jennifer Johnson 178, Matt Smith 157
 GAMES: Annelle Johnson 224, Sunny King 201, Les Ann Hight 180, Jennifer Johnson 196
- THE 70th FLOOR**
 SERIES: Sunny King 370, Les Ann Hight 346, Jennifer Johnson 178, Matt Smith 157
 GAMES: Annelle Johnson 224, Sunny King 201, Les Ann Hight 180, Jennifer Johnson 196
- THE 75th FLOOR**
 SERIES: Sunny King 370, Les Ann Hight 346, Jennifer Johnson 178, Matt Smith 157
 GAMES: Annelle Johnson 224, Sunny King 201, Les Ann Hight 180, Jennifer Johnson 196
- THE 80th FLOOR**
 SERIES: Sunny King 370, Les Ann Hight 346, Jennifer Johnson 178, Matt Smith 157
 GAMES: Annelle Johnson 224, Sunny King 201, Les Ann Hight 180, Jennifer Johnson 196
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 SERIES: Sunny King 370, Les Ann Hight 346, Jennifer Johnson 178, Matt Smith 157
 GAMES: Annelle Johnson 224, Sunny King 201, Les Ann Hight 180, Jennifer Johnson 196
- THE 90th FLOOR**
 SERIES: Sunny King 370, Les Ann Hight 346, Jennifer Johnson 178, Matt Smith 157
 GAMES: Annelle Johnson 224, Sunny King 201, Les Ann Hight 180, Jennifer Johnson 196
- THE 95th FLOOR**
 SERIES: Sunny King 370, Les Ann Hight 346, Jennifer Johnson 178, Matt Smith 157
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- THE 100th FLOOR**
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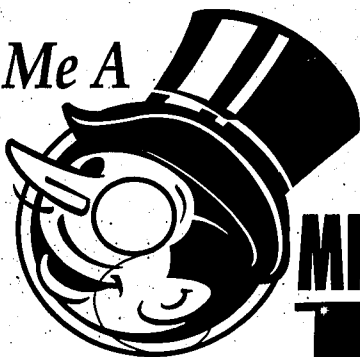
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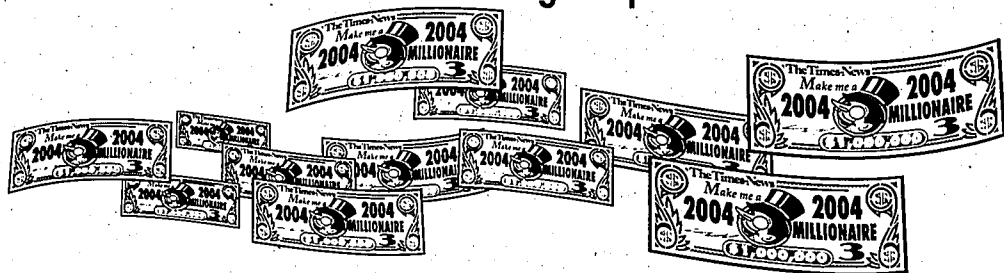


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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Myron Nield

TWIN FALLS - Zions Bank hired Myron D. Nield as a commercial loan officer at its Canyon Park branch, at 1863 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.



Myron Nield

Nield is responsible for development and customer service related to commercial agricultural banking clients in Magic Valley. He will assist clients with development and underwriting of business and agricultural loans.

Nield has 15 years of client service experience in Twin Falls. He previously worked as a service manager for Excowater Systems, and owned and operated his own water conditioning business. Prior to that, he was a loan officer for Eastern Idaho Production Credit Association.

A native of Hirie, Nield was raised on a dairy and holds a bachelor's degree in business finance from Idaho State University. He lives in Kimberly with his wife, Devry, and their six children.

Joan Asson

HEYBURN - A farewell reception in honor of Joan Asson, retiring, Minnic Chamber of Commerce director, will be held 4-6 p.m. Tuesday at the chamber, 1177 Seventh St. in Heyburn.

Light refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

Beverly Bowles

BUHL - Beverly Bowles is retiring after 22 years with the Twin Falls County Department of Motor Vehicles.



