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Sarah gets life

Judge decides woman won't have chance of parole

By Patti Murphy
Times-News correspondent

HALLEY — Sarah Johnson, the Blaine teen convicted of murder, was sentenced Thursday to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the brutal killings of her mother and father in 2003.

But, if it weren't for her young age, she could have been sentenced to death under Idaho law, 5th District Judge Barry Wood told the 18-year-old.

"If this were a death penalty case, you would be a candidate for it," the judge said.

On the second day of Johnson's sentencing hearing, the Blaine County courtroom was all of family, former friends, media and onlookers. Johnson, who appeared wearing a prison-issued orange jumpsuit, remained cuffed at the wrists and ankles throughout the proceedings.

Johnson was found guilty in March of shooting her mother Diane in the head as she slept, and then shooting her father through the chest as he exited the shower. She was just 16 years old at the time of the crimes.

Under Idaho law, first-degree murder carries an automatic life sentence, with a minimum of 10 years before a defendant is eligible for parole. It was up to Wood's discretion to decide whether she would ever be eligible for parole.

The judge spent more than an hour listing each piece of evidence and investigatory material that he had considered in making his decision to sentence Johnson to two life sentences plus an additional 15-year term for the use of firearms in the commission of the murders.

Wood said to Johnson he couldn't find any rational explanation why she would kill her parents. "It just escapes me," he said, noting she had several chances after she shot her mother to "stop the senselessness" before killing her father.

"You could have said, 'My God, what I did to you out here,' but that didn't happen. You proceeded further," he said.

"It's undeniable you had to look Diane in the eyes when you shot him. And you shot him



Sarah Johnson looks around the courtroom during her sentencing hearing Thursday. She was sentenced to life in prison without parole for the deaths of her parents.

in the lungs. He had no chance of survival," Wood said, referring to Johnson's father, Alan.

Prior to the sentencing Bob Pangburn, Johnson's defense attorney, said he had told Sarah to "expect the worst and hope for the best."

He asked the judge to sentence Johnson to 15 years in prison, with the opportunity for

parole. "What I am asking you today is not to destroy her," he said to Wood.

Blaine County Prosecuting Attorney Jim Thomas said Johnson's sentencing was not about giving the young defendant hope.

"It's about reckoning," he said. "It's not about forgiveness. That comes from a high-

er power."

Co-prosecutor Justin Whattcott said, "I think the time has come for this to stop being about Sarah Johnson and start being about Alan and Diane Johnson."

Johnson has continued to deny any involvement in the murders.

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Was Iran's president a hostage taker? Bush has 'many questions'

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House said Thursday it was investigating whether Iran's new president played a role in seizing the American Embassy and holding 52 U.S. captives a quarter century ago. President Bush said the allegation "raises many questions."

The administration was reviewing its files on Iranian president-elect Mahmoud Ahmadinejad after the hostage comments were brought to light by The Associated Press.

"I have no information, but obviously his involvement raises many questions," Bush said in an interview with foreign news outlets. The administration said it would have to deal with Ahmadinejad, regardless of his past.

Ahmadinejad has been the unadvisable mayor of Tehran and, according to his associates, was a member of the



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Ridney 'Rocky' Slickman, one of the Americans taken hostage. In Iran, said he may have spotted Mahmoud Ahmadinejad when Iranians first stormed the American Embassy on Nov. 4, 1979.

Six former hostages told AP they recognized Ahmadinejad. Please see **IRAN**, Page A2

Senate gives approval to controversial trade deal

The Washington Post

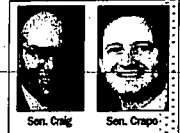
WASHINGTON — The Senate on Thursday endorsed a free trade agreement with six Latin American nations, handing a major win to President Bush, who has promoted the accord as a mark of U.S. commitment to democracy and prosperity in the hemisphere.

The vote was 54-45 in favor of the Central America Free Trade Agreement, settling the stage for a final battle in the House.

The House vote, probably in July, is too close to call.

The stakes could hardly be higher, said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a supporter. "It's important because at stake is the future of Central America in its economic and political dimensions and hence its security dimensions."

The officials signed the agreement a year ago with the Central American countries of



Senators from Idaho vote no Idaho's senatorial delegation of Larry Craig and Mike Crapo voted against the implementation of the CAFE, citing concerns for the domestic sugar industry.

Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua as well as the Dominican Republic in the Caribbean. It needs congressional approval to go into effect.

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California state prisons prepare to go cold turkey today

Los Angeles Times

FOLSOM, Calif. — Doing time in a California state prison won't be quite the same beginning today. Inmates, once given tobacco and matches along with their prison blues and toothbrush, will now be forbidden to smoke.

Birth of legislation passed last year, the tobacco ban was sold as a boon that would offer a big clean health-care costs and deen air for inmates and

officers who don't like to light up.

The Republican Assemblyman who pushed the ban last year predicted it would save \$280 million a year.

Judging from the experience of other states — and reports from a few California prisons that are already smoke-free — health costs will go down. But their experience also shows that forcing inmates to kick the habit has downsides.

One is the birth of a black

market for tobacco — and the smuggling, extortion and violence that accompany it. With roughly half the state's 163,000 inmates addicted to nicotine, tobacco entrepreneurs will begin selling the newest contraband behind bars, prison officials say.

Rising tensions also are a worry.

When Maine banned smoking in prison in 2000, assaults quadrupled.

At Folsom State Prison east

debts — is taking shape.

"It's crazy, you know what I mean?" said Michael Johnson, 45, a bearded inmate from Stockton struggling to kick a 20-cigar-a-day habit. "Tobacco is gonna be more valuable than dope."

Inmates aren't the only ones who will be forced to snuff their smokes. More than 30,000 employees inside the Department of Corrections' 33 prisons and camps also must abide by the new law.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sunny and turning very warm to hot. Highs, mid to upper 80s.
Tonight: Clear skies and quiet weather conditions. Lows near 60.
Tomorrow: More sunshine to start the weekend. Highs, 80s.

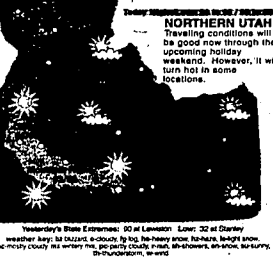
BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Very warm and sunny. Highs, upper 80s.
Tonight: A quiet evening and night of weather. Lows, 50s.
Tomorrow: A sunny, warm start to the weekend. Highs, 80s.

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SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Other than a small chance for a few developing po...
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Get ready for the sun and the heat...

NORTHERN UTAH
Traveling conditions will be good, though the upcoming holiday weekend. However, it will not be hot as in the southern locations.



Wednesday's Best Estimate: 80 at Lewiston, Low: 32 at Staray...

GREGG HINDLEKAMP'S QUOTE OF THE WEEK
When you speak of someone or about someone, you are speaking to the person you are speaking about.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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MOON PHASES



MOONRISE AND MOONSET

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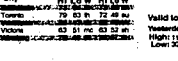
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-Jim Thomas, Blaine County prosecutor

Laws
* Car seat - All children age 6 and under will have to be strapped into a car seat or a booster seat.
* ATV helmet - Anyone under the age of 18 who is riding an all-terrain vehicle will have to wear a helmet.

CORRECTIONS

In late March. The Times-News regrets the error.
Grant, donations paid for roof repairs.
Dish Network carries Idaho Public Television.

Officials prepare for flu threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government has not stockpiled enough of the only drug known to be effective against bird flu, but is in aggressive discussions with its maker to buy more, federal health officials said Thursday.

Enough Tamiflu to treat 2.3 million people is in a national stockpile of drugs and vaccines being set aside in preparation for the next flu pandemic — a worldwide outbreak that influenza specialists fear could be triggered by the increasingly worrisome bird flu in Asia.

Negotiations are under way to buy enough Tamiflu pills for an additional 2 million people, with more purchases possible later.

That still would cover only 2 percent of the population, well short of World Health Organization recommendations that countries set aside enough Tamiflu for one-quarter of their people, said Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va.

"Let me do the math for you: We're about 62 million people under the WHO guidelines," Davis said in chastising the government's top flu officials during a meeting of his House Government Reform Committee.

Other lawmakers wondered why the U.S. is not stockpiling as much as other countries. Manufacturer Hoffmann-La Roche Inc. told the committee that Britain, France, Finland, Norway and New Zealand are placing orders that would cover between 20 percent and 40 percent of their populations.

"With today's stockpile, certainly we don't have enough,"

said Dr. Anthony Fauci, the National Institutes of Health's infectious disease chief.

Fauci noted that Tamiflu is difficult and time-consuming to manufacture, which "makes it important for us to get our bid in now."

Officials would not estimate how much the nation needs.

Other countries are depending mostly on Tamiflu to fight a bird flu outbreak, while the U.S. also is stockpiling vaccine and would use Tamiflu more to buy time until even more inoculations could be made, said Dr. Bruce Gellin of the National Vaccine Planning Office.

About 36,000 Americans die from regular flu every winter. Because flu virus mutates easily, specialists say it is only a matter of time before a powerful new

strain spurs another worldwide epidemic.

There have been three pandemics in the last century. The worst was in 1918, when the Spanish flu killed more than half a million Americans and more than 20 million people worldwide.

Any flu strain could mutate to cause a pandemic.

But Asia's bird flu — particularly the H5N1 strain — is of particular concern because people's immune systems have never had to battle it.

The WHO has confirmed the infection in 108 people since January 2004; the vast majority of them caught it from birds. Scientists are watching to see if the strain begins mutating in a way that lets it spread easily among people.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration, turning up the heat on Syria, moved Thursday to block the financial assets of the country's interior minister and its chief of military intelligence for Lebanon.

The Treasury Department believes the two Syrian men have played lead roles in directing Syria's military presence in Lebanon.

The action against Ghazi Kanaan, Syria's minister of interior, and Rustum Ghazali, the chief of Syrian Military Intelligence for Lebanon, means that any assets belonging to these men found in the United States will be frozen. Americans also are forbidden from doing business with them.

The power for the department to take the action stems from a May 11, 2004 executive order by President Bush. Thursday's designations targeting the two Syrians were the first under that order, said Treasury Department spokeswoman Molly Millerweir.

Syria is on the U.S. State Department's list of countries and organizations accused of supporting terrorism. Despite strained relations with the United States, Syrian officials have repeatedly said they are cooper-

Bush team moves to clamp down on Syria



President Bush

ating with the U.S.-led war on terrorism. The country has said all its military forces left Lebanon in April after some three decades as the dominant political and military force there.

National elections were recently completed in Lebanon. "We are seeking democracy to take hold in Lebanon and other places in the Middle East, yet Syria continues to support violent groups and political strife," said Treasury Secretary John Snow.

Before taking his current post as senior minister, Kanaan served as the chief of Syrian Military Intelligence for Lebanon for 20 years, the department said. He was replaced by Ghazali in late 2002, the department said.

The department alleged that during Kanaan's command in Lebanon, he ensured that Syrian military intelligence officers remained "deeply involved" in Lebanese political and economic affairs.

Runaway bride puts focus on prosecutor

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. (AP) — A one-page, computer-printed letter mailed from Colorado leaves little doubt about the writer's opinion of Danny Porter: "What an idiot! Pressing charges because a woman freaked out."

It's just one of the thousands of letters, cards and e-mails some filled with expletives — that the suburban Atlanta district attorney has received since he decided to prosecute runaway bride Jennifer Wilbanks.

"It amazed me not only the amount of attention the case received but also the number of feeling people had about a case that I considered a real minor case," Porter said in a recent interview. "What an idiot! Pressing charges because a woman freaked out."

Criticism is nothing new to the 50-year-old Gwinnett County prosecutor who wears a pair of samurai swords in his office and wears knit shirts on nontrial days with an embroidered gold badge that says "District Attorney."

This year, Porter has made national headlines like few other small-town prosecutors. His prosecution of a woman fleeing to police about being kid-



Danny Porter is shown while being interviewed in his office in Lawrenceville, Ga., on Monday.

napped and raped was the fodder for weeks on talk radio and cable television shows. In addition, a national civil rights group has targeted Porter for protest after he refused to revisit the case of Frederick Williams, a black man who died after being shocked with a Taser in jail.

Porter persuaded a grand jury to indict Wilbanks, whose disappearance just days before her 800-guest wedding led to a national search that ended when she turned up in Albuquerque, N.M.

She pleaded no contest to making false statements, and was sentenced to two years' probation, 120 hours of community service and \$2,550 in restitution.

FTC chair's credit card info stolen in DSW data breach

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Trade Commission helps millions of consumers each year battle identity theft. Now the woman who runs the agency, Deborah Platt Majoras, finds herself a potential victim.

An FTC spokeswoman says Majoras received a letter last week from shoe retailer DSW informing her that her credit card information had been stolen. The spokeswoman declined further comment. The theft was first reported by Newsweek.

Majoras' credit card number was among 1.4 million that were stolen from a company database.

The Ohio-based company discovered the data breach in March.

It affected customers in 25 states. Ohio's attorney general filed suit against DSW in early June, seeking to force the retailer to contact all customers compromised in the breach. Attempts to contact many of the customers were slowed because DSW does not collect addresses at the point of purchase.

Feds target Internet pirates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department announced Thursday an 11-nation crackdown on Internet piracy organizations responsible for stealing copies of the latest "Star Wars" film and other movies, games and software programs worth at least \$50 billion.

FBI agents and investigators in 11 nations conducted 90 searches, starting Wednesday, arresting four people, seizing hundreds of computers and shutting down at least eight major online distribution servers for pirated works.

The Justice Department "is striking at the top of the copyright infringement chain, and a distribution chain that provides the vast majority of illegal digital content now available online," Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said.

Called Operation Site Down, the crackdown involved undercover FBI operations run out of Chicago, San Francisco and Charlotte, N.C., and included help from authorities in Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Iceland, the Netherlands, Portugal and the United Kingdom.

Those arrested were Chinyu Patel, 29, of Fremont, Calif.; Daniel Fish, 24, of Watertown, Conn.; Nate Lovell, 22, of Boulder, Colo.; and William Vejna, 34, of Chaworth, Calif. The four were charged with violating federal copyright protection laws. All are alleged to be members of "warez" groups, a kind of underground Internet co-op that is set up to trade in copyrighted materials.

Warez (pronounced "wairs") groups are exclusively of individuals who distribute because users talk only in encrypted chat rooms, their computer servers require passwords and many are located overseas.

Hunt for vaccine shows promise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists hunting a vaccine to protect newborns from a severe infection not only found a promising candidate, they developed a new way to speed the search for vaccines against other, hard-to-treat diseases, too.

It's a gene-searching technique that goes by the humble name "multiple genome screen." But the research, led by Chiron Corp., elicited a "wow" from the government's infectious disease chief.

"It opens up a new arena" in developing vaccines against multiple-strain diseases, said Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "This is a very, very elegant, potentially usable avenue to go after that whole concept of universal vaccines."

The first candidate: a possible vaccine against Group B strep, that lurks harmlessly in many women's bodies but that

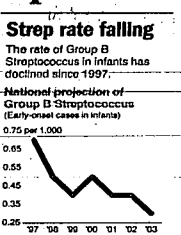
can be fatal or brain-damaging if passed to their infants during birth.

So far, the experimental vaccine has been tested only in mice. But studies reported Thursday in the journal *Science* suggest it's the first candidate in two decades that might protect against all major strains of Group B strep. Chiron's lead researcher says the company is discussing with U.S. regulators how to begin human testing.

"We are very excited because we do have, now, something we believe will work," said Guido Giamberini, chief of research at Chiron's vaccine division in Siena, Italy.

Group B streptococcus, a cousin of the common strep throat, is found in up to 40 percent of women.

It usually causes them no symptoms. But it's the most common cause of blood infection and meningitis in newborns.



Chicago City Council bans sale of pot-flavored candies

CHICAGO (AP) — The City Council passed a law Wednesday banning the sale of marijuana-flavored lollipops, gumdrops and other treats, becoming the first major city to do so.

The candies are legal because they are made with hemp seed, an ingredient used in health foods and some household products.

The oil imparts marijuana's grassy taste but not the high.

"I can't imagine the degree and the extent to which people will go to make a buck — and to make a buck on kids, trying to

get them to experiment with something that is going to be a lead-in to the use of marijuana," said Alderman Edward Burke, who sponsored the measure.

Chicago is not the only city weighing the issue. A New York City councilwoman plans to hold hearings on the candies this summer, and an Atlanta suburb passed a resolution opposing them, which caused merchants there to remove the treats from their shelves.

In Chicago, stores selling the candy will face fines up to \$500 and possible suspension or revocation of their business licenses.

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NATION/WORLD

Lincoln Memorial video redone after complaints

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Park Service sought out footage of 'conservative' right-wing demonstrations to revise the video shown to visitors at the Lincoln Memorial after being pressured by conservatives who complained the display implied Abraham Lincoln supported abortion, homosexuality and liberal causes.

Park Service documents released under the Freedom of Information Act show officials purchased video of President Bush, pro-gun advocates and pro-Iraq war rallies and also considered removing images of President George W. Bush, President Clinton at the memorial.

Park Service officials said they wanted the video to be politically neutral. They said they provided a copy of the revision to The Associated Press, saying it was still being evaluated.

The current eight-minute video, which has been viewed by millions of visitors since 1994, was created by the Park Service and an independent production with high school students around the country. It shows Martin Luther King Jr.'s 'I Have a Dream' speech, presidential visits and glimpses of dozens of protest marches at the memorial on the Mall.

Students and teachers who collected money to pay for the project and worked with the Park Service a decade ago said they were surprised by the effort to give their display a more conservative touch.

The current Lincoln Memorial is America's soapbox," said Ilene M. Morgan of Los Angeles, who as a Southeastern Arizona high school student helped organize the project. "This was where people have stood to get America's attention. That's what we're trying to capture."

The service has spent about \$20,000 revamping the video and buying footage, including some from The Associated Press — after conservative, political groups criticized the current display and organized a campaign of petitions and e-mails demanding changes.

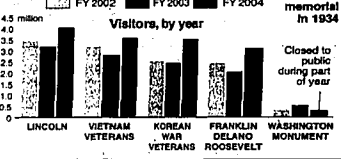
"The video gave the impression that Lincoln would have supported abortion and homosexuality," said the Web site of Rev. Louis Sheldon's Traditional Values Coalition. It cites several pro-showing events at the memorial staged by abortion and gay rights supporters and its recommendations but no similar footage from Christian and conservative interests.

"Absent from the video were any Promise Keepers marches or Marches for Jesus rallies at the capitol," the video was totally skewed to present only a left-wing viewpoint," the Web site said. Sheldon did not return repeated phone calls to his office seeking comment.

Documents about the revision were released to two liberal advocacy groups, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility and the People For the American Way Foundation, after they sued under the

Memorial helgit

The tribute to President Abraham Lincoln — dedicated in 1932 — was built to look like a Greek temple.



SOURCE: National Park Service

Freedom of Information Act. Major portions of the 1,500 pages, provided to AP by the groups, were blacked out on grounds they included pre-dictated information that did not have to be disclosed.

"This is yet another example of the Bush administration's efforts to turn the federal government into a right-wing propaganda machine," PFAW president John G. Nease said. "Now they're trying to rewrite history on the basis of ideology and abuse FOIA to conceal the evidence."

Park Service Deputy Director Don Murphy disagreed, saying the Park Service had no responsibility to present a balanced approach. We do not respond solely to any special interest group."

On Feb. 3, 2003, the conservative Web site CNSNews.com criticized the video, particularly a montage of marches carrying signs that included, "The Lord is my Shepherd and Knows I am Gay," "hatily the ERA," and "Keep Abortion Legal."

Sheldon said he complained to the White House and said in a broadcast transcript that was distributed among Park Service executives. "If Bush is in office, let's have it our way. Let's make it fair now." The agency said no one from the White House ever contacted the Park Service or Interior Department about the video.

But within weeks of the first conservative complaints, the Park Service-Harpers-Ferry-WVA, design center was just to work on revisions. In a Feb. 29, 2003, e-mail, Jim Radford, a Harpers Ferry Center employee, requested a search of video archives "for footage of conservatives — right-wing demonstrations (several lines blacked out) Lincoln Memorial, please rush."

On March 5, 2003, Radford e-mailed his boss: "replacing Clinton would require creating a totally new interpretive production, please remember many other presidents, republican and democrat, are shown."

In an Oct. 21, 2003, e-mail, Park Service production assistant Amber Perkins asked CNN for video of a recent ceremony at which a Bush administration



Lincoln memorial in 1934

political appointee helped unveil a marker at the spot where King gave his famous speech. She also requested "pro-gun rights/NRA events at the Lincoln memorial."

A Feb. 3, 2005, document says the revisions project brought video footage of Bush and his father walking down the Lincoln Memorial steps, protesters carrying signs opposing gun rights, a rally supporting the war in Iraq, a vigil supporting the war in Afghanistan and the Million Man March.

In a Dec. 2, 2004, memo, the Harpers Ferry Center said the revisions were the result of "concerns and complaints that the interpretive video in the memorial exhibit space focuses on protests from liberal or special interest groups from one point of view and excludes or minimizes other points of view of a more conservative perspective. Proposed solutions are blacked out."

Vikki Keys, superintendent of parks and monuments on the Mall, said the video work has now been folded into a routine reassessment of the entire memorial exhibit. Jaime Marquez of Scottsdale, one of the original student organizers, said an exhibit on Lincoln's life would be different from what the students attempted to create a decade ago.

"I hope they don't completely redo the video because of the personal ownership of it. It demonstrates that even if you own a small-spacer you can still make a difference," she said. Mrs. Marquez said, "We had support from liberals and conservatives in Congress and we had students who were both. It was not a political platform."

Gregg Behr, who as a student in Pittsburgh's suburbs helped design the exhibit, said the protests shown in the video "should move, provoke or change the audience. That isn't an endorsement of any view. I'm glad Rev. Sheldon is outraged," Behr said. "An exhibit so biased that it offends no one would distort all our fellow Americans and friends who came to that space for all sorts of different reasons."

U.S., Iraqi forces seize explosives, arrest dozens

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. and Iraqi forces in the western province of Anbar have seized thousands of pounds of explosives and arrested dozens of suspected insurgents in a three-day sweep that has encountered little resistance and received widespread cooperation from local residents, military officials said Thursday.

The thrust by about 1,000 U.S. Marines, soldiers and sailors and 100 Iraqi troops, called Operation Swind, centered on towns along the Euphrates River about 90 miles west of Baghdad. Marine spokesmen have said the operation, like other recent sweeps farther west, is aimed at driving insurgents out of towns and disrupting their ability to move guerrillas, weapons and supplies from neighboring Syria into western Iraq and other parts of the country.

"Since the combined force of Marines and soldiers entered the city of Hit on Tuesday, there has been no significant resistance or opposition," said Lt. Col. Christopher Stirling, operations officer with the Marines' Regimental Combat Team 2. The police have been overwhelmingly receptive and have assisted coalition and Iraqi soldiers in locating roadside bombs and weapons caches.

A Marine statement said there had been no fighting reported Thursday, no buildings destroyed and no air strikes conducted.

The combined American and Iraqi forces have searched hundreds of homes and businesses, according to witnesses, some of whom expressed gratitude for the operation. Iraqi army Capt. Hussein Abbas said about two tons of explosives had been confiscated in Hit and that 45 suspects had been arrested, including foreigners from Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Syria.

Iraqi and U.S. officials say would-be insurgents from Europe, Africa and Asia have been entering Iraq through Syria. They have accused the Syrian government of allowing the guerrillas to undergo training in Syria and move across its borders.