Beverly Bowles

Seventeen of those years were in the Buhl office.

An open house will be held in her honor from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday in the motor vehicle office at Buhl City Hall, 203 N. Broadway. Refreshments will be served.

In 1982 Bowles went to work in the Twin Falls office. Five years later, she was offered the job of managing both the driver's license and auto license departments in Buhl.

"At first they thought it would be just part time," Bowles said. "But we have built up such a big business that the office needed to be open full time."

Julie Pence

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Conservation League awarded

Time-News reporter Julie Pence its top award for conservation coverage. The annual Hobbs Brady Award, named after a conservationist and longtime editor-in-chief of the Idaho Falls Post Register, goes to a journalist for excellent coverage of environmental issues affecting Idaho people.

Rick Johnson, the league's executive director, said the award recognizes Pence's commitment to informing Magic Valley people about issues affecting their quality of life and public health. The award was for Pence's entire body of work relating to the environment and quality of life, including coverage of issues surrounding large dairies and the Idaho Legislature.

"Her work and its impact extend well beyond the Magic Valley," said Lauren McLean, community conservation associate of the Idaho Conservation

League. "Julie's comprehensive coverage of often-contested issues that seriously affect Idaho's clean water and air has been professional, accurate and fair. In addition, her vigilance at the Statehouse should be recognized. Her rigorous coverage of the issues has uncovered facts and stories that would otherwise have gone unnoticed."

Holly Siler

TWIN FALLS - Holly Siler of Premier Insurance completed the required courses of The National Alliance's Certified Insurance Service Representative program.

Siler has been employed at Premier Insurance since 2002.

Financial officers

TWIN FALLS - Select Mortgage has two new team members.

Karl Madane is a loan officer and credit repair specialist. His responsibilities include pre-qualifying loans and doing credit repair to make loans available. He has 1 1/2 years of experience in credit repair. He has lived in Magic Valley all his life and has a bachelor's degree in small-business administration.

Alicia Pereyra is a loan officer with refinancing, first-time homebuyer and problem credit experience. She has 20 years of experience in the financing and banking business and was finance manager at Latham Motors for 10 years. She has a bachelor's degree in finance from Walla Walla University in Washington and speaks Spanish fluently.

Colby Meyer

TWIN FALLS - Colby Meyer of Cewe Schiffler Insurance was named Rookie of the Year for the Magic Valley Insurance Professionals Association.

The award recognizes excellence among those who have been members of the Magic Valley Insurance Professionals Association and the National Association of Insurance Women, with which the local

association is affiliated. Among the criteria are the candidate's participation in NAIW membership of less than two years, association activities, involvement in insurance industry education programs and activities undertaken in the community.

Meyer will go on to compete at state level; state winners compete regionally. Nine regional winners compete at the national level. Regional and national competitions are co-sponsored with NAIW by GMAC Insurance.

Michelle Neimeyer

TWIN FALLS - Michelle Neimeyer is a new sales representative for Action Collections' Twin Falls office.

Neimeyer was raised in Magic Valley and attended Twin Falls Christian Academy. She and her husband, Levon, have two daughters.

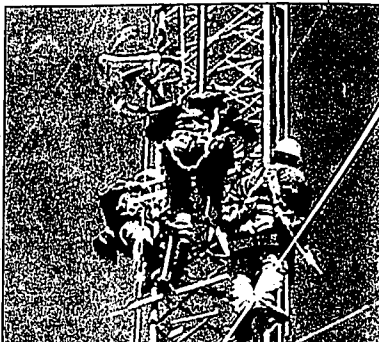
Feed distributors

TWIN FALLS - Loomix West, LLC, added Paul and Cindy Seaman of Red Nova Nutritional as new Loomix dealers in Magic Valley.

The Seamans have been active in the Magic Valley cattle business and will now advance their livestock expertise on the nutrition side. They can be reached at 308-0663 or 326-3679.