In Baghdad on Thursday, the U.S. military's chief spokesman in Iraq, Air Force Brig. Gen. Donald Alston, said, "These borders are porous, and it requires more than just posting guards on the Iraqi side of the border. It requires support from Iraq's neighbors, and the Iraqi government has petitioned all of its neighbors to do more to secure their borders."

Alston told reporters the military estimated that foreigners accounted for roughly 5 percent of an insurgency believed to number between 15,000-20,000. But Alston said, "Many of these fighters were 'folks that don't choose to fight every day.' The core of the insurgent movement measured 'more in the hundreds,' he said.

The insurgents — Iraqis and foreigners alike — are overwhelmingly Sunni Muslim Arabs, Iraqi leaders have repeatedly emphasized the importance of undercutting the violence by drawing Iraqi Sunnis into a political process that is so far dominated by Shiite Muslims and ethnic Kurds.

Officials: Copter crash killed all 16 troops

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — All 16 U.S. troops on a special forces helicopter were killed when the chopper was shot down by insurgents, the U.S. military said Thursday after rescuers recovered the bodies from the wreckage in a mountainous ravine.

The MH-47 Chinook helicopter went down Tuesday in eastern Afghanistan while ferrying troops to a battle against militants — the deadliest single blow to American forces who ousted the Taliban in 2001 for harboring al-Qaida and are now grappling with an escalating insurgency.

"At this point, we have recovered all 16 bodies of those who served with us on board the MH-47 helicopter that

crashed on Tuesday," Lt. Gen. James Conway, director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters at the Pentagon.

The dead on the helicopter included eight Navy SEALs and eight Army air crew, a U.S. official said in Washington.

Authorities initially reported 17 people were on board, but the manifest included a person who apparently missed the flight, military officials said.

Conway said the military did not yet have a full account of all ground troops involved in the operation, although "we do not have any people classified as missing at this point."

He would provide no details when asked what was known about the troops on the ground

that the helicopter was sent to aid.

"I can only say that it is an ongoing operation in that context, and we don't have full accountability nor will until such time as the operation is complete," he said.

Rescuers reached the crash site Thursday, about 36 hours after the chopper went down in high mountains near the town of Asadabad, close to the border with Pakistan, U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Jerry O'Hara told The Associated Press.

A purported Taliban spokesman, Mullah Lutfi Hakim, claimed the group shot down the helicopter, and also said there was video of the attack. No video has been released, however.

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Pisces: Don't confuse facts with fiction

IF JULY 1 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You may break loose of restraints that have held you back and build a new life in the year ahead. With your popularity at an all-time high it is easy to make new friends and choose a path that is more exciting and allows you more independence. However, if you are extravagant now or trust the wrong people, you could be paying off debts for a long time to come. Buckle down to pursue your ambitions in October. If you work hard you will be rewarded next March with a good fortune comes your way and permanent improvements are in the stars.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Consider the best action in a situation. Let things slump down before you attempt to heal rifts. Family members could put you in an awkward position or be at the center of a controversy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Maintain a professional demeanor and appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep your foot out of your mouth. Gossip can only stir up hard feelings and could even cost you some money.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Recent problems could leave you confused or disoriented. A little time might be needed now. It is a poor time to make plans for the future or key decisions.

LION (July 23-Aug. 22): Give others a little space. Efforts to kiss and make up could receive an indifferent response. Those in your immediate circle might simply do as they please and leave you to fend for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't say anything you aren't willing to have circled in public. Keep your pennies in your pocket, as you are likely to

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waste them. A good friend might put things in proper perspective.

LEO (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put your best foot forward. Hard feelings and a chilly undercurrent may make others seem more critical than usual. While you may make a good impression, others close might resent your success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Buying expensive things might serve to make you feel better or let you show off your success, but may waste resources. Under these celestial conditions someone could sell you the Brooklyn Bridge.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Tone down your exuberance. Taking unreasonable risks seems perfectly normal under these stars, but leaves you open to criticism. Being impetuous might stir up further confrontations.

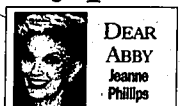
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't explain or complain. Problems that recently reached a critical point might occupy your thoughts, but discussing them might only make things worse. Keep your own counsel.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Maybe you expect good luck in reaching your goals without having to take a concrete step in the right direction. When things go wrong, don't put the blame on other stars.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): It is always darkest before the dawn. Emotionally charged conversations could drain you of energy or simply confuse you. Don't foster misunderstandings by retreating from the facts.

Cousins may pose danger to toddlers

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are very worried about the safety of our two toddlers — a 3-year-old boy and a 15-month-old girl. Their twin 7-year-old cousins have no manners, discipline or consequences in their lives. They have recently begun seeing a psychiatrist because they have been found with knives, or making stabbing motions "toward themselves screaming, 'Kill me now!'"



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

Every member of the family agrees they are out of control, but nobody does anything to correct their behavior. When we told my mother-in-law we didn't want our children around the twins without direct supervision, her response was she "couldn't watch them every minute." We said fine, we would bring the kids over and one of us would directly supervise them. This led to an uncomfortable silence that lasted a few days, until today when my wife took the kids to her parents' for a birthday party. The afternoon went by with the twins' usual defiance, rudeness and belit-

ting of any adult in sight. After she returned from my in-laws, my wife proceeded to tell me their bay window had a hole in it because one of the twins had shot a loaded gun through it. I am stunned that while we have been discussing the safety of our children, her parents have been leaving a loaded gun lying around. (Publish this for the world: If you need a gun to defend your bird feeder, especially when it's snack dab in the middle of two houses — get rid of the bird feeder.) My wife said her father yelled at the twins, although he had left his loaded gun in plain sight.

How can I make it clear to my in-laws that they must step up their level of supervision, and

that my sister-in-law's kids are headed for serious trouble? — **WORRIED DAD INVERMONT**

DEAR WORRIED DAD: To paraphrase an old saying, there are none so blind as they who will not see — so stop trying to "reason" with them. To leave a loaded gun lying around with children in the house is reckless endangerment. Because it should be clear to both you and your wife by now that your children are not safe at her parents' house, visits with their grandparents should be on your house or on neutral turf. And their time with their cousins should be limited and strictly supervised, if permitted at all.

DEAR ABBY: I was married to an impotent doctor in New York for three years. He told me I was the cause of his problem — that I was too fat (I weighed 115 pounds), and that he wasn't attracted to me. As time passed, I realized that he was being cruel to me to deflect attention away from his real problem, his impotence.

Finally, on the day he got his green card (I sponsored him), he left me so I had the marriage annulled. I stayed with him despite his problems because I thought that is what a devoted wife should do. I had no idea he had been using me all along to establish his career in the United States.

Have you any advice for getting past this? Most women in their 20s have never had to deal with such a problem, so it's difficult to discuss with family and friends.

— **TAKEN FOR A RIDE IN NEW YORK**

DEAR TAKEN FOR A RIDE: You were indeed taken advantage of and you have my sympathy. Instead of a healer, you married a heel. Please don't jump to conclusions. I'm sure there are many victims of fraud in their 20s — and you may qualify for counseling through your state's victim/witness program. Your local police department should have information about it, and I believe you would qualify.

Humboldt penguins make splash at zoo

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — The Rosamond Gifford Zoo's new Humboldt penguins weren't shy about coming out to meet the neighbors.

The zoo's newest animals made their much-awaited debut Wednesday with a dance parade and a literal splash before more than 300 onlookers and dignitaries.

After spending almost three months out of view while adjusting to their new home, the 18 penguins helped show off the zoo's new \$3.7 million "Penguin Coast" exhibit.

"They were a little reluctant initially — but there's no holding them back now," said Nancy Porter, the zoo's aquarium collections manager. "Once they came out, they were quite comfortable."

Right on cue, when zoo officials pulled back the curtains to display the new exhibit, a dozen of the penguins dove into the water and began "peep-splashing" — a playful trait of diving in and out of the water while swimming.

To celebrate the debut, zoo staff and employees wore tuxedo T-shirts.

Odds and ends

would-be bride called off her wedding 12 days before the big event, she threw a party anyway — and invited the homeless.

Residents of the Interfaith Family Shelter attended the bash thrown by Katie Hosking, 22, a medical assistant, and her parents.

"They had a DJ and really good music. It was a warm, friendly atmosphere. The food was delicious. It was a nice break with people not worrying about anything for one night," shelter manager Carol Oliva said.

One homeless woman got her seat out of a wheelchair and danced with him. "It was a beautiful sight," said Susan Hosking, Katie's mother. "It was an eye-opener."

The almost-bride mother didn't say what led to the breakup, only that it happened 12 days before the scheduled June 6 date of her nuptials. Her parents knew they'd be stuck with the bill.

More than 50 family members and close friends were invited by about 40 homeless people, shelter workers and vol-



A Humboldt penguin checks out visitors during the opening of the new penguin exhibit at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse, N.Y., on Wednesday.

unteers. The shelter staff arranged rides to the venue, a country club.

Instead of a wedding cake, a strawberry shortcake was offered, topping off a menu that

included baron of beef, salmon, shrimp cocktail, fettuccine and fruit.

"Oh my gosh, we had so much fun," Katie Hosking said. — **compiled from wire reports**

Gettysburg cleans up after famous battle

This day in history: Seven years and one year ago, our forefathers fought the Battle of Gettysburg. After three days, the people of Gettysburg were left with a mess of gunpowder, one summer sun — cleaning up the 7,000 dead soldiers and 5,000 horses that remained behind when the armies limped away.

The article we know as Leonardo da Vinci was actually Leonardo di ser Piero da Vinci (Leonardo son of Piero, from Vinci) to avoid writer's cramp. He signed his works "Leonardo" or "to Leonardo" ("I, Leonardo"). Got an ant invasion? Take this medieval pest control tip: In Medieval times, ants in your house were considered a sign of good luck and abundance.

Reader Arny Wolkter asks: "I've been told that it is better for the environment and your car to leave it running if your stop is going to be less than 15 minutes. Is this true? Nope. The U.S. Department of Energy says that if you're going to stand still for 30 seconds or more, you save gas and pollution by turning off your car and restarting it.

If you want to waste 12 million gallons of gas, you can take 145 million passenger cars and let them idle for 15 minutes.

Although 21 states have their own occupational safety agency, some are more effective than others. California, for example, prosecutes more employers for safety violations than all other states combined.

RANDOM KINDS OF FACTINGS
Erin Barrett

It also has the lowest workplace death rate of all states.

In a similar note, gout sufferers from the Middle Ages were told by doctors to swallow "scrapings from a hanged man's skull."

At the fastest rocket speeds available today, it would require 60,000 years to reach the nearest star (Alpha Centauri, 4.4 light years away).

Capitan Matthew Webb was the first person to swim across the English Channel. The year was 1875; he swam the breaststroke.

Mobster Al Capone's brother Vince was a police officer. Ooh gross. In old-time diner lingo, "Fish eyes" meant you'd ordered tapicoca.

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State must act to protect private property freedoms

In a ruling that could shake American confidence in the courts, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled local governments can seize private property—including homes—for private development so long as the project meets a broad definition of "public use."

So much for the idea of home as a castle. With one swift 5-4 decision, the court has bulldozed private property rights so government can build up its fortress of authority.

Property rights advocates were stunned by the court's decision in *Kelo v. City of New London*. The majority opinion from Justice John Paul Stevens allowed the Connecticut city to seize individual homes for an office, residential and retail complex that will neighbor a \$300 million research facility for pharmaceutical giant Pfizer.

The Constitution's Fifth Amendment prohibits the taking of private property "for public use without just compensation." But the use of eminent domain, which allows municipalities to force the sale of private property for construction of a road, a hospital or other public entities, has steadily grown.

The *Kelo* decision, however, stretches the Fifth Amendment into constitutional taffy by prioritizing economic development above the sanctity of personal property.

The city has carefully formulated an economic development plan that it believes will provide appreciable benefits to the community, including—but by no means limited to—new jobs and increased tax revenue," Stevens wrote, and thus satisfies the "public use" clause of the Fifth Amendment.

Read those lines again, and you'll see why some developers, retailers, and local governments are licking their chops.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor flayed the majority opinion as a betrayal of the founders' principles. O'Connor said the court's decision makes any private property vulnerable to another buyer,

while erasing any distinction between private and public use of property.

"The government now has license to transfer property from those with fewer resources to those with more," O'Connor wrote. "The Founders cannot have intended this perverse result."

She sees what the majority justices have forgotten; that property rights were sacred to the founders as rights guarding religion, speech and the press.

"Where an excess of power prevails, property rights are not so duly respected," wrote James Madison. "No man is safe in his opinions, his person, his faculties, or his possessions."

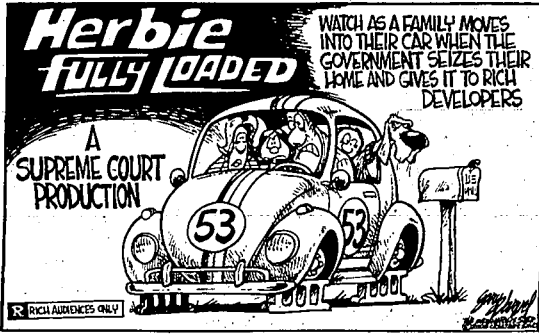
"The moment the idea is admitted into society that property is not as sacred as the laws of God, and that there is not a force of law and public justice to protect it, anarchy and tyranny commence," wrote John Adams. Stevens' decision does have one key nugget of reason. "We emphasize that nothing in our opinion precludes any state from placing further restrictions on its exercise of the takings power."

Idaho should be one of those states ready to fight for the farm. House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Butley, says he's already contacted the attorney general's office to see how it can tighten eminent domain.

Local officials may say the ruling has no impact on their future development plans. But government doesn't grow in a day. It expands slowly, with creeping progress that assumes control "for the greater good." Before you know it—"You may think you own something, but you don't when the government has the first mortgage," says Newcomb.

The sanctity of private property fueled colonialists who fought the crown, and sparked the rule of law in our Bill of Rights. Now, that freedom has been whittled down by the Supreme Court—so that cities can supplant homes to build shopping plazas and office buildings.

To sell freedom for the highest bidder robs the Constitution of its loftiest goals.



DEQ requirements await Sempra Generation plant

As Sempra Generation moves forward with its plans to build a coal-fired power plant in Jerome County, some confusion appears to have arisen over requirements for monitoring and authorities the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has to require the company to monitor for specific pollutants.

First, it is important to clarify that DEQ's only action to date has been to review and approve the ambient air quality monitoring quality assurance plan submitted by Sempra. This plan outlines the methods used to ensure that data collected is accurate and valid but not necessarily what pollutants are being monitored.

The pollutants that Sempra is required to monitor for are spelled out very clearly in law (rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho and the Code of Federal Regulations) and are based on ambient preliminary evaluation and projected emissions increases. In certain cases, if particular pollutants such as mercury do not exceed specified levels or, in the case of ammonia, have no specified monitoring threshold concentration, then ambient monitoring is not required.

However, while a facility may not be required to conduct ambient monitoring for all pollutants as part of DEQ's permitting process, industrial sources are issued permits before they are allowed to operate. These permits contain many requirements including specific monitoring for all pollutants in emissions as they exit the facility stack. These monitoring requirements, called source tests, are a normal part of the



READER COMMENT
Toni Hardesty

permitting process and will measure many more pollutants, including mercury, than are required to be measured by the facility's ambient monitoring program.

In areas such as Jerome County where the National Ambient Air Quality Standards are being met, major pollution-emitting sources are required by the federal Clean Air Act and state rules to obtain a Prevention of Significant Deterioration permit to ensure that potential emissions will not significantly impact air quality. As the permitting process moves forward, here is what you can expect to obtain a PSD permit, Sempra will be required to:

- Perform a Best Available Control Technology analysis. This analysis entails evaluating all available emissions control technologies, then determining the most stringent technology that is feasible to implement at the facility based on energy, environmental and economic impacts.
- Conduct an ambient air quality analysis. Based on air quality dispersion modeling and an assessment of existing air quality, this analysis is used to demonstrate that the facility's emissions, when combined with those of existing sources, will not cause or contribute to a violation of the applicable air quality standards.
- Perform an additional impacts analysis. This analysis

must determine the potential effect on soils, vegetation, and visibility in the area surrounding the proposed facility.

• Demonstrate that the project does not adversely impact a Class I area. Class I areas are regions within 100 kilometers of the facility (sometimes further) of a special natural, scenic, recreational or historic value that are specially protected. Craters of the Moon, if it is within 100 kilometers of the site facility, would be one such area that would be evaluated as part of these regulations.

• Perform adequate public participation. Specific public notice requirements must be met to assure the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed permit before the final action is taken by the agency.

The Clean Air Act also requires new sources of air pollution to meet certain technology requirements to control emissions of various hazardous air pollutants for which there are no NAAQS but which may be harmful to public health or the environment. Among the regulated HAPs emitted by coal-fired power plants is mercury.

DEQ's role in this process is to fill the requirements of the Clean Air Act and the state's air quality rules. DEQ will scrutinize the Sempra application, as it does all air quality permit applications, to determine whether or not the applicant has met the permit requirements outlined above. If compliance is demonstrated, the law assures that air quality will be protected and DEQ will then issue the permit.

Toni Hardesty is the director of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

LETTER

Plan exceeds the goals of the SNRA

As a longtime resident, community volunteer and retired Sawtooth National Recreation Area Forest Service deputy area ranger, I'd like to respond to Stanley City Councilman Chris Thompson's recent commentary.

The lands at stake are within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Since 1972, \$65 million has been spent by taxpayers to stop the very type of development on the SNRA that Chris Thompson's Development and Recreation Act would allow.

Rep. Mike Simpson's CEDRA bill would give away 162 acres, mostly at Valley Creek, to the city and Custer County. The county's 86 acres along Valley Creek would be sold for trophy home sites, harming wildlife, birds and native plants, including rare waterfowl.

Stanley would get 68 acres on Valley Creek and 8.3 acres at Benner Street. Mr. Thompson doesn't mention that the Valley Creek waters contain crucial elk wintering ground. Stanley officials have stated that development could include a recreation vehicle park, hot springs spa, all events center, showers and laundry. None were mentioned in Chris Thompson's piece.

He does state that the "old sewage lagoons would ease some of Stanley's employee housing needs." About one-fifth of the 68 acres once had two lagoons ponds that were reclaimed in 2000 and returned to wetland.

Thompson omits that the water table here is on and on most of the 68 acres is at or just below the surface and within 100 feet of flood plain.

Thompson criticizes the SNRA for where it constructed employee housing. Modest homes are "not in a pristine meadow," but rather tucked into forest behind the Stanley Ranger station. I lived there for many years. The Forest Service complex does not infringe on crucial elk range or salmon, wetlands or riparian zones. It's obviously not, as Mr. Thompson states, "at the base of Williams Peak," which is four miles away in the Sawtooth Wilderness.

Little discusses is the fact that CEDRA would provide (Title L Section 108) \$500,000 to build a bicycle trail from Stanley to Health Lake. Rather than a bike path, the city might for that money for other purposes—if it indeed is in such dire straits to provide public services.

DAVID KIMPTON
Iron Creek/Stanley

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Milner area farmers settled before dairies

I am also writing about the proposed new dairies in the Milner and western Cassia County area by the Funks and others.

My mother-in-law, Irene Warr, has lived here since 1926; Farnum Warr since 1936; Kenneth Warr, my husband, was born here in 1948. My mother-in-law and I then worked for the Disabled American Veterans for 20 years. We bought our land here in Milner to come home, retire, build our dream home and live in the peace we now know and have here.

David Funk wants to put his

dairy (industrial business) one-half a mile behind our house. We built our home to look at the south hills and Mount Harrison, not his concentrated animal feeding operation and industrial business.

There is an industrial business (dairy) across the canyon in front of our house we now look at. Darrell Funk wants a feedlot of 10,000 four miles south of us and a 6,000 head dairy. That would put 23,000 plus animals in a 5-square-mile area. There is 200 head on 130 South now. If these two permits are granted, there will be CAFO's (dairies) every two miles from our dream home and live in. This is a beautiful farm area, not industrial business area. We have two neighbors that

have had to drill their wells deeper in the last few months. David alone wants to drill two additional wells in the same aquifer. There are families here that have beautiful homes and children.

The proposed CAFO (dairy), which will be in the center of a 4-square-mile area, will impact 48 homes. The pollutants and smell will effect our homes, pets, lives, yards and most of all, our health.

Mr. Funk told us at a planning and zoning meeting that "some people like the smell of manure." He is so sure, he would build his industrial business within one-half mile of his primary residence, not ours. Unfortunately, Twin Falls County doesn't want his business venture.

Mr. Funk also told one of us

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(Milner Concerned Citizens) that if we didn't want to live next to a CAFO, we shouldn't have moved here. He needs to tell that to the people that have lived here since before he was born.

CHERIE WARR
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A concurring agreement with Iraq mission

Regarding the letter, "Military actions have secured a safer U.S." (June 29): My response to this letter is aimed to you, Carter Killinger. You took the words right out of my mouth. God bless you and God bless our military and God bless the U.S.

MISTIE MULLEIAN
Shoshone

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By Gary Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Dick Cheney flops as U.S. minister of truth

Remember 'Baghdad Bob,' Saddam Hussein's minister of information? You got who would look straight into the camera and say things like: "The Americans are not here. They're not in Baghdad. There are no American troops there. Never. They're not at all."

And: "Whenever we attack, they retreat. When we pound them with missiles and heavy artillery, they retreat even deeper. But when we stop pounding, they pushed to the airport for propaganda purposes."

I've been having major deja vu lately.

I came upon me after I heard Vice President Dick Cheney's assessment of the war in Iraq, and then I heard Gen. John P. Abizaid's assessment of the war in Iraq.

Cheney says the Iraq insurgents are in their "last throes."

JIM SHEA

Abizaid says the insurgents' overall strength is about the same as it was six months ago.

What gives? Why the discrepancy?

The answer, of course, is Private Abizaid wasn't supposed to say that.

In the wake of this public-perception boo-boo, Cheney has stepped forward to fill a void and assume the role of America's new Minister of Truth, "D.C. Dick."

Some recent musings from "D.C. Dick":

- "I never said the Iraq insurgency was in its 'last throes.' I said 'last throes,' you know, like in free throws. Iraq is not a layup. It is a free throw. Get it?"
- "Iraq has become a very laid-back place. If I had to compare Baghdad to someplace in America these days, I would say it's a lot like Nantucket."
- "The media emphasizes only the negative about Iraq. They never point out all the positive things that are going on, like the shorter work week and the urban renewal."
- "Every night on the news all you hear about are car bombings. Sure, every day in Iraq, but that is because they are old and not well maintained."
- "What people forget is, we didn't attack Iraq. Iraq attacked us with their weapons of mass destruction. That's why we've never found any WMDs in Iraq; they had already used them all against us."
- "Of course military recruiters are having trouble filling their quotas. This is because we have increased the requirements. We now don't recruit anyone who doesn't have a Ph.D."

War of words must move on

Democrats, after taking it on the chin over Sen. Dick Durbin's remarks comparing U.S. interrogation tactics at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to those used by Hitler, Stalin and Pol Pot, are trying to change the subject by jumping all over White House deputy chief of staff Karl Rove.

In a speech last Wednesday to the Conservative Party of New York, Rove drew what he said was a distinction "between conservatives and liberals." In the area of national security, he said, "Conservatives saw the savagery of 9/11 and the attacks and prepared for the liberals saw the savagery of the 9/11 attacks and wanted to prepare indictments and offer therapy and understanding for our attackers."

Rove added, "Conservatives believed it was time to unleash the might and power of the United States military against the Taliban... liberals believed it was time to submit a petition."

CAL THOMAS

with representatives of MoveOn.

There are few, if any, statements I could find from any leftist organization endorsing military action as a response to the 9/11 attacks. Virtually all of them urged the type of approach to the killers that Karl Rove ridiculed in his speech.