MILESTONES

ON THE RADIO



Workers replace the bottom bay of a radio antenna during a project to install antennas for KZOX, "The Buzz," and KRMY, "The Katt," on a newly erected tower on Connor Ridge above Albion. The construction of a new building and tower enable the two FM radio stations to be in the same building and on the same tower. KZOX equipment had been in a building owned by KCI, and KRMY had shared room and tower space with BVU-Idaho. Gerald Thaxton, station engineer for the Lee Family Radio Group, said the stations now will operate more efficiently and be easier to maintain. In the process, KATT Country switched to a new location on the FM dial at 106.1.

RIBBON CUTTING



The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce holds a ribbon cutting Aug. 20 to celebrate the opening of Nielson Family Chiropractic, 260 Falls Ave., Suite B (next to Physicians-Immediate Care Center). Pictured left to right are Destiny Nielson, Dr. Chad Nielson and Sharon Nielson. The business offers chiropractic care for children and adults. Office hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 2 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office can be reached at 733-2322.

CONTRIBUTIONS

RAFFLING IT OFF



Magic Valley-area Les Schwab Tire Centers raised funds for the American Cancer Society by raffling a classic 1972 Chevrolet half-ton two-wheel-drive pickup. The raffle kicked off at Relay for Life events held in Filer and Rupert and concluded with a drawing July 31 at the Twin Falls store. Ticket sales totaled \$4,124, all of which was donated. Pictured with the pickup and donation are store managers and employees from Magic Valley Les Schwab centers.

FUNDS FOR HEATING



Rick Moore of Intermountain Gas Co. presents a check for \$1,000 to Chris Jackson and Earl Coles of the Renaissance Arts Center in Rupert. The money will be used toward a new heating system for the Wilson Theatre and other buildings.

United Dairymen of Idaho funded a \$175,000 program to place 80 milk coolers in Idaho schools. Funding for the program was increased following a survey conducted in April which found more than 40 percent of Idaho schools did not have a milk cooler, the organization said.

United Dairymen of Idaho provided coolers costing between \$1,500 and \$2,500, depending on size, to Harrison, Bickel and Morning-side elementary schools in Twin Falls.

Milk coolers promote better preservation and milk taste. Temperature control is essential; even one degree can affect product quality, the Idaho Dairy Council said in a press release. The shelf life of milk decreases rapidly at temperatures higher than 40 degrees F. If schools are serving milk without a cooler, it is likely the milk reaches temperatures at which it begins to sour and have an off taste.

The Idaho Dairy Council continues to work with school food service departments to increase milk consumption through refrigeration and nutrition education. For information call Kelly Butler at 337-7050.

Wells Fargo is inviting Idaho classrooms in public, private and charter schools, K-12, to participate in its Grant a Wish for Your School program. Teachers and their classes can submit requests for financial support for books or supplies, educational field trips, technological needs and other educational resources.

Each application must use the company's Hands on Banking budgeting worksheet for its grade level to describe its budgeting needs for the proposed project. Applications will be accepted through Oct. 16 and are available at all Idaho Wells Fargo stores by calling Meghan Velg, 393-2057.

A selection committee of community leaders will review all submitted applications and announce the nine recipients no later than Dec. 1. Each winner will be awarded a \$500 grant. Hands on Banking, and the Spanish-language version, are Wells Fargo's new financial literacy programs that teach all ages

the basics of good money management. The programs are available on the Internet (www.handsonbanking.org) and CD-ROM and printed curriculum, with no commercial content.

Extending a children's reading education program for a third year, Albertsons and Coca-

Cola are donating 500,000 books to schools and children's organizations across the country.

In partnership with Coca-Cola, the now have donated more than 1.5 million children's books to youth organizations throughout the country over the past three years," said Larry Johnston, chairman, CEO and president of Albertsons.

Albertsons and Coca-Cola created the program as part of a national partnership to encourage reading by children from kindergarten through fifth grade. The program is conducted at the local level by Albertsons retail stores and Coca-Cola bottlers. Reading is Fundamental, the nation's largest nonprofit literacy organization, will handle distribution of the books to local schools.

NEW KWAL PAINT STORE



The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce had a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of a new Kwal Paint store in the McMullen Creek Shopping Center, 2333 Addison Ave. E. (across from Jiffy Lube near Kmart). Pictured from left to right are Carol Jones, interior designer; Rose Nutting, assistant manager; Paul Luker, store manager; and Don Cranney of Bolso, area manager.