There is a big difference between Durbin's remarks, which called into question the tactics and honor of American military interrogators at Guantanamo (for which Durbin has apologized, sort of) and Rove's remarks about a general philosophical difference between liberals and conservatives over the response to 9/11.

Sen. Durbin is an elected official who should know that such comments are not only wrong, but that they help the enemy. Remarks like those from Durbin and other vocal war opponents are killing throughout the Middle East, and encourage these killing and trying to kill American forces to continue the job.

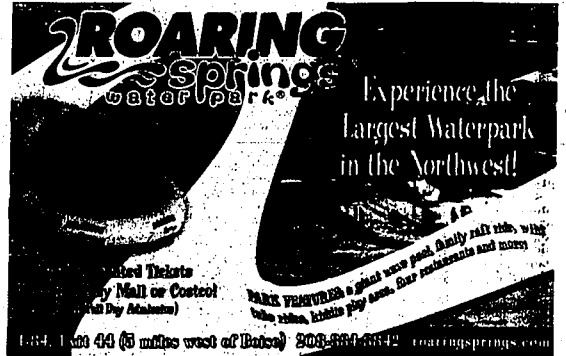
This is the valid comparison between Vietnam and Iraq. Political and media opposition wears down public support and gives psychological aid and comfort to the enemy, who thinks he just has to hang on a short while longer and America will leave with its tail between its legs.

This gocha sound bite game must stop. Now some liberal Democrats are calling for Rove to resign. How about everybody resigning? We can start over and rebuild the government the way the Founders intended. If that's not going to happen, can we please layoff this childish rhetorical back-and-forth and get back to killing insurgents and capturing terrorists?

This isn't and should not be about politics. This is about victory over the enemy, which will take a lot of energy and commitment. Right now, energy and commitment are being wasted on petty political yapping that helps no one, except our enemies.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Young writers share stories today

TWIN FALLS — Twenty-two local young writers will share their poems and stories from the Log Cabin Literary Center's Summer Writing Camp from 1 to 4 p.m. today on the patio at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus. Fourth- through ninth-grade students will each read one piece of their writing for an audience of teachers, family and friends.

The Log Cabin Summer Writing Camp was held this past week at CSI. It has been recognized two years running by a special grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The program originated in Boise at the Log Cabin Literary Center and is being held in seven Idaho communities this year, including the Wood River Valley and Twin Falls.

Working in small groups in their age group, students use the natural world, art, local history and their experience in their own communities as inspiration for their poems, stories, essays and plays.

They may publish their writing on the Log Cabin Website at logcabin.org and in a statewide anthology distributed in the fall.

For more information about the Log Cabin Literary Center and its programs, call (208) 631-8000.

Fourth of July brings several closures

TWIN FALLS — Many offices and facilities will be closed for Independence Day.

Here's a rundown of what will be closed or open Monday.

• State and county offices will be closed.

• City and federal offices will be closed.

• The Social Security Administration office will be closed.

• U.S. Post Offices will be closed.

• Local banks will be closed.

• Twin Falls Public Library will be closed.

• The College of Southern Idaho will be closed.

• The Log Cabin Literary Center Pool will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. for open swim.

• Magic Valley Mall will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• Trash will not be picked up; trash collection will be one day later.

Group will hold session for TSPs

BOISE — The Idaho Natural Resources Conservation Service will hold a listening session for current and future Technical Service Providers from 9 a.m. to noon July 13 at its Boise office.

NRC's contract with providers around the state to assist with engineering and other conservation workload items.

The listening session will include information on how the providers program works and where Technical Service Providers can find technical conservation information.

The session also will provide time for current providers to ask questions and suggest ways for improving the program.

"I'm looking forward to meeting our Technical Service Providers face-to-face," said Bob Bartholomew, assistant state conservation director.

"I know they have questions on how the program works and we need to get those answered."

The Boise office is located in the Black Eagle Business Center at 9173 W. Barnes Drive. For more information, contact Bob Bartholomew at (208) 376-5703.

Did you grow up with Harry Potter?

TWIN FALLS — Were you age 10 or 11 when "The Harry Potter" series started in 1997?

The Times-News would like to hear from Harry Potter fans who grew up with the books for a special issue of the magazine book club in the series.

Please call reporter Karin Kowalski at 735-3231 or e-mail her at kkowalski@magicvalley.com.

Charge against caregiver reduced

Hagerman woman now faces trial on solicitation to commit murder

By Heather Pilkinton
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — A judge has reduced the most serious charge against a Hagerman woman who police say attempted to kill a man her car with a potentially lethal dose of medication.

Kathleen Marie Allen, 48, can stand trial on a charge of solicitation to commit murder, Judge Casey Robinson ruled Thursday.

Allen, originally, was charged with attempted first-degree murder.

The case against Allen stems from a February 2004 incident in which she allegedly tried to convince a hospice worker to give her patient, Jack Reed, more medication to cause his death.

Reed, who is in his mid-60s, was living with Allen at the time in Hagerman. He now lives in Gooding.

Gooding County Prosecutor Calvin Campbell called three witnesses to the stand at Allen's preliminary hearing Thursday, each of them employees of Hospice Visions of Twin Falls. Hospice Visions is a non-profit agency that provides hospice care for patients deemed to have six months or less to live by their doctors.

Hospice worker Merelda Okelberry said she had been called to Allen's home on the night of Feb. 25, 2004, to provide respite care for Reed. She said she had been told that Allen had been agitated and Reed had been unable to get any rest.

Okelberry testified that she had been given specific instructions not to give any more medications to Reed because he had received his medications for the night. However, she said, during the course of her stay Allen came into the room several times demanding that Okelberry give Reed more medications.

"She kept saying God wants him dead. Give him the whole thing. God wants him dead," Okelberry testified.

She said she tried to send Allen to bed several times, but Allen had become extremely agitated. Allen's defense attorney,

Keith Roark, argued that Okelberry did not know what medications were being actually available, and what ones, if any, could induce death.

"I didn't need to know," Okelberry said in response. "I was just there to give the caregiver a break."

Hospice employee Madlyn Shepherd told the court that criminal intent was not ordered because Allen appeared to be breaking down.

"We authorized the care because of the rapid deterioration of the patient and because Kate (Allen) was not charging," Shepherd testified.

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VISITOR CENTER UPGRADE

By Garrett Hyton
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As of today, the bathhouse at the Buzz Langdon Visitor Center will smell a little sweeter.

The city completed a project Thursday that connected the visitor center with the city water supply.

"It needed to be done to better serve the visitors and residents who take advantage of that area," said Sharyn Burger, president and chief executive officer of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

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It needed to be done to better serve the visitors and residents who take advantage of that area.

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Sharon Barigar, president of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

The old well system would often run out of water and have to recharge.

At a recent town line at the visitor center, long lines at the visitor center restrooms created a smelly situation.

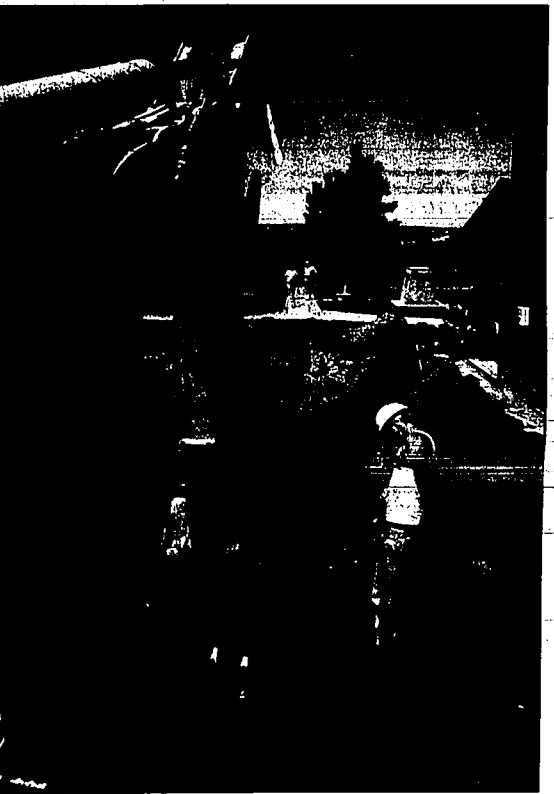
"The well is still functional," Barigar said, but it can no longer support the use by large crowds such as tour buses that stop at the area.

"I just know that after a few people use it, there's no water left," he said.

Those days are now over. Because the nearest waterline was hundreds of feet away on Fillmore Street, the project was expensive.

But the Canyon Park Project and businessman Craig Nielsen helped pay for it and will supply the center with all the water its landscaping and plumbing will need.

Visitors and users of the canyon rim can enjoy the area now without worrying about backed up plumbing.



Chris Overlin, of Stutzman Inc., directs a backhoe operator while digging a trench for a water main line Thursday at the Buzz Langdon Visitor Center in Twin Falls.

Court dismisses Hagerman dairy case

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN — After six years of legal wrangling, the battle over a controversial dairy near Hagerman may be over.

Salmon Falls Land and Livestock Co.'s petition for judicial review of a water right transfer for the company's 2,100-head dairy above Bell Rapids Road in western Twin Falls County was recently dismissed in district court. The case represents one of the last water transfer requests to be turned down under a "public interest" law. The law, which allowed residents to protest if a transfer did not represent their interest, was changed in 2003.

Bill Chastain, who initially appealed the water transfer under the public interest law in 1999, and his attorney, Rich Draber, filed this as the final chapter in the dispute.

"We're pleased we don't have to go through the rest of this judicial review process," Carlson said.

However, Salmon Falls attorney Timothy Stover says the case is over. Stover's client is still discussing what

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■ **Last we knew:** Salmon Falls Land and Livestock Co. filed a petition seeking judicial review over the denial of a water right transfer for the company's dairy near Hagerman.

to do, he said.

"We're working on some other avenues," Stover said.

Salmon Falls originally planned to build a dairy for more than 5,000 animals, but scaled down the proposal to roughly 2,100 animals when Twin Falls County rejected its first request.

According to court records, on March 12, 1999, Salmon Falls filed an application with the Idaho Department of Water Resources seeking to change its water right from irrigation use to commercial use for a dairy. The transfer request also included a change in the right's location and season of use. Chastain protested Salmon Falls' transfer application, saying it was not in the best interest of the public.

■ **The latest:** The case has been dismissed in district court.

■ **What's next:** Salmon Falls' attorney says his client will discuss their options on how to obtain a water transfer.

Water Resources denied the company's transfer request on Nov. 24, 1999. Salmon Falls filed for judicial review with the 5th Judicial District Court, which remanded the case back to Water Resources for additional findings. In March 2001, a hearing officer for the department denied the application on the grounds that "it was not in the local public interest," according to court documents.

In September 2004, Karl Draber, director of Water Resources, affirmed the hearing officer's decision after holding a hearing requested by Salmon Falls. The company then filed another petition for judicial review with the district court.

Salmon Falls' initial water transfer hearing and therefore public interest needed to be considered.

"It is the determination of the director that the applicant has failed to satisfy its burden of establishing that approval of the transfer is in the local public interest," Draber wrote.

Draber further stated that Salmon Falls did not demonstrate that its waste management system would be effective in controlling odors. The "negative impacts on water quality in the Snake River resulting from uncontrolled runoff of dairy waste during storm events" coupled with the negative effect of odor on homeowners and businesses did not outweigh possible economic benefits of the dairy, Draber said.

Salmon Falls appealed Draber's order to district court, which was dismissed last week.

"We think that the affected neighbors can at least breathe easily for a while," Carlson said.

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Many schools' reading scores rise

Nine local districts are listed as missing state requirements

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Many schools around south-central Idaho improved their reading scores, but at the same time, some scores decrease as the tests get more difficult.

Spring results of the Idaho Reading Indicator released Wednesday by the state Department of Education showed improvements since the test debuted in 1999, according to a news release.

Pupils in kindergarten through third grade around the state took the 10-minute reading test in April and May. It's part of a statewide initiative focused on improving reading. Schools give the test three times a year.

Blaine County Schools Superintendent Jim Lewis said the IRI is an excellent tool for teachers to see how individual pupils progress, but it's not standardized, so the tabulated scores aren't as useful.

Nine south-central Idaho schools were listed as having missed a state requirement for scores in first and/or second grades. Although the IRI doesn't count toward the federal No Child Left Behind requirements, it is required by the state.

If a school's scores fall short of the requirements, it is publicly listed. If it falls short a second year, the school gets state help to improve reading, said Allison Westfall, spokeswoman for the state Department of Education.

Shoshone Elementary School was on the list last year, but got off it this year.

"We made our goal this year and we're tickled to death," Principal Dan Pagnola said.

Hagerman Elementary is on the list for first grade. Superintendent

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Magic Valley schools that missed state goals

First grade goal: 65 percent of pupils on grade level

School	Percent of pupils on grade level
Bellevue Elementary	45%
Henrieville Elementary	61%
Glenns Ferry Elementary	63%
Hagerman Elementary	42%
Bliss School	58%
Hydrom Elementary	53%
Castro School	60%
Mixed for two consecutive years.	

Second grade goal: 70 percent of pupils on grade level

School	Percent of pupils on grade level
Glenns Ferry Elementary	66%
Dierich School	67%
Hydrom Elementary	60%
Flax Elementary	57%
Castro School	48%

Source: State Department of Education

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SERVICES

Alma Bean Davidson of Pocatello, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary, 136 4th Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Helen Louise (Hafner) Colay of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberley Road, Twin Falls.

David L. Prince of Gooding, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Demary's Gooding Chapel, 737 Main St.

Kenneth Beryl Gooney of Rupert, funeral at 10 a.m. today at Trinity Lutheran Church, 595 Eighth St. in Rupert. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. until time of the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Drew McGregor of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. today and 1 until 1:45 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Rusty Raymond Zollinger and Melissa Marie Rambaugh Zollinger, joint funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Malta 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen

Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and 10 until 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Harten H. Hartman of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday at the 14th Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 824 Campbell Ave. W., Twin Falls. Friends may call from 1 until 8 p.m. with family to greet friends from 6 until 8 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2456 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, and one hour before the service.

Lella 'Lee' Amelia Johanna Hiltner, Harting of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2:30 p.m. July 10 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 400 Irene, Kimberly.

Jan'el Hutchison of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Springside 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 200 S. 475 E. of Burley. Friends may call from 10 until 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

DEATH NOTICES

Carolyn Allen McCord
HOUSTON, Texas — Carolyn Allen McCord, 65, of Houston, Texas, died Tuesday, June 28, 2005, at Houston Hospice.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, 2005, at the Oakley Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 301 N. Center Ave., with Elder John L. Carmack officiating. Burial will be in Oakley Cemetery.
Friends may call from noon until 12:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen

Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Charles J. Smith
OAKLEY — Charles J. Smith, 81, of Oakley died Tuesday, June 28, 2005, at the Elroy Care Center.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 2, 2005, at the Oakley Cemetery, with Bishop Randy Handy officiating.
Military graveside rites will be performed by the Minutemen Veterans.
The family and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main.

OBITUARIES

John Hyrum Stout

John Hyrum Stout, age 89, passed away peacefully on June 29, 2005.
He was born Feb. 27, 1916, to Jay G. and Evelyn Stout in Spanish Fork, Utah. He grew up in Burley, Idaho, before honorably serving his country in Europe during World War II. He came home and married Camilla Preston in the Idaho Falls. He and Camilla lived in Idaho Falls until June 10, 1952, when they raised their family of three girls in Kimberly, Idaho, where he

owned Stout's Market.
John was noted for his industry, his integrity and his love for his family. He served faithfully in many church assignments, including many years in the Boise Temple and on a mission with Camilla.
He is survived by his sweet-heart, Camilla; three daughters, Charlene (Will) Stewart, Julie Davis, Payne; and Stanley David; Karchner, eight grandchildren, one brother and

one sister.
He was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.
A funeral will be held at noon Saturday, July 2, at Glennmore Stake Center, 4200 W. Skyway Drive (3800 S.), South Jordan, Utah, from 8 to 9 p.m. Friday, July 1, at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E. 10900 S., and one hour before the service Saturday at the church, Interment at South Jordan City Cemetery, www.larkinmortuary.com.

Terry Barton Sonner

BUHL — Terry Barton Sonner, 53 years of age, passed away June 29, 2005.
He was born July 9, 1951, in Boise, Idaho, son of Burton E. Sonner and Margaret Vazquez Sonner. He lived in Buhl, Idaho, on the family farm most of his life.



Terry attended Spring County School through the third grade and graduated from Buhl High School. Following graduation he attended the College of Southern Idaho for two years.
Terry married Kathy Davis of Twin Falls, they were later divorced. They had two sons, Eric Barton Sonner and Terry 'Tyke' Kenneth Sonner. Terry farmed 250 acres. He and his wife had several children and grandchildren.

the West End Men's Club.
He is survived by his parents, Burton and Margaret; sons, Eric and Terry; granddaughters, Michelle and Susanna; grandsons, Tegan Price; and his sister, Susan.

Terry was preceded in death by his grandfather, Luke W. Sonner; aunt, Luke V. Sonner Jr.; aunt, Bonnie Sonner Putzier; and aunt, Mickey Vazquez Hansen.
Memorials in Terry's name may be made to the donor's choice.
A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 2, 2005, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N., Buhl, Idaho, with Pastor Chuck Sheridan officiating.

Man wanted in 1993 murder and dismemberment arrested in Idaho

MIDDLETON (AP) — A former Salt Lake City lawyer wanted in a 1993 California slaying in which a San Francisco youth counselor was murdered, whose identity has been arrested in Idaho and was being transported back to California.

Kirk C. Bennett, 50, was arrested at his home in the small southwestern Idaho community of Middleton on June 13 by Idaho State Police officers.
He's wanted in the death of Stephanie Jensen, 31, with whom he allegedly lived in San Francisco until she disappeared in June 1993.

Reports from the Santa Clara County, Calif., sheriff's office picked up Bennett on Wednesday.
Bennett is homeless, homeless body found near the Paul Mason Mountain Wherry in San Jose, Calif., 12 years ago. Investigations were stymied for years because they could not use fingerprint or dental records to identify the body. The hands and head were never found.

But recent scrutiny of missing-person's files by a Santa Clara sheriff's detective turned up Jensen's identity and prompted a search for Bennett that culminated in his arrest in Idaho this month.

The case remained cold for 11 years, said Santa Clara Sheriff's Sgt. Pedro Contreras, a

"cold-case" investigator who identified Jensen's body in mid-2004 by using DNA and blood samples from members of the woman's family. "I got lucky because of an inquiry made by the California Department of Justice doing a profile of a serial killer."

After Contreras gave the state agency details on the 1993 body case — at the time, he only knew that it was a young African-American female — officials there gave him a list of eight people who had been reported missing in the region at that time, he said.

"I went through that list, eliminating everybody one by one," Contreras said, adding he was aided by modern databases not available to detectives at the time. "I went through it (the list) until I could eliminate all of them but one individual. That was a lady by the name of Stephanie Jensen."

Charges related to the woman's death will be filed against Bennett at a hearing once he's back in California, he said.

According to police reports, Jensen had traveled from her home in Salt Lake City to San Francisco, where she and Bennett had a romantic relationship, in the early 1990s.

Contreras said finding Bennett in Idaho was relatively easy. He attempted to interview

Bennett in Middleton in January, but the suspended lawyer declined to speak with the investigator. Since his arrest June 13, Bennett has agreed to make a statement, Contreras said.

In an Associated Press interview, a spokeswoman for the Utah Bar Association said Bennett received a disciplinary suspension from that organization in 1993. She didn't give the reason for his suspension.

Since Bennett's arrest, Idaho State Police have knocked on neighbors' doors and asked Middleton residents for information about Bennett, who has lived in the home for at least two years with a woman, according to ISP reports.

"I've never seen him work (at a job)," Ray Johnson, who lived two doors down and often saw Bennett tending to yard work, told the Idaho Press-Tribune newspaper. "He acted just as normal as me."

"Attempts to contact Bennett's home by The Associated Press were unsuccessful Thursday."

Bennett had worked as a car salesman in San Francisco, said Santa Clara Sheriff's Deputy Terrence Helm, the officer who transported Bennett to California this week.

He does not have any criminal violations in Idaho's Canyon County, according to local court records.

OBITUARIES

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Pastor Bob Downing



STANLEY — Pastor Bob Downing, of Stanley, Idaho, passed away under double rainbow, the afternoon of June 28, 2005.
He was a called minister of God to preach the word to the people of Stanley and surrounding areas.
He was the son of Clair and Helen Downing of Jerome. He held a great love for the town of Stanley and all the people in the Sawtooth Valley.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lois Downing (23 years); five sons, Arthur (Carc) Rock of Clarksville, Tenn.; Whit (Katie) Pitt of Clarksville, Tenn.; Keith, Wash.; Jesse, John and Rob of Stanley; and his daughter, Tina of Boise.
He is also survived by his mother, Ineta of Jerome; two brothers, Gary (Bridgit) Downing of Star and Ken of Stanley; and his daughter, LeAnn (Ken) Erickson of Nampa, Idaho.

Pastor Bob was preceded in death by his father, Clair in June 2004.

Bob was born in Wendell and grew up in Jerome before graduating from Jerome High School in 1963. He then entered the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam.

very small congregation and grew to a community that touched the entire valley and beyond. "Preaching The Bible As It Is To People As They Are." He was currently a chaplain for Region 4 of the Idaho State Police, a board member for the Salmon River Clinic and active in the community.

Though Pastor Bob's presence will be missed by his extended family and congregation, it is a comfort to know that he is now rejoicing with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Pastor Bob will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 2, 2005, at the Jerome Bible Baptist Church, with Pastor Michael Smith, of the direction of the Howe-Roberson Funeral Chapel. Donations for Bob's family may be made to: Sawtooth Baptist Church, in care of the church, 140 E. Main St., Jerome, ID 83338.

Burl Evertt Duncan



Burl Evertt Duncan was born on July 22, 1917, Clarence and Bertie Duncan in West Plains, Mo. In the early morning hours of June 29, 2005, he entered into eternal peace, leaving the frailties of age behind.

His conversion completely changed the course of his life. Dad was ordained as a minister in May of 1952 by the Assemblies of God. He and Marie were truly partners in preaching the word of God, a ministering to human needs.

They gave of themselves without reservation to five pastorates over a 43-year span in El Dorado and McClellan, Mo., Ill., as well as Hansen, Mountain Home and Twin Falls, Idaho.
Upon the death of Mom in 1995, Dad retired (again) from full-time ministry, but was always eager to minister when asked.
Fishing was Dad's passion.

If possible, he would have gone fishing every day always hoping to catch the "big" one. His nephew, Rick Dixon, was always ready and willing to go with Dad to the Sawtooth Falls Reservoir and for that the family is grateful. Dad also loved the annual hunting trek with family and friends.

Burl is survived by his son, Burl Dean and wife, Nancy Marie; grandsons, Kevin and Ryan; and great-grandchildren, Brandon and Derek; Lorraine Marie and Todd Gluch and great-granddaughter, Aleana Marie; Diana and Bob Smith and great-grandchildren, Jennifer and husband, Dustin Goreseth, David Duncan and Zack and Kallid Smith (Jenny, deceased); Andrew and wife, Gretchen and great-grandson, Anthony; and Aaron. He is also survived by his sisters, Betty Berry, and brothers, George and Cal Duncan.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.
Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at White's Funeral Home and at First Assembly of God at 189 Locust N.E. in Twin Falls one hour prior to the service on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the M.A.P.S. Mission Fund, c/o The First Assembly of God Church.

Police dog attacks, injures Idaho boy

MERIDIAN (AP) — An Ada County sheriff's police dog mauled a boy in this suburb just west of Boise before his screams alerted a neighbor who helped restrain the animal.