Minidoka Memorial gets national recognition

REPUT - Minidoka Memorial Hospital was designated by Cleverley and Associates as one of the Nation's Top 100 Hospitals in the category of community value.

The firm says its "Community Value Index" (CVI Top 100) identifies hospitals that maintain the best balance between earnings, patient charges and operating costs among hospitals of similar size and geographic location. Minidoka Memorial said it was the only Idaho hospital to receive the designation.

Cleverley and Associates is a nationwide hospital consulting and monitoring company that gathers and analyzes data from hospitals across the United States. The information is published annually in the most recent edition titled "The State of the Hospital Industry - 2004 Edition." Components of the CVI Top 100 scores include operating

margin, charges per discharge and cost per discharge. The CVI study group included Medicare data from 3,552 hospitals.

In addition, Minidoka Memorial was listed in the top 20th percentile of all small rural hospitals. Six other Idaho hospitals were included in the 20th percentile of their respective peer groups: Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello, West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell, Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur D'Alene, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston, Grifman Medical Center in Moscow and St. Mary's Hospital in Cottonwood.

Minidoka Memorial is remodeling its nursing home, lab and dietary department and is bringing the older portions of its building up to new public building codes.

The remodeling follows recent construction of the 15,000-square-foot surgical addition on the west end of the campus. Recent equipment purchases at Minidoka Memorial include two new ambulances, a new CT scanner, several new X-ray machines, new lab equipment and new beds for both the hospital and the nursing home.



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Familiarity can breed the opposite of contempt

Last year, the Hartford Courant published a story about a Connecticut woman who will never forget the details of her wedding reception - or if she does, the cops can provide her with an official account.

According to the story, the 18-year-old bride began arguing with her groom at a restaurant and then started throwing wedding cake, smashing vases of flowers and cursing. She ended up jumping spread-eagle onto a car as it left the restaurant parking lot.

Police later found her walking along the highway in her wedding dress, diving into traffic, and were eventually forced to arrest her on her wedding night.

Most of us start off a little better than that, but all married couples are called on to maneuver some post-nuptial ups and downs - at every stage of life.

After the kids grow up and leave home, married life presents a few new challenges.



LIFE AND TIMES Denise Turner

I once heard a woman on a TV talk show insist that she sewed name tags into her last child's clothes right before he left on his honeymoon.

For some of us, life after children is destined to be tougher than it is for others.

Many couples say they work to rekindle some old-school romance after the children are gone, with trips they always wanted to take, or occasional dinners by candlelight.

I have one friend, married 35 years, who actually calls his wife on the phone - no matter where she is - every May 19 at 9:06 a.m. and July 2 at 3:01 p.m. Always has. Because these are the exact moments when their two children were born.

Not many of us are that sentimental.

We also have to deal with the changes that the passage of time brings with it.

A while back, I saved a Chicago Tribune story on lasting marriages. Here's a quote from that story: "The other day, I was in a restaurant waiting for my husband. I was sitting by a big glass window and I saw a man walking toward the restaurant and I thought, 'That's just what my husband is going to look like in 20 years.' And then I realized, it was my husband!"

Some of us have to have to accept the fact that your spouse is an individual who is going to change over time. And keeping a marriage together means not just commitment to your partner, but to the institution of marriage itself.

You do grow together if you work at it. Maybe even something if you don't.

I once heard of a study in which researchers asked college students to match up a group of married couples from individual photographs taken the year the couples got married. The students didn't get many matches right. Then the students were given individual photographs of the same people taken after they had been married to each other 25 years. That time, the students matched up almost every couple correctly.

Some wisdom. Somewhere along the way, married couples start to look alike - possibly by mimicking each other and acquiring the same facial expressions.

And even more amazing: The greater number of acquired facial features, the happier the marriages.

Those who have gone the long haul often tell us that marriage is altered with time, but that doesn't mean it's diminished.