The Belgian Malinois dog, which is similar to a German shepherd and often used in law-enforcement work, had to be pulled by the neck from the youngster, whose name was not immediately released. Another neighbor called law enforcement agents from the Meridian Police Department to intervene in the Wednesday attack.

The dog apparently escaped from the Meridian home of an Ada County Sheriff's Department employee. Sheriff's Sgt. John Tucker confirmed the animal was a police dog that lived with his human partner in the neighborhood where the attack occurred. Tucker declined to identify the deputy who works with the dog.

"There was a lot of blood,"

said Dave Warren, the neighbor who restrained the dog from further biting the boy after hearing what he termed a "blood-curdling scream."

"It happened so fast, you just react," Warren said.

The victim, who appeared to be in his early teens, was riding his bicycle with his younger brother when the dog apparently knocked the boy from the sidewalk and began biting him, Warren said.

The boy appeared to have been bitten in the shoulder and chest, Warren said.

Barnedics and Meridian police officers treated the boy, then released him to his mother, Warren said.

Meridian Police Chief William Musser declined to give information about the incident, saying the agency would release a press statement sometime Thursday after investigating what happened.

Tucker declined Wednesday

to say how the agency plans to address the incident. Phone calls to the sheriff's office Thursday morning weren't immediately returned.

Warren suffered two minor bites while separating the dog from the boy.

"I got an owie on my hand, but I'll live," he said.

The dog was impounded by animal control officers. Meridian Animal Control Officer Scott Steinhilber said that dogs are generally returned to their owners, even following attacks, if they have had their rabies shots.

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Cattle confined at ranch that produced homegrown case of BSE

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Cattle will not be allowed to leave the Texas ranch that produced the nation's first homegrown case of mad cow disease, and government officials will try to find animals related to the sick cow, authorities said Thursday.

None of these "animals of interest" have yet been identified. If found, the cattle will be killed and tested, Texas animal health officials said.

The 12-year-old beef cow was born, raised and used for breeding at the same ranch and had never left the property, authorities said. They would not identify the ranch or the size of the herd.

Agriculture officials announced Wednesday that the latest confirmed case of mad cow disease in the United States had been traced to the animal, which was "downer" that could not walk. The cow was slaughtered last November at a pet-food plant in Mexico, and never entered the nation's human food supply.

It was the first time the disease has been confirmed in the U.S. born cow. The other U.S. case was in a dairy cow imported from Canada.



Benjamin Charles Taylor herds livestock off a trailer at the Columbia Livestock Co., Inc. before auction on Thursday in Columbus, Texas. Officials say a cow in Texas was confirmed to have mad cow disease.

The state Animal Health Commission put a hold on the ranch's cattle earlier this month when tests indicated a mad cow case among the herd.

Officials have said the infection most likely started by contaminated feed eaten before August 1997, when the United States and Canada began banning cow parts in cattle feed. The cow was born

about four years before the feed ban was implemented.

Officials also are trying to identify herd mates born within one year of the infected cow's birth, as well as any offspring born within the past two years and other related cattle.

USDA Chief Veterinarian John Clifford said it is "highly unusual" to find the disease in more than one animal in a

herd or in an affected animal's offspring.

The animal arrived dead in November at Champion Pet Food. An initial screening indicated the presence of mad cow, but more sophisticated follow-up tests were negative, and samples were sent to a British lab, which found that the animal had the disease.

The carcass was later incinerated.

Meanwhile, the Food and Drug Administration will trace the feed history of animals born on the ranch around the same time as the infected cow, as any animals no longer on the farm.

Investigators will also examine compliance records for plants that may have processed meat and bone meal from relatives or herd mates of the sick animal to see whether the companies complied with the feed ban regulations.

The Agriculture Department began monitoring cattle more aggressively after the first U.S. case of mad cow disease was disclosed in December 2003 in Washington state. More than 400,000 cattle have been tested since June 2004.

State senator joins crowded 1st District race

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Republican state Sen. R. Skipper "Skip" Brandt of Kootenai has officially entered the crowded race to represent Idaho's 1st Congressional District.

Brandt was accompanied by former U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage on Wednesday as he announced his candidacy around five northern Idaho cities.

Brandt, a former city councilman, mayor and current state senator for legislative District 8, hopes to fill the seat currently held by U.S. Rep. CL "Butch" Otter, R-Idaho, who will run for the Idaho governor's office in 2006.

"I have labored to make sure that the Idaho citizen gets a fair shake when he or she must come before their government," Brandt said. "If the people of Idaho decide I should represent them in Washington D.C., I will cast votes and sponsor legislation that will enhance the ability of Idaho residents to make their

own decisions and decide their own destiny."

Brandt has a conservative voting record in the Idaho Senate, particularly on social issues. But he isn't the only conservative running in the race.

Canyon County Commissioner David B. Smith, who has made national news for his anti-immigrant views, joined the race earlier this month. Idaho Water Users President Norm Semler, another conservative, has been in the race also early May and former Boise state Sen. Sheila Sorensen announced earlier.

State Controller Keith Johnson has also said he is expecting to run, and some political observers have speculated that Lt. Gov. Jim Risch may choose to run for the congressional seat instead of taking on Otter. Risch has been rumored about his intentions.

"When there's something to announce, I'll announce it," he said recently.

A.F. chief issues guidelines as new cadets report

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AP) — As 1,400 new cadets were welcomed at the Air Force Academy on Thursday, the chief of staff of the Air Force was reminding commanders that promoting their religious faith is against regulations.

The academy has been under pressure to end religious intolerance following complaints from Jews and Christians that they were harassed by evangelical Christians. An investigation by a task force found no overt discrimination but some cases of insensitivity.

The letter sent to all commanders this week, Gen. John Jumper warned against expressing personal religious beliefs while on duty. The academy made the letter available Thursday.

"At our Air Force Academy, we have experienced issues with the expression of religious beliefs and with perceptions that one set of beliefs is favored over others," Jumper wrote. "The expression of personal preferences to subordinates, especially in a professional setting or at mandatory events, is inappropriate."

Jumper specifically called on academy chaplains to ensure religious tolerance. Academy critics have said some chaplains have pushed their evangelical faith. In one case, allegedly telling born again cadets to tell fellow cadets that they would burn in hell if they didn't join his church.

There is nothing he has written that shouldn't have been intuitively obvious to any military professional in the Air Force, either at the entry level of airman basic or second lieutenant," said Mikky Weinstein, an academy graduate and outspoken critic of religious intolerance there. He said Air Force bases around the nation, even in the Bible Belt, have managed to avoid these problems.

Castro, chief of the entry level interviewed as they arrived said they believed the academy was resolving the problem and they were not concerned.

Crews try to box in huge Arizona wildfire

PHOENIX (AP) — Firefighters cleared brush and dug containment lines Thursday as they tried to box in a wildfire burning north through central Arizona, hoping to stop it from reaching four nearby communities and forests hit by tree-killing beetles.

The Cave Creek Complex fire has charred 199,368 acres by Thursday night. It is burning about 20 miles southwest of the mountain communities of Pine and Strawberry, 25 miles south of Camp Verde, and five miles east of Black Canyon City, a community of about 1,500 near Interstate 17.

"We are working really, really hard to improve our scores," Mitchell said.

Our big concern is protecting the east flank and Black Canyon City. We think we have enough lag time to do so.

No evacuations were planned but the highway patrol said they may need to close I-17 periodically throughout the holiday weekend if conditions become too smoky.

The fire was six miles from the interstate Thursday afternoon.

Almost 1,700 people were fighting the fire. Crews stationed between the fire's western flank and Black Canyon City were trying to push the fire south into an area already scorched by an earlier fire.

Boy Scout drowns while rafting on N.M. river

FARMINGTON, N.M. (AP) — A 15-year-old Boy Scout died Thursday after falling off a raft into the Animas River and being swept away by the strong current, a scouting leader said.

"I don't know whether the raft hit a hole, a snag or what, but the bottom line is he wound up in the water," according to Jan Gimar, senior district executive for the Boy Scouts of America Great Southwest Council in Farmington.

The boy's identity was not immediately released. Gimar said the expedition's leader told him the boy was sitting on the edge of the rubber raft before he fell. The raft was moving rapidly and the current

pulled off the boy's life jacket, Gimar said.

The scout leader said it was "doubly heartbreaking" to learn that two adult leaders supervising the expedition had tried to prepare for such a situation by taking a water safety course.

The boy also had been rated a strong swimmer after taking a classification test, Gimar said.

He was a member of Varsity Scout Team 313, a group that is chartered to "The Church of Jesus-Christ of Latter-day Saints."

Scores

Continued from B1.

Blaine County had two schools on the list this year. Lewis said the district pays attention to those scores and will try to focus on areas of weakness.

In Twin Falls, all the elementary schools reached the state's goals for the percent of pupils at

principal Chris Gillotte credits "The Falls" new Open Court Reading textbooks as a reason for good IRI scores.

She said a lot of the reasons for the score improvement over the years is that the test gets more difficult from fall to spring and from year to year.

At the state level, a news re-

lease touted steady gains since the test started.

"I commend teachers and administrators across the state for their sustained hard work," said Marilyn Howard, state secretary of education. "Inter-

views as they arrived said they believed the academy was resolving the problem and they were not concerned.

to the needs of individual students: We are especially proud of the continuous improvement of our Native American and Hispanic students."

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Spring 2005 Idaho Reading Indicator scores

Here are spring scoring percentages for the past three years for some central Idaho school districts on the Idaho Reading Indicator:

Blaine County	At grade level	Near grade level	Below grade level
2003	67%	28%	5%
2004	62%	35%	3%
2005	62%	35%	3%
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Source: State Department of Education

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	Scramble McClusky Park		12:00 Noon
Sunday, July 3	Hooper Falls at the Rodeo Grounds		2:00pm
Community Church Service	Wreath Competition at McClusky Park		2:00pm
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NASA says shuttle's as safe as possible

July 13 launch date scheduled

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA set a launch date of July 13 for the first shuttle flight since the Columbia disaster 2.5 years ago, saying Thursday that the agency's best minds have made the spacecraft as safe as possible.

"We are being as smart about this as we know how to be, but we are up against the limits of our human knowledge," NASA Administrator Michael Griffin said in pronouncing space shuttle Discovery ready for liftoff. "If someone wants more, they're going to have to find smarter humans."

The space agency set the date after more than two years of



NASA Administrator Michael Griffin fields a question Thursday at a news conference.

frustrating delays, setbacks and modifications to the shuttle, and a two-day, high-level review of

whether Discovery is ready. "Based on a very thorough and very successful light-readiness review, we're currently going for launch of Discovery on July 13," Griffin said.

Launch director Mike Leibach said his team was celebrating with hearty backslaps. "It's a great, great feeling to be less than two weeks from launch," he said.

Leibach said his only worry, at least for now, is the seemingly nonstop stormy weather. As he addressed the late-afternoon news conference, thunder rumbled and rain poured down.

Earlier in the week, an advisory panel concluded that NASA failed to meet three of the 15 safety recommendations issued by the Columbia accident investigators in 2003. Despite many

improvements, the shuttle is still vulnerable to pieces of foam or ice falling off the external tank at liftoff, and the astronauts still have no reliable way of fixing damage to their ship's thermal shielding once in orbit, the group said.

But Griffin and others at NASA said they believe those risks have been reduced to an acceptable level. He said NASA did everything possible to make the fuel tank safer and to develop rudimentary patches for Discovery's crew, in case of small holes in the shuttle's thermal skin.

The proximate causes of the loss of Columbia have been addressed. Many other things which could have been a concern or would have been of concern have also been addressed," Griffin said.

Comet impact might spark scientific fireworks

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Starting this Sunday, every major telescope on Earth and in space — and quite a few of the little ones — will point at one spot in the sky.

They'll watch for a flash as an 820-pound projectile smashes into a comet half the size of Manhattan at 23,000 mph. Then they'll look for a glowing glow as the comet's guts spill into space.

Scientists hope this faraway crash, the climax of NASA's Deep Impact mission, will produce a Roman candle of gas and dust — our first look at the innards of a comet, the most primitive and pristine stuff in the solar system.

Not since 1954, when a string of comet chunks crashed into Jupiter, have astronomers from all over the world been so fixated on a single event.

"We've never done this before, so we don't know exactly what will happen," said Richard Puetter, leader of a team that will be watching the impact from Lick Observatory east of San Jose, Calif. "Possibly the flash will be bright enough to see by eye."

Or maybe not. The probe could sink into the comet and disappear, like a bullet fired into styrofoam.

Many experts think it is unlikely that the average person on

the ground will see anything, unless they're in a very dark place with a good-size telescope pointed in exactly the right direction.

One thing's for sure, scientists said: The impact will not shatter the comet or knock it off course. Since it's 63 million miles away, there's no danger that Comet Tempel 1 will menace the Earth in any way.

"This is very much like a mosquito running into an 18-wheeler," said crater expert Peter Schultz of Brown University, one of the mission scientists.

Whether Deep Impact ends with a bang or with a whimper, researchers hope it will tell them how comets are put together.

"Why does it matter? Because comets are leftovers from the birth of the solar system, the most primitive objects known. Scientists think that comets falling into the early Earth contributed critical materials, carbon-based compounds to water, which helped create conditions conducive to life."

"They represent the raw junk out of which everything was made, way back when," said Scott Sandford of NASA's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif. From that standpoint, he said, comets are more interesting than planets.

Magazine agrees to turn over notes in CIA agent case

NEW YORK (AP) — Breaking ranks with The New York Times, Time magazine said Thursday it would comply with a court order to hand over the notes of a reporter threatened with jail for refusing to cooperate with an investigation into the unmasking of a CIA operative.

Time relented after just days after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected appeal from its White House correspondent Matt

Cooper and New York Times reporter Judith Miller, who have been locked in an eight-month battle with the government to protect their confidential sources.

The magazine said the high court's action will have a "chilling effect" on journalists' work but that Time had no choice but to comply.

"The same Constitution that protects the freedom of the press requires obedience to

final decisions of the courts," Time said in a statement.

Representatives for both reporters said they believe that the turning over of the notes and other material would eliminate the need for Cooper or Miller to testify before a grand jury and remove any justification for jailing them.

A special counsel is investigating who in the Bush administration leaked the identity of CIA officer Valerie

Plame, a possible federal crime. U.S. District Judge Thomas Hogan is threatening to jail Cooper and Miller for refusing to reveal their sources.

They are due back in Hogan's court next week for further arguments on whether they should be thrown in jail. The grand jury investigating the leak expires in October, and the journalists, if jailed, would be freed at that time.

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COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart

I'VE BEEN ASKED TO GIVE THE TOAST AT MY LODGE MEETING. WHAT LORSE? "THE LOYAL ORDER OF LUNAR EMBRYONISTS." A SIMPLE BROTHERS UP LOUGH TO DO IT.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

THERE'S THAT OUGHT TO HOLD HER FOR A WHILE. THAT LOOKS GREAT! HEY! I THINK MOM'S MOVING! WHAT MAMBA WE SHOULD KEEP THIS... A SECRET. SO LATE I BROUGHT THE VIDEO CAMERA.

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

I FIGURE WORKING AT THE AUTO PARTS STORE CAN HELP ME REACH MY GOAL. OF EARNING ENOUGH CASH TO BUY A CAR? OF BRINGING HOME ENOUGH PARTS TO BUILD ONE.

Bertie Bailey By Mort Walker

WHY DO YOU ALWAYS COME THIS WAY, BERTIE? HAPPY HIGHWAY #5. WATCH OUT FOR FUNNY FLUMPS. ROLLS OF LAUGHING ALIBI. WELCOME TO THE STATE OF SUPACALIA. NO TURNS. GREEN LIGHTS GREENS.

Bionde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

MAY I BORROW THE CAR KEYS, DAD? SURE, SON, HERE YA GO... JUST LEAVE THE CAR IN THE DRIVEWAY!

The Bom Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE LIVES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD—NED FLOXIE! DO YOU KNOW HIM? DO I KNOW HIM? HUH, I'M STRICTLY ON A LAST NAME BASIS WITH HIM!

Dibert By Scott Adams

YOU'RE A SUCCESSFUL ENGINEER AND I'M A FAILED CEO. IT'S KIND OF FUNNY THAT I'M WORTH 800 MILLION AND YOU'RE NOT. IT'S FUNNY BECAUSE IT'S ALL REVERSE OF HOW IT SHOULD BE. IT'S FUNNY BECAUSE YOUR HEAD WOULDN'T NORMALLY FIT INSIDE A GLASS.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Trolse

Hi, everybody! I'm Vinnie for the first-of-the-month "Old Jokes Home." I'm going to do my Henny Youngman routine! So... how do you know you're getting a pie? I know! I know! IT'S when you bend over to tie your shoelace and you wonder... what else you can do while you're down there. I get no respect around here! Wrong comedian, Vinnie! That was Rodney Dangerfield!

For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston

WE CONGRATULATE ALL OF OUR GRADUATES HERE AND YOU LEAVE THOSE NUTS HERE TO GET THE BEST PRIZES OF HOPE YOU WILL EVER KNOW. (GIBBERISH) I DUNNO. (GIBBERISH) AND NOW DASHING OUT OF HERE ON COMPOSITIONS BY REBECCA MORGUE. (GIBBERISH) NEVER BELIEVE TO DO THIS. (GIBBERISH) ALWAYS WANTED THE GRADUATE, APRIL. LET'S SEE HOW IT FITS.

Garfield By Jim Davis

IN ANSWER TO YOUR MANY LETTERS... YES... CRASH! OPIE DOES DO ALL HIS OWN STUNTS!

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

REMEMBER NOW YOU PROMISED ONCE WE WERE MARRIED TO BE DRINKING CHAMPAGNE WITH LOYALTY? I'VE DECIDED TO SETTLE FOR A BEER WITH OUR NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBORS.

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

ARE YOU PLANNING TO GET A SUMMER JOB? IF I CAN FIND ONE! I ONLY WANT TO WORK A FEW HOURS A DAY AND I DON'T WANT TO COMMUTE. FINE... YOU CAN START BABY-SITTING RIGHT NOW!

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

WHEN CAN WE GO HOME? IT'S BORKING OUT HERE! IT WOULDN'T BE BORING IF YOU'D CATCH THE BALL NOW AND THEN! OH, SURE... GET PERSONAL, HUH?

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

DUDE... THE F.B.I. RAIDED THE 'FAMILY CIRCUS' HOUSE AND FOUND BIN LADEN. HOW'D THEY KNOW HE WAS THERE? I GUESS SOMEONE REPORTED SEEING HIM DOWNSTAIRS WITH ONE OF THE KIDS AND THE FEES JUST FOLLOWED THEM BACK TO THE FAMILY CIRCUS' HOUSE. BUT HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE SO HARD TO FOLLOW. "Carry you, little Binky."

Pickles By Brian Crane

ROSCOE! GIOP IT!! GET AWAY! BAD DOG! LET GO!! GROING! MAYBE YOU SHOULD CLOSE THE DOOR WHEN YOU'RE USING THE BATHROOM.

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

YAWN. I THINK I MAY HAVE OVERHEARD THE MORNING AGAIN. DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS WHAT TIME IT IS?

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane

"What if a player makes the team, but his mommy can't afford to buy him a uniform?"

Non Sequitur By Wiley

GO WITH DOGS & BARKLED MAJOR VEHIC, KATE? WELL, NOW IT'S A CHAPTER ON DONN HELL-GAR, SINGING RING AND DANCE HER TRICE FROM STARVATION. COOL! WHAT WAS THAT? ALL JUST WHILE THOU WENTS AND BOE WINGO.

Strange Brew By John Deering

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL. HA HA HA. KNOCK IT ALL THESE TODAY!

"I CAN REMEMBER STUFF THAT HAPPENED WAY BACK WHEN I WAS ONLY FOUR YEARS OLD!"

WORLD

Spain legalizes gay marriage

MADRID, Spain — Parliament legalized gay marriage Thursday, defying conservative and clergy who opposed making traditionally Roman Catholic Spain the third country to allow same-sex unions nationwide. militant gay activists blew kisses to lawmakers after the vote.

The measure passed the 350-seat Congress of Deputies by a vote of 187-147. The bill, part of the ruling Socialists' aggressive agenda for social reform, also lets gay couples adopt children and inherit each others' property. The bill is now law. The Senate, where conservatives held the largest number of seats, rejected the bill last week. But it is an advisory body and final say on legislation rests with the Congress of Deputies.

Italy denies knowledge of CIA operation

BERLIN — The Italian government denied Thursday that it knew in advance about the 2003 abduction of a radical Egyptian cleric whom investigators in Milan have charged was kidnapped by a crew of CIA operatives. Government officials also summoned the U.S. ambassador to meet with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi to answer questions about the case.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Carlo Giovanardi specifically denied a report in Thursday's Washington Post that quored four CIA veterans as saying that the agency's station chief in Rome briefed and sought approval from his counterpart in Italy before the abduction took place. Responding to questions about the article from lawmakers in the Italian Senate, Giovanardi said simply, "It's false." Later, in the Chamber of Deputies, he called the Post article "a report without any foundation, a false report, which the Italian government is able to deny with great calm."

Legislators in Rome have been pressing the government for details to provide a fuller explanation of whether it knew anything about the Feb. 17, 2003 disappearance of the cleric, Osama Mustafa, Hassan Nasr, also known as Abu Omar.

Bush: Kyoto treaty would have 'wrecked' economy

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — President Bush said in a Danish TV interview aired Thursday that adhering to the Kyoto treaty on climate change would have "wrecked" the U.S. economy.

World in brief

"Kyoto would have wrecked our economy. I couldn't in good faith have signed Kyoto," Bush told the Danish Broadcasting Corp., noting that the treaty did not include other nations — including India and China — that he called "big polluters."

Earlier, British Prime Minister Tony Blair said climate change was likely the most serious threat to the globe and that there would be no solution without "global leadership." The United States is the world's biggest producer of greenhouse gases, which have been blamed for contributing to global warming.

"The only solution to this is going to come as one that includes America," Blair told a London audience of young people for an MTV special.

Later in the Danish interview, Bush called the U.S. dependence on oil from the Middle East "a national security problem, and an economic security problem," Bush said, adding that the United States was looking at alternatives fuels.

Prince Charles' income rose 11 percent in 2004

LONDON — Life is good for Prince Charles; his bank account is growing and he has found contentment with his new wife.

The income of the heir to the British throne rose by 11 percent last year to more than \$23 million, according to an annual financial report released by his household Thursday.

The core of the report was dominated by a photograph of Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, who wed Charles on April 9 after a love affair spanning several decades.

Until now Camilla has been mentioned only fleetingly in the prince's accounts.

"Marriage is a good thing. The two of them are very happy and things have settled down nicely," the royal couple's private secretary, Sir Michael Pent, said.

The figures show Charles received more than \$23 million in income from his Duchy of Cornwall estate in the financial year 2004-2005 compared with \$21.4 million in 2003-2004.

— compiled from wire reports

Soldiers expel Jewish militants from Gaza

PALM BEACH HOTEL, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli forces stormed a Gaza Strip hotel Thursday where dozens of Jewish squatters were haled up to disrupt this summer's Israeli withdrawal. In a quick operation that could serve as a blueprint for the pullout itself, struggling and shouting as soldiers lifted them from the floor of the hotel dining room

and carried them outside, the squatters quickly surrendered to the overwhelming numbers of security forces. "You're expelling Jews like the Germans, like the Russians," West Bank settler Nadia Matar shouted at the soldiers, who ignored her as TV cameras rolled. The showdown was an early test of Israel's ability to rein in its own militants after pressuring

the Palestinians to do the same. The squatters, including well-known West Bank settlers repeatedly arrested for harassing Palestinians and soldiers, had insisted they would never be taken out alive, but the evacuation took only a few minutes, and no shots were fired. Police with clubs hauled the protesters out as armed soldiers ringed the compound.