Dr. Phil once talked about the difference between falling in love and being in love. He said couples who have just fallen in love say things like, "We know each other so well we can finish each other's sentences."

But two years later, they are saying, "Stop interrupting."

According to Dr. Phil, "It's the same thing. You are just measuring it differently."

Makes sense to me.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Being mean to BENJI

Twin Falls-bred actor is the villain of latest dog movie

By Steve Crump Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - W.C. Fields, who would have known, advised other actors never to work with kids and dogs.

Especially cute kids and dogs. "It wasn't so bad," said Chris Kendrick, Twin Falls High School Class of '89, who plays the villain in the latest Benji movie, "Benji off the Leash."

"The dogs were great, but we filmed it last summer around Salt Lake and Provo when it was really hot. It was the dogs who got the personal assistant and the air-conditioned tent."

Kendrick plays Hatchett, a particularly nasty dog-breeder with little love for dogs. Like its predecessor movies and television specials, "Benji off the Leash" is a Lassie-style dog-triumphs-over adversity story, and its star is a pound hound.

Joe (Camp, the film's Texas-born producer and the creator of the Benji character) actually rescued these dogs from shelters around the country," Kendrick said. Camp adopted the current Benji - actually, it's a now-3-year-old female mixed-breed terrier - from a shelter in Pass Christian, Miss., in 2001. Benji's onscreen sidekick, Shaggy, is also a former stray.

"Benji jump-started the trend for people to look for a mixed-breed mutt at the local animal shelter rather than the purbred puppies at the pet store," said Marty Becker, a former Twin Falls veterinarian who is co-author of several "Chicken Soup" books about pets and an commentator on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"Since the first Benji movie came out in 1975, mutts, canine cocktails, Heinz 57's remain popular."

In "Benji Off The Leash," the hero is lost and alone, with no one but a belligerent bird, a bungling stray mutt, and a 14-year-old boy to help. The movie tells the story of how this band of comrades comes together to stop abuse of pets and people.

"It's actually a story about a movie producer looking for a Benji to make a movie," Kendrick said.

Kendrick is a married, 33-year-old Brigham Young University graduate who still lives in Provo. He got the part in the Benji movie through a series of auditions.

A full-time actor for several years, Kendrick earns a living making TV commercials, appearing on stage in the Salt Lake City area and recently in a small part in "Saints and Sinners," a movie about Mormon soldiers in World War II.

"There are a lot of films, television and commercials shot in Utah," he said. "So I also worked on some of the production crews."

Kendrick recently appeared in a commercial that Jared Hess,



Chris Kendrick, Twin Falls High School Class of '89, plays the villain in 'Benji off the Leash.'



Benji busts some colleagues out of a kennel in 'Benji off the Leash.'

About the movie

"Benji off the Leash" is now playing at the Odyssey Theater at the Magic Valley Mall in Twin Falls.

About Benji

- Benji is the only American actor who can boast that the three movies bearing his name have finished their year of theatrical release in the top 10 percent of box office grosses. In addition, Benji co-starred in a movie with Chevy Chase and in four ABC specials and a Saturday morning series for CBS.
• There have been four Benjis - three of them female.
• Benji is the only canine actor to ever appear as a centerfold in Playgirl Magazine. "The funniest thing about it is that the dog playing Benji at that time was actually a girl," said the series' creator, Joe Camp.
• More than 71 million people have seen Benji in the theaters, more than half of them adults.
-Source: Mulberry Street Productions

the acclaimed, Idaho-born director of "Napoleon Dynamite," made for ESPN. "I've known Jared for a long time," Kendrick said. "He's told me he has me in mind of a couple of projects." After graduating with a degree in English, Kendrick went to work in film production for the Mormon Church. Persuaded by a friend to try acting, he now says he can't imagine doing anything else. "It was happy to be a part of this project," he said. "Joe is

committed to animal rescue and the humane treatment of animals, and that's the message of the film." Kendrick says he hopes to further his acting career by spending more time in Southern California. "But I wouldn't want to live there," he said. "Utah is where I want to be."

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Princess culture enters its golden age

Los Angeles Times

Where once they stood alone, now they are united, their faces smiling up from T-shirts and backpacks in small groups like particularly well-coiffed members of the Justice League. They host teas and birthday parties, hold classes in animal husbandry and geography, have their own color scheme including a signature paint available at Home Depot. Their industry over fashion is inescapable - their clothing and accessories coveted by and reproduced for millions of fans. They are about to launch their own line of personal care products.

They are the Disney Princesses and their goal is world domination.

In 2004, 23 years since the publication of "The Cinderella Complex: Women's Hidden Fear of Independence," princess culture is entering what can only be considered its Golden Age. In the three years since Disney executives decided to consolidate Cinderella, Snow White, Sleeping Beauty, Ariel ("The Little Mermaid"), Belle ("Beauty and the Beast") and Jasmine ("Aladdin") into one brand, princess merchandise sales have skyrocketed from \$200 million in 2000 to \$2 billion last year.

In Los Angeles, Disney Princess teas held in conjunction with the release of "Princess Diaries 2" at the El Capitan Theater sold out weeks before the



It's tiaras and tea sandwiches at a tea party offered with 'The Princess Diaries 2' at the El Capitan Theater in Los Angeles. The movie premiered. Those teas and other princess-themed events have become popular permanent additions to Walt Disney World attractions. In Japan, princess classes, which began in Tokyo three years ago as an attempt to introduce the new princess brand, have spread to five cities - last year more than 15,000 girls paid \$150 a pop to learn from Snow White how to love animals or from Ariel how to sing.

And princesses don't just rule the Disney kingdom. As the media serves up stories of middle- and upper-class mothers bowing out of the workplace in search of new family values, females of every age now sport crowns and tiaras and T-shirts proclaiming their eternal claim to the word, Princess. Costumes and accoutrement remain top sellers at toy stores everywhere. Barbie and her many full-size accessories are available in fairy tale and international princess form. Recent movies such as "Ella Enchanted," "The Prince & Me," "A Cinderella Story" and now "Princess Diaries 2" have hauled out all the time-honored symbols of the mythology - the jewels, the dresses, the handsome boyfriend and, of course, all that dancing.

The films, like the books many are based on, have slight post-feminist twists, but they still adhere to the basic princess ethos: You may think for the moment that you are a normal, powerless girl played by mean friends and nagging

Trees coexist with treeshouses

Treeshouses can bring a hidden benefit to their living hosts by extending the lifespan of the tree, if the structures are installed properly. Etc...

make it more stable by lowering the tree's center of gravity and strengthening weak branch structures.

To cut down or eliminate damage to the tree, hire an arborist before picking up a hammer, major treeshouse builders say, and follow this advice:

- Build below the tree's center of gravity.
• If possible, let two or three trees share the load.
• Puncture the tree as infrequently as possible, and drill holes at a distance from one another so that wounds don't coalesce.
• Use bolts and hardware designed for treeshouses - this way, the tree actually grows over the bolts, and connections grow stronger over time. Fatroaks says, Nails will be slowly expelled.
-Source: Los Angeles Times

Sunday Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Center
530 Shoshone St. W.
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. The cost is \$5 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Pool room open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens
308 Senior Ave.
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Richfield Senior Center
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menu:
Monday: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, green salad, birthday cake, ice cream

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl
Monday: Turkey dinner
Monday: Cooks choice
Tuesday: Swedish meat balls, potatoes and gravy, mixed veggies, fresh fruit, muffin, cookie

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley
Menu:
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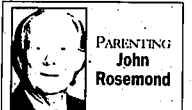
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Don't interfere with child's friends

Q: My best friend's 7-year-old daughter is an only child and a spoiled brat. She screams at her parents when she doesn't get her way always has to be first at everything, is bossy, and cheats at games so she can always win. For whatever strange reason, my children want to play with her, but I place strict limits on the relationship. How can I discourage the friendship?

A: When our daughter, Amy, now a 32-year-old mother of three, was in elementary school, she had a friend who was absolutely obnoxious toward her parents. She sassied them, openly defied them, and even called them names. The parents did nothing but get dramatically exasperated. Willie and I noticed it was difficult for Amy to play with this child without becoming "infected."