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Skates of gold

2002 Olympic gold medalists Jamie Sale and David Pelletier will headline the Sun Valley Ice Shows on Saturday and Monday nights on the rink behind the Sun Valley Lodge.



Cowboy man

Lyle Lovett will serenade country music lovers outside the River Run Lodge in Ketchum Wednesday night.



Sweet Rosalie

Idaho folk singer Rosalie Sorels will perform Sunday afternoon in Buhl's McCusky Park, the centerpiece of the town's Sagebrush Days celebration.

Melodrama

The West End Theater Company will present "The Dashing Western Romance and the Spectacular Dime Novel Drama" opening Thursday night and continuing July 8-9 in the Buhl Middle School auditorium. This will be the final show in the theater.

Fun at Rudy's

The Chapter Two Jazz Quartet will highlight Friday and Rudy's—a Cook Parade in downtown Twin Falls tonight from 6-9. Food, beer and wine will be available.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spotlight on Page C2-3, 6-7

The Times-News

Fireworks and other Independence Day activities around the Magic and Wood River valleys on July 4:

Twin Falls

Fireworks: 10 p.m., College of Southern Idaho campus.
Entertainment: The Twin Falls Municipal Band will perform at 8 p.m. on the lawn north of the Taylor Administration Buildings.

Traffic control: If you're planning on watching the fireworks show on the CSI campus, plan to arrive early. The Twin Falls Police Department will begin closing down those sections of Falls Avenue and Washington Street North surrounding the campus at 9:15 p.m. North College Road will be closed at 7 p.m.

Please be patient. Several thousand people routinely attend the fireworks and most of them drive to the event. It may take several minutes for the police to direct vehicle and pedestrian traffic off the campus safely. In addition, drivers may be routed in a different direction than they normally travel.

Police say the area around the campus will be heavily patrolled for drunk drivers.

Burley

Fireworks: About 10:15 p.m., the park next to the Burley Municipal Golf Course.

Jerome

Fireworks: About 10:15 p.m., Jerome High School football field.

Halley

Fireworks: About 10:30 p.m. (or following the rodeo) in Quilley Canyon east of Halley.
Food: Boy Scouts pancake breakfast will be held from 8-10 a.m., Upper Big Wood Grange Hall, 540 S. Third Ave. (\$5 for adults, \$3 for kids under 12, \$15 for families and \$3 for seniors); Button Barbecue, Hop Porter Park, following the noon parade (\$9 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children 12 and under); Ice cream social, Halley Cultural Center, 314 Elm St., 1-3 p.m., free.

Parade: Noon, south on Main Street from Myrtle to Cedar streets.

Rodeo: Final go-round of the Sawtooth Rangers Riding Club Rodeo, 7 p.m., Halley Rodeo Grounds (\$17 for reserved tickets, \$12 for general admission, \$8 for kids).

Other fun: Old Frontier Gang "Shootout with a Stagecoach," 11:30 a.m., Main and Crox Streets.

Rupert

Parade: 11 a.m. (down Sixth Street, east on Sixth to Rupert Square, around the Square and north on F Street to Eighth Street, and west on Eighth to Minidoka Memorial Hospital).
Food: Food booths open at 10:30 a.m., Rupert Square.

Other fun: Carnival, Minidoka County Fairgrounds, 1 p.m.

Buhl

Fireworks: About 10:15 p.m. (time approximate, following the anvil drop contest), Popplewell Elementary School lawn.

Parade: 10:30 a.m., starts on Burley Avenue, down Main Street and turns right onto Broadway right on Fair Street, then right on Sprague passing in front of the Snake River Rehabilitation and Living Center. The procession will continue on Sprague for two blocks, then turn right on Miller proceeding to Burley Avenue and dispersing at the rodeo grounds.

Food: 7 a.m., Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at West End Senior Center (\$5 for adults and \$3 for children 6 to 12. Those 5 and under are free).

Other fun: Noon, carnival, concessions, entertainment and free swimming in Eastman Park 1 p.m., fish scramble in McCusky Park, 2 p.m., tractor pull at Buhl Rodeo Arena, 2 p.m., annual firecooler competition at McCusky Park, 7 p.m.,



Several thousand spectators are expected on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls Monday night to watch fireworks.

Hagerman and Jarblidge celebrate early

Hagerman plans a "Freedom Celebration" Sunday at 5 p.m. in City Park, with food, family fun and games, special speakers and live music by Good Friday and Jerry Tuock.

In Jarblidge, Nev., there's bingo planned from 1-5 p.m., Saturday

in the Community Hall and live music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Outdoor Inn. On Sunday, there's a parade scheduled for noon on Main Street, bingo from 1-4 p.m. at the Community Hall, a barbecue at 4 p.m. at the Outdoor Inn and live music from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at the Outdoor Inn.

all afternoon, fairgrounds.

Wendell

Fireworks: About 10 p.m., east of Wendell High School.

Glenns Ferry

Fireworks: About 10:15 p.m., City Park.

Shoshone

Fireworks: About 10 p.m., Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

Sun Valley

Fireworks: Following the Sun Valley Ice Show at about 11:30 p.m., Sun Valley Resort.

Other fun: Sun Valley Ice Show, featuring Jamie Sale and David Pelletier, about 10:30 p.m., on the rink behind the Sun Valley Lodge (\$27, \$32, \$36,

\$45 for bleacher tickets, \$50 for Sun Room seating, and \$62, \$66, \$80 and \$84 for buffet-and-show tickets; call 622-2135.)

Hansen

Fireworks: 10 p.m., Rolling Hills Park.

Parade: 11 a.m. (starts at the school and travels down Second Avenue West to Maple, east on Maple to Second Avenue East, south on Second Avenue East to Poplar, right on Poplar to Main and right on Main to the school).

Food: Potluck supper, 5 p.m., City Park (a beverage, hot dogs or hamburgers will be furnished; those who attend should bring a covered dish, table setting and lawn chairs).

Other fun: Games and activities of adults and kids, noon in the park.

Jackpot

Fireworks: About 10:15 p.m. at the airport.

Richfield

Fireworks: About 10:15 p.m., Richfield High School.

Fairfield

Fireworks: About 10 p.m.,

best viewed from 4-H Park

Bliss

Fireworks: About 10 p.m., City Park.

West Magic Resort

Fireworks: About 10 p.m., Fun: ATV/boat parade, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; building fund auction, 3 p.m.
Food: Hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and ice cream will be served, 3 p.m.

Alblon

Fireworks: 10 p.m., old depot south of town.

Parade: 10 a.m., from the south end of Main Street to the Park.

Food: Breakfast, 7-9:30 a.m.; Senior Citizens Center (\$12 per family, \$4 per adult and \$2.50 per child 10 and under); food booths will be open in the park all afternoon.

Other fun: Lawn mower races, 1 p.m., park, plus other activities throughout the afternoon in the park, including a "chicken fling," wheelbarrow races and a tug-of-war.

Hollister

Food: Community breakfast, City Park, 7-10 a.m.

WEEKEND

Glenns Ferry Opera Theater will present 'Not My Cup of Tea'

THEATER/Glenns Ferry

Glenns Ferry Opera Theater will present "Not My Cup of Tea," a comedy/mystery. In dinner theater. Dinner is served starting at 6:30 p.m., with a pre-show performance at 7:45 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m. Dinner-and-show tickets are \$18.50; show-only tickets are \$6 for general admission, or \$5 for those under 12 or over 60. For tickets: Call 366-7408 or 366-2744. Dinner reservations are recommended. The Opera Theater is located at 208 E. Idaho St.

Festival/Rupert

The Rupert Fourth of July celebrations with the theme of "This Land is Your Land" continues with a variety of events on Rupert Square and the Mindoka County Fairgrounds. Highlights include food booths open at 11 a.m. at the Square, carnival opens at 4 p.m. at the fairgrounds, "Sounds of Freedom" entertainment at 6 p.m. at the Square, and rodeo at 8 p.m. at the fairgrounds with Mutton Busting at 7:30 a.m. Rodeo tickets are \$6 for grandstand reserved seating, \$4 for general admission at the gate and \$15 for family pass (admits five). Tickets are available at Rocky Mountain Real Estate Brokerage or call 431-4584.

Country/Halley

Hal Ketchum will play two shows at The Mint. Opening act will be The Kin Socking Band. Show times are 7 p.m. (non-smoking show) and 10:30 p.m. (regular show). Tickets, which are \$20, are available at Adkinsons Markets in Ketchum and Halley, Valley Market in Bellevue or online at Etix.com. The Mint is located at 116 S. Main St.

Opera/Sun Valley

Sun Valley Opera will present "Star Spangled Voices," part of its Music to Broadway Series, at 8 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church of the BigWood. Tickets, which are \$30 for general admission and \$5 for students, are available at the door.

Country/Twin Falls

Pure Country will play country music and '50s and '60s rock and roll from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is located at 1626 Canyon Crest Drive.

Country/Jerome

Country Classics will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Snake River Elks Lodge. Cover charge is \$5 per person or \$9 per couple. Dinner also will be available from 6 to 9 p.m. The Snake River Elks Lodge is located at 412 E. 200 S. on Highway 93.

Variety/Twin Falls

Gray Beard Boys will play from 6 to 10 p.m. at D'Onof's. No cover charge. D'Onof's is located at 117 Main Ave. E.

Bluegrass/Kimberly

Strings Attached will play for a Fourth of July-style barbecue at 8 p.m. at Mixers. No cover charge. Mixers is located at 105 Main St.

Rock/Buhl

Wild Side will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at TJ's Lounge. No cover charge. TJ's Lounge is located at 112 Broadway Ave. S.

Rock/Twin Falls

Cobalt Blues will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis. No cover charge. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Variety/Twin Falls

DJ Kurt Kruezer will perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Kruezer's. Cover charge is \$3. Kruezer's is located at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Variety/Twin Falls

DJ Night will be featured from 9:30 p.m. until closing at Phi Epsilon's. No cover charge. Ages 21 and older. Phi Epsilon's is located at 233 Fifth Ave. S.

Country/Declo

The Fugitives will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is located at 626 Highway 61.

Karaoke/Twin Falls

Karaoke with Lone Star Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Plover Club. No cover charge. The Plover Club is located at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Karaoke/Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub



Karaoke/Buhl

Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Garibaldi's. No cover charge. Garibaldi's is located at 113 Broadway Ave. S.

Karaoke/Rupert

Kroakers Karaoke with Daniel Krueger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar, 502 Sixth St.

Karaoke/Paul

Kroakers Karaoke with Clifton Krueger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Red's Bar on Sixth East Idaho Street.

Karaoke/Burley

Twiles Time Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers. No cover charge. Cheers is located at 163 West U.S. Highway 30.

Karaoke/Rupert

Moonlight Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room. No cover charge. The Blue Room is located at 613 Fremont Ave.

Theater/Boise

The Idaho Shakespeare Festival will present "The Taming of the Shrew," 8 p.m. in the festival's amphitheater in Boise's east end. Tickets, which are \$18 and \$25, are available on Saturdays and \$24 and \$32 on Fridays and Saturdays, can be reserved by phoning (208) 336-9221. The amphitheater is located at 6557 Warm Springs Ave.

Rock/Bolse

George Lynch will perform at The Boulevard at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinsons Market in Ketchum. The Boulevard is located at 1010 W. Main St.

Planetarium/Twin Falls

The Faulkner Planetarium at the Heritage Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho will present "Lynxrd Skyrryrd-Py on Free Blast" at 8:15 p.m. Other shows are "WSKY Radio Station to the Stars" at 4 p.m. and "How to Build a Planet" at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families. Children under 4 are not admitted.

SATURDAY

Festival/Buhl

Buhl will celebrate Sagebrush Days starting today with Crystal Springs Rattling derby at 9 a.m., the Chamber of Commerce Fisher Fry at the West End Senior Center at 11:30 a.m., and the West End Senior Center Dinner, Bingo and Auction at 6 p.m.

Festival/Halley

The first go-round of the rodeo will open Days of the Old West, 7 p.m., Halley Rodeo Grounds.

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Rock/Ketchum

Big Head Todd and the Monsters, Buddy Guy and Eric Johnson will perform the Ketchum-Sun Valley Outdoor Pavilion at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, and at Adkinsons Markets. Tickets are also available at the outdoor Pavilion is located at 101 Saddle Road.

Skating/Sun Valley

Olympic gold medalists Jamie Sale and David Pelletier will headline the Sun Valley Ice Show at about 10:30 p.m. on the rink behind the Sun Valley Lodge. Tickets, which range from \$32 to \$84, can be reserved by phoning 622-2135 or online at <http://www.sunvalley.com>

Theater/Glenns Ferry

Glenns Ferry Opera Theater will present "Belle of the Ball," a melodrama. Dinner is served starting at 6:30 p.m., with a pre-show performance at 7:45 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m. Dinner-and-show tickets are \$18.50; show-only tickets are \$6 for general admission, or \$5 for those under 12 or over 60. For tickets: Call 366-7408 or 366-2744. Dinner reservations are recommended. The Opera Theater is located at 208 E. Idaho St.

Rock/Bliss

Jazz Side Down will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Outlaws and Angels Bar and Grill. No cover charge. Outlaws and Angels is located at 204 W. Highway 30.

Rock/Gooding

Dirty Johnny will play from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Toponis Restaurant. No cover charge. Toponis is located at 413 Main.

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WEEKEND

Tom Cruise stars in sci-fi classic 'War of the Worlds'

New to the valley

'War of the Worlds'

With 'War of the Worlds,' a contemporary retelling of the H.G. Wells' sci-fi classic through the eyes of a U.S. family, Steven Spielberg has made what is arguably one of the best 1950s science-fiction films ever, and that is not a backhanded compliment. Working in the spirit of his predecessors but with the kind of uncanny special effects they could barely dream of, Spielberg has come up with an impressive production that is disturbing in the way only provocative science fiction can be. It's a traditional, even old-fashioned effort that, like its 1950s forebears, is willing to confront up-to-the-minute societal concerns more mainstream features avoid. A film that really isn't all that disturbing but that its creator intended or we've been expecting. Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning, Miranda Otto, Justin Chatwin and Tim Robbins star. Written by David Koepp. (1:57) PG-13 for sci-fi violence and disturbing images.



This photo supplied by Paramount Pictures shows Tom Cruise in a scene from 'War of the Worlds.'

a fortified glittering tower when the privileged are assaulted by center and brief strong language.

PG-13 for sequences of violence, intense action and profanity and brief strong language.

'The Perfect Man'

Jean (Heather Locklear), a fancy-cake baker and single mother of two, is a serial monogamist with a penchant for losers and a tendency to pick up and move every time she gets dumped. Spastic parenting calls for drastic measures, so when newly installed in Brooklyn (where everyone, apparently, sounds exactly like Brad Drescher), her daughter Holly (Hillary Duff) smells an honor and bad egg on the horizon, and she decides to play e-Cyano by inventing a perfect man for her mother to fall in love with, sight unseen. She must eventually produce an actual person to go with the romantic e-mails and gifts. Sure, it sounds like a stretch, but Jean is just getting started. Directed by Mark Rosman (A Cinderella Story). (1:40) PG for some mildly suggestive content.

'The Longest Yard'

A pointless remake of the 1974 hit starring Burt Reynolds. The longest yard is that of NFL Adam Sandler as a former NFL quarterback and Chris Rock as a guy who could survive a day in prison. And pretty much all we get in return are jokes about seeing it, and you're not enough to care, even read this, do yourself a favor and rent the other one instead. (1:53) PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, profanity, language and drug references.

'The Lords of Dogtown'

A rowdy, raucous and somewhat painfully how some local skateboarders — Jay Adams, Tony Alva and Stacy Peralta — became superstars in the '70s. Peralta, who directed the 2001 documentary 'Dogtown and Z-Boys,' has brought a more earnest and involvement to his and his friends' story in his script, a cautionary tale involving merchandisers, markets, and media. He has turned over the direction to an inspired choice: 'Thirteen's' Catherine Hardwicke. There's much living on the edge — on the coast, on a cliff, and the film is too immediate and clear-eyed for nostalgia or sentimentality. With Ernie Lainez, Victor Rasuk, John Robinson, Michael Angarano, Heath Ledger. (1:47) PG for drug and alcohol content, sexuality, violence, language and reckless behavior — all involving teens.

'The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants'

A shamelessly sentimental love-fest about four teenage girls and the magical pants that get them through the tough times. The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants' stars America Ferrer, Amber Tamblyn, Alonds Bledel and Blake Lively as a quartet of unlikely best friends

'Rebound'

Martin Lawrence stars as a troubled college basketball coach attempting to bounce back by leading a much bigger team. With Wendy Raquel Robinson, Breckin Meyer, Ronald Sanz, Megan Mullally. Directed by Steve Ockler. PG for mild language and thematic elements.

Continuing

'The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl in 3D'

In return for a little patience with the 3-D glasses and some protruded neural strain, Robert Rodriguez's 'The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl in 3D' offers a retooled 'Wizard of Oz' story elaborately re-imagined as a green screen dream full of cypriote symbolism. More of a children's book than a movie, 'Sharkboy' promotes a familiar message — believe in your dreams, hold on to your dreams, don't stop believing, dream on. It's an ethos that's starting to get old, especially when every other movie is about as geeky boy who saves the binary comforts of a simulated world and possess the means to create them. The film kind of works. It's not bad enough, and the script refreshingly free ('Wizard of Oz' cribbing aside) of pop culture references and allusions. Not enough that overall it feels wild by original, inventive and genuine. Cayden Boyd, George Lopez and Kristin Davis star. Rated PG. (1:30) PG for mild action and some rude humor.

'Cinderella Man'

This film tells James J. Braddock's story, but it does not about the boxer's condition. While the real-life Braddock had enough belief in himself to accomplish miracles in the ring, this film's Braddock is reluctant to have faith in his intended audience undercuts his chances to deliver complete satisfaction. With Russell Crowe in the starring role, Cinderella Man also has an actor you never want to bet against, no matter what the odds. In fact, Braddock, his ability to bring integrity as well as skill to his performance, demonstrates why he's the most accomplished actor of his generation's major stars. But the real difficulty is the sensibility of director John Dahl, who is back to making feel-good movies, and doing so with an earnestness that is counter-productive. Braddock turns his ability to enjoy his plot points too insistently. Renee Zellweger and Paul Giamatti co-star. (2:24) PG-13 for intense boxing violence and some language.

'The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy'

Faithful to Doug Adams' best-selling 1979 sci-fi parody tome, this long-anticipated adaptation is, overall, a terrific original, not terribly funny, either. The humor ranges from trippy silliness to icy cleverness to comic conjecture about dolphins and a running joke regarding towels. PG (adult themes, gross space aliens).

'The Honeymonsters'

Codic's Entertainer and Mike Epps step into the roles of bus driver Ralph Krunden and sewer worker Ed Norton in this mock version of the Jackie Gleason-'Art' Carney, TV series. Directed by John Schultz. (1:16) PG-13 for some innuendo and rude humor.

'In My Country'

Samuel L. Jackson plays a Washington Post reporter and Juliette Binoche is a South African poet confronting the findings of the country's truth and Reconciliation Commission hearings, which invited the perpetrators of murder and torture on both sides during the Apartheid era to come forward and confront their victims. R.

'Kung Fu Hustle'

Cidilly gritty martial-arts comedy set in 1930s Shanghai, directed by and starring Stephen Chow (Shaolin Soccer). R (profanity, extreme stylized violence).

'Layer Cake'

The never-named narrator/protagonist of this stylish British gangster film has decided to walk away from the drug ring that has been very lucrative for him and go legit. What sets the film apart from like-minded genre films is a stunningly superb lead performance by Daniel Craig, a top-drawer supporting cast and a dynamic directing debut by producer Matthew Vaughn. Working from a script full of sharp dialogue and pointedly evocative sequences by novelist J. J. Conroy, Vaughn uses violence in an effective, non gratuitous way to sculpt the world of consequences in which his characters operate. It's not a perfect film, marred by some misguided flashbacks, an overcomplicated narrative and perhaps too many reversals of his own good. However, it is a sleek, effective entertainment that is a refreshing respite from the slick emptiness of recent American crime dramas. With Kenneth Cranham, Michael Gambon, Colin Meaney and George Harris. (1:45) R— for strong brutal violence, sexual nudity, pervasive language and drug use.

'George Romero's Land of the Dead'

Master of the genre he reinvented, Romero returns with a darker, humorous, action-filled movie that also emerges as an allegory about society devouring itself as the chasm between the few rich and the countless poor grows ever wider. In a country beset by wandering hordes of zombies, archetypal nihilist tycoon Derrin Hopper rules a Pittsburgh-like city from

who spend a summer apart engaged in some serious, and pants-related, personal growth. (1:40) PG for thematic elements, some sensuality and language.

'Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith'

It's a tribute to the power and durability of the universe that writer-director George Lucas and company created in the first three 'Star Wars' movies, despite the tedium of the previous two and despite knowing exactly what will happen in it. 'Revenge of the Sith' is where the beloved Republic turns into the dreaded Empire, and Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen), once thought to be the Chosen One, goes over to the dark side and ends up Darth Vader. Given how strong 'Revenge' purely visual elements are, we leave it with reluctance when the film turns to dialogue to explain a plot that involves not only the Republic's war with the Sith, but a power struggle between the Chancellor (Ian McDiarmid) and the Jedi Council. The 'Star Wars' master falls to produce compelling dialogue, charismatic acting, but the strong visual effects make 'Revenge of the Sith' the best of the three 'Star Wars' prequels. With Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman, Samuel L. Jackson and Christopher Lee. PG-13 for sci-fi violence and some intense images.

Source: Los Angeles Times

What's playing

Twin Falls Twin Cinema 'Batman Begins' 'Bewitched' 'Crash' 'The Honeymonsters' 'The Lords of Dogtown' 'Mr. and Mrs. Smith'	BigMovie Cinemas 'Batman Begins' 'Bewitched' 'Herbie: Fully Loaded' 'War of the Worlds'	SciTime Cinemas 'Herbie: Fully Loaded' 'War of the Worlds'	Sun Valley Opera House 'Madagascar'	Burley Century Cinema 'Batman Begins' 'Bewitched' 'Herbie: Fully Loaded' 'Mr. and Mrs. Smith'	Burley Theater 'Madagascar'	Jerome Jerome Cinema 'Bewitched' 'Herbie: Fully Loaded' 'Rebound' 'War of the Worlds'	Gooding Schubert Theater 'Madagascar'
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WEEKEND

Spotlight

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Rock/Boise

John Hlatt will play Hill Road Park in Eagle at 7 p.m. on **JULY 8**. Tickets, which are \$29.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 888-TDXX or <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Market in Ketchum. Hill Road Park is located at 2200 Hill Road.

Theater/Boise

The Idaho Shakespeare Festival will present Larry Gelbart and Stephen Sondheim's musical comedy "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," 8 p.m. on **JULY 8-9** and 7 p.m. on **JULY 10** in the outdoor amphitheater on Boise's east end. Tickets, which are \$18 and \$26 on weeknights and Sundays and \$18 and \$32 on Fridays and Saturdays, can be reserved by phoning (208) 336-9221. The amphitheater is located at 5657 Warm Springs Ave.

Rock/Utah

Modern-City Soundtrack will perform at In the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. on **JULY 9**. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is located at 219 South 600 West.

Now age/Utah

Jon Schmidt will play the Sandy City Amphitheater in the Salt Lake City suburb of Sandy at 8 p.m. on **JULY 8**. Tickets, which are \$9, \$9.50 and \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Sandy City Amphitheater is located at 1300 East 9400 South.