We decided not to interfere with the relationship, feeling Amy needed to learn to think for herself, and the earlier the better. We told her that she could play with her friend all she wanted, but the minute we saw her "channeling" the child's



Parenting John Rosemond

misbehavior and disrespect, we were going to punish her by sending her to her room for the remainder of the day.
As I recall, I only took two or three such confinements before Amy was able to play with this child without becoming her "twin."
As a general rule, I recommend parents not interfere with their children's friendships unless those friendships constitute some real and present danger. Oh, by the way, your children will probably always have friends you don't particularly like. You need to get used to it.
Q: At least twice a week, my son's first grade teacher sends home assignments he should have finished in class but didn't, because of dawdling. It's

obvious the teacher doesn't, and won't, penalize for this. I feel we should penalize him at home. Do you agree?

A: Yes, I agree. Obviously, lack of ability is not the problem. You have an opportunity here to "nip in the bud" a problem that will, if left unchecked, only get worse over time. I recommend making it a rule that if the brings unfinished work home one day of the school week, he'll be restricted one weekend day — i.e., confined to the house with no television and no visitors.
If he brings unfinished work home two or more days through the week, he'll be restricted through the entire weekend. That should constitute an offer he can't refuse but because he's a child, he will refuse it, at least until he becomes convinced you are serious).
John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 1020 East 80th Street, Suite 26B, Indianapolis, Ind. 46240 and at his Web site: <http://www.jrosemmond.com>

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First fair

No 'grafters' were allowed

In announcing that the county's first agricultural fair would take place Sept. 5-7, 1906, the *Twin Falls News* told its patrons:

"Paste these dates in your hat. If you wear cuffs, write the dates on (them). Tie strings around your fingers, tell your wife to remind you. If you haven't a wife, tell your friend's wife to jog your memory. No admission fee will be charged and no grafters will be allowed within gunshot of the grounds."

"The concept for this wholesome annual tradition had its inception the previous year, near the end of the first growing season on the newly irrigated Twin Falls tract. At "Railroad Day" - a celebration marking the completion of the Minidoka and Southwestern's tracks to Twin Falls - prizes were awarded for a variety of agricultural exhibits.

Also, a few farmers had taken samples of their husbandry to the state fair at Boise. Having experienced a great deal that first year, they proudly displayed a wide variety of produce, including such unlikely items as peanuts, sugar cane, cotton, broom corn and tobacco. The overall exhibit won \$100 for second place in the sweepstakes. Everyone came home all fired up, with plans to hold a Twin Falls fair the following year.

Alexander McPherson, the Twin Falls Land and Water Co.'s agricultural expert, got things going by soliciting nearly a thousand dollars of startup money from his employers and others. The Farmer's Federation took charge of the planning. By summer 1906 it had appointed superintendents for 16 competitive divisions, and had published a list of premiums



TALES OF THE TRACT
James Varley

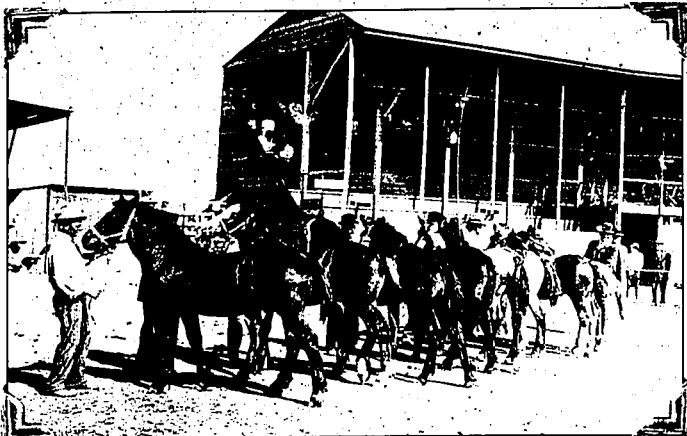
(prizes) and instructions for preparing exhibits.

A fairground was chosen right smack in the middle of town, in the block on which now can be found The Ballroom, U.S. Bank and other businesses. This site was picked because there were two small frame buildings there that had been used for the previous year's school classes. For \$425, the Twin Falls Land & Water Co. bought these buildings from the school trustees and loaned them for use in displaying exhibits.

Sagebrush and weeds were cleared from the grounds. Using donated lumber, volunteers built a bandstand, stalls and pens for livestock, and coops for poultry. The entire area was decorated handsomely with bunting and hundreds of flags.

Using a free water connection provided by the waterworks company, the ladies of the Women's Christian Temperance Union fitted up a women's restroom in a brick building next to the *News* office, which was then at 153-155 Main Ave. W. No mention can be found of any arrangements made for men. In addition to the premiums, cash prizes were announced by the Land and Water Co. for the best-irrigated field of 10 or more acres, and for the best acre of a variety of crops.

Special prizes were also offered by several businessmen. The Studebaker carriage dealer promised a "manabout" worth



Judging horses at the 1910 county fair.

\$100 for the best individual display of agricultural products.

The most interesting proposal was that of Clark Gibson of the Twin Falls Implement Co., who said he would present a "jewel" range to announce their willingness to be married in public at the fairgrounds, and who lived up to their promise. Gibson guaranteed that the "jewel" would "burn sagebrush and ... not burn bread" and claimed that, as an "agent of domestic harmony, it was unexcelled."

There were "many estimable young 'bachelors,'" said the male-chauvinist-pig editor of the *Twin Falls News*, "who were wasting half their time in trying to cook for themselves and keep their houses free from dust" and there were "many charming young ladies who might be willing to assume domestic responsibilities." If any such young folks showed up to get married and claim the prize, however, they went unmentioned.

The fair opened as scheduled and was a great success. For the first time, the hard-working pioneers of the tract could show the fruit of their industry and the fecundity the newly tilled, virgin soil.

Fair-goers could see livestock, produce and handicrafts brought in from locations as distant as Roseworth and Murtaugh. There were displays of handmade bricks, harness, tinware, willow chairs, carvings and needlework. There were huge sugar beets, potatoes and other vegetables.



Produce display at Twin Falls' first fair, in 1906.

Interesting as the displays were, the amusements fell somewhat flat. The daily concerts of the newly formed Twin Falls band were well received, but some of the other events didn't materialize. A planned cowboy relay race was canceled because all the good riders were busy with the fall cattle roundup. A scheduled jiu jitsu match between Japanese wrestlers fell through, and some of the baseball clubs that were scheduled to play in a tournament didn't show up.

A baby show was arranged at the 11th hour, it having been found impossible prior to that time to find any judges brave enough to officiate. Within a few minutes of the announcement that there would be a contest, 31 entries were made. Later, Twin Falls' only jeweler gave cups to the winners. A variety of saddle and trotting horse races were held, as well as some boys' foot races. But the most popular outdoor

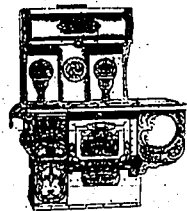
feature of the fair was the horse team pulling match. Sixteen farmers proudly showcased the animals upon which they relied for their livelihoods. Every entry pulled the same load - a farm wagon with its wheels chained, on which were seated a number of men. The way the entrants "geed-d, haw-d, perspired and kicked up dust" was said to be "a caution." The event was won by Joe Nielsen, a farmer and grading contractor who had worked on the canals, whose team of white horses pulled 17 men.

The fair continued to be held in Twin Falls until 1916, when it was moved to a permanent location at Filer, purchased with \$13,000 in solicited funds. The event has been held each year since 1905, except for the depression years of 1932 through 1934, and the war years of 1942 through 1944.

James Varley's newspaper columns are collected in a book titled "Tales of the Tract: The Beginnings of Twin Falls, Idaho and the 'Magic Valley,'" sold by the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation.

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Twin Falls Day
Coca-Cola Super Coupon Day
Only Day with Carnival & Admission Discounts
\$12 Pay One Price for the Carnival
\$4 Gate Admission Adults Save \$12
- Friday, Sept. 3**
West End Day
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- Sunday, Sept. 5**
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