Theater/Pocatello

Theatre ISU will perform "Sherlock's Last Case" at 7:30 p.m. on **JULY 9** in the James E. and Beverly Rogers Black Box Theatre at the Idaho State University. L.E. and Thelma E. Stephens Performing Arts Center. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors or students K-12. For more information, call the ticket office at (208) 282-3555.

Festival/Kimberly

Kimberly will celebrate Good Neighbor Day and festival. The daylight is the annual parade on July 9.

Art show/Twin Falls

The Magic Valley Arts Council's Kids Art in the Park for children 3-15, will be held all day on **JULY 9** in City Park. For more information, call 734-ARTS.

Festival/Declo

Declo will celebrate Declo Day on **JULY 9**, with a parade and community picnic.

Skating/Sun Valley

Olympic gold medalist, Alisa Zudin will headline the Sun Valley Ice Show at about 10:30 p.m. on **JULY 9** at the Sun Valley Lodge. Tickets, which range from \$32 to \$54, can be reserved by phoning (208) 336-9221 or online at <http://www.sunvalley.com>.

Rock/Utah

Kansas will perform at the Sandy City Amphitheater in the Salt Lake City suburb of Sandy at 8 p.m. on **JULY 9**. Tickets, which are \$16, \$19, \$23 and \$25, can be reserved by phoning (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>.

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reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Sandy City Amphitheater is located at 1300 East 9400 South.

Country/Elko, Nev.

Sevener Brown will perform at the Red Lion Hotel Casino at 8 p.m. PDT on **JULY 9**. Tickets, which \$30, can be reserved by phoning (800) 545-0044. The Red Lion Hotel Casino is located at 2065 Idaho St.

Rock/Boise

Ben Harper will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. on **JULY 9**. Tickets, which are \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 985-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

THIS MONTH

Theater/Pocatello

Theatre ISU will perform "The Merchant of Venice" at 7:30 p.m. on **JULY 11** in the James E. and Beverly Rogers Black Box Theatre at the Idaho State University. L.E. and Thelma E. Stephens Performing Arts Center. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors or students K-12. For more information, call the ticket office at (208) 282-3555.

Country/Utah

Ray LaMontagne and Rachel Yamagata will perform at In the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. on **JULY 12**. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is located at 219 South 600 West.

Theater/Twin Falls

The Junior Musical Playhouse will present "The Mikado" and Oscar Hammerstein's "The King and I," 7 p.m. on **JULY 12-16** at the Roper Auditorium. Tickets, which are \$7, are available at Crowley's — downtown and the Magic Valley Mall — Everybody's Business and Kurt's Pharmacy, and Halmark in Twin Falls. At Arlene's Flowers in Jerome, at Say-Mor Drug in Buhl and at Welch Music in Buhl.

Theater/Utah

The Idaho Shakespeare Festival will present Larry Gelbart and Stephen Sondheim's musical comedy "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," at 8 p.m. on **JULY 12-13**, 16, 21-22 and 29-30 and at 7 p.m. on **JULY 17, 23**, which are \$18 and \$26 on weeknights and Sundays and \$24 and \$32 on Fridays and Saturdays, can be reserved by phoning (208) 336-9221. The amphitheater is located at 5657 Warm Springs Ave.

Rock/Utah

DeVotchKa will play Eggo's in Salt Lake City at 9 p.m. on **JULY 13**. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>.

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Rock/Utah

The Aquabats will play in the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. on **JULY 13**. Tickets, which are \$13, can be reserved by phoning (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is located at 219 South 600 West.

Rock/Boise

Spitalfield and Gatsby's American Dreams will play the Venue at 7 p.m. on **JULY 14**. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Venue is located at 523 Broad St.

Rock/Boise

The Aquabats and The Epoxies will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. on **JULY 14**. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's

Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Theater/Boise

Idaho Shakespeare Festival will present Oliver Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer," 8 p.m. on **JULY 14-15** and 26-27 in the amphitheater on Boise's east end. Tickets, which are \$18 and \$26 on weeknights and Saturdays and \$24 and \$32 on Fridays and Saturdays, can be reserved by phoning (208) 336-9221. The amphitheater is located at 5657 Warm Springs Ave.

Hip-hop/Utah

50 Cent, Ludacris and LJI Jon will perform at Usana Amphitheater in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 6:30 p.m. on **JULY 15**. Tickets, which are \$26, \$51 and \$70, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Usana Amphitheater is located at 5400 South 8200 West.

Rock/Utah

Corrosion of Conformity will

play Club Vegas in Salt Lake City at 9:30 p.m. on **JULY 15**. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Club Vegas is located at 400 South 600 West.

Country/Utah

Miranda Lambert will perform at the Sandy City Amphitheater in the Salt Lake City suburb of Sandy at 8 p.m. on **JULY 15**. Tickets, which are \$13, \$15, \$18 and \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Sandy City Amphitheater is located at 1500 East 9400 South.

Rock/Utah

The Young Dubblers will play the Velvet Room in Salt Lake City at 9 p.m. on **JULY 15**. Tickets, which are \$14, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Velvet Room is located at 155 West 200 South.

Theater/Oakley

The Oakley Valley Arts Council

will present George and Ira Gershwin and Ken Ludwig's musical "Crazy for You," at 8 p.m. on **JULY 15-16**, 18-19, 21-23, 25-26 and 29-30 and at 2 p.m. on **JULY 23** in Howells Opera House. Tickets, which are \$8, are available by phoning 677-2787.

Rock/Utah

The Van's Warped Tour, featuring Fall Out Boy, My Chemical Romance, The Offspring, The Killers, Senses Fall, Strung Out, MXPX, Avenged Sevenfold, All-American Rejects, Matchbox Twenty, No Use for a Name, Gogol Bordello, Silverstein, Hawthorne Heights, Unseen, Intronix, The Explosion, The Riverboat Gamblers, The HorrorPops, Bedouin Soundclash, Strike Anywhere, The Drapes, Emery, Hopesfall, Boys Night Out, Big D & the Kids Table, will perform at the Utah State Fairpark in Salt Lake City at noon on **JULY 16**. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Utah State Fairpark is

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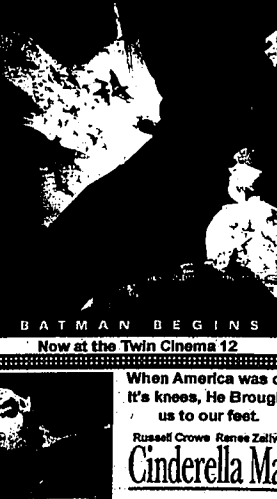


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WEEKEND Calendar

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Rock/Utah

The Lovin' Spoonful will perform at the Sandy City Amphitheater in the Salt Lake City suburb of Sandy at 8 p.m. on **JULY 16**. Tickets, which are \$13, \$15, \$18 and \$20, can be reserved by phoning (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Sandy City Amphitheater is located at 1380 East 9400 South.

Festival/Gooding

The Gooding Basque Festival will be held **JULY 16-17** at the Gooding County Fairgrounds. Highlight is the annual Basque picnic on July 17.

Rock/Utah

Brian Jonestown Massacre and The Warlocks will perform at the Velvet Room in Salt Lake City at 8:30 p.m. on **JULY 28**. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Velvet Room is located at 155 West 200 South.

Rock/Ketchum

Mark Mulcahy will sing at Ketchum Alley, the free Tuesday night concert in Forest Service Park, at 7 p.m. on **JULY 15**.

Theater/Boise

The Idaho Shakespeare Festival will present "The Taming of the Shrew," 8 p.m. on **JULY 19-20** and **JULY 24** at 7 p.m. in the amphitheater on Boise's east end. Tickets, which are \$18 and \$26 on weeknights and Sundays and \$24 and \$32 on Fridays and Saturdays, can be reserved by phoning (208) 336-9221. The amphitheater is located at 5657 Warm Springs Ave.

Rock/Utah

Mark Knopfler will play Abravanel Hall in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. on **JULY 20**. Tickets, which are \$40, \$55 and \$81, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Blues/Sardinia

Eric Sardinas will perform at Egota in Salt Lake City at 9 p.m. on **JULY 20**. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Egota is located at 668 S. State St.

Rock/Utah

Himesa will play the Lo-Fi Cafe at 8:30 p.m. on **JULY 20**. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South West Temple.

Rock/Utah

Himesa will perform at the Lo-Fi Cafe in Salt Lake City at 8:30 p.m. on **JULY 20**. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South West Temple.

Country/Utah

Blackhawk will play Teazer's Bar & Grill in Ogden at 9 p.m. on **JULY 20**. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Teazer's Bar & Grill is located at 366 36th St.

Theater/Halley

Company of Fools will present Molly Newman and Barbara Darnald's "The Quilters," **JULY 20-21** and **27-28** at 7 p.m., **JULY 22-23** and **29-30** at 8 p.m., and **JULY 24** at 3 p.m., Liberty Theater. Tickets, which are \$25 for reserved seats and \$18 for students and seniors, can be reserved by phoning 788-6520.

Rock/Boise

Rhoades will perform at The Venue at 7 p.m. on **JULY 21**. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>, or at Adkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Venue is located at 523 Broad St.

Festival/Oakley

Oakley will celebrate Pioneer Days on **JULY 21-23**. Highlight is the annual Clark's Deep Pit Bar-

becue on July 23.

Theater/Twin Falls

Mad Hat's Theater Company will present A.R. Gurney's comedy "The Time of Your Life," **JULY 21-23** and **28-30** at the Black Current Theater for the Community. Tickets, which are \$25 for a benefit performance on July 22 and \$15 other nights, are available at the door. The Black Current Theater is located at 157 Main Ave. E.

Blues/Boise

Coco Montoya will play the Big Easy Concert House at 9 p.m. on **JULY 22**. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Festival/Glenns Ferry

The Elmore County Fair will be held at the Elmore County Fairgrounds **JULY 25-30**. Highlight is the rodeo on July 28-30.

Classical/Sun Valley

The Sun Valley Summer Symphony will present The Edgar M. Bronfman Chamber Music Series concerts at 6:30 p.m. on **JULY 25, 27** and **29** in a tent on the Sun Valley Resort esplanade. Free.

Blues/Ketchum

Tom Rigney will perform at Ketchum Tonight, the free Tuesday night concert series, at 7 p.m. on **JULY 26** in Forest Service Park.

Rock/Boise

The Alkaline Trio, Rise Against and Death by Stereo will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. on **JULY 26**. Tickets, which are \$16.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Market in Ketchum.

Rock/Utah

The Alkaline Trio, Rise Against and Death by Stereo will perform at the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. on **JULY 27**. Tickets, which are \$16, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Venue is located at 219 South 600 West.

Festival/Shoshone

The Lincoln County Fair will be held at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds **JULY 27-30**.

Country/Caldwell

Sugarland will perform at the Canyon County Fairgrounds at 7 p.m. on **JULY 28**. The concert is free with fair admission, but \$15 and \$20 reserved seats are available by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

Rock/Utah

Suffan Stevens and Liz James will play the Lo-Fi Cafe in Salt Lake City at 8:30 p.m. on **JULY 28**. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South West Temple.

Country/Caldwell

Gary Allan will play the Canyon County Fairgrounds at 7 p.m. on **JULY 29**. The concert is free with fair admission, but \$20 and \$25 reserved seats are available by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

Art show/Twin Falls

The Art Guild of the Magic Valley's 46th Annual Art in the Park will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on **JULY 30** and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on **JULY 31** in City Park, with books, food and entertainment available. It's free.

Rock/Utah

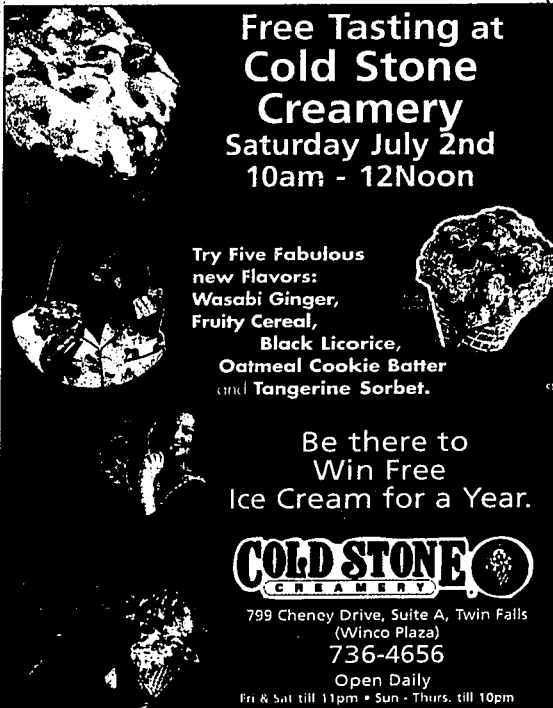
The Big Fish will play the Big Easy Concert House at 6 p.m. on **JULY 31**. Tickets, which are \$17.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.smithstix.com>, or at Adkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

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WEEKEND



This image from the video game 'Destroy All Humans!' shows Crypto Spordidumum 337, an alien invader who must harvest human DNA in order to save his species.

'Destroy All Humans!': One very angry alien

By Matt Slagle
The Associated Press

What would an advanced, space-faring civilization possibly need from creatures who think sliced bread is a marvel?

"Destroy All Humans!" (PlayStation 2 and Xbox, T-rated, \$50) has some disturbingly hilarious answers. It turns out that being entirely expendable is what makes us

humans such a ripe target.

With Sievek Spielberg's "War of the Worlds" remake hitting theaters this week, we'll have plenty of time to consider how depressing an alien invasion might be. "Destroy All Humans!" gives us something to laugh about, too.

This homage to campy sci-fi B-movies from the 1950s casts you as Cryptoportidium 337, an angrier, more violent version of Marvin the Martian.

Crypto is a bug-eyed visitor who needs some human brains and is the latest in a long line of cloned aliens from the Furon Empire (the 1970s to be exact, duh). All the cloning has depleted their DNA stockpiles, and humanity is the only source for salvation.

Your arrival couldn't have come at a better time. The United States is in the grips of Red Scare—paranoia, no—you—xenophobes get blamed on Communists, not aliens.

Your arsenal includes anal probes, ion detonators and a

disintegrator ray. (The blasters wielded by the baddies in Tim Burton's "Mars Attacks" had a similar effect of turning flesh and blood humans into crispy, smoldering skeletons.)

You sometimes have to take a more subtle approach and disguise yourself as a human by reading their minds. Using mental powers, you also can grab and toss cows, cars, tanks and people.

Your zeal for DNA will take you across the country — on foot and in Crypto's flying saucer. It's a sadistic thrill piloting over hapless communities, razing city blocks with the ship's mighty death ray.

Some might consider brain snatching and city devastation hardly worth laughing about. But the humor here is rooted in its mockery of the Communist-fueled fear from a bygone era.

Then there's the banter between Crypto — who speaks with a voice somewhere between John Wayne and Jack Nicholson — and alien boss Pox, who barks orders from an orbiting mothership.

The action itself gets a bit redundant. So seasoned gamers will find this a relatively easy diversion, and it won't take them more than a day or two to complete. There's no multiplayer function to give it lasting appeal.

Sci-fi devotees will find a lot to like in "Destroy All Humans!" I only wish the invasion hadn't ended so quickly.

This week's bestsellers

Wall Street Journal

Fiction

- "Eleven on Top" by Janet Evanovich (St. Martin's Press)
- "The Historian" by Elizabeth Kostova (Little, Brown)
- "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
- "The Mermaid Chair" by Sue Monk Kidd (Viking)
- "A Long Way Down" by Nick Hornby (Riverhead)
- "4th of July" by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro (Little, Brown)
- "True Believer" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner Books)
- "Dance of Death" by D. Preston, L. Child (Warner Books)
- "The Closers" by Michael Connelly (Little, Brown)
- "Receps" by Adriana Trigiani (Random House)
- "Velocity" by Dean Koontz (Bantam)
- "One Shot" by Lee Child (Delacorte)
- "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom (HarperCollins)
- "Twelfth Card" by Jeffrey Deaver (Simon & Schuster)
- "Rage" by Jonathan Kellerman (Ballantine Books)

Nonfiction

- "1776" by David McCullough (Simon & Schuster)
- "The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century" by Thomas L. Friseman (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
- "Freakonomics" by Steven D. Levitt, Stephen J. Dubner (William Morrow)
- "The Truth About Hillary: What She Knew, When She

Knew It, and How Far She'll Go to Become President" by Edward Klein (Scribner)

"You, The Owner's Manual" by Michael Roizen and Mehmet Oz (HarperCollins)

"Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking" by Malcolm Gladwell (Little, Brown)

"Natural Cures They Don't Want You to Know about" by Andrew Trueman (Alliance Publishing)

"The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)

"Winning" by Jack Welch and Suzy Welch (HarperBusiness)

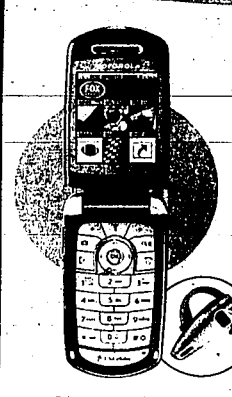
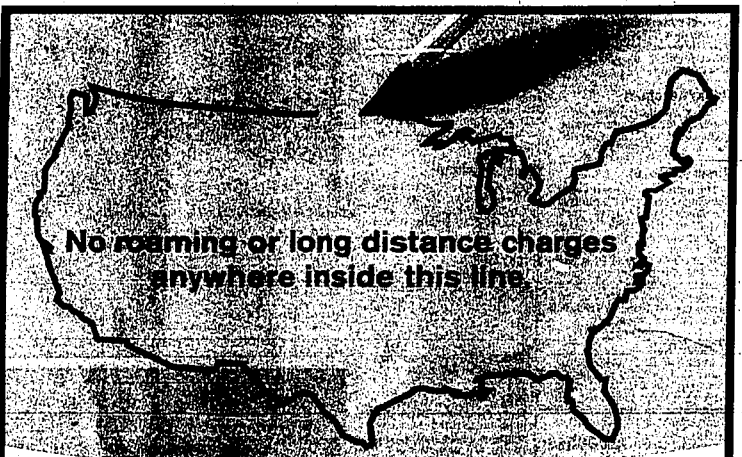
"Your Best Life Now" by Joel Osteen (Warner Books)
- "On Bull——" by Harry G. Frankfurt (Princeton University Press)
- "French Women Don't Get Fat" by Mireille Guiliano (Knopf)
- "Good to Great" by Jim Collins (HarperBusiness)

"The Red Book of Self-Learning" by Jeffrey Gitomer (Bard Press)

"America (The Book)" by Bradsher Smith (The Daily Beaver (Warner Books))

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

Kenny is having anger issues right now.

— Texas Rangers general manager John Hart, regarding pitcher Kenny Rogers showing two cameramen prior to a game against the Los Angeles Angels on Wednesday

TRIVIA

QUESTION: What NBA player picked up two technical fouls in the first 10 minutes of his first pro game in 1995?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Auto racing: Magg Valley Speedway, Super Modifieds, 6 p.m.
Legion baseball: Twin Falls A at Boise Tournament, TBA
Buhl at Idaho Falls, DH, noon
2005 Cowboy Classic, Walker Field
Coyuldam Reds vs. Colorado Khaos, 10 a.m.
Nampa Chiefs vs. Palo Verde Panthers, 1 p.m.
Lethbridge Elks vs. Cherry Creek Bruins, 4 p.m.
Casper Oilers vs. Twin Falls Cowboys, 7 p.m.
Amateur golf: Latham Match Play Championship, 6 a.m.

IN BRIEF

Wake in the Snake approaches: BURLEY — Idaho Watersports will hold their Wake in the Snake Wakeboard Competition July 9 at the Burley Golf Course Marina. The cost is \$25.
The public may attend free of charge. Food will be available from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Registration is from 7-8:30 a.m. A riders' meeting will be at 8 a.m.
Action starts at 8:30 a.m. Riders must be registered before riders' meeting to participate.
Riders under 18 must have parental waiver signed to participate.
The golf course marina ramp will be closed Saturday, July 9th from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

3-on-3 tourney set in Glenns Ferry: GLENN'S FERRY — The Glenns Ferry Pilots Booster Club will host the Fifth Annual Big Ray 3-on-3 Basketball tournament on Monday, July 4.
The tournament will be held at the Glenns Ferry City Park and registration is from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.
The entry fee for each four-person team is \$40 for ages 9-14 and \$50 for ages 15 and up. Each participant will receive a T-shirt, and winning teams will receive prizes.
Registration forms can be picked up at the city pool. The tournament will honor the memory of Big Ray Hansen, and a portion of the proceeds will go to the Big Ray Hansen memorial scholarship fund.
For more information, call Nathan Jones at 539-1160.

Burley Junior High camp scheduled: BURLEY — The Burley Junior High School volleyball camp will be held July 5-7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Burley Junior High West gym.
The cost is \$46 with a \$20 deposit paid in advance. The remaining \$26 is due at camp. Checks should be made payable to Burley Junior High Volleyball.
Send applications to: Leona Phillips, 2647 Fairmont Drive, Burley, ID 83318. Please include girl's name, grade next year, address, phone number, and emergency number for parent or legal guardian.
Compiled from staff reports

Carr pitches no-hitter in Cowboys' 7-0 victory

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — To put it simply, Nick Carr was unhittable Thursday night.
The Cherry Creek Bruins of Denver, Colo., found no simple solution to the Twin Falls' Cowboys ace, as Carr dominated, pitching a no-hitter in a 7-0 victory on Day 1 of the 2005 Donnelly's Cowboy Classic.
Through seven innings, he struck out 12 batters and walked three. No Cherry Creek batter made it past second base, as it looked like no Bruins hitter would even challenge Carr.

"I was feeling like that the whole game," Carr said. "I mean, they competed, but I don't know. I was on. I was on that night."
The only major gasp for Carr came in the bottom of the seventh. After striking out No. 2 slugger Curtiss, Carr got ahead of center fielder Danny Sheridan on a first-pitch strike. On the next pitch, Sheridan pitched a little dribbling grounder into the no-man's land between the pitcher and first base. With Sheridan speeding to first, Carr made a full sprint to the ball, scooped it up, and delivered a diving, backhanded throw to first baseman Paul Gerrish to preserve the no-hitter.

"That's a heck of a play there," Cowboys head coach Tim Stadelmeier said. "That's just kind of the way the night was going. It was a great play by Gerrish, too, because that's a tough play for the first baseman."
"4 was just like (school) man," Carr added. "I was the only guy who could make that play and I just barely got it."
Carr's out would be clean up hitter Jake Fox, who walked his previous two at-bats.

No-no Nick



Cowboys pitcher Nick Carr, right, throws out Cherry Creek base runner Garratt Beserra (6) during the fourth inning of Twin Falls' 7-0 win over the Cherry Creek (Colo.) Bruins on Thursday night. Carr threw a no-hitter, striking out 12 Bruins batters.

After Fox fouled off a hard shot just wide of the first-base line, Carr stepped off the bag to collect himself.

"It was just nerve-wrecking, almost throwing a no-hitter through seven," Carr said. "I didn't want him to think I was scared to throw him the fastball. I didn't want to strike him out with the slider, I wanted to make him hit the ball."
Carr reared back on a two-to-two pitch and Fox bit late on the fastball.
Strike three.
Game over.

After two scoreless innings, the Cowboys finally found their bats in the bottom of the third. Consecutive bunt singles by Tim Mealer and Tyler Anderson got the Cowboys' rally going with one out, before leadoff hitter Kenny Stockman sent both in with a single up the middle. A Steelman stolen base and a

Drew Bernhard walk later, and it was Nate Robertson's time to shine.

The Cowboys outfielder faced a double over the center fielder's head to plate Steelman, before Paul Gerrish connected on a grounder up the middle that brought both Bernhard and Robertson in to make the score 5-0.

"We've been preaching and preaching the team stuff," Stadelmeier said. "You have to give yourself up to the short stuff and get those two-strike grounders to get guys in. Our guys bought into it tonight."

The two bunt singles seemed to energize a team that can sometimes struggle while swinging the wood bats.
"They were just as big as me throwing strikes," Carr said. "If it wasn't for these guys, it's a zero-zero ball game and we're still going."

The Cowboys would add two more runs in the bottom of the fifth on singles from Bo Folkling, and Nate Hernandez.

Steelman finished 1-for-4 with two RBIs and a stolen base, while Gerrish went 1-for-3 with a pair of RBIs and a walk. Tim Mealer went 2-for-3 with a run scored and a hard-charging stolen third base that left him a bit shaken in the bottom of the fourth.

The Cowboys continue play at 7 tonight against the Lethbridge Spitz Elks of Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.

Twin Falls 7, Cherry Creek 0
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Palo Verde vs. Nampa, 10 a.m.
Cherry Creek vs. Casper, 1 p.m.
Colorado vs. Coquitlam, 4 p.m.
Lethbridge vs. Twin Falls, 7 p.m.
(Alberta) 0-5 in the tournament opener.
That's a good win for us, said Casper coach Ryan Elledge. "To come back and then get in. Please see NICK, Page D2

Three in lead at Western Open

Woods lags behind

The Associated Press

LEMONT, Ill. — Winning the British Open didn't protect Ben Curtis from golf's ups and downs.
He's been down for most of the last two years, struggling to make cuts let alone a run like the one that won him the Claret Jug in 2003.

On Thursday, though, he was up. Way up. He shot a bogey-free, 7-under 64 in the first round of the Western Open, finishing one stroke shy of the course record and grabbing a share of the lead with Jim Furyk and Todd Fischer.

"I'm still a long ways away from playing really good golf," Curtis said. "It's coming, but I'd like to put four good rounds together instead of one or two. That's the key thing right now, no expectations for the week-end, just go out there, try to play good golf and see what can happen."

"I know I can win, I think I can win," he added. "But there are still parts of my game that I need to improve on and get more consistent for the week-end. If not, there are plenty of people right behind him. Former Western Open champ Robert Allenby, Chad Campbell, Harrison Frazar and Chris Couch are two strokes back (66), and John Daly is lurking in a big pack at 2-under 69."

Woods and Vijay Singh both struggled and have work to do to make the cut. Woods couldn't get the ball close to the



Ben Curtis tees off on the 10th hole during the first round of the Western Open, Thursday at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club in Lemont, Ill. Curtis finished the round at 7-under par 64.

pin all afternoon and finished at 2-over 73. Singh shot a 1-over 72.

"If I shoot 64, 65, I'll be right back in this thing where I could win it," said Woods, who's won three times here.

Curtis was a rookie just trying to hold onto his PGA Tour card when he won the British at Royal St. George's two years ago, beating Singh and Thomas Bjorn by a stroke.

Sorenstam advances in World Match Play

GLADSTONE, N.J. — Annika Sorenstam needed a little time to close out Joanne Midley —

Defending champs find different paths at Latham

Darrington cruises, Ericson falls at Day 1 of Latham Match Play

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Karen Darrington shifted off right where she left off last year.

The defending Latham Match Play women's champion took her first round championship match with ease, finishing six holes up with five to go (6 and 5) over Twin Falls' Sadie Venn. The three-time champion carded six birdies in fourteen holes at a Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course that she is very comfortable playing on.

"I love coming home to the Munif," Darrington said. "I feel really comfortable. It's the course I grew up on, so it's just kind of fun to be here."

The real test for Darrington will be seeing if she can reproduce Thursday's results over the course of the next two days. The competition will continue to get together, as Darrington will face Virginia Urdem at 10:50 a.m. today.

"Puts were going in and I was hitting it close today," Darrington said. "Everything went well today, and I was kind of in that zone. I guess. Hopefully I saved some for tomorrow."

Along with Darrington and Urdem, Friday's semifinals will include the pairing of 2005 Twin Falls graduate Mandi Hedberg

and Stephanie Simmons. The Boise State-bound Hedberg defeated Denise Oliver 4 and 3 Friday, overcoming some early struggles.

"I feel pretty good," Hedberg said. "I was struggling at the beginning, but I came back and played normal."

And what exactly is normal for Hedberg on the Munif? "Good," Hedberg said. "I was actually hitting them straight and going straight to the hole."

Simmons finished two up over Shawna Larson to advance.

While match play still involves putting a small, white ball in a small hole in as few strokes as possible, the competitive aspect of going one-on-one with another golfer is a welcome change from most golfers from a heavy stroke-play tournament schedule in the summer.

"It's just a whole different mind set," Darrington said. "It's just fun to play."

Hedberg said she didn't do anything out of the ordinary to prepare for match play but she does have a definite focus.

"I'm just preparing myself to play Karen," Hedberg said. "And anything can happen in match play."

Defending men's champion, Please see LATHAM, Page D2

Venus Williams beats Sharapova in Wimbledon semifinals

The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Venus Williams hopped for joy, punched the air and doubled over in delight, renewing a three-familiar Centre Court ritual.

The celebration came after

Williams' sweetest victory yet in a career revival, beating 2004 champion Maria Sharapova 7-6 (2), 6-1 Thursday in the rain-delayed

Wimbledon semifinals. Grinding her teeth in determination between points, Williams kept Sharapova on the run with the kind of overpowering shots that helped her win four major titles. Seeded 14th, she played in a major final Saturday for the first time since 1997

Serena beat her for the 2003 Wimbledon title. "Serena sent me an e-mail earlier, telling me what to do and to just stay in there and play my game and I was the best," Williams said, laughing. "I guess I took that to heart."

Rain forced the suspension of

the other semifinal until Friday with top-ranked Lindsay Davenport four points from the final. She led Amelie Mauresmo 6-7 (5), 7-6 (4), 5-3, 10-15 when play was halted.

Davenport, who overcame a 3-1 deficit in the second set and Please see VENUS, Page D4

TRIVIA ANSWER: Rasheed Wallace.

SPORTS

Holiday weekend filled with racing stars

NEW YORK (AP) — Three weeks after the Belmont Stakes, the pace picks up again in thoroughbred racing this weekend. Funny Cide tries to win for the first time in nine months in Saturday's Suburban Handicap in New York, and turf champion Kitten's Joy is set for his 4-year-old debut in Monday's Firecracker Breeders' Cup in Kentucky.

Funny Cide, the 2003 Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner, has won just two of his last 10 starts, and is 0-for-3 since winning the Jockey Club Gold Cup last year.

Jerry Bailey replaces regular rider Jose Santos, who had a troubled trip in the 5-year-old gelding's last race, an unplaced finish in the Brooklyn Handicap on June 11.

Funny Cide finished third in last year's Suburban, less than a half-length behind winner Peace Rules.

Kitten's Joy, who dominated the turf division last year, hasn't raced since being upset in the Breeders' Cup Turf at Lone Star Park in Texas last October. The colt won six of eight races in 2004, then had bone chips removed from his left knee. On Wednesday, the horse posted a strong workout.

"It's time to bring him out," Kitten's Joy trainer Dale Romans said.

The long Fourth of July weekend also features several races for 3-year-olds, including Roman Ruler's return in the Dwyer Stakes at Belmont on Monday.

A top Kentucky Derby prospect before quarter crack problems set in following the San Felipe in March, Roman Ruler is trained by Bob Baffert. The favorite, though, will likely be Grotory, coming off a win in the Peter Pan Stakes.

Venus

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won the final three games before the end of the quarter crack problems set in following the San Felipe in March, Roman Ruler is trained by Bob Baffert. The favorite, though, will likely be Grotory, coming off a win in the Peter Pan Stakes.

Williams is a two-time Wimbledon champion and the two-time runner-up, but it has been nearly four years since her most recent Grand Slam championship. She has overcome a series of injuries and the perception that tennis is no longer a priority for her.

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The 18-year-old Sharapova hasn't reached a major final since her surprising title run at Wimbledon a year ago, and the loss snapped her grass-court streak of 22 consecutive victories.

"I'm obviously very sad," said Sharapova, who was seeded second. "This tournament means a lot to me, more than any other tournament. I guess there are more years to come."

Federer, Hewitt play for chance to win title

WIMBLEDON, England — Roger Federer and Lleyton Hewitt were the only two former Wimbledon champions in the men's singles draw for this year's tournament.

Just one of them will get a chance to win another.

The world's top two players, who have combined to win the last three titles at the All England Club, meet in the semifinals on Friday. Andy Roddick faces Thomas Johansson in the other semifinal.

Two-time defending champion Federer has won 34 straight matches on grass and has beaten 2002 winner Hewitt seven straight times to improve to 9-8 against the Australian.

"We've played on so many occasions now that I think we know each other's game so well," said Federer, who beat Hewitt earlier this year at Indian Wells, Calif. "I'm really looking forward to (this match) because this time he's fit, not like in Indian Wells."

Hewitt, who is ranked second but seeded third, has missed much of this year's tour because of injury. He had foot surgery this spring, then missed the French Open after cracking two ribs when he fell down stairs at his home in Sydney.

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Rogers shoves cameramen, throws camera to ground

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Kenny Rogers' immediate future will be decided by Major League Baseball, following the outburst by the Texas Rangers ace that sent a television cameraman to the hospital and prompted a police investigation.

Rogers shoved two cameramen before the Rangers' game against the Los Angeles Angels on Wednesday in a videotaped tirade that included throwing a camera to the ground, kicking it and threatening to break more.

The Rangers talked with MLB on Thursday. Because the incident occurred on the field, MLB has jurisdiction. A decision on possible discipline is expected on Friday, Texas owner Tom Hicks said.

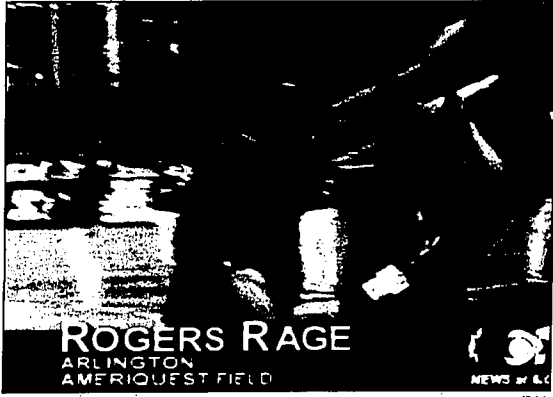
"At this point there's nothing the Texas Rangers will or can do," Hicks said. "We will support whatever the commissioner decides."

General manager John Hart said Rogers (9-3) would travel with the team to Seattle, where the left-hander is tentatively scheduled to pitch the series finale Sunday.

Rogers wasn't available for comment. He wasn't seen in the clubhouse before the game or during the outburst. Hart said the 40-year-old left-hander was at the ballpark.

"He made it very clear to me that he did the wrong thing and it was inappropriate," Hart said. "It was out of character, way out of character for Kenny."

KDFW cameraman Larry Rodriguez filed an assault report Wednesday. Arlington police spokeswoman Christy Gilfoeur said detectives went to interview Rogers and Rodriguez on Thursday.



In this image made from television, Texas Rangers pitcher Kenny Rogers, left, pushes television photographer Larry Rodriguez before team warm ups in Arlington, Texas Wednesday.

No charges had been filed.

"Although it is very early in the investigation, at this point, it appears we are investigating a misdemeanor assault case," Gilfoeur said in a statement.

Rogers, who missed his last start after breaking his pinkie during an outburst earlier this month, lashed out at the cameramen as they filmed him walking to the field for pregame stretching. He wasn't scheduled to pitch and was sent home by

the club.

"Kenny is having anger issues right now," Hart said after Wednesday's game. "I don't know what's going on inside. We're responding to something that's very unusual."

The Rangers held a clubhouse meeting before the game to address the situation. After the game, a 7-6 victory over the Angels in 11 innings, they lent their support to Rogers.

"It's something we're going to

keep in-house," said Gary Matthews Jr., who hit a two-run homer for the Rangers. "It's going to be between Kenny and the front office."

Hart said he had talked to Rogers and "Kenny obviously realizes his actions were incorrect."

"His comment to me was, 'I didn't handle this right. I'm frustrated. My integrity and toughness is being called into question,'" Hart said.

The 40-year-old left-hander first showed Fox Sports Net Southwest photographer David Mammell, telling him: "I told you to get those cameras out of my face."

Rogers then approached a second cameraman. He wrestled the camera from Rodriguez, threw it to the ground and kicked it.

The 6-foot-1, 210-pound pitcher saw two other cameramen who were recording from the Rangers' dugout and walked toward them. He did not make contact with the men, who were backing away.

"I'll break every ... one of them," Rogers said before he was escorted to the clubhouse by catcher Rod Barajas.

The Rangers sent Rogers home about an hour later. KDFW news director Maria Barrs said paramedics took Rodriguez to an Arlington hospital.

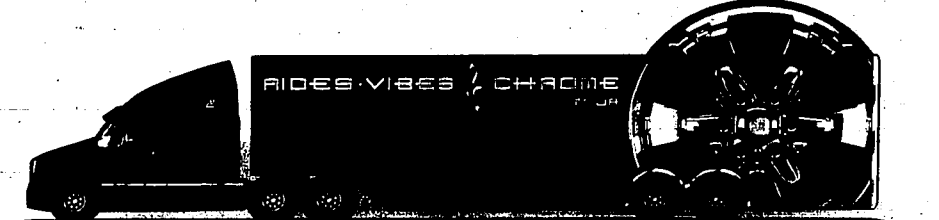
Fox Sports Net Southwest spokesman Ramon Alvarez said Mammell wasn't injured.

Footage shot by Dallas-Fort Worth station KTVT shows Rogers pushing Rodriguez's camera, which goes over the photographer's head and falls to the ground.

As Rodriguez puts the camera back on his shoulder, Rogers approaches again, pushing the lens away and having words with the photographer.

As players begin to intervene, Rogers pulls the camera to the ground and kicks it before walking away.

Rodriguez said that when he picked up the camera the second time, his intentions were to keep getting footage of Rogers.



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Local officer loves hot pursuit at MVS

By Linda Brittan
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—While he may not have been involved in any big chases during the week, there's one pursuit Twin Falls City Police officer Rick VanVooren can count on most Saturday nights — running down his competitors in the Pony Stock division at the Magic Valley Speedway.

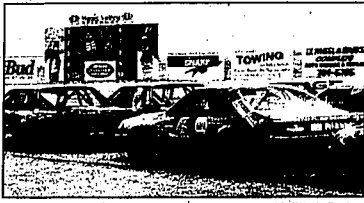
The twelve-year police veteran makes his way out to drive at the track after pulling 12-hour shifts during the week with his partner, Carlo, a Belgian Malinois narcotic/pursuit dog that he has worked with for the past two years.

VanVooren said that he has always wanted to work with a canine unit and when the opportunity came up, he took it. VanVooren has since invested a lot of time in his partnership with Carlo.

"I've received hundreds of hours of training in addition to the bi-weekly training he gets now," VanVooren said. "He'll make someone think twice."

But would Carlo be of any help at the race track? "Maybe he could be trained to find illegal pairs," VanVooren said. "I know they're out there."

VanVooren is grateful for the help he receives from his human friends. Jim Newton



Rick VanVooren (8) awaits his turn on the track to take in some practice laps last weekend at MVS.

and Troy Frato, who keep the car in running condition during VanVooren's long shifts.

"Without those two guys I would never make it out to the track each week," said VanVooren.

Driving in one of the tightest point-contested divisions of the season, VanVooren is still looking for his first win in a group of strong competitors.

"It's a tough class," said VanVooren. "On any given night anybody could take first place."

VanVooren is also looking forward to racing in the Premier division later this season.

"I'm hoping to get in a few races this year in the modified, mostly to just get some seat

time," VanVooren said. "I'm excited to get out there and drive in it." Hold on, Carlo.

The Magic Valley Speedway has dubbed this Saturday night "100 Mile Per Hour Night" as the Super Modified cars will make their only appearance at the track this season.

"They are the fastest short-track cars in America," Speedway promoter Steve York said. "They'll put on a great show."

The alcohol-burning winged cars are expected to reach speeds in excess of 100 mph as they fly around the 1/3-mile track.

Troy Regler of Dunuba, CA currently sits atop the point standings, with Jeff Russell of

Magic Valley Speedway Points Standings

- Premier**
1. Rob Vest 426
 2. (tie) Steve Jones 374
 4. TJ Woodhall 370
 5. Harold Warlick 360
- Grand Nationals**
1. Louis Lopez 414
 2. Jerry Rice 382
 3. Jeff Pohlman 380
 4. Coy Malcolm 334
 5. Bryan Bee 330

- Pony Stocks**
1. Kevin Larson 416
 2. Kristi Fahringer 408
 3. Jason Whited 404
 4. Lou Andersen 380
 5. Josh Pitz 360

Thunder Stocks points were not available

Bose poised at second. Other Idaho Super Modified drivers expected to compete in the time trials, heat races and a 40-lap main event Saturday are Rick Voestra and Mike Ford. The Super 6s, Grand National and Thunder stock divisions will also light up the track when the green flag racing begins at 7:00 p.m.

NASCAR THIS WEEK

NEXTEL CUP

PEPSI 400
Site: Daytona Beach, Fla.
Schedule: Friday, qualifying (NTL: 4:40 p.m.); Saturday, race (NBC: 7 p.m.).

Track Daytona International Speedway (tri-oval, 2.5 miles, 31 degrees banking in turns).
Race distance: 400 miles, 160 laps.

Last year: Tony Stewart recorded his first win in nearby a year by taking the Dodge/Save Mart 350 at Infineon Raceway. Stewart, who has eight top-10 finishes in 16 starts this year, moved from sixth to fourth in the standings, just 198 points behind new leader Greg Biffle.

Last year: Jeff Gordon, starting from the pole for this third consecutive race, recorded his second straight win at the Pepsi 400. His Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jimmie Johnson, finished second.

Next race: Chicagoland 400, July 10, Joliet, Ill.

BUSCH SERIES

WYNN-DDBIE 250
Site: Daytona Beach, Fla.
Schedule: Friday, qualifying (Speed Channel, 1:45 p.m.), race (NTN: 7:30 p.m.).

Track Daytona International Speedway (tri-oval, 2.5 miles, 31 degrees banking in turns).
Race distance: 250 miles, 100 laps.

Last year: Johnny Sauter led the final 80 laps to win from the pole position in the min-shortened SBC 250 at The Milwaukee

Mike. Sauter defeated Martin Truex Jr. by 27 seconds for only his third win in 123 Busch starts.

Last year: Mike Wallace jumped from fifth to first on the last lap and won the Winn-Die 250. The victory snapped Wallace's 137-race winless streak in Busch races dating to 1994.
Next race: Chicagoland 300, July 9, Joliet, Ill.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCKS

O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 250
Site: Kansas City, Kan.
Schedule: Friday, qualifying, 6 p.m.; Saturday, race (Speed Channel, 3 p.m.); Saturday, race (Speed Channel, 3 p.m.).

Track Kansas Speedway (tri-oval), 1.5 miles, 15 degrees banking in turns).
Race distance: 250.5 miles, 167 laps.

Last year: Dennis Setzer won his second straight race and took the points lead with his victory in the Toyota Tundra Milwaukee 200. Setzer entered the event trailing Bobby Hamilton by five points in the standings, but moved to the lead by 35 over the defending series champion.

Last year: Carl Edwards overcame a first-lap accident to win the O'Reilly Auto Parts 250. But he finished with a broken suspension after the race because it did not meet the minimum height requirement. NASCAR officials said it's possible the truck failed because of damage from the accident.

Next race: Built Ford Tough 250, July 9, Sparta, Ky.

On the Net: <http://www.nascar.com>

Gordon looks for more restrictor-plate dominance

Needs Daytona win to get back into championship chase

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The time is now for Jeff Gordon to get on the gas and race his way back into NASCAR's Chase for the Championship.

Gordon, the four-time series champion, has been in a free-fall the past six weeks, dropping from second to 14th in the standings. With just 10 races left to qualify for NASCAR's 10-race playoff series, Gordon is in danger of being shut out of the competition.

"It's actually happen? Well, he's only 14 points away from the qualifying cutoff mark — hardly far enough back to be considered out of it. And he races Saturday night at Daytona International Speedway, where he's taken over as the master of restrictor-plate racing. Gordon has won four of the past five plate races and two in a row.

So Gordon and his Hendrick Motorsports team are far from panicking.

"I feel like we're as good as strong as any team out there. We've just got to get things going in the right direction and make some good decisions," Gordon said. "We haven't really lost confidence. That's still there. The attitude of the guys is as good as it can be under the circumstances."

"So I don't think we've panicked or have lost control. We're just trying to put those behind us and learn from them and go to the next one."

Gordon started the season with a dominating win in the Daytona 500, then scored two more victories to emerge as a legitimate threat to win his fifth Cup title.

But since finishing sixth at Darlington two weeks ago, Gordon has five finishes of 30th or worse. It looked like he was going to ring the ship last weekend at the road course in Sonoma, Calif., where he started from the pole. But a blown transmission took him out of contention and he ended up 33rd.

It was a frustrating finish, but with Daytona in front of him, Gordon didn't get down. With 11 victories on Daytona's 2.5-mile superspeedway, Gordon comes in to the Pepsi 400 as the driver to beat.

"This is a good weekend for us," Gordon said. "I'm definitely looking forward to Daytona and hoping that one of these weekends, it's going to get turned around. If it doesn't happen, then you just put your best foot forward and go to the next one."

Still, his fans are getting a little worried.

At an autograph session in Michigan last month, dozens of fans handed over good luck



NASCAR driver Jeff Gordon waves to fans as he walks through the garage area Thursday, at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla. The NASCAR Nextel Cup Pepsi 400 will be run Saturday night.

chance. One man even painted a horseshoe to match his rain-bow-colored car.

"They are coming in pretty strong," he said. "It's great to have the support of our fans that we do and know that, even though they are frustrated like they are, they are still supporting us and knowing that we are going to get back on track and trying to help us anyway that we can."

There's at least one person who still believes Gordon will be a contender at the end of the season: During a conference call with reporters earlier this week, NASCAR chairman Brian France broke in for a final remark before Gordon hung up.

"All of this business that Jeff Gordon is not going to be in the Top 10 and all of those things — I bet by the time we get to September, he'll not only be in the

Top 10, he'll probably be a favorite to win it all," France said.

Not even that ringing endorsement could convince Gordon that he's a lock to make the Chase.

"This is the Nextel Cup Series and it's tough," Gordon said. "Just because we've won four championships there is no guarantee, especially when you've had some of the issues we've had."

A look ahead

NEXTEL CUP
July 10 — Chicagoland 400, Joliet, Ill.

July 17 — New England 300, Loudon, N.H.

July 24 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.

BUSCH SERIES
July 9 — Chicagoland 300, Joliet, Ill.

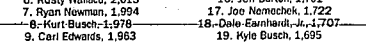
July 16 — New England 200, Loudon, N.H.

July 23 — Salute to the Troops 250, Fountain, Colo.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK
July 9 — Built Ford Tough 250, Sparta, Ky.

July 23 — O'Reilly 200, Memphis, Tenn.

Aug. 5 — Power Stroke Diesel 200, Indianapolis.



Standings

Nextel Cup

1. Greg Biffle, 2,250
2. Jimmie Johnson, 2,228
3. Elliott Sadler, 2,073
4. Tony Stewart, 2,052
5. Mark Martin, 2,022
6. Rusty Wallace, 2,013
7. Ryan Newman, 1,994
8. Kurt Busch, 1,978
9. Carl Edwards, 1,963
10. Jamie McMurray, 1,923

Busch Series

11. Jeremy Mayfield, 1,902
12. Dale Jarrett, 1,870
13. Kevin Harvick, 1,855
14. Jeff Gordon, 1,836
15. Matt Kenseth, 1,827
16. Jeff Burton, 1,761
17. Joe Nemechek, 1,722
18. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 1,707
19. Kyle Busch, 1,695
20. Matt Kenseth, 1,652

Craftsman Trucks

1. Dennis Setzer, 1,614
2. Bobby Hamilton, 1,579
3. Ted Musgrave, 1,570
4. Ron Hornaday Jr., 1,493
5. Ricky Craven, 1,473
6. Jimmy Spencer, 1,437
7. Jack Sprague, 1,428
8. Terry Cook, 1,416
9. Matt Crafton, 1,384
10. David Starr, 1,372

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Amalgamated awards contract

PAUL — A highly prized contract for hauling waste and process materials for a local sugar cooperative will be in new hands come September.

Amalgamated Sugar Co. on Thursday announced the award of its Materials Handling Services contract to Haul Co. LLC of Paul. The contract is for two years and will start Sept. 1. Ivan Reynolds, a buyer with the Amalgamated purchase department, said the contract amount varies with each year but is worth about \$1 million annually.

Haul Co. replaces The LLC, also of Paul, which has held the contract the past six years.

Reynolds said Amalgamated received seven bids for the contract.

"Out of the seven bids, there were four that were really close, but Haul provided the best package overall," he said.

The contract is based mainly on hourly rates for loaders and dump trucks, which are used to haul coal and lime rock to the factory from stockpiles at the plant site. Also, lime waste from plant processes is hauled to waste storage locations.

Haul Co. LLC is owned by Warren Snyder of Snyder's Paul Automotive Inc.

Realtors will hold membership luncheon

TWIN FALLS — Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors will hold its general membership luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Turf Club, 1000 LaBoure.

The office of the Idaho Association of Realtors, and John Eaton, government affairs director, will be speaking on many aviation-related prizes will be raffled.

Reservations must be made by noon today calling 734-5707 or by e-mail to marv@winfallsrealtors.com.

BSE case may not affect export decision

TOKYO — Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said Thursday a recent case of mad cow disease detected in a U.S. beef cow will not affect Japan's decision to resume beef imports from the United States.

"I don't think there is any (impact on the decision)," Koizumi told reporters. "Japan is steadfastly working on it."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced last week that the second confirmed case of the brain-wasting disease was discovered in a beef cow born in Texas.

Japan was the United States' largest overseas market for beef before Tokyo banned U.S. beef imports after the first case of mad cow disease surfaced. Washington has been pressuring Tokyo to lift the 17-month ban on American beef, and some U.S. officials have threatened sanctions unless the ban ends.

Tokyo has refused to set a timeframe for reopening its market, saying differences still remain on safety standards.

State Supreme Court deals P-I legal blow

OLMPIA, Wash. — The state Supreme Court on Thursday dealt The Seattle Times a major victory in its efforts to end a joint operating agreement with the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, a ruling that could lead to the P-I's closure, though more legal battles remain.

"We recognize this day is not a happy day in the ongoing story of Seattle as a two-news-paper town," the high court said in its unanimous decision, written by Justice Tom Chambers. "We genuinely hope that both the Seattle Times and the Seattle P-I will continue to serve our communities and prosper."

The Times has been trying to get out of the agreement with the P-I parent company, The Hearst Corp., since April 2003, saying the agreement is no longer profitable because of changes in the market. The Times seeks to invoke a clause in the contract that allows either paper to end the agreement if it suffers three consecutive years of losses.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

GO FOR THE GREEN

Chamber contest encourages industrial landscaping

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Industrial areas in cities aren't always known for gorgeous landscaping. But the Twin Falls Area Chamber wants to change that.

The chamber's annual Business is Blooming contest honors area businesses that have outstanding landscaping. The contest runs through July, with judging taking place later in the month.

This year, the contests judges — which include landscape professionals from area nurseries — will take into special consideration businesses in twin falls industrial areas with great landscaping.

Over the years, a number of businesses have been successful at least once and sometimes more than once in winning one of the categories, according to information released by the chamber. Businesses do not

have to be members of the chamber to be eligible for the contest.

The contest's categories include large and small in-ground landscaping, container landscaping and industrial landscaping.

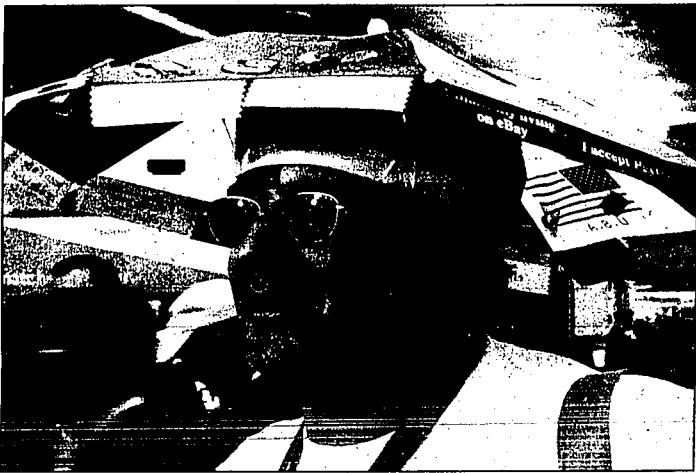
Last year, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center captured the title in the Large In-Ground division, while La Casta dominated the Small In-Ground division. Kimberly

Nursery won the Container division, and ConAgra-Lamb Weston won the Industrial division title.

A cash prize and a traveling plaque go to each winning business.

Nominations may be made by the public or by the business itself by July 29. Nominations can be submitted at the chamber's office at 658 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. or by calling the chamber at 733-3574.

The eBay way of life



Phenex entrepreneur Mark Anthony, shown at the eBay convention in San Jose, Calif., has been selling model car kits on eBay for five years. "We have gone from a minivan to a full-size cargo van to a FedEx delivery truck," he says.

Online auction sellers fell into careers that fill their lives

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Brenda Lorisch is considering buying a new home and keeping her old one to store the mountain of designer clothes she sells on eBay.

"We have a 2,600-square-foot house with three bedrooms, but only one bedroom we can sleep in," the Houston entrepreneur said with a laugh. "But my husband doesn't complain any more because I make more money than he does."

Candance Mahendorf sells collectibles from her home in Fremont, Neb., and struggles with the same issue. "We have five bedrooms, and three out of five are all eBay. Now my husband insists that all our eBay stuff goes right into the three bedrooms the moment it comes in the house," she said.

Their challenges pale beside those facing William Bowman and Sabrina Morales, who sell exotic woods from their two-bedroom apartment in Harrisonburg, Va. "The only room in the house that does not have product is the bathroom," said William Bowman. "That is no lie."

Clutter is one of many things prickling the horde of Internet entrepreneurs angling to strike it rich on eBay, the global online bazaar featuring 50 million items for sale every day. There is also the loneliness of working from home, the tedium of photographing hundreds of items, the grind of answering customer e-mails and the anxiety over competing with other eBay sellers who regularly pop up out of nowhere.

The challenges are intensifying as full commerce and its

biggest player, eBay, turn 10 this year. What started as a hobby for many has overtaken careers and personal lives, transforming them as a new form of commerce takes shape online. Now that thousands of eBay entrepreneurs have years of selling under their belts, they are wrestling with serious issues of scale.

"We have gone from a minivan to a full-size cargo van to a FedEx delivery truck," said Mark Anthony, a Phoenix entrepreneur who has been selling model car kits on eBay for five years. Anthony spent \$9,000 to \$11,000 a month for a year around the large house he bought when he started on eBay.

Yet he still loves the lifestyle, he said. "It's kind of like having a garden: You go out in the morning and pick out some stuff to

sell that day, whatever you feel like, depending on your mood."

As I heard in interview after interview at the company's recent user's conference in California, eBay dealers tend to go through a predictable evolution. They start selling junk lying around the house, branch out to buy inventory wholesale either online or from local stores, then really ramp up once they find a product that clicks with the site's bargain shoppers. Most sellers work solo or with spouses at home, at least until sales hit \$10,000 or \$15,000 a month, because the cost of hiring staff and renting space would gobble up any profits.

Eventually, high-volume sellers often buy a small warehouse or storage barn and drop it in

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Smart interns look beyond summer

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Darrell Ayers had some bright ideas when he worked as an intern at the Kennedy Center 18 years ago.

He worked in public relations for some of the Kennedy Center's workshops. While doing that, he realized the performing arts center still had an old-fashioned pen and paper to register people for music and theater workshops. So he wrote a simple computer program that could keep track of names easily.

It was smart. It was innovative. And it got him hired a month after his internship.

"They called me after I had left and said, 'You know, you were such a good intern here, would like you to apply for the position,'" said Ayers, 47, who is now vice president for education at the Kennedy Center.

Ayers's internship was what other interns dream about. The

Turning Internship Into full-time Job

- Offer to do even the most menial tasks so that your boss knows you are responsible enough to handle more challenging duties.

- Act and dress professionally, so that you seem less like an intern and more like a regular employee.

- Keep in touch with your boss after the internship ends so that your name comes up when there is a job opening.

Source: The Washington Post

Internship is increasingly becoming a tryout for entry-level positions rather than just a summer job.

If you want to get asked to stay on, you have to be willing to do any task, whether it's making copies of a 10K or filling the boss' coffee mug, career advis-

ers say. Then, you have to do more than what your employer asks of you to stand out as a prospective hire.

"They want someone reliable," said Eugene Alpert, senior vice president at the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars. "They want someone who makes the boss look good."

Alpert, who is in charge of intern blunders. Rule number one, he said, is that interns shouldn't try to steal the limelight.

A few years ago, he recalled, there was a group of interns in the White House press office who would constantly "vie for attention from star visitors. One intern, however, would remain at his desk and work."

"He was the only one who wouldn't glad-hand every famous person who walked through the door," Alpert said. "That intern was the only one chosen to see then-President

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Poor customer service riles more consumers

Knight Ridder News Service

BERGEN COUNTY, N.J. — A lady down in South Carolina has a problem: She's having second thoughts about a consumer product on a cruise and running low on her favorite face cream.

So she does what untold millions of us do when we have a question: a complaint, a desire, a comment or a utility bill that makes us want to scream.

She calls the toll-free number, and presses 0.

"Good morning, Pond's customer services, this is Eileen," answers Eileen Corrado at Unilever consumer services.

"Yes, I've been using a Pond's product that I like very much and now I can't find it anywhere. In fact, I live in Charleston, and I've been to three different places here, and I was in Atlanta over the weekend, and I went to a couple of places there. It's your Pond's Deep Cleansing Lotion

and Makeup Remover with Cucumber Extract. And it's light, it's great. It just feels (pause) great."

That follows is a textbook example of good customer service.

Corrado — a mom, former P&A president and telephone ambassador for a consumer products giant whose brands range from Pond's to Skippy to Wial — explains that the cucumber-essence lotion is being replaced in the Pond's lineup, but that the change will be mostly in the packaging.

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Stocks fall on disappointing Fed statement

NEW YORK (AP) — Disappointed investors sent stocks tumbling Thursday after the Federal Reserve said it would keep its policy of raising interest rates at a "measured" pace. The decline, which took the Dow Jones industrials down nearly 100 points, left the market with a mixed performance for the second quarter.

As expected, the Fed also raised short-term rates for the ninth time in a year, boosting the federal funds rate, a key rate

used by banks on overnight loans, by a quarter percentage point to 3.25 percent. Investors had hoped the Fed's Open Market Committee would set a time frame for ending its string of rate hikes. But the committee said it "will respond to changes in economic prospects as needed to fulfill its obligation to maintain price stability," an indication that its focus remains limiting inflation, and that rate increases are likely.

"We get more of the same," said Jeff Kleintop, chief investment strategist for PNC Advisers. The committee statement "doesn't give any insight into how close the Fed is to being done with this tightening regime," he said. The Dow Jones industrial average was hit harder than other indexes. The Dow fell 99.51, or 0.96 percent, to 10,274.97. Broader stock indicators also dropped. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 8.52, or

Mack takes over at Morgan Stanley

NEW YORK (AP) — John Mack returned to Morgan Stanley as its chairman and chief executive Thursday, bringing the stability of a Wall Street veteran to an embattled firm and promising to seek the return of top employees who left the company under former chairman Paul Purcell.

Intern

Continued from D6 Bill Clinton gave his Saturday morning radio address in the Oval Office.

It's not just what you do, it's how you do it. Career counselors said intern etiquette can make or break a resume. For instance, it's important to avoid office politics.

"The intern is always the person who's easiest to become a target of office politics because people think they are not going to be around for a long time, Alpert said. But no matter what, the intern should remain neutral.

And then there's how you look. Career counselors say dressing down is one of the most common mistakes. It may take a week or so to get a feel for office dress code, but it's always better to dress up than look too casual.

"One of the things I say about Washington is you can never be overdressed," Alpert said. "If you're in a meeting and get into jeans and shorts, they must be a tourist."

Most of the time, interns should try to look and act like regular employees — but not at all office parties.

The martini-in-hand may be fashionable among executives in their 30s, but for an intern, it can look flat-out unprofessional.

That's especially the case for those who have one too many.

EBay

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their back yards, or rent one in town to not only hold inventory, but provide office space. They hire part-timers to help pack the oodles of stuff they ship to buyers around the world.

The old eBay reports more than 100,000 merchants belong to its multi-tiered "power-seller" group, which requires sales of at least \$1,000 a month and carries various perks. The top-coded levels of the sales club start at bronze and progress to titanium, which requires monthly sales of \$150,000. That sounds like a lot, but remember, actual profits are a fraction of sales.

Richardson is a typical early-stage power-seller, hawk-like Hawley-Davidson sunglasses from his home atop a rural mountain in Lookout Grove, Ark., for the past two years. He works full-time as an industrial refrigeration technician, but with his eBay sales doubling monthly, he's hoping to quit soon. He has attained "silver" sales status, meaning his eBay revenue exceeds \$3,000 a month.

Also at the silver level are Jody

Rogers and Assad Bangash, both 31, who sell an unusual product you won't find elsewhere: khussas, sandals handmade in Pakistan by a man who works the designs by phone with Rogers. She and Bangash — who go by "beachcombers" on eBay — were working for car dealerships before the Internet bug bit them. Now they work side-by-side, six days a week, in a backyard apartment behind their house in Orlando, Fla.

"While my income has gone down, I have never been happier," Rogers said. "I own my own business and I make my own hours."

Rogers believes her business will eventually take off, even though eBay millionaires likely represent a tiny fraction of the \$300 million earning income selling on the site.

"The amount of wealth does not appear to be the primary motivator for most. Rather, it's about calling the shots.

"I've seen a lot of corporate world with people breathing over your back, this is the perfect job for me," said Emily Sabako, of San Marcos, Calif.,

who quit her post as a chief financial officer to spend more time with her two young children and now sells Maryland brand handbags on eBay. "Where else can you work in jeans and bare feet, have the blues on in the background and be doing your best?"

After four years, Sabako, 46, has reached the "gold" level, grossing more than \$10,000 a month. "I'm what happens when your eBay business gets out of hand," she said. "Ebay won't say how many sales you've made, but I know my uranium levels. Nor is much data available on how many of the site's 60 million active users are sellers. In 2003, the most recent year eBay conducted a major survey of its users, the company estimated there were nearly 4 million sellers on the

In the United States. Nearly 120,000 were using the site as their primary or only source of income, another 315,000 used it as a secondary sales channel, the survey concluded.

Ebay dealers are quick to tell you their Internet businesses may be turbulent, even on the upper rungs of the sales ladder. "Last year was horrendous for me, my business sagged," said Mike Lazar, a Philadelphia-area video dealer who had been one of the site's biggest sellers, auctioning nearly 10,000 close-out movies a week. After he lost a key supplier, sales took a hit. Now he lists 1,000 titles a week on eBay and remains profitable by also selling at rivals such as Amazon.com.

"I went flat circle," said Lazar, who pared his staff from 21 to seven in recent years. "I started out as a consultant, then went into a big warehouse. I had 19,000 square feet at one time. Now we have about 2,100 square feet."

All of which suggests a get-rich-slow dream on eBay. It may be more about taking control of lifestyles than raking in million-

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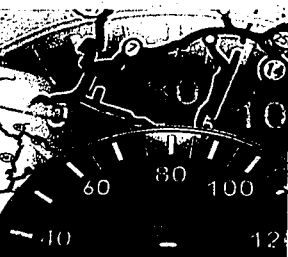
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2005 BUICK TERRAZA



For the first time in history, Buick is selling a minivan — the Terraza — and the vehicle is attracting younger buyers, company officials say.

Buick joins the minivan pack with the Terraza

By Ann M. Job
For The Associated Press

What are baby strollers doing in Buick showrooms?

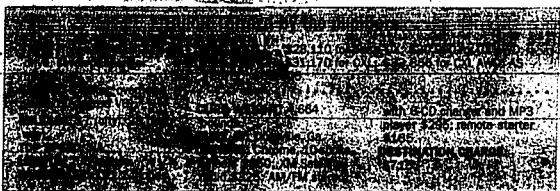
For the first time in history, Buick is selling a minivan and, according to Buick officials, the family-oriented vehicle is attracting younger buyers.

Parents, not just grandparents, are checking out the new-for-2005 Buick Terraza, said company spokesman John Way.

The pleasant-looking seven-seater Terraza with V6 and available all-wheel drive is one of four new minivans at General Motors Corp. this year. But Buick's Terraza has the distinction of carrying the highest base price in the group that includes the new 2005 Chevrolet Uplander, Saturn Relay and Pontiac Montana SV6.

Starting manufacturers suggested retail price, including destination charge, is \$26,925 for a base, front-wheel-drive Terraza. Note that all Terrazas, even the base model, come standard with rear DVD entertainment system as well as a free, one-year subscription to the OnStar emergency notification service.

Competitors in the minivan segment include the 2005 Honda Odyssey, which starts at \$25,710 without a DVD system, and the Dodge Grand Caravan, which starts at \$23,550 without DVD system. Neither the



Odyssey nor the Grand Caravan offers OnStar.

For decades, Buick has been known for its premium, five- and six-passenger sedans, sold in recent years to many buyers who are in their 60s and older.

The brand has never had a minivan before, but officials thought it would help bring younger buyers to Buick, Way said.

The Terraza is the largest and tallest minivan in the top three, according to the Dodge Grand Caravan and Honda Odyssey.

But the Terraza looks far less bland than many minivans, thanks to a sporty, utility-styled front end and rear spoiler.

The Terraza's rear window comes with the usual minivan features, including a large, single-piece liftgate at the back that opens upward and second-row doors slide open as they do in other minivans. Passengers can walk, albeit hunched over, from

the front to rear-most seats.

All the 2005 GM minivans ride on the same platform and have the same 200-horsepower, 3.5-liter, overhead valve, 60-degree V6 mated to the same four-speed automatic transmission.

But the Terraza also has automatic load leveling in the rear suspension.

In the test Terraza, an uplevel GXI model with all-wheel drive, the independent front MacPherson strut suspension and independent double wishbone rear soaked up most road bumps and kept them away from passengers.

The only outright jolt came when the 17-inch tires traveled over potholes.

Unfortunately, though, passengers could sense a heavy mass, particularly at the back wheels, when the test all-wheel-drive minivan traveled over certain bumps, such as speed bumps. This unsprung weight, as it's called, sometimes elicited

a "kn-bonk" sound from the mechanicals in back that didn't convey a premium ride.

Still, the Terraza's high ride height was a bonus. At 5-foot-4, I just opened the door and set myself onto a seat. There was no strenuous climb to get inside.

And in the Terraza's driver's seat, I looked down on cars and through the windows of many SUVs in front of me to see what was ahead on the road.

The power rack-and-pinion steering has a mainstream feel, and the Terraza's 200-horsepower V6 sounds strong and confident during acceleration. Much of the rest of the time, engine sounds aren't noticeable.

Power comes on in steady, competent fashion, and the test Terraza merged into city traffic with ease. Passing on two-lane, country roads was comfortable, too, and shifts from the transmission also were made quite smoothly.

Peak torque of 220 foot-

pounds comes at 4,400 rpm.

But there was an annoying, slight whistle sound that emanated each time the test Terraza accelerated through the first- and second-gears, and it seemed to come from somewhere in the engine compartment.

Comparison shoppers will find the Terraza's engine isn't as powerful as the Odyssey's V6, which generates 255 horses and 250 foot-pounds at 5,000 rpm.

The front-drive Odyssey, which has a five-speed automatic transmission — for improved gas usage, also leads all minivans in fuel efficiency with a rating of 20 miles a gallon in city driving and 28 mpg on the highway.

The top rating for a Terraza is 18 mpg in city driving and 24 mpg on the highway for a front-wheel-drive model, which is about in the middle of the minivan field for gasoline use.

For example, it's close to the 19/25 mpg of the 2005 Dodge Grand Caravan with 207-horsepower, 3.8-liter V6 that generates 238 foot-pounds of torque at 4,000 rpm.

But Terrazas with Versatrak all-wheel drive are rated lower at 17/23 mpg.

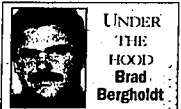
Drivers don't need to do a thing to activate the all-wheel drive. The system notices when front wheels begin to lose traction and then automatically transfers some power to the rear wheels.

Encounter with wire proves shocking

QUESTION: A while back I got a pretty good shock from one of my Camry's spark plug wires. I didn't think much about it at the time other than to never touch them again when the engine is running. Yesterday I mentioned it to a friend, and he told me the voltage was probably 10,000 volts, or even higher.

My questions are: Is this true? If so, how come I wasn't badly hurt? You hear about people being injured or killed by just 110 volts every so often. Why did the shock happen anyway?

— Terry Durham, San Jose



UNDER THE HOOD: Brad Bergholt

ANSWER: I hate it when that happens! Secondary ignition system voltage can range from about 5,000 to as high as 40,000 volts and can give you quite a jolt when encountered. Depending on the ignition system type, typical voltage at steady speed will range between 5,000 to 10,000 volts and jump to perhaps 15,000 during acceleration. Higher voltage is usually the result of a high-resistance (faulty) spark plug wire.

Why weren't you fried like a zucchini by this much voltage? Electrical current is what will hurt you, and there was very little present. Your car's ignition coil transforms a cell voltage of 12 volts to many thousands of volts by creating and collapsing a magnetic field in what's called the primary winding, a coil of wire with about 200 loops. The created magnetic lines of force cut across a second winding containing several thousand loops, stepping up voltage and reducing current by the same ratio. The secondary winding and subsequent circuit leads to the spark plugs, and the high voltage ionizes (jumps) the spark plug gap. While painful and certainly to be avoided, a vehicle's secondary-ignition circuit current is below the level considered dangerous.

Why were you shocked? The spark plug wire you touched contained an insulation fault — perhaps a small split or crack in the rubber coating. The wire might have been routed such that enough distance (air) prevented spark from leaking to ground, causing an engine misfire. Odds are that as you touched the wire, another part of your body was simultaneously contacting a metal engine part or body component, creating a more desirable path to ground than the gap of the spark plug.

The spark plug wire also might have contained high resistance, due to a corroded end terminal or torn conductor. The higher voltages now created by the ignition coil — in an attempt to overcome this resistance — more aggressively seek a ground path, through you.

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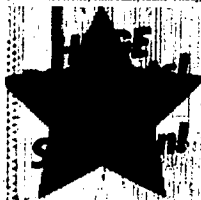
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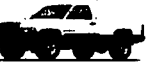
